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Texting-while-driving ban passes on first reading

Community forums for input to be set; final reading, vote on Aug. 11

By Stewart Doreen
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Midland doesn't have a texting-while-driving ban yet, but as At-large Councilman Scott Dufford said after Tuesday's meeting, "We are on our way."

The Midland City Council took a first step toward that ban, voting unanimously on a first reading in favor of an ordinance that will make illegal operating a motor vehicle while in the act of viewing, sending or composing an electronic message or engaging application software on a wireless device.

Mayor Jerry Morales said two community forums will be held before the second reading on Aug. 11. Those evening forums will likely take place July 21 and Aug. 4. One will take place at Abell Junior High; the other at Martin Luther King Jr. Center. The schedule is expected to be finalized soon.

Six people spoke Tuesday during the public hearing — four supported a texting-while-driving ban; two were against. Those speaking for it included Phyllis Peek of Stop DWI, an organization committed to eliminating distracted and drunken driving, and Ryder Warren, Midland ISD superintendent, who spoke as a parent of "three teenage drivers."

Warren, putting on his superintendent hat while taking questions from the council, said the school district will be involved in educating the community on the issue by promoting a texting-while-driving ban to students through health and defensive driving classes.

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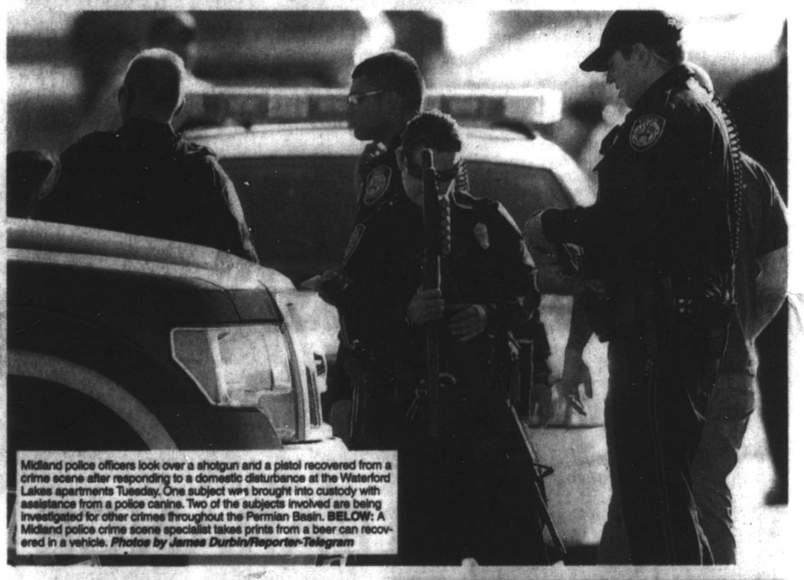

Midland police officers look over a shotgun and a pistol recovered from a crime scene after responding to a domestic disturbance at the Waterford Lakes apartments Tuesday. One subject was brought into custody with assistance from a police canine. Two of the subjects involved are being investigated for other crimes throughout the Permian Basin. BELOW: A Midland police crime scene specialist takes prints from a beer can recovered in a vehicle. *Photos by James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram*

MPD canine resolves standoff

By Brandon Mulder
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Midland police on Tuesday night arrested a man and woman who are possibly connected to a series of crimes committed throughout Midland and Odessa, according to the city spokeswoman.

After a short standoff with a man at Waterford Lakes Apartments in west Midland, police took the man into custody with the aid of a canine.

When officers arrived on the scene, they came into contact with a man who had his hands in his pockets, giving the impression that he was armed, according to an officer at the scene.

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Lower oil prices might trickle out of Iran deal

By Tom Murphy
Associated Press

Oil prices that slumped steeply earlier this year may take another hit once a historic deal between the West and Iran allows that country to start pouring more crude into a market already brimming with supply.

Many analysts estimate that Iran, OPEC's fourth-largest oil producer, has piled up tens of millions of barrels on floating barges that can be exported in fairly short order after sanctions have been lifted. The country will follow that with increased production from its oil fields.

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When all this happens and how it ultimately affects the price of oil remains far from certain. Energy prices can depend on production levels in other countries, currency rates and demand sparked by the health of global economies. Plus there are questions about the state of Iran's oil infrastructure and its ability to increase production.

Despite all the uncertainty, analyst Tom Kloza expects the lifting of sanctions to help make energy prices next year "more palatable for most of the world." Kloza, global head of energy analysis for the Oil Price Information Service, noted that additional production from Iran would be mixed in with high volumes currently being churned out by Saudi Arabia, Iraq, the U.S. and other oil-producing countries.

"All cylinders right now are just firing for high oil supply, and this just might be the turbo that throws more oil onto the

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"It will be part of the curriculum that, in Midland, we do not text and drive," Warren said.

Those speaking against the ban included Nelson Spear, a former prosecutor and member of the U.S Attorney's Office. Spear identified three areas of concern with a texting-while-driving ban. He said the city will have problems with prosecution, that there are already "reckless" driving laws on the books and this ban could lead to more racial profiling concerns.

He also said that an ordinance will not prevent injuries on the road related to distracted driving, specifically texting while driving.

"Enacting laws will not make (people) safe," he told the council.

Ignacio Lopez also spoke against an ordinance, citing similar concerns. He said most people haven't mastered the art of driving and those wanting this ordinance were doing so to further their "political careers." Lopez said he sees police texting while driving as he drives around town. Police officers will be able to text while driving as long as it is part of police business, according to the ordinance.

After the public hearing, the council addressed the enforcement item. Dufford said he still believes enforcement will not be an issue. Police Chief Price Robinson also said training would take place to help officers. District 2 Councilman John Love III also expressed worries about racial profiling.

The proposed ordinance, if passed next month on second reading, would go into effect on Oct. 1. Midland would then join at least 40 cities across the state with ordinances prohibiting texting while driving.

The discussion after the public hearing also addressed how some council members had changed their stance on this issue based on their experiences on Midland's roads. They also said their constituents were nearly unanimous in their support of a texting-while-driving ban in Midland.

Councilman Jeff Sparks said he knows this ordinance isn't "the silver bullet" when it comes to distracted driving, but he said it is necessary that the council address the problem.

One more vote and a texting-while-driving ordinance will be reality in Midland.

Texting while driving proposal

What constitutes an offense?
Using a wireless communication device (for example, mobile phone, tablet, laptop computer, etc.) to view, send or compose an electronic message or using the device to interact with application software, commonly known as "apps," while operating a motor vehicle on a public roadway.

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

1. while the vehicle was completely stopped at a location other than in a traffic lane on a public roadway;
2. strictly to engage in a telephone conversation, including dialing or deactivating the call;
3. solely as a global positioning or navigation system;
4. to contact police, fire, or emergency medical personnel in order to report a traffic accident, medical emergency, serious traffic hazard or crime in progress, or to prevent a crime that the driver reasonably believed was about to be committed;
5. in the reasonable belief that a person's life or safety was in immediate danger;
6. that was permanently installed inside the vehicle; or
7. in conjunction with voice-operated technology, a push-to-talk function or a hands-free device.

What is fine for texting while driving?
The fine can be up to $500.

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

When will the proposed ordinance take effect if it is approved?
Oct. 1.

If I am stopped for texting while driving, can the police look at or go through my phone?
The proposed ordinance explicitly prohibits a peace officer who stops a motor vehicle for an alleged violation of the ordinance from taking possession of or inspecting a phone for the purposes of determining the violation.

Source: city of Midland

Prominent businessman Bass invests in Blue Bell

Associated Press

BRENHAM — An investment by a prominent Texas businessman will ensure the return of Blue Bell ice cream to the market after listeria contamination prompted a shutdown in manufacturing, the company said Tuesday.

Billionaire businessman Sid Bass, an investor and philanthropist whose father and uncle built an oil fortune, has become a partner in Brenham-based Blue Bell Creameries, CEO and President Paul Kruse said in a statement.

The privately held company stopped production at its Brenham; Broken Arrow, Oklahoma; and Sylacauga, Arkansas, facilities after issuing a national recall in April because of concerns about listeria. Its ice cream was linked to 10 listeria illnesses in four states, including three deaths in Kansas.

A Food and Drug Administration investigation found that Blue Bell knew that it had listeria in one of its plants for almost two years before the recall.

No date has been given for when Blue Bell products could be back in stores. Blue Bell last week announced plans to test production runs at its Alabama plant. After a trial period, the company plans to begin building inventory to resume commercial sales.

The company did not reveal the amount of Bass' investment, but Kruse said Bass made a "significant investment" and the "additional capital will ensure the successful return of our ice cream."

Blue Bell is extremely popular in its home state, and Bass and his family have deep ties to Fort Worth. Forbes last year ranked Bass as the 324th wealthiest person in the U.S.

"Blue Bell is the quality leader in the ice cream industry," he said in the statement, adding that quality "ensures the success, growth and longevity of a business."

Bass did not return a message Tuesday seeking additional comment.

Listeria is a type of bacteria that can cause serious illness, particularly in older adults, pregnant women and those with weakened immune systems. Contaminated products were found at Blue Bell's Texas and Oklahoma plants. Tests found listeria on a plant catwalk at the Alabama factory, but not in ice cream samples, according to Alabama health officials.

The recall prompted Blue Bell to lay off a third of its workforce.

Blue Bell said it would implement improved testing procedures, reconfigure lines and equipment, and add troughs and splash guards to ensure condensation does not drip into ice cream products. Blue Bell will also require workers to wear provided coverings in production areas.

Chris Pisarski, a research analyst for New York-based PrivCo, a data provider on privately held companies, estimates revenue for Blue Bell this year could fall as low as $500 million. The company in 2014 was estimated to have had $680 million in revenue, up from nearly $621 million the year before, Pisarski said Tuesday.

AP file photo

Sid Bass stands before the ribbon-cutting ceremony Oct. 29, 2014, for the new building at One Safe Place in Fort Worth. An investment by Bass, a prominent Texas businessman, will ensure the return of Blue Bell ice cream to the market after listeria contamination prompted a shutdown in manufacturing, the company said Tuesday.

STANDOFF

From 1A

"We were given pretty limited information that he was running though the apartment complex armed," said Lt. Greg Chatwell. "He kept faking out; he was trying to get shot. He was reaching for (what was assumed to be a weapon) and yelling at us."

Officers then dispatched a canine unit and unleashed the dog in lieu of using lethal force on the man, Chatwell said. The dog bit the man on the arm, and he was then detained without further incident.

A resident of the complex was walking to his apartment when police arrived.

"We parked our truck right across here, and that's when they came in," said Jessie Chandler. "They had guns out running through here, hollering at us and telling us to stay over there."

After detaining the man and transporting him to Midland Memorial Hospital to be treated for dog bites, police discovered weapons and merchandise in the man's car. Police also discovered drugs on a young woman associated with the man. Police originally were told the woman was the victim of a kidnapping.

"She was found with drugs ... and she's believed to possibly be involved with some of these crimes," said city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz. "We're still checking that out."

MPD crime scene investigators and Odessa police investigators were examining the man's vehicle and apartment into the evening.

Neither the identities of the man or woman or other details were released as of press time.

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MDC waiting on state reimbursement for space port infrastructure

■ Engineers working on designs, executive director says

By Rye Druzin
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The Midland Space Development Corp. met Tuesday morning to discuss a proposed amendment to what $2 million in state dollars can be spent on the Spaceport Business Park.

Board member John Love told reporters that the amendment had been stopped in the governor's office because of the legislative session and a changeover in staff. He said that the amendment related to a change in purpose for the $2 million that the state had granted to MSDC.

"We submitted the budget previously for some specific items; however, those items were taken care of through the Midland Development Corp.," Love said. "So, as a direct result, we wanted to amend our request to be able to use the full $2 million, so we decided to put that money into infrastructure."

The money will be used for roads, water infrastructure and other work to take what are now empty fields and create a business park for what Midland officials hope will be a thriving space industry. Pam Welch, executive director of the MDC, said that design work is already going ahead and the $2 million will be a state reimbursement for the infrastructure work.

When asked what other space-related companies other than XCOR Aerospace and Orbital Outfitters were interested in coming to Midland, Welch would not say. She said that technical hurdles with the FAA must still be overcome and that the Midland Air & Space Port still had to market itself.

"Trying to attract a new industry, especially to an area that is an oil and gas economy, is always difficult, so that's why we've been concentrating on commercial space. And commercial space is a small industry compared to the overall aerospace industry," she said. "It takes a little bit of time and effort to get your name and brand out there and find the company that fits."

Neither Love nor Welch had a timetable for when work would begin on the Spaceport Business Park. XCOR employees and workers for the Orbital Outfitters building currently use a less improved road to access the sites.

To date, $11.5 million has been dedicated by the MDC to assist with spacecraft company XCOR's move of its headquarters and research and development work to Midland International Air & Space Port from Mojave Air and Space Port in California, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. Of that money, $1.5 million was committed to the rehabilitation of a hangar on the south side of the air & space port.

An additional $7 million has been committed by the MDC to attract spacesuit company Orbital Outfitters to Midland. Orbital Outfitters is currently constructing a new building across from XCOR's hangar that will house multiple acrylic pressure chambers to test the company's space suits. When installed, the largest chamber — which will be able to hold up to 10 people or a cockpit of XCOR's craft with crew — will make the facility one of the only ones in the world with such capabilities, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Also at Tuesday's meeting, J.Ross Lacy was unanimously elected president of the MSDC and Jeff Sparks was elected vice president.

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STATE AND REGION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Judge could halt oil drilling permits in Mancos Shale

ALBUQUERQUE — A judge is deciding whether to impose a moratorium on oil drilling permits for land in northwestern New Mexico.

U.S. Judge James Browning could implement a moratorium as a lawsuit filed in March by environmental organizations moves forward, the Albuquerque Journal reported.

Browning began hearing arguments Monday and is expected to issue a ruling in August.

The groups want a more thorough environmental impact study from the U.S. Bureau of Land Management.

Two oil companies have drilled 150 wells since 2011 into the hard shale covering oil in the Mancos, an area made accessible through new techniques like horizontal drilling and hydraulic fracturing.

Agency officials are conducting a supplemental impact study on the new drilling that the groups against the process say isn't enough.

"The BLM says it hasn't analyzed this technology before and it says it needs to, but yet it continues to approve the technology to go forward with new drilling," said Wild Earth Guardian attorney Samantha Ruscavage-Barz.

A total of five oil companies have joined the lawsuit supporting the land management agency.

An attorney for the companies told Browning a halt in drilling would cause enormous harm to Encana Corp. of Canada and WPX Energy of Oklahoma.

"Encana and WPX have drilled over 100 wells in the past four years, together investing over $1 billion in the Mancos, and now they're being asked to stop," attorney John Shepherd said. "It would cause enormous harm to the companies if they had to stop at this point."

The moratorium could halt production in the Mancos for the three or four years.

Gov. Susana Martinez is urging U.S. Department of Interior Secretary Sally Jewel to support the land management agency's position, saying a pause in permitting could put production in the San Juan Basin at risk.

VICTORIA

South Texas parole officer, boyfriend face child porn charge

A Texas prison system parole officer and her boyfriend have been charged with production of child pornography based on her cellphone.

Prosecutors said Saralyn Ann Proschko of Victoria was being held Tuesday on a federal complaint, pending a detention hearing. Officials say David Ray McGee of Wallis was in state custody on related charges.

Victoria police responded to the Texas Department of Criminal Justice parole office in Victoria on allegations of possession of child pornography. A complaint said officers met with Proschko and discovered a video on her cellphone of a girl engaged in a sexual act.

TDCJ spokesman Jason Clark said the agency cooperated in the investigation, Proschko was relieved of her duties and faces firing.

Investigators didn't immediately provide information on attorneys to speak for Proschko and McGee.

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■ Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.

Sales tax holiday

The state's annual sales tax holiday is Aug. 7-9. During these three days, most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under $100 are exempt from sales tax, according to a press release from the State Comptroller's Office.

For a list of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free, visit TexasTaxHoliday.org.

The tax holiday weekend has been an annual event since 1999.

LHS fundraiser

Tall City Treasure Market is set for 11:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at Midland Center. The event, which will include vendor booths, a raffle and prizes, is for the benefit of the Lee High School cheerleading squad.

Admission is $10 a person.

Support group and club meetings today

■ Bariatric Support Group, 11:30 a.m., ACT Counseling Center, 2445 E. 11th St., Odessa; 272-4333.

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

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at 200 Plaza St.

MPD to host "Coffee with a Cop"

Community members are invited to join their neighbors and local police officers for coffee and conversation from 7-9 a.m. on Thursday at Starbucks, 2410 Rankin Highway.

This will be the Midland Police Department's fifth "Coffee with a Cop." The program allows citizens and police to come together to discuss community issues and build relationships.

For more information, call MPD Community Relations at 685-7582.

City boards, commissions have openings

The City Council will begin making appointments for city boards and commissions in September for the new fiscal year.

Terms generally vary from two to four years, with most beginning on Oct. 1.

Applications are available at the City Secretary's Office, Room 330, City Hall, or by calling685-7430. The application can also be downloaded from the city's website at www.midlandtexas.gov by selecting "Boards and Commissions" under the Government tab.

The deadline for submitting an application is 5 p.m. Sept. 2.

Community calendar

The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. Thursday.

Each child will receive a signed copy of the book. Refreshments will be served. To make a reservation, call 685-1112.

Airport numbers

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June 2015	46,549
June 2014	48,796
Percent difference	-4.6
Year to date	345,894
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June 2013	46,547
June 2012	46,712
June 2011	42,963
June 2010	40,979
June 2009	39,618

Total Passengers

June 2015	93,381
June 2014	97,774
Percent difference	-4.5
Year to date	782,344
(2.5 percent increase from 2013-14)	

Fuel Sales
(in gallons)

June 2015	594,264
June 2014	699,264
Percent difference	-15.0
Year to date	5,369,568
(7.8 percent decrease from 2013-14)	
June 2013	673,872
Percent difference	3.8
June 2012	612,414
June 2011	505,182
June 2010	518,361
June 2009	430,860

Parking Revenues

June 2015	$376,838
June 2014	$263,683
Percent difference	442.9
Year to date	$2,850,313
(49.5 percent increase from 2013-14)	
June 2013	$216,415
June 2012	$200,034
June 2011	$184,459
June 2010	$168,019
June 2009	$158,815

Lottery

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Pick 3 night: 2-6-6
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Daily 4 night: 9-2-3-1
Daily 4 day: 3-3-3-7
Daily 4 night: 3-2-8-4
Cash Five: 21-25-27-28-36
Mega Millions: 19-24-30-35-72 MB: 5 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-7-11-12-13-16-17-18-20-21-24
All or Nothing day: 2-3-4-5-8-10-12-15-16-18-20-23
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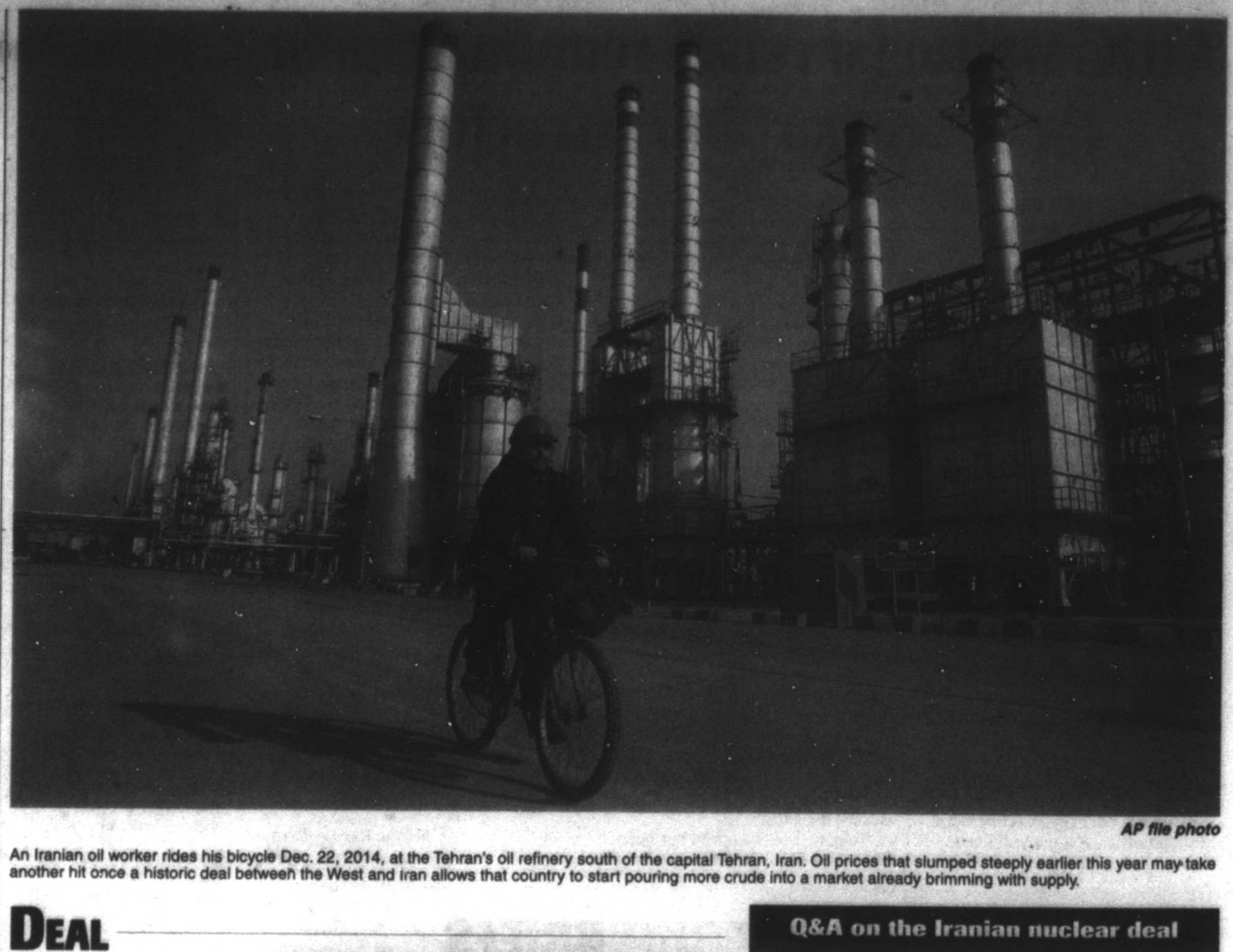

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An Iranian oil worker rides his bicycle Dec. 22, 2014, at the Tehran's oil refinery south of the capital Tehran, Iran. Oil prices that slumped steeply earlier this year may take another hit once a historic deal between the West and Iran allows that country to start pouring more crude into a market already brimming with supply.

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market for 2016," he said.

Those bulging supplies sent the price of oil plunging from $107 a barrel in June 2014 to a low of about $43 this March. The price rebounded to near $60 before sliding back last week as an Iranian deal seemed imminent. After initially dropping Tuesday on the announcement of the agreement, oil rallied to close up 84 cents at $53.04.

Iran produced about 2.8 million barrels a day last month, but its oil exports have fallen to about 1.1 million barrels since sanctions were enforced in 2012. The country's oil fields are estimated to be capable of raising daily production to 3.4 million to 3.6 million barrels within months of sanctions being lifted, according to the International Energy Agency's July oil market report.

However, potential roadblocks stand in the way. Sanctions will likely be eased slowly, and the Iranians may find it harder than they expected to bump up production, said Amy Myers Jaffe, an energy consultant and executive director for energy and sustainability at the University of California, Davis.

She noted that sanctions made it difficult for the country to obtain spare parts and assistance in operating its oil fields. Oil is essentially harder to extract from Iran's fields than from those in other countries like Iraq, and international oil companies planning to start production there need to be wary of problems like corruption.

"Companies are going to have to be very careful about how they go in," she said. "There's just this bureaucratic bottleneck that comes from trying to do contracting with international companies ... and those things can go very slowly."

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Local reactions to the Iran nuclear agreement:

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, 11th Congressional District

The goal of a deal with Iran was to prevent Iran from obtaining or developing a nuclear weapon. Instead of dismantling Iran's nuclear program permanently, this agreement only delays it by nine months and provides Iran with unrestricted financial assets it can then use to support terrorism. The deal also hinges on Iran's cooperation with international inspectors, which has never been successful in the past.

Another worrisome part of this deal is that Iran will now be able to export oil, despite the fact that the administration is keeping handcuffs on American-produced oil. I find it extremely troubling that we are now going to treat Iranian producers far, far better than our American producers.

This is a bad deal all around for the United States, plain and simple. The Obama administration has decided to abandon many of our allies, including Israel, in the negotiations with Iran. Fifty-eight percent of American voters do not trust Iran at all, and I agree. Iran has never given us any reason to believe that they are serious about ending their nuclear program, and this deal proves that the Obama administration isn't either.

Joseph Castillo, president, Bold Energy III LLC

The U.S.-Iran Nuclear Agreement still has some significant hurdles to clear before it takes effect, so it is not yet a foregone conclusion. Assuming it does move forward, there are two aspects of Iranian oil that will have an effect on supply.

Near term

Iran has an estimated 20 million to 40 million barrels of oil in storage both onshore and in 10 or so tankers offshore. When sanctions are lifted, it is believed that Iran will sell this oil in a short time frame, which will add to the immediate supply. This will likely cause a downward spike in pricing. However, given that the world consumes around 95 million barrels of oil per day, the effect of Iranian oil in storage coming onto the market should be somewhat short-lived.

Long term

Prior to sanctions, Iran had the capability to produce approximately 2 million barrels per day. The sanctions have limited them to exporting around 1.2 million barrels per day. So, once sanctions are lifted, they may be able to add 800,000 barrels per day to the current supply. This remains to be seen because Iran has had to curtail investment in their own exploration and development. It is not a given that they can open the taps and come up with 800,000 barrels per day.

The current global demand forecast indicates that the world will increase its consumption over the next year by around 1.1 million to 1.3 million barrels per day. When you consider that non-OPEC oil countries have had severely limited investment in their exploration and development programs, it is highly probable that supply increases from these countries will also take time and investment.

So, with rising demand and a questionable increase in the global supply, rising oil price from the current level is still likely, despite the potential resumption in Iranian exports. Therefore, I remain optimistic that we will see oil prices in the high 60s and low 70s over the next 12 months.

What is interesting today is that the market seems to have already priced an Iranian deal into the oil strip price because it has not moved much since the Iranian deal was announced. In fact, oil is up 1.25 percent.

Ben Shepperd, president, Permian Basin Petroleum Association

While we applaud the administration's efforts to contain the global threat posed by a nuclear-armed Iran, it must be noted the U.S. is now allowing a state sponsor of terrorism to engage in the global petroleum market while preventing U.S. producers from doing the same.

The economic pressure that brought Iran to the bargaining table exists right here at home — impacting American companies, American workers, and American families.

We must lift the ban on crude oil exports and give our allies around the world a safe, reliable source of petroleum from the United States, not just additional supplies from unstable countries like Iran.

Highlights of the Iran nuclear deal

VIENNA — Iran and six world powers reached a landmark deal on Tuesday meant to curb Iran's nuclear program in exchange for sanctions relief. A look at the main points:

■ **Enrichment**

Iran will reduce the number of uranium-enriching centrifuges it has from almost 20,000 to 6,104, and reduce the number of those in use from some 10,000 to about half that. Those limits will be in place for 10 years, then gradually relaxed over the next three. Iran also commits to using only its current models, rather than more advanced centrifuges it had wanted to install. Centrifuges spin uranium to concentrate it into levels that can range from reactor fuel to the fissile core of a nuclear weapon.

■ **Stockpile**

Iran has already rid itself of stockpiled uranium that was enriched to one step from weapons-grade material. It is now committed to reducing its remaining stockpile — less-enriched uranium that is harder to use for nuclear arms — from about five tons to 300 kilograms (less than 700 pounds) for 15 years. U.S. officials say that at this level it would take Iran at least a year to enrich enough uranium for a nuclear weapon.

■ **Underground site**

Iran committed to convert its Fordo enrichment site — dug deep into a mountainside and thought impervious to air attack — into a research center. The site will still house centrifuges but they will make medical isotopes instead of enriching uranium, and there will be less than a tenth as many of them as there originally were.

■ **Transparency**

Iran will give more access to its nuclear program to the U.N. nuclear agency. If that agency identifies a suspicious site, an arbitration panel with a Western majority will decide whether Iran has to give the agency access within 24 days. All sites, including military ones, may be inspected if the agency has solid evidence of undeclared nuclear activity.

■ **Sanctions**

All U.S. and European Union nuclear-related sanctions will be suspended after experts have verified that Iran is hewing to its commitments. If at any time Iran fails to fulfill its obligations, those sanctions are supposed to snap back into place. An arms embargo will stand for five years and restrictions on Iran's ballistic missile programs for eight. Iran will get some access to currently restricted sensitive technologies.

By George Jahn
Associated Press

Q&A on the Iranian nuclear deal

WASHINGTON — Here's what you need to know about the Iran nuclear deal:

What just happened and why is this such a big deal?

In general, Iran has agreed to limit its nuclear program if the U.S. and other world powers ease up on what have been brutal economic sanctions against the country.

The 100-page deal caps off more than a decade of diplomatic wrangling aimed at keeping Iran from building a nuclear bomb. U.S. and Israeli officials say a nuclear-armed Iran would be a security disaster and potentially lead to war because of Tehran's support for anti-Israel militant groups, such as the Palestinian Hamas and the Lebanese Hezbollah group, and frequent references by Iranian leaders to Israel's destruction.

Iran has long maintained that its nuclear program is peaceful and that it never sought to build a bomb. The talks were mostly considered stalemated until summer 2013, when Iran elected a new president, Hassan Rouhani, who said the country was ready to strike a deal.

The final agreement with Iran was negotiated by the U.S., Britain, Germany, France, China and Russia.

So what is the agreement?

Iran agreed to reduce the number of uranium-enriching centrifuges it has in stock, as well as its stockpile of enriched uranium. It also has agreed to convert an enrichment site called Fordo — dug deep into a mountainside and thought impervious to air attack — into a research center.

Another key piece is the possibility of inspections: If the U.N. nuclear agency identifies a suspicious site, it can ask to inspect it. And if Iran refuses, an arbitration panel will decide whether the Iranians have to open up the site to inspection within 24 days.

All of this is aimed at slowing down the rate at which Iran could, in theory, build a nuclear weapon.

In exchange, Iran stands to receive more than $100 billion in assets overseas that had been frozen by other countries. It also will see an end to a European oil embargo and other financial restrictions on its banks. If Iran reneges on its promises, the sanctions will snap back into place.

Every good deal involves compromise. What did the West give up?

Among the biggest concession by the West is that Iran doesn't have to submit to international inspections anytime, anywhere. Because the process for inspections could end up with an arbitration panel, access to the Islamic Republic's most sensitive sites isn't guaranteed and may be delayed.

And while Iran has to reduce its stockpile of enriched uranium and its number of centrifuges, it doesn't have to give them up entirely. It also isn't being forced to close its mountainside Fordo facility, just use it for research purposes.

Another concern is that a U.N. weapons embargo could lift in five years or sooner if certain criteria are met. U.S. officials had sought to maintain the weapons ban because they worry that once sanctions are lifted and Iran's government becomes flush with cash again, more military aid would find its way to places like Syria and Yemen. But Iran dug in and was supported by Russia and China, which stand to profit from greater weapons exports.

By Anne Flaherty
Associated Press

White House seeking Democrats to support Iran nuclear deal

By Deb Riechmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Just hours after announcing a landmark nuclear agreement with Iran on Tuesday, the White House launched a robust lobbying campaign to persuade skeptical Democrats in Congress to approve the deal.

Vice President Joe Biden started calling his Democratic colleagues on Capitol Hill and plans to head to the House on Wednesday to brief Democrats. President Barack Obama and senior members of Obama's national security team also are calling members of Congress to brief them on the contents of the agreement that is well over 100 pages long.

After receiving a copy of the pact, lawmakers will have 60 days to read the fine print, vote yea or nay — or take no action.

The foreign policy committees in both chambers — and possibly other panels on intelligence and the armed services — are expected to begin holding hearings next week. It appears unlikely, though, that Congress will take any formal action before the August recess, when they most certainly will hear from constituents on the issue.

When it comes to a vote, all eyes will be on Democrats to figure out whether they will back the deal brokered by the administration or turn their back on the president.

Two key senators to watch:

■ New York Sen. Chuck Schumer, the No. 3 Democrat in the chamber who has strong ties to Jewish donors.

■ Maryland Sen. Ben Cardin, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Foreign Relations Committee.

"There is no trust when it comes to Iran," Cardin said. "In our deliberations we need to ensure the negotiations resulted in a comprehensive, long-lasting and verifiable outcome that also provides for snap-back of sanctions should Iran deviate from its commitments."

Covert video targets Planned Parenthood fetal-parts policy

By David Crary
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Anti-abortion activists on Tuesday released an undercover video showing a senior Planned Parenthood official discussing the disposition of parts from aborted fetuses.

The activists contend the video reveals illegalities, but Planned Parenthood said the activity in question was the legal, not-for-profit donation of fetal tissue to research firms.

The video was made covertly last year, depicting a lunchtime conversation between Dr. Deborah Nucatola, Planned Parenthood's senior director of medical services, and anti-abortion activists posing as potential buyers for a human biologics company.

Nucatola is heard in the video referring to fetal hearts, lungs and livers and to efforts to retrieve these organs intact rather than crush them during an abortion procedure.

Commercial sale of human fetal tissue is illegal under federal law, but non-commercial tissue donation is allowed if the woman undergoing an abortion gives her consent.

In the video, Nucatola is heard giving a range of monetary estimates. According to Planned Parenthood, which has national offices in New York and Washington, D.C., the doctor "was speculating on the range of reimbursement that affiliates can receive after patients state they wish to donate tissue after a procedure."

"At several of our health centers, we help patients who want to donate tissue for scientific research, and we do this just like every other high-quality health care provider does — with full, appropriate consent from patients and under the highest ethical and legal standards," Planned Parenthood spokesman Eric Ferrero said.

Ferrero said there is no financial benefit for tissue donation for the patient or for Planned Parenthood.

"In some instances, actual costs, such as the cost to transport tissue to leading research centers, are reimbursed, which is standard across the medical field," he said in a statement.

That point also is conveyed by Nucatola, who says in the video, "This is not something with any revenue stream that affiliates are looking at — this is a way to offer patients the services they want and do good for the medical community."

The video was produced by the Irvine, California-based Center for Medical Progress, which released it in collaboration with several national anti-abortion organizations that called for a congressional investigation.

In Louisiana, Gov. Bobby Jindal, who is among the large field of Republican presidential candidates, directed the state health department to launch an investigation even though Planned Parenthood does not perform abortions there.

The founder of the Center for Medical Progress, David Daleiden, previously worked with the anti-abortion group Live Action, which has released several undercover videos aimed at discrediting Planned Parenthood.

Ferrero said the new video "falsely portrays Planned Parenthood's participation in tissue donation programs that support lifesaving scientific research."

"Similar false accusations have been put forth by opponents of abortion services for decades," he said. "These groups have been widely discredited, and their claims fall apart on closer examination, just as they do in this case."

Daleiden said the new video is the first in a planned series that culminates a nearly three-year investigation.

"Planned Parenthood's criminal conspiracy to make money off of aborted baby parts reaches to the very highest levels of their organization," he said. "Elected officials must listen to the public outcry for Planned Parenthood to be held accountable to the law."

Abbott orders investigation of use of tissue from abortions

AUSTIN — Gov. Greg Abbott has ordered an investigation of the use of fetal tissue of abortions. That's after anti-abortion activists released an undercover video showing a senior Planned Parenthood official discussing the disposition of parts from aborted fetuses.

The activists contend the video released Tuesday reveals illegalities, but Planned Parenthood said the activity in question was the legal, not-for-profit donation of fetal tissue to research firms.

In a statement issued Tuesday night, Abbott called the video "unnerving and appalling." He said he has directed the Texas Health and Human Services Commission to immediately investigate the alleged practice. That's in addition to a separate investigation ordered by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton.

Both men are Republicans who have participated in efforts to tighten restrictions on access to abortions in Texas.

Associated Press

US judge narrows Michael Brown family suit against Ferguson

By Alan Scher Zagier
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — A federal judge has narrowed a wrongful-death lawsuit filed by the family of Michael Brown Jr. against Ferguson, its former police chief and the white ex-police officer who fatally shot the unarmed, black 18-year-old.

U.S. District Judge E. Richard Webber on Tuesday dismissed four of the seven counts from the suit and told lawyers for Michael Brown Sr. and Lesley McSpadden that they must make a more persuasive claim for damages on behalf of their late son. Brown's parents didn't attend the two-hour hearing in St. Louis.

The lawsuit raises several constitutional issues.

Webber said he dismissed two "redundant" counts against former Ferguson Police Chief Thomas Jackson and former Officer Darren Wilson, who were sued individually and as representatives of the city. Both have since resigned.

The judge said the Brown family could refile those claims later if other parts of the lawsuit that cover the same legal ground were dropped.

Two of the dismissed claims dealt with state civil rights issues. Brown's family filed the lawsuit in St. Louis County Circuit Court in April, but it was moved to federal court at the defense's request. The two Brown family attorneys who appeared in court told Webber they did not oppose the removal of those counts.

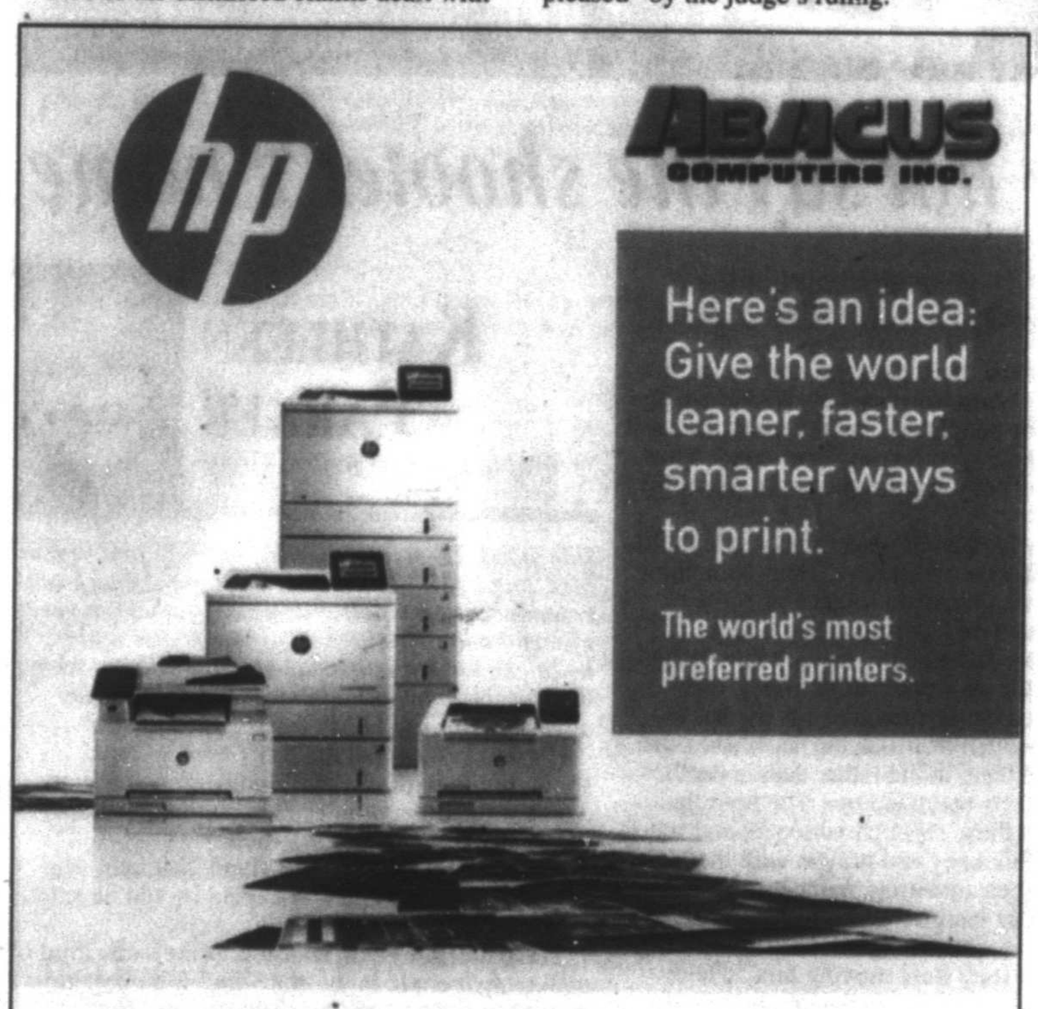
The hearing was held as the anniversary of Brown's Aug. 9 death approaches. Wilson shot and killed Brown following an altercation. Brown's death led to sometimes-violent protests in Ferguson and other U.S. cities, spawning a national "Black Lives Matter" movement seeking changes in how police deal with minorities.

His family's lawsuit cites a U.S. Department of Justice investigation that cleared Wilson of wrongdoing in Brown's death but cited a systemic pattern of racial bias in the Ferguson Police Department.

Brown family lawyer Anthony Gray alluded to those problems Tuesday at a hearing that otherwise dealt almost exclusively with more technical legal arguments.

"We've got enough (discriminatory) actions to choke a hippopotamus," he said.

Peter Dunne, the attorney representing Ferguson, said he was "extremely pleased" by the judge's ruling.



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President Obama plays the lottery in Middle East

■ Iran deal amounts to passing of a leadership baton to one of the worst regimes in the world

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

As the world and the U.S. Congress examine the Iran deal's fine print, the strategic large print is clear enough. "Obama wants this [deal] as a centerpiece of his legacy," an anonymous American diplomat is quoted, "and he believes a peaceful Iran could be a bulwark against ISIS in the Middle East and the key to peace there."

The determination to engage enemies is a hallmark of Obama's foreign policy. With Iran, as with Cuba, he hopes to upend old strategies of isolation and sanctions, drawing rivals into a web of cooperation that ends up improving their behavior. It is Obama's version of regime change — the nonviolent advance of rational, modern norms because they are, well, rational, modern norms.

So the Iran deal is really a high-stakes, strategic bet. The agreement allows a decade of managed and monitored nuclear proliferation while Iran is engaged, first on security, but eventually across the range of the relationship. Under the terms of the agreement, Iran will emerge from this period as a nuclear threshold state, free from most sanctions, but hopefully, by that point, a "key to peace." The alternative, the president argues, is a path of isolation and confrontation that is likely to lead to war.

But is Obama's bet a reasonable one? Is he playing blackjack or the lottery?

In an interview with Ruth Marcus and myself for The Washington Post Campaign Close-up series, Sen. Lindsey Graham describes Obama's approach to Iran as "dangerously naive."

"I think he's misjudging what the Iranians want," Graham argued. "And the best evidence of what they want is what they're doing right now: to destabilize the region without nuclear weapons."

There is no evidence that Ayatollah Ali Khamenei is a Gorbachev-like figure. Iran gives every indication of being an aggressive, revolutionary power. It is rallying, arming and directing military forces in Lebanon, Yemen, Syria and Iraq. The reported agreement to partially lift the arms embargo against Iran — a dramatic concession — must seem to America's Sunni allies and partners like de facto U.S. recognition of Iranian spheres of military influence across the region. Because it is.

Syria is a good example of the side effects of Obama's bet. During four years of civil war, America has hardly been a factor. This has resulted, in part, from habits of indecision that have added up to a policy of nonintervention. But American strategy in Syria has also shown increasing deference to Iran — and thus Iran's proxy, the Bashar al-Assad regime — in order to avoid confrontations that might disrupt nuclear negotiations.

The shift has been remarkable. Obama has gone from demanding in 2011 that Assad "step aside" to downplaying, earlier this year, the Syrian ruler's use of chlorine gas, since it has "historically not been listed as a chemical weapon." The fragile nuclear talks could not be jostled, at apparently any cost.

For years, the Sunni powers called for more aggressive American leadership in Syria. But American support for its proxies, such as the Free Syrian Army, proved minimal and unreliable, pushing many recruits toward better-armed, more radical alternatives. Now Turkey, Qatar and Saudi Arabia have given up on an American-led response, throwing their support behind a Sunni rebel alliance that includes the Nusra Front, a local al-Qaida affiliate.

Assad, after a series of military reverses, leads a battered and diminished army, only sustained by Iranian cash and supplies. His collapse — now a distinct possibility — might set off a race for Damascus between al-Qaida and the Islamic State. And the U.S. — having betrayed its proxies and alienated its allies — would merely be a bystander as a terrorist flag is raised over the capital of a ruined and wretched country.

This bystander status looks like America's future in much of the Middle East. The economic payout of the nuclear deal will fund Iranian military activities across the region. And haggling over implementation will continue indefinitely. Just as Obama has been loath to throw away the possibility of a deal by getting tough with Iran, he will be loath to throw away the reality of a deal by getting tough with Iran. And the economic pressure that has influenced Iranian behavior in the past will be gone, with no realistic hope for a "snap back" of sanctions.

The deal amounts to the gradual passing of a leadership baton to one of the worst regimes in the world, on the hope its nature will change. Obama has bet the future of the Middle East, and America's influence in the region, on a play of the lottery.

GUEST VIEW

With El Chapo's brazen prison escape, Mexico's reputation is on the line

Dallas Morning News

Barely a day after Mexican Foreign Secretary José Antonio Meade concluded a Dallas visit touting his nation's progress on trade and security, billionaire drug kingpin Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán escaped from his maximum-security prison cell. In a flash, Mexico's public relations efforts to dispel the negative stories and exaggerations about lax security in their country vaporized into the wind.

Guzmán's escape belies the rosier picture of stability that Mexico's leaders present, while bolstering the worst stereotypes of incompetence and corruption. Mexico cannot afford mistakes when its reputation rests on the competent handling of kingpins like Guzmán, especially given how quick Mexico is to cite its sovereignty whenever U.S. law enforcement agencies offer assistance.

Even from prison, Guzmán reportedly continued to play a leading role in operations of his Sinaloa drug cartel, whose trafficking network for cocaine, heroin, methamphetamine and marijuana exploited the Texas border area to supply a vast U.S. drug market including Dallas and beyond.

Guzmán, 58, had already escaped once from prison, in 2001, and spent 13 years on the run before his recapture last year. U.S. officials sought his extradition, but Mexican authorities insisted that they could handle his imprisonment this time.

This newspaper was skeptical, especially since another imprisoned cartel leader, Rafael Caro Quintero, walked free from his prison cell in August 2013. He remains at large, all because a state judge ruled that Caro Quintero had been tried in the wrong court.

Mexico's judiciary and law-enforcement communities are infamous for corruption, and there's little doubt among U.S. law enforcers that personnel inside the maximum-security Almoloya federal prison assisted in this escape. The levels of engineering precision necessary to dig a mile-long tunnel network — connecting a remote house to a vertical shaft right beneath Guzmán's private cell — would have been unlikely without inside assistance and detailed diagrams of the prison layout.

And why was Guzmán allowed a private cell, with a shower conveniently hidden from video monitoring cameras? Such lapses undermine Mexico's law-enforcement credibility. You simply don't treat one of the nation's most dangerous and highly valued prisoners with such laxity.

Mexican officials, including President Enrique Peña Nieto, and for whom Guzmán's capture in February was a crowning achievement, must be spitting angry. Not only do such incidents undermine Mexico's international credibility, they provide easy ammunition to critics such as GOP presidential contender Donald Trump, who cites Mexico's insecurity as reason to build border walls, deploy troops and impugn the character of the Mexican people.

U.S. assistance can help plug some very obvious holes — and tunnels — in Mexico's corruption-plagued law-enforcement, judicial and penal system. Mexico's authorities should swallow their pride and place questions of sovereignty secondary to the top priority of security.

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Dare not say the shooter's name

■ It's not the 21-year-old man but the transformation that's worth talking about

KATHLEEN PARKER
Washington Post Writers Group

In South Carolina these days, no one speaks his name. The 21-year-old man-boy, who allegedly murdered nine people and incited unity instead of the race war he hoped for, has been condemned to an eternal slog not toward fame but to ignominy.

He is no one.

"We don't say his name," Gov. Nikki Haley told me during an interview Monday. "He is something that South Carolina wants to forget."

The names that won't be forgotten are those of the victims, whose faces and stories are now etched in hearts across the state and nation. Haley, emotionally exhausted by the nine funerals she has attended, readily recited them, saying she wishes she had known all of them in life rather than in death.

She is haunted by that one hour. The hour the gunman sat with those eight parishioners and state Sen. Clementa Pinckney and prayed with them. Did he revel in their unwitting innocence? Was he picking his first victim even as they read the Bible?

"They thought they were moving him," Haley said. They thought they were showing him God's love. ... They wanted him to feel like he belonged." Her voice tripped.

How does one process such brutality, inhumanity and hate?

Often the best anyone can do is put one foot in front of the other. With time, the stride lengthens; the pace quickens; and life, intrepid to a fault, goes on.

Action helps.

Thus, Haley moved quickly in urging the General Assembly to take down the Confederate battle flag from its perch on the State House grounds. But she didn't stop at the flag; she wanted the pole to come down, too. "It was important to me that we take care of this once and for all."

To this end, she decided to share a story from her own life with the state's Republican caucus. Haley is the daughter of Sikh immigrants from the Indian state of Punjab. In the tiny, rural town of Bamberg, South Carolina, where Haley grew up, her father wore a turban and her mother a sari. She said she knows what racial pain is like.

"People didn't know who we were," she told me. "They didn't know *what* we were."

The story, as recounted to me, went like this.

My father loved to visit farmer's markets. One day I went with my Dad and he stopped at a roadside stand. He started picking up fruits and vegetables, and I saw panic in the faces at the check-out counter. Then the police came. My father's a very graceful man. He shook their hands and said hello and we got in the car. He didn't say anything because he hoped I hadn't noticed. I didn't say anything because I knew what had happened.

Hard to know what the folks were worried about, but then places like Bamberg, population 2,500 at the time, didn't much cotton to strangers, especially foreigners, back then.

"Every time I passed that stand, that pain was very real," she told me. "No child should have to experience that."

The pain Haley felt, she said, is the same kind of pain many people in the state have felt every time they passed the Confederate battle flag. Pushback was inevitable. One needn't look long to find online comments that are hideous and cruel. And though any civilized person wants to rail at such lowlife incivility, Haley says she understands that they feel betrayed.

The state's grief and the healing process notwithstanding, political ramifications attach to such events. Haley, obviously, has been catapulted onto the national stage and into the Republican imagination. Though long on a short list of possible vice-presidential running mates, she demurred on this line of questioning, saying without a hint of obvious humor, "I have a lot of friends who happen to be running for president." Those who have contacted her in recent weeks to express support include Chris Christie, Bobby Jindal, Scott Walker, Jeb Bush and Marco Rubio.

For now, Haley says her focus is on helping her state heal. She plans to begin "Emanuel Nine" tours in schools to talk about the love, faith and forgiveness of the nine people at Emanuel AME Church whose lives and martyrdom conveyed compassion and grace to millions across the state and beyond.

"In the history books of South Carolina," says Haley, "they'll talk about the Emanuel Nine."

Not him, whose name no one wants to say.

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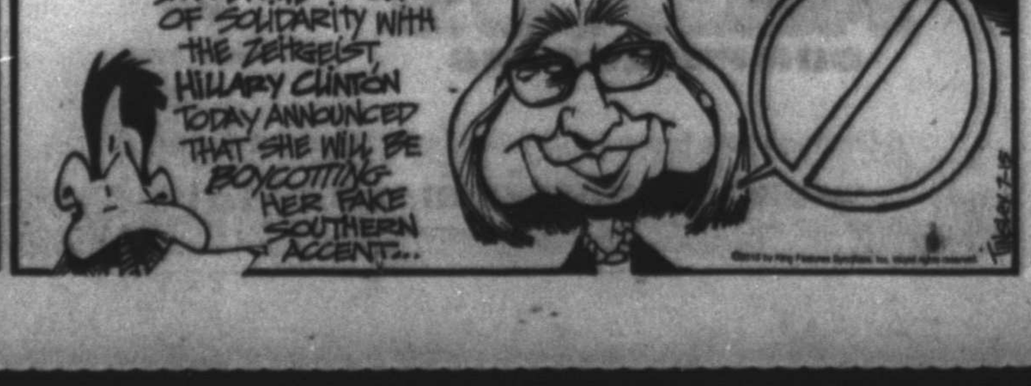
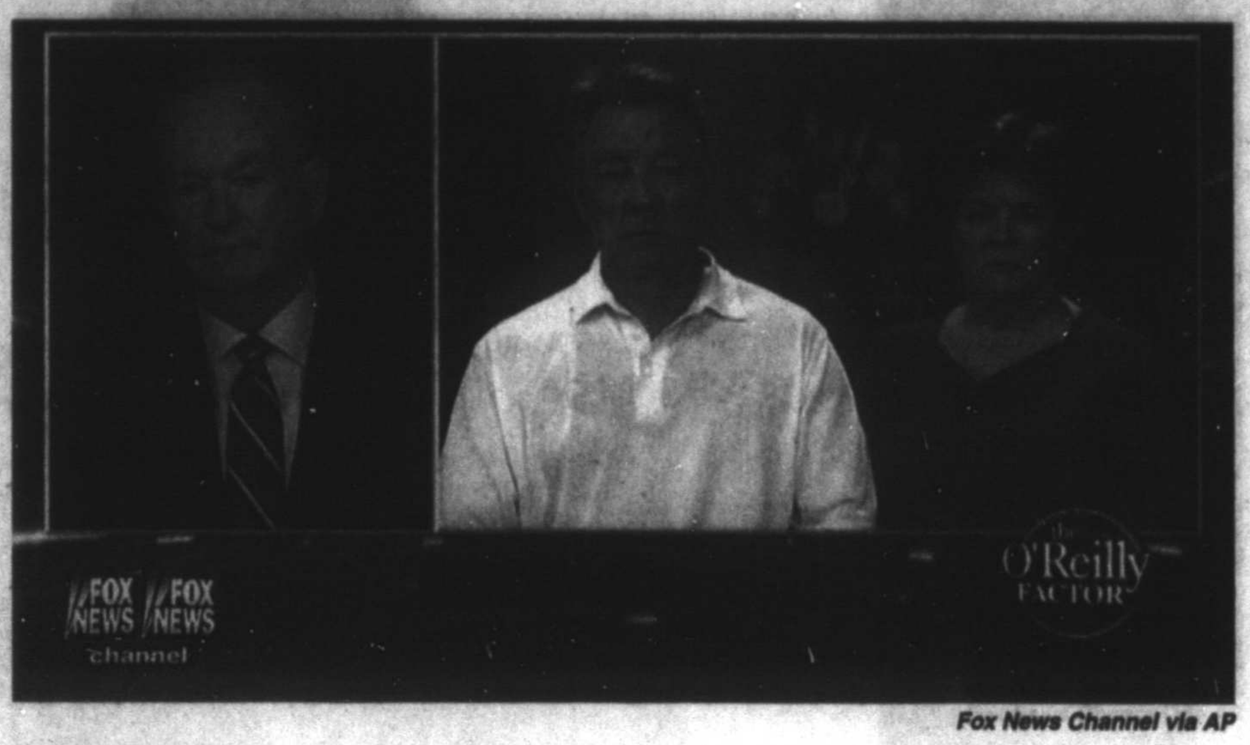


Republicans lash homeland security chief over pier killing

By Erica Werner and Andrew Taylor
Associated Press



Fox News Channel via AP

This image provided by Fox News Channel shows, host Bill O'Reilly speaking with James Steinle and Elizabeth Sullivan, parents of Kathryn Steinle, during an interview by satellite for "The O'Reilly Factor" on Monday. Steinle was walking along a San Francisco pier July 1 when she was killed by a gun allegedly fired by Juan Francisco Lopez-Sanchez, who is in the country illegally.

WASHINGTON — House Republicans lashed the Obama administration Tuesday for failing to deport an immigrant who allegedly murdered a woman in San Francisco, and advanced legislation aimed at deterring local communities from harboring immigrants who are in this country illegally.

Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson disputed the GOP criticism, but said he plans to evaluate whether a new approach is needed to avoid what happened in San Francisco, where an immigrant with a long criminal record and without legal status was released onto the streets and committed a murder.

And he agreed with Republicans who said it didn't make sense for the alleged killer to have been handed over to a jurisdiction like San Francisco, a "sanctuary city" that limits its cooperation with the federal government on immigration and was unlikely to try to send him home.

"I want to evaluate whether some discretion can be built into the process so when we're faced with a choice like that, we can make the best decision for the purposes of public safety," Johnson told the House Judiciary Committee in his first appearance on Capitol Hill since the July 1 murder of 32-year-old Kathryn Steinle sparked national controversy.

Steinle's alleged killer, Mexican national Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez, had been serving a federal sentence for illegal re-entry. Instead of being deported upon finishing his term, he was handed over to San Francisco on a decades-old drug charge. San Francisco authorities ended up dismissing Sanchez's case and releasing him despite a request from federal officials to keep him detained.

Sanchez went on to allegedly shoot Steinle as she walked along a popular pier with her father in broad daylight. Sanchez has pleaded not guilty, claiming he found the gun on the pier and it accidentally went off.

San Francisco is among some 300 communities nationwide that refuse to abide by federal immigration detention requests, or "detainers," which have been successfully challenged in court by critics who say they indiscriminately target immigrants including many innocent of criminal wrongdoing.

In the wake of Steinle's death, Republicans have called for making such detainers mandatory.

"A convicted criminal alien who had been deported numerous times killed an innocent American woman," said Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte, R-Va. He said the crime exposed "the tragic impact of DHS's reckless policies on the safety of Americans."

Johnson said the killing underscores the need for local authorities to cooperate with the federal government and its detention requests, but he said making such cooperation mandatory would be counterproductive.

Even as Johnson was testifying before the Judiciary Committee, another GOP-controlled panel, the House Appropriations Committee, was taking action aimed at depriving sanctuary cities of funding and requiring the Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency to continue to detain immigrants in the country illegally who have been convicted of crimes, instead of exercising discretion and releasing them into the general population.

Both amendments were added by the panel's Republicans, over objections from Democrats, to a measure funding the Department of Homeland Security for the upcoming budget year.

"Dangerous criminals who are in the Unites States illegally must now be incarcerated until they are deported to their home country," Rep. John Culberson, R-Texas.

Rep. Kevin Yoder, R-Kan., followed with an amendment to block sanctuary cities like San Francisco from receiving millions of dollars in preparedness grants from the Department of Homeland Security. Democrats noted it would cut off the nation's largest cities from such grants, including New York and Chicago.

"This is such a broad, knee-jerk reaction," said Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y.

Sen. David Vitter, R-La., is pursuing similar legislation on sanctuary cities in the Senate. He had planned to offer it as an amendment to an education overhaul bill currently on the floor, but announced Tuesday that he had backed off that plan after securing a commitment it would come to a vote in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

Republicans postpone House vote on breast cancer bill

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Republican leaders delayed a House vote Tuesday on a bill raising money for breast cancer research over anger that some of the funds would go to a group that has worked with the Planned Parenthood Federation of America, which supports abortion rights.

Under the legislation, the government would raise up to $8 million by minting and selling thousands of pink-tinted gold coins. The government's profits would be divided evenly between the Susan G. Komen breast cancer foundation and the Breast Cancer Research Foundation, a private group that raises research funds.

About 16 chapters of the Komen foundation finance breast cancer services at local Planned Parenthood clinics, said Komen spokeswoman Andrea Rader.

The bill had 307 co-sponsors, including 142 Republicans. Its chief sponsors were Reps. Carolyn Maloney, D-N.Y., and Pete Sessions, R-Texas. The research foundation is in New York while Komen is based in Dallas, Texas.

But the legislation devolved into another largely partisan battle over abortion.

GOP support for the bill eroded after an anti-abortion group, the Center for Medical Progress, released a video it said showed a Planned Parenthood official discussing the sale of organs from aborted fetuses. In addition, the conservative group Heritage Action for America pressured lawmakers to oppose the bill because of the connection to Planned Parenthood.

In a written statement, Planned Parenthood spokesman Eric Ferrero criticized what he called a "heavily edited, secretly recorded videotape that falsely portrays Planned Parenthood's participation in tissue donation programs that support lifesaving scientific research." He said Planned Parenthood helps patients who want to donate organs for scientific research, as do other health care providers.

Republicans said they planned to revive the bill after they find another group, instead of Komen, to which they can assign some of the breast cancer research funds.

Obama calls for shorter sentences for nonviolent convicts

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Calling it an issue America can't afford to ignore, President Barack Obama laid out an expansive vision Tuesday for fixing the criminal justice system by focusing on communities, courtrooms and cellblocks. He announced a federal review of the use of solitary confinement and urged Congress to pass a sentencing reform bill by year's end.

In a speech to the NAACP's annual convention, Obama also called for voting rights to be restored to felons who have served their sentences, and said employers should "ban the box" asking job candidates about their past convictions. He said long mandatory minimum sentences now in place should be reduced — or discarded entirely.

"In far too many cases, the punishment simply doesn't fit the crime," Obama told a crowd of 3,300 in Philadelphia. Low-level drug dealers, for example, owe a debt to society, but not a life sentence or 20-year prison term, he said.

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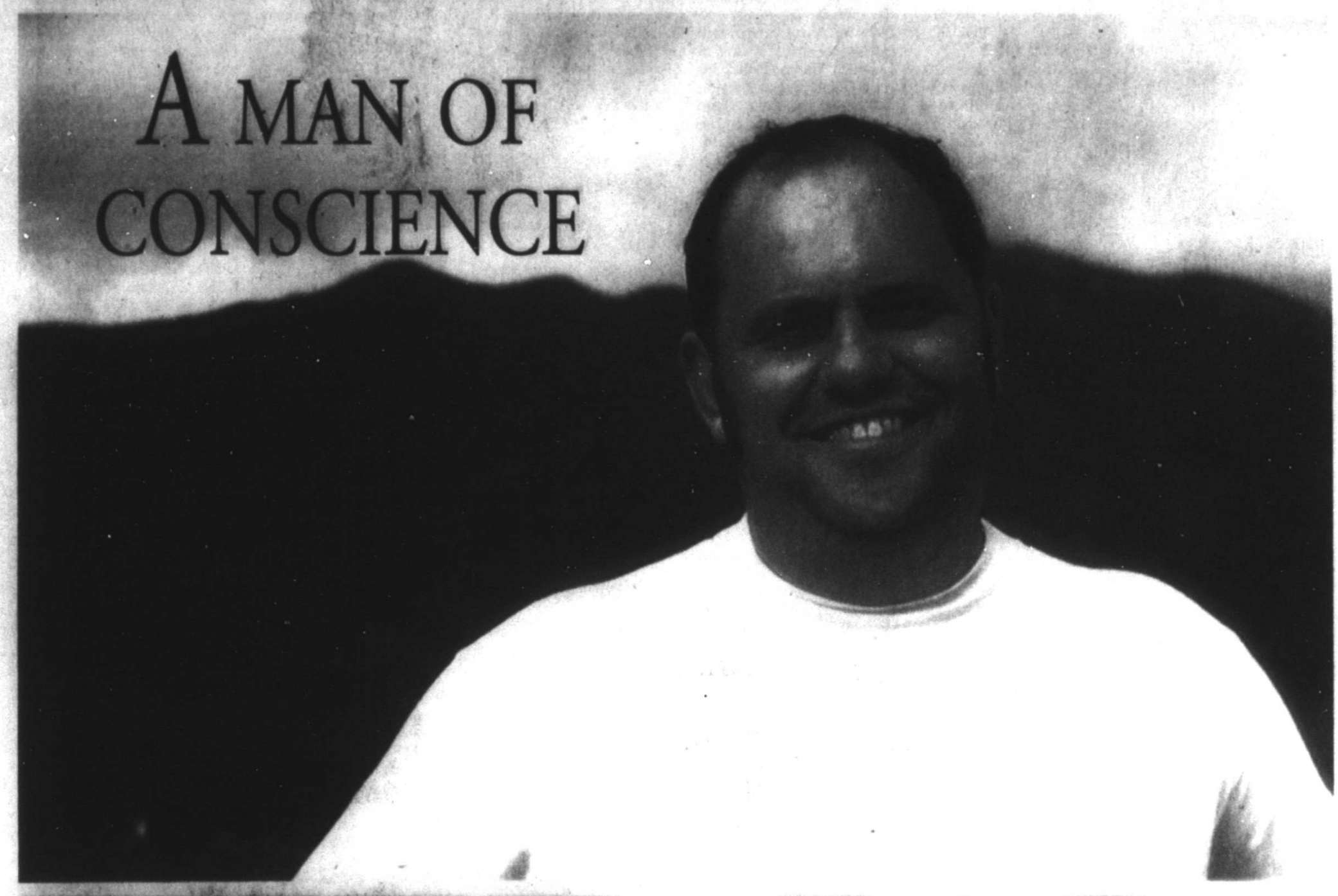

Neil Florer — shown above in an undated courtesy photo — is being honored Thursday night with the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Boy Scouts of America's Buffalo Trail Council. **FAR LEFT:** Florer poses with his wife, the late Janet Florer. **LEFT:** In this MRT file photo, Steve Huber, from left, and Larry Florer talk to Neil Florer about his 1966 Mustang GT Fastback on Aug. 20, 2011, during the Hot August Days Classic Car Show in the Raymond James parking lot.

Neil Florer to be honored with Scouting's Lifetime Achievement Award

By Ed Todd
MRT Correspondent

"There is no gray area with Neil Florer. It is either right or it is wrong. And if it is wrong, you don't do it. If it is right, you make sure it happens.

Mark Richardson, director, Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch

Neil Florer lives life with aplomb, is honest, hearty and forthright, is a straight-shooter, never mealy-mouthed, always clear and direct.

A savvy soul, he embraces what's right and casts aside what's wrong. Florer is especially high on honor, humor, wit, good works and adventure, which one might reasonably expect of a stalwartly, stout fellow who has devoted 65 of his almost 80 years to Scouting, mostly as an adult leader. He passionately delves into other causes.

"Neil has never had an unexpressed thought in his life," said Jack Swallow, a Boy Scout in his youth who now, at 63, manages estates and trusts. "He is the most straightforward friend I have. He will tell you exactly what is on his mind and what you need to hear. Most often, it comes with a healthy dose of humor."

That seems to be the essence of Florer, who, like the ship's crew at sea in a tempest, remains calm, sure and at peace in serving his God, family and community. He quietly helps others without fanfare of his own making. He readily supports works of St. Ann's Catholic Church, Midland College — where he is a trustee — and other goodwill efforts.

Early in his life, Florer took on the cause of the Boy Scouts and, since 1977, vigorously supported the Buffalo Trail Council's high-adventure 9,320-acre Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch within the grandeur, wilderness, canyons and brooks of the Davis Mountains in Far West Texas.

A man of conscience, Florer, steeped in the ethics of Scouting and the lure of the Scout Ranch, declared that "character is the stuff you do when nobody is looking." He surmised that "the Boy Scouts is the largest character-building outfit in America."

Florer is a person of "impeccable character," said Mark Richardson, director of the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. "There is no gray area with Neil Florer. It is either right or it is wrong. And if it is wrong, you don't do it. If it is right, you make sure it happens."

An amazing fellow is this Neil Florer, who on Thursday will receive the first-ever BSA Buffalo Trail Council's Lifetime Achievement Award.

The celebration is set for 6 p.m. at the Petroleum Club.

Florer — endowed with "endearing qualities," such as a "great sense of humor and wonderful wit" — has "touched so many lives through his generosity ... unknown to others," said David Chapman, Buffalo Trail Council's Scout executive.

"He doesn't wave the flag every time he puts a dollar in the donation (basket)," Chapman said. Rather, Florer's "quiet leadership and sense of giving inspires confidence in others to be more like him (in their good works). That's the true measure of a leader. He continues to fill me with a sense of purpose."

Day by day, Florer takes on life with "dignity and grace and a smile" in good times and trials, Chapman said. "That's just his way. He's tough."

Well-grounded in problem-solving skills, Florer established his family's motto: "Don't do anything stupid." His son, Tom, said that was his "only rule."

"He would let us (five children) do whatever we wanted. But if we did anything stupid, we had to be prepared to deal with the consequences."

And so they did, one by one, developing their problem-solving skills and doing well — from his daughter, Dr. Christine Florer, an Austin pediatrician, to his four sons: Jesse, a Dallas-based professional poker player; Tom, a San Antonio H-E-B supply-side grocer; Rob, a chemical engineer in Bridge City; and Tim, of Austin, a professional outdoorsman and REI (Recreational Equipment Inc.) mainstay who hiked the 2,200-mile Appalachian Trail in 2003. Tim, Tom and Rob are Eagle Scouts; Jesse is a Life Scout.

Florer's life is a multi-faceted wonder, generously and quietly toiling in doing the Lord's work by helping others in many ways, quietly, and always with wit and humor and without fanfare.

Born Cornelius Maynard Florer, on Feb. 29, 1936, Florer was named after his Dallas-born father, a World War II colonel in Gen. George Patton's Third Army in Europe.

Industrious and without wanderlust, the youthful Florer by foot and bicycle delivered The Dallas Morning News down Mockingbird Lane to the Dallas Country Club.

By the 1960s, he was Scoutmaster of the "gigantic" BSA troop based at Highland Park Methodist Church.

Among Florer's proudest achievements, along with helping develop and expand the 1947-founded Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch, was encouraging the Dallas youths to persevere in earning the top-flight Eagle Scout rank.

Meanwhile, a church leader told a father of one of the Scouts that the church must "get rid" of this fellow Florer: "He's a Catholic, and this is a Methodist church."

The notion backfired, as Florer recalled the man's bold retort: "Before we ever get rid of him, we will get rid of you."

The Florer-inspired troop flourished.

He took the Dallas Scouts to the 1964 BSA National Jamboree in Valley Forge. The Scouts concocted chili for President Lyndon B. Johnson, who exchanged waves with the Scouts but missed out on his Scout-made LBJ Pedernales River Chili.

The Scouts took in the 1964 New York World's Fair and rode in the immensely popular 1965 Ford Mustang. Florer, a vintage Ford car, truck and tractor aficionado was an enterprising Ford Motor Co. regional salesman in Dallas.

Ultimately, it was his 1977 partnership with Bill Rogers in a Ford dealership that brought Florer to Midland.

The Neil Florer family got its beginning on Sept. 4, 1965, when at age 28, he married Janet Smelser, a 23-year-old Braniff International Airways flight attendant who was fired on their wedding day because of a rule against married flight attendants.

Active in various roles in the BSA's Buffalo Trail Council and its Scout Ranch since 1977, Florer has explored the Scout Ranch's trails and canyons as Scoutmaster of St. Ann's Catholic Church's Troop 84.

The Scout Ranch's longtime resident ranger, Dan Damon, recalled Florer taking his troop on a two-day hike and camping trip into the wilderness.

Midway into the outing, the portly Florer twisted an ankle, rendering him unable to trudge back to headquarters. An able-bodied Scout hiked the rough trail to fetch the ranger, who saddled up his horse and 15-hand, 1,200-pound "sure-footed and extremely strong" rescue mule.

Florer saddled up on Queen Mule, grabbed the mane and the saddle horn while Damon took hold of the mule's reins.

"Neil, despite having a pretty badly wrenched foot, was full of laughter and wit," Damon said.

At a ledge near headquarters, Queen Mule "positioned herself to jump" while Damon told Florer to "hang on for dear life."

"It was a pretty spectacular leap with a rather large man clinging to her back," Damon said. "Queen Mule landed with a thud."

And Florer lunged forward, hanging onto the mane and saddle horn, and almost flew over the head of Queen Mule.

Back at headquarters, Damon asked Florer about the Queen Mule ride.

"You told me the mule was going to walk. I had no idea she could fly."

Florer's service goes beyond Scouting

By David Chapman
Buffalo Trail Council Scout executive

Chapman

The Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America on Thursday will recognize Neil Florer with the Lifetime Achievement Award.

This award is the first of its kind in Scouting, and was created to honor a leader who, through his unselfish devotion to the welfare of others, has made a lasting impact on Scouting in the Buffalo Trail Council and in our community.

Neil has served in many positions in Scouting, including council president, executive board member, chairman of the Buffalo Trail Endowment Committee and scoutmaster. The council also has honored him with the Silver Beaver Award. During his service on the Buffalo Trail Executive Board he served on the committee that was responsible for adding 3,000 acres to the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch. Since that expansion, the Scout Ranch has seen average summer camp attendance rise to more than 3,100 campers each summer and an additional 3,000 throughout the year.

Neil's service to our community doesn't stop with Scouting. He has provided leadership for many local organizations, including Midland Crimestoppers, Midland College and the Petroleum Club.

Proceeds from this event — set for 6 p.m. at the Petroleum Club — will go to the Buffalo Trail Council Endowment to further the ongoing work of Scouting in the Permian Basin.

For more information on Scouting programs or to help support Scouting, contact David Chapman at 570-7601.

Obituaries

Anne Shaffer Bowen

The Lord took Anne Shaffer Bowen back to Him on Monday, July 13, 2015.

Anne was born to Paul and Thelma Shaffer in Odessa, Texas on May 24, 1952. After graduating from Permian High School in 1970 she entered Texas Christian University, receiving a Bachelor in Science (Biology) in 1974. She then received a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from the University of Pennsylvania in 1975 and a Masters of Health Administration from Georgia State University in 1981.

Anne Shaffer Bowen began her professional healthcare career as a critical care nurse at the University of Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. Upon receiving her Masters degree she became an Assistant Administrator at Goddard Memorial Hospital in Stoughton, Massachusetts. In 1982 she was hired to be the Vice President of Ancillary Services at Memorial Hospital in York, Pennsylvania. At that time, she was the youngest female vice president of a hospital in the nation. In 1992 she was recruited from York to be the Vice President of Ancillary services for Memorial Hospital in Midland, Texas. She completed her professional career as Executive Director of Memorial's Rehabilitation Hospital in Midland.

In May of 1983 she married Peter Newell Bowen and became the beloved stepmother to his three sons, Christopher, Geoffrey and Andrew.

Mrs. Bowen leaves behind her sisters, Paula Wright and Linda Stewart, both of Odessa, Texas; 3 sons, 3 daughters-in-law (Janet, Renee and Karrie) and 7 grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Peter Bowen, brother, Paul Shaffer and her parents.

Anne Shaffer Bowen was a member of Christ Church Midland, a fellow in the American College of healthcare Executives and listed in Who's Who of American Executives. Always ready to volunteer her services, she was active in numerous organizations through her career. In addition to being a Fellow in the ACHE, she was the past President of the Georgia State Healthcare Alumni Board, a member of Sigma Theta Tau (the national honor society for nurses) and a member of the Daughters-of-the-King. She also served on the Midland-Odessa Health and Retirement Board, The ACHE Regents Advisory Council for West Texas and was a past-President of the Permian Basin Texas Christian University Alumni Board. She possessed an excellent singing voice and in 2001 was recognized by Georgia State University with their Outstanding Healthcare Alumni Award.

There will be a Memorial Service for Anne Shaffer Bowen at Christ Church Midland on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at 1:30 PM.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice Midland, PO Box 2621, Midland, TX, 79702.

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

Jaime "Jaimito" Octavio Villalobos

Jaime "Jaimito" Octavio Villalobos. In Our Heavenly Kingdom and in the Loving Arms of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ is to be found a beloved Father, Son, Brother, Grandson ,Uncle, Especially The Love of My Life, & Dear Friend: Jaime " Jaimito" Villalobos

Mr. Villalobos 29, of Midland, passed away Saturday July 11, 2015 in Reagan, County from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was born July 4, 1986 in Chihuahua, Chihuahua Mexico to Jaime & Maria Olivas Villalobos. He was a Christian and a Pumper in the Oil Field Industry,

Jaime' enjoyed his past times with all his family & friends joking & clowning around making them all laugh, He enjoyed everyone at his bar-b-que outings, Listening to all types of Music, He enjoyed mocking everyone, during the football season because he was the DOLPHINS #1 Fan, Above all, Jaime's Love & Attention was giving it all to his Pride & Joy, "His kids". Always making the time to take them to the movies, to the store to buy candy & of course to eat anywhere they would ask. Jaime you will, always be Loved & Never be forgotten.

He leaves to cherish his memories to his beloved: Father & Mother: Jaime & Maria O. Villalobos of Midland, Daughters: Vannesa Villalobos, Madison Villalobos, both of Midland, Sister: Erika Villalobos & Brother -In -Law: Abram Rubalcado . Two Nieces: Leah & Riley Rubalcado of Midland, TX, Paternal Grandparents: Guadalupe & Guadalupe Villalobos of Mexico, Maternal Grandparents: Octavio & Eva Olivas of Midland, Texas, The Love of His Life: Lucinda "Lucy" San Miguel of Odessa, & raised as his own Children: Son: Vincent C. San Miguel, Daughter: Antonia "Toni" San Miguel both of Odessa and a host of Aunts, Uncles, Cousins, and Many, Many Friends.

We, the Olivas Villalobos Family, would like to take this time and express our utmost sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for all your prayers, floral arrangements, food offerings and especially your presence with us during this most difficult time. May God Bless You All Abundantly.

Pallbearers for the service will be: Abram Rubalcado, Adrian Vaquera, Edgar Chavez, Carlos San Miguel, Daniel Martinez, Alex Sanchez, Christian Rivas, & Joe Esparza.

Visitation will be held today Wednesday July 15, 2015 from 9am to 9pm with a Prayer Service at 7pm at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be held at 10am, Thursday July 16, 2015 also at Lewallen Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel (2508 N. Big Spring St. Midland, Texas 79705) with Reverend Jose Luis Chavez officiating. Interment will follow at Sereniy Memorial Gardens (1600 Texas Hwy 349).

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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Linda Nell Hodges

Linda Nell Hodges, 66, of Midland, Texas, was called home on July 11, 2015.

Linda was born in Wolf City, Texas on October 19, 1948. Linda loved her family and enjoyed playing bingo. Linda married the love of her life, Bobby Hodges, on August 11, 1964 in Plains, Texas. They were married for 49 wonderful years.

Linda is preceded in death by her husband, Bobby Hodges; her parents, Roy and Dessie Parum; and her brothers Kenneth and Eddie Parum.

Linda is survived by her son, Charlie Hodges of Midland; her daughter, Tammy Hodges and son-in-law Eddie Pittman of Midland; grandchildren Christopher Austin, Tommy Wilson, Courtney Mendoza and her husband Joseph Mendoza, Brittany Hodges, and Joshua Pittman all of Midland; great grandchildren, Malaya Mendoza, Colton Austin, Cambrie Austin, Kayven Manning, Khylin Manning, and Isabella Austin; siblings, Joyce Hale and husband Cecil Hale, Martha Baker, Alice Davis, Wallace Parum and wife Linda Parum, Janie King and husband Weldon King, Lucky Parum and wife Brenda Parum, Stella Green and husband Randall Green, Donald Parum and wife Vicky Parum; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Visitation will be held on Wednesday July 15, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held on Thursday July 16, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will be at Resthaven Memorial following services.

Linda's pall bearers will be Jon Gray, Michael Parum, Zeke Baker, Johnny (Bubba) Parum, Michael Fisette, Tyler Nettles, and Caleb Butler.

Honorary pall bearer is Johnny Williams.

The family of Linda Hodges wishes to thank the nursing staff at Midland Memorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given to American Heart Association, 3205 W Cuthbert Ave, Midland, TX, 79701.

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

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Marilyn Lavern Lewis

Marilyn Lavern Lewis, 61, has been called home on Wednesday, July 8th, 2015 in Odessa, Texas. She was born on December 30th, 1953 in Big Spring, Texas to Sammy and Vernell (Jolley) Hunt.

Marilyn was a member of Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C. and worked for Wells Fargo Bank in which she received several awards of recognition. Marilyn enjoyed taking care of her family, giving to all in need, shopping, decorating, movies, traveling and gospel music.

Marilyn was preceded in death by her father, Sammy Hunt Sr.; her sister, Linda Howell and her great grandchild, Camyla Booth whom she is now taking care of like she did her other grand children.

Those left to cherish her sweet memories are: her mother, Vernell Hunt; her daughters: Keysha Guerrero of Midland, Texas; W. Olivia Branch of Mansfield, Texas and LaEngland Lewis of Colorado City, Texas; her sisters: Sandra Barber of Midland, TX, Velma Jackson of Midland TX, April Jordan of Fort Worth TX, Catherine Hunt, and Stephanie Hunt of Temple TX; her brothers: Boe Glasschild of Flint MI, Allen Hunt of Sakara, Sweden, Cornell Hunt of Midland TX, Randell Hunt of Dallas TX, and Sammy Hunt of Oceanside CA; Her grandchildren: Ebone McAfee, J'shon Lewis, Jalen Giles, JeQuaria Lewis, TreAnthony Guerrero, A'vier Guerrero, Kevante Giles, Destinee Lewis and Darius Lewis; her great-grandchildren Jayden Johnson, Javayya Lewis, MyHeavanz Williams, MaKenzie Booth, and Dominique Ausbie.

The family will receive guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St. Midland, from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Friday, July 17, 2015. Her heavenly home going celebration will be Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 2 p.m. at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., 1605 N. Terrell St, Midland. Burial services will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens, 6800 State Hwy 349, Midland. The family will be greeting friends and relatives where food will be served at Faith Temple C.O.G.I.C., 1605 N. Terrell St, Midland following the burial.

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

Samuel Coy Lagow

Services for Samuel Coy Lagow are scheduled for 10:30a.m., Thursday, July 16th at First Christian Church, 601 N. Lee, Odessa, TX with Rev. Dawn and Rev. Joe Weaks officiating.

There will be an open visitation at Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors starting at noon to 9:00p.m. on Wednesday, July 15th.

He went to his eternal home with Jesus on July 13, 2015 at the age of 77 years. Interment will be in the Menard Cemetery Friday afternoon at 2:00p.m. Contact Heritage Funeral Home in Menard for further information-325-396-4591.

He was born in Menard, TX and graduated with a Civil Engineering degree from Texas A&M University. He held a Registered Professional Engineer's license along with several other licenses including Registered Land Surveyor and Registered Irrigator.

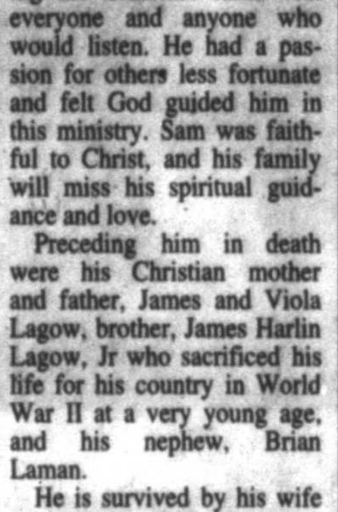
Utmost in his life was sharing his Christian faith with everyone and anyone who would listen. He had a passion for others less fortunate and felt God guided him in this ministry. Sam was faithful to Christ, and his family will miss his spiritual guidance and love.

Preceding him in death were his Christian mother and father, James and Viola Lagow, brother, James Harlin Lagow, Jr who sacrificed his life for his country in World War II at a very young age, and his nephew, Brian Laman.

He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Earlene Lagow, daughter and son-in-law, Cindy and Terry Marriner, sister and brother-in-law Colleen and Bobby Laman, nephew, Allen Laman, and niece, Yolanda Laman.

Suggested memorials would be to Wounded Warrior Project, First Christian Church-Odessa or Samaritan's Purse.

Services are entrusted to Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors.



Robert "Bob" Lancaster

Robert "Bob" Lancaster died July 12, 2015 in Midland, Texas due to congested heart failure. He was 83.

Mr. Lancaster was born December 30, 1931 in San Angelo, Texas to his parents Louise and Marshall Lancaster. He served in the armed forces during the Korean War. After the war, he left the military to pursue a degree from Texas Technological College in Lubbock, Texas. He graduated with a Bachelor's of Business Administration with a major in Accounting in 1959. He married Linda Crow in July of 1969. He took a position in the unemployment tax Division of the Texas Unemployment Commission in 1971. The Lancaster's moved to Midland in 1978 where he was the head of the Unemployment Tax Office for the Texas Unemployment Commission of Midland. After several moves and promotions, Mr. Lancaster retired in 1996 from the Texas Employment Commission as the head of the Unemployment Tax Division in Midland, Texas.

During retirement, Mr. Lancaster was a supportive husband and caregiver to his wife who developed Multiple Sclerosis months after they were married. He was an avid Rock Hound Baseball fan and an active member of the Midland Bassin' Bunch. While a member of the Bassin' Bunch, he volunteered and assisted with Special Olympics.

Mr. Lancaster was survived by his wife of 46 years, Linda Lancaster; her daughter and son-in-law and granddaughters, Lesa and Tim Craig and Rachel McMahon and Jette Roberts; Linda's son and daughter-in-law and grandson, Tim and Marilyn Jones and Chris Pitt; and brother and sister-in-law, Gerry and Cathy Lancaster.

A viewing for Mr. Lancaster will be from 8:00 am - 9:00 pm, Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held 11:00 am, Thursday, July 16, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel. All are welcome to attend and celebrate Mr. Lancaster's life.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to a charity of your choice.

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

Death Notices

Jimmy Lucas

Jimmy Lucas, 77, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, July 14, 2015. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Naoma Jean Cutshall

Naomi Jean Cutshall, 92 of Midland, passed away Monday, July 13, 2015.

She is survived by a daughter, Susan Hernandez and two sons, Robert Walter Cutshall and Richard Lee Cutshall; two sisters, 4 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren, and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

Viewing will be Thursday, July 16, 2015 from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home followed by a graveside service at 3:00 pm at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Midland Reporter-Telegram

Study: Early clue indicates why some children may have reading woes

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New research suggests it may be possible to predict which preschoolers will struggle to read — and it has to do with how the brain deciphers speech when it's noisy.

Scientists are looking for ways to tell, as young as possible, when children are at risk for later learning difficulties so they can get early interventions.

There are some simple pre-reading assessments for preschoolers.

But Northwestern University researchers went further and analyzed brain waves of children as young as 3.

How well youngsters' brains recognize specific sounds — consonants — amid background noise can help identify who is more likely to have trouble with reading development, the team reported Tuesday in the journal PLOS Biology.

If the approach pans out, it may provide "a biological looking glass," said study senior author Nina Kraus, director of Northwestern's Auditory Neuroscience Laboratory. "If you know you have a 3-year-old at risk, you can as soon as possible begin to enrich their life in sound so that you don't lose those crucial early developmental years."

Connecting sound to meaning is a key foundation for reading. For example, preschoolers who can match sounds to letters earlier go on to read more easily.

Auditory processing is part of that pre-reading development: If your brain is slower to distinguish a "D" from a "B" sound, for example, then recognizing words and piecing together sentences could be affected, too.

What does noise have to do with it? It stresses the system, as the brain has to tune out competing sounds to selectively focus, in just fractions of milliseconds. And consonants are more vulnerable to noise than vowels, which tend to be louder and longer, Kraus explained.

"Hearing in noise is arguably one of the most computationally difficult things we ask our brain to do," she said.

The new study used an EEG to directly measure the brain's response to sound, attaching electrodes to children's scalps and recording the patterns of electric activity as nerve cells fired.

The youngsters sat still to watch a video of their choice, listening to the soundtrack in one ear while an earpiece in the other periodically piped in the sound "dah" superimposed over a babble of talking.

Measuring how the brain's circuitry responded, the team developed a model to predict children's performance on early literacy tests. Then they did a series of experiments with 112 kids between the ages of 3 and 14.

The 30-minute test predicted how well 3-year-olds performed a language-development skill and how those same youngsters fared a year later on several standard pre-reading assessments, the team reported. Time will tell how well those children eventually read.

But Kraus' team also tested older children — and the EEG scores correlated with their current reading competence in school, and even flagged a small number who'd been diagnosed with learning disabilities.

Oral language exposure is one of the drivers of reading development, and the study is part of a broader push to find ways to spot problem signs early, said Brett Miller, who oversees reading disabilities research at the National Institute of Child Health and Human Development, which helped fund the work.

But don't expect EEGs for preschoolers any time soon. While the machines are common among brain specialists, this particular use is complicated and expensive, and further research is necessary, Kraus cautioned.

Her ultimate goal is to test how a child's brain processes sound even younger, maybe one day as a part of the routine newborn hearing screening.

Online:
Northwestern University's Auditory Neuroscience Lab: http://www.brainvolts.northwestern.edu.

Eric Risberg/AP

In this photo taken July 6, Kamila Al-Najjar poses with her mother, Joan Groen, at her assisted living facility in Santa Rosa, Calif. Caught between kids and aging parents, a new poll shows the sandwich generation worries more than most Americans their age about how they'll afford their own care as they grow older.

LONG-TERM

From 6B

"You're dealing with someone who is aging, toward the end of their life; then you have to deal with a teenager. I hear from my mom and daughter that I'm a nag. There's no winning in it," she said.

Adding to the challenge, 40- and 50-somethings tend to be at the height of their careers — and need to hang onto their jobs despite difficulties of caregiving, said Susan Reinhard, who directs AARP's Public Policy Institute. Employer flexibility is a top issue as the population ages, she said.

"It's not just their own financial security, it's the financial security for their children and for the future," Reinhard said.

After age 65, government figures show nearly 7 in 10 Americans at some point will need long-term care — from a relative, home aide, assisted living or nursing home.

Yet the AP-NORC Center poll found overall, most Americans 40 and older — 54 percent — have done little or no planning to get ready for this often pricey reality. Only a third reported setting aside money for those needs. That's even though Medicare doesn't pay for the most common types of long-term care, and a nursing home can cost more than $90,000 a year.

Drill down to the 9 percent of this age group who make up the sandwich generation, and their experience leaves them far more concerned about their own senior years.

About half worry about being able to pay for their future care needs or having to move into a nursing home, compared with just over a third of other adults, the poll found. Also, 44 percent of sandwichers fear leaving debts to family, compared with 28 percent of others polled.

But the poll found the sandwich generation no more likely than other middle-aged adults to be planning and saving, possibly because of time or resources.

Al-Najjar is glad her mother "saved all her life ... so she didn't have to stress out about stuff like that." Caring for her has changed how she spends and plans for the future.

"It's like a wake-up call," she said. There are "a lot of seniors in the United States that don't have that money."

The squeeze isn't ending as children grow up. Among currently sandwiched parents, 29 percent have adult children living at home, the poll found; others are providing adult children with financial assistance, meaning some are sandwiched even after their children leave the nest.

Another challenge: Finding services to help seniors live out their days at home. AARP recently opened an online "livability index" to rank communities on such factors as accessible housing and transit options.

And the National Association for Area Agencies on Aging runs an Eldercare Locator — at www.eldercare.gov and 800-677-1116 — to help people find local resources. Last year, the locator averaged more than 22,000 requests for assistance a month. A recent report found the top needs: transportation, mostly to get to doctor appointments; in-home services, such as meals and personal care; and finding affordable housing or making age-friendly home modifications.

"People don't generally make these calls until they're in crisis," said association CEO Sandy Markwood. "If mom and dad need this as they get older, you should prepare for that, too."

Carroll Burnett of Whitesboro, cared for his 88-year-old father, who'd suffered a stroke, for a year before he died in March.

"I felt good that I could take care of him," said Burnett, a retired tool and die maker who had help from his wife and one of his three grown children. But he's saving up: "I don't want any of my kids to go through what I did."

The AP-NORC Center survey was conducted by telephone April 7 to May 15 among a random national sample of 1,735 adults age 40 or older, with funding from the SCAN Foundation. Results for the full survey have a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3.2 percentage points.

About the poll

The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research poll on long-term care was conducted from April 7 through May 15 by NORC at the University of Chicago, with funding from the SCAN Foundation.

It is based on landline and cellular telephone interviews with a nationally representative random sample of 1,735 adults age 40 or older. Interviews included 1,130 respondents on landline telephones and 605 on cellphones.

Digits in the phone numbers dialed were generated randomly to reach households with unlisted and listed landline and cellphone numbers.

Interviews were conducted in both English and Spanish.

As is done routinely in surveys, results were weighted, or adjusted, to ensure that responses accurately reflect the population's makeup by factors such as age, sex, education, race and landline or cell phone use.

No more than 1 time in 20 should chance variations in the sample cause the results to vary by more than plus or minus 3.2 percentage points from the answers that would be obtained if all adults in the U.S. were polled.

There are other sources of potential error in polls, including the wording and order of questions.

The questions and results are available at http://www.longtermcarepoll.org

Not berry good: US adults still skimp on fruits and veggies

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Most U.S. adults still aren't eating nearly enough fruits and vegetables.

In a large national survey, only 13 percent said they ate the recommended amount of fruit each day. And only 9 percent ate enough vegetables.

California — a big produce-growing state — ranked highest for eating both fruits and vegetables. Tennessee was at the bottom of the fruit list, and Mississippi was last in eating vegetables.

The government recommends that adults eat 1½ to two cups of fruit and two to three cups of vegetables each day.

Health officials have been trying to promote fruits and vegetables — especially leafy greens — as healthy alternatives to salty, fatty and sugary foods. The goal is to curb the nation's obesity problem and reduce diabetes, heart disease and other maladies tied to bad diets.

The findings come from a 2013 national telephone survey of hundreds of thousands of Americans. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the study Thursday.

Officials said it's difficult to compare the latest findings to previous years because of a change in how the survey was done and how it asked about produce consumption.

But the amount of fruit and vegetable eating appears to be holding steady at a disappointingly low level, said the study's lead author, Latetia Moore.

Paul Moseley/Star-Telegram via AP

String Beans are displayed in Beverly Thomas's Veggie Van in downtown Fort Worth at the T&P Lofts on Monday. Thomas, who owns Cold Springs Farm in Weatherford, drives her Veggie Van around Tarrant County selling homegrown, hand-picked fruits and vegetables.

CANCER

From 6B

been performed worldwide, said lead author Dr. Diana Bianchi. False-positive results are rare; they occur in just 0.2 percent of tests at the lab involved in the study, said Bianchi, executive director of Tufts Medical Center's Mother Infant Research Institute.

False-positives can occur for several reasons, including a twin pregnancy when one twin dies, and when the mother has a transplanted organ from a male donor. Cancer cells shed DNA that the tests can detect. It's a rare cause of false-positives but Bianchi said more definitive data are needed to determine the incidence.

The advice

"We don't know how many people are walking around with silent cancers this test is accidentally uncovering," Bianchi said. Women should be aware of the possibility when they seek the prenatal tests, and when results suggest a fetal problem, follow-up testing including amniocentesis is recommended.

But Bianchi said it would be premature to recommend cancer testing for all women whose tests have false-positive results.

A JAMA editorial says more rigorous research is needed to help doctors determine how to counsel these women.

MRT file photo

Lee High's Carlos Aranda and Midland High's Nathan Bejil go after a header March 10 at Grande Communications Stadium. Heading takes the heat in youth soccer, but limiting rough play might be a better way to prevent concussions and other injuries, a nine-year study of U.S. high school games suggests.

SOCCER

From 6B

Player contact caused almost 70 percent of boys' concussions and just over half of those injuries among girls. Close to 30 percent of girls' concussions were caused by heading, versus almost 17 percent for boys.

The trends

Concussion rates increased during most study years among girls and boys. Rates of concussions resulting from heading increased among girls but not boys.

The researchers note that soccer has long been considered safer than other youth sports and has increased in popularity since 1969, when only boys played at the high school level.

The reaction

Bob Colgate, sports medicine director for the National Federation of State High School Associations, said the study highlights why soccer rules need to be enforced. He said caution against fighting and reckless play will be highlighted by the group's soccer rules committee for the upcoming season. "Players, coaches, game officials and spectators must work together to model and demonstrate sportsmanship and fair play, to minimize risk and maximize participation," Colgate said.

The kicker

Chris Nowinski, co-founder of the Sports Legacy Institute, noted that a degenerative brain disease linked with repeated head blows and more often associated with football has recently been found in autopsies of professional soccer players. The new study adds to concerns that have been raised about rough play, he said. The Boston-based institute is a nonprofit education and advocacy group that funds research on preventing and treating concussions and other brain trauma. It also advises the National Football League and groups involving other contact sports including rugby and lacrosse.

"It's important that we take a close look at how we can make the game of soccer safer," Nowinski said.

PAINKILLERS

From 6B

Dr. Sanjay Kaul, a cardiologist at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, who was a member of the same expert panel attended last year by Wilson, said the evidence was too weak to tell if one drug was better than another. He said a more conclusive answer could come from a large randomized trial, called Precision, that is comparing the rate of heart problems among patients with high cardiovascular risk for ibuprofen (Motrin IB), naproxen (Aleve) and celecoxib (Celebrex).

"The FDA is basically hedging — they still have questions," Kaul said. "It's messy, and the randomized trial is the only reliable way to sort it out."

The agency's move is important, he said, because the drugs are so widely used, often for "little aches and pains" that do not warrant their use.

"The point of this warning is that we have to be very careful," he said. "There has to be a good reason to take them. We shouldn't just be using these drugs willy-nilly."

But what practical advice does Kaul have for patients?

"I'm not going to stop using these medications," he said. "But there has to be a good reason to use them."

Lambert said the warning might encourage people to manage pain without drugs, or to try to treat the underlying cause of the pain. One of the most effective treatments for arthritis pain, he said, is weight loss. (Less weight means less pressure on joints.)

"It's a risk-benefit decision," he said. "When people get cancer, we give them incredibly toxic drugs, but the extra benefit they get is worth it. For people who are in the habit of taking these drugs for headaches or mild pain, they might want to reconsider."

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Local forecast

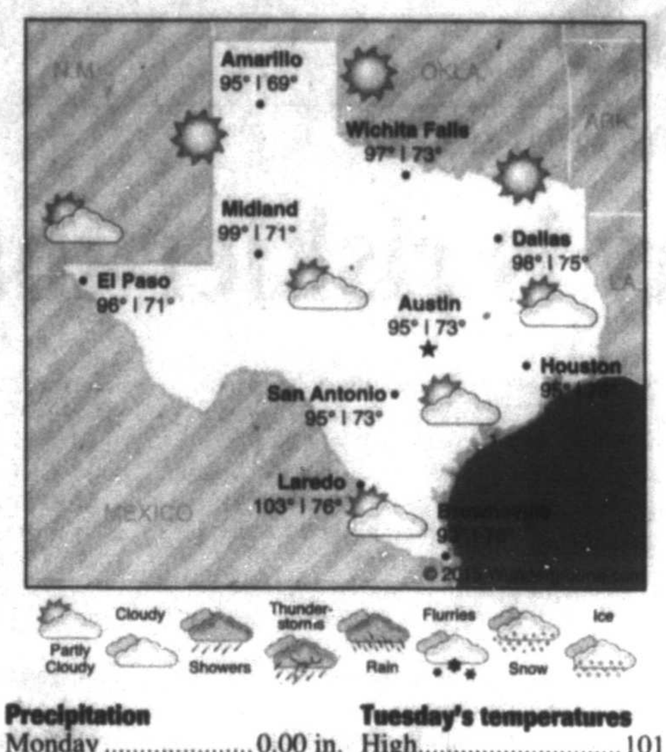
Another day of triple-digit high temperatures is in the National Weather Service forecast. Expect warmer-than-average high temperatures for through at least Tuesday. The NWS also no rain for the next seven days.

Today's high matches the record high for July 14 of 101, set in 1933. The record low is 50 set in 1936. The high on July 14 last year was 98. The low was 70.

National forecast

As a pocket of dry and cooler air with some sunshine expands from the Great Lakes to much of the central and northern Appalachians, showers and thunderstorms will affect the Atlantic Seaboard and part of the interior South today. The storms will be gusty. There is a risk of more incidents of flash flooding, downed trees and power failures.

In the West, showers and locally severe thunderstorms are forecast over the central and northern Plains to part of the Upper Midwest today. This activity will occur along a stalled frontal zone. Some communities may be hit with flash flooding, as well as damaging wind gusts and hail.



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Tuesday's temperatures

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Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:53 a.m.
Sunset	8:56 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, July 15

Booklet will help parents start conversations about sex

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: Do you have any information or advice on how to talk to my 12-year-old stepdaughter about sex? I have a pretty good idea about where to take the conversation. I don't plan to make it a big deal — not so serious as to scare her, but not too lighthearted either. You never know what kids are saying about it in school these days. I want her to know the door is always open should she need to talk. (My mother did that with me, which I appreciated.)

If you have any pointers or reading material suited for her age, that would be great. — STEPMOM IN TEXAS

DEAR STEPMOM: I'm glad you are opening up the subject because "the talk" with your stepdaughter should have started long ago as part of an ongoing discussion. For a variety of reasons, young people today mature much earlier than they did years ago. She should be told that, if they haven't already started, the changes that will take place in her body are normal and nothing to fear.

As for reading material, my booklet, "What Every Teen Should Know" can help you to start that conversation. It has been distributed in doctors' offices and used to promote discussions by educators and religious leaders, as well as parents who find it hard to discuss these topics with their children. You can order one by sending your name and address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds), to Dear Abby Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. Shipping and handling are included in the price. You should review it before starting the conversation so you will be prepared in advance to answer her questions. The more information you can give her, the better prepared she will be to make intelligent decisions in the future.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 25-year-old, well-educated woman, engaged to a wonderful man. Although we don't plan to wed for another couple of years, I have a question on my mind. Neither of us is traditional or religious. What should I do about my name?

My fiance would be honored if I took his name, but wouldn't be insulted or hurt if I didn't. For a long time I had thought that hyphenating would be an appropriate solution, but the more I consider it, a long double name on everything I will have to sign might become an inconvenience. I don't dislike his last name or have strong feelings against taking it, but I like the name I have now. Part of me likes the idea of always carrying it.

Because children are not going to be part of the equation, there's no risk of confusing them or their teachers. What do other young couples do? I would love an outside perspective. — NAME GAME IN KANSAS

DEAR NAME GAME: It is no longer unusual for women to retain their maiden names after marriage. Many choose to do it because they have become established/successful in their careers, others because they want to maintain their identity as an individual.

Some women solve the problem by using their husband's name legally and retaining their maiden name professionally. Others use their maiden name as a middle name and their husband's last name. Please don't worry about this; you have time to make your final decision.

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 Wednesday, July 15, 2015:

This year you experience life more intensely. You also have an opportunity for a new beginning in your life. You are unusually creative and dynamic. Others count on you for solutions. If you are single, romance will knock on your door anytime from September on. This person might be very important to your life's history. If you are attached, as a couple you might decide to do a special seminar together or take a long-desired trip. This event will add a great deal of depth to your relationship. You might see a lot of limitations in a fellow CANCER. Could they also be in you?

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might be overwhelmed by everything you see as you encounter power play after power play. Whether to get involved in one of these control games will be your decision. What you do could surprise others. Tonight: A new beginning is possible once you rid yourself of frustration.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You will try to explain where you are coming from, but someone else might decide to throw his or her issues into the mix as well. This person seems to want the spotlight on him or her right now. Try not to get involved in a power play. Tonight: Catch up on a pal's wild day.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You have a lot to say, and you want others to hear what you're saying on an authentic level. A loved one could become very controlling over a financial issue. Step back and let this situation play out. You might opt for a new beginning. Tonight: Curb a tendency to be rebellious.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Others listen to what you have to say. You are open-minded and full of ideas. A partner could be very demanding, angry and sometimes even controlling. You are likely to get into a tiff with this person. Tonight: Avoid a difficult situation, and you will be much happier.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might want to get away from the wild interactions happening around you. Your temper could flare up suddenly and catch you and others off guard. Sort through any angry feelings that keep bubbling up, and process them before sharing. Tonight: Get some distance from others.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Emphasize what is going on with a group of friends. Maintain a caring position, especially with a dear friend. A power play is likely to occur around a loved one. Know that you cannot interfere or protect this person, despite your desire to help. Tonight: Join your friends.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Understand what is happening with a family member. You might experience some pressure from someone who is in charge. Your responsibilities demand attention, and there is no way around it. Expect a tantrum from a loved one. Tonight: Home is where the heart is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Your beliefs could trigger quite a response. You might need to use other words to communicate what you are feeling. Express your thoughts in a meaningful way. A friend could shock you with his or her actions. Tonight: The fun begins when you decide it does.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ One-on-one relating will help make your path easier throughout the day. You might have difficulty believing that, though, as you feel someone has his or her eye on a situation that's near and dear to you. You would be well-advised to back off. Tonight: Use self-discipline.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might feel unusually ornery, and could unintentionally take it out on others. A little restraint would make your life substantially easier during the next few days. A loved one will want to have a new beginning or say goodbye to a problem. Tonight: Be cool.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You might want to stay home or dive right into work. The objective remains the same: Avoid the myriad personalities in your life who could be reacting to the New Moon. High energy and uproar will surround you on some level. Tonight: Get away from the raving crowds.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You might enjoy some of the ups and downs of your day. Tap into your ingenuity when something falls apart or when a friend seems to change his or her attitude toward you. Keep an open mind, and don't take comments so seriously. Tonight: Be with your favorite person.

BORN TODAY

Author Arianna Huffington (1950), former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura (1951), painter Rembrandt (1606)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Keep control

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ Q 6 5
♡ Void
♢ A K Q J 9 5
♣ J 9 6 4

WEST
♠ Void
♡ J 8 6 5 4 3
♢ 6 4 3
♣ A K 5 2

EAST
♠ K J 8 4
♡ K Q 10 7
♢ 8
♣ Q 10 8 7

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 7 3 2
♡ A 9 2
♢ 10 7 2
♣ 3

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♢	Dbl	1♠	4♢
Pass	Pass	4♠	5♢
5♣	Dbl	All pass	

Opening lead: Ace of ♣

South's four spade bid may seem too aggressive, but he knew that his partner was very short in hearts and he liked his three-card holding in partner's bid suit. West continued accurately with a five-heart bid — it would take an unlikely club lead to defeat him — but North carried on to five spades. East's double ended the auction, and kept his side from competing to six hearts.

South ruffed the second club in his hand and faced trump problems along with entry problems. There are some pitfalls here, and it would be easy to see a declarer going down. When this deal was played in a tournament some years ago, the expert declarer neatly sidestepped the pitfalls and smoothly found his way to 11 tricks.

South led a diamond to dummy's ace at trick three and continued with the queen of spades, covered by the king and ace, as West discarded a heart. Without cashing the ace of hearts first, declarer ruffed a low heart in dummy and led dummy's last trump toward his ten-nine-seven. East chose to play low, so South inserted his seven, winning the trick, and continued with the 10 of spades. This forced out the jack and South drew the remaining trump when he won his carefully preserved ace of hearts. He had more than enough diamond winners left to fulfill his contract.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Resort near Arapaho National Forest
5 __ cracker
9 Feature of some hammers
13 Gun shop buy
14 Valuable rocks
15 Appreciative cry
16 Very best 64-Across?
18 Like some casks
19 All worked up
20 Go later than planned
22 Trig. function
23 64-Across that lasts forever?
27 Sancho's "steed"
28 Weekly NBC offering
29 Recede
30 Movie director's challenge
31 Winter air
33 Try a little of
35 Words to a waiter
37 Receive one's 64-Across shipment?
41 Reward for bravery
44 Devil
45 Battery unit
49 GI's break
50 It has a small charge
53 Doctrine
55 Seating designation
56 Last of a trio of 64-Across units?
59 Lyrical before
60 One using a bypass, maybe
61 Bobby who "thumbed a diesel down," in a 1971 #1 hit
63 Result of a leadoff walk
64 Theme of this puzzle
67 Sailing through
68 Croquet surface
69 Cinq et six
70 Jeweler Lalique
71 Peak near Messina
72 Knocker's target?

DOWN

1 Swiss Guard's station, with "the"
2 Lovingly, in music
3 Standoff
4 Didn't finish on top
5 Humanities maj.
6 Defenseman Bobby with many trophies
7 Mower maker
8 Not easily misled
9 Have a jones for
10 Wet floor?
11 Typical
12 Finished on top
15 Shouldered music source
17 Sushi fish
21 Highlighter tip
24 Research ctr.
25 Move like a monarch
26 Hide-hair link
32 Airport on Flushing Bay, in itineraries
34 Letter after upsilon
36 Sun. speaker
38 Saying "somethin'," say
39 Kuwaiti ruler
40 Church area
41 "I pity the fool" speaker
42 Upgrade
43 Classic A&W restaurant
46 Marjoram kin
47 Actor Lamas-Craig
48 Contacted one's followers, nowadays
51 Kooky
52 Speedometer part
54 Staff note
57 TV exec Arledge
58 Extraordinary
62 Brag
63 Dinghy propeller
65 Possess
66 Some trial evidence

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

S	C	R	U	B		S	L	I	D		S	A	U	L
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Study: Rough play is riskier than heading

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Heading takes the heat in youth soccer, but limiting rough play might be a better way to prevent concussions and other injuries, a nine-year study of U.S. high school games suggests.

More than 1 in 4 concussions studied occurred when players used their heads to hit the ball. But more than half of these heading-related concussions were caused by collisions with another player rather than with the ball. These collisions included head-to-head, elbow-to-head and shoulder-to-head contact, said Dawn Comstock, a University of Colorado public health researcher who led the study.

There have been recent calls to ban or limit heading in youth soccer, particular among players younger than 14, because of concerns about long-term effects of concussions and repeated brain trauma. Women's soccer stars including 1999 World Cup star Brandi Chastain are among supporters of a ban in kids' soccer.

But says Comstock: "If the rules of soccer were simply enforced better, we would actually be more successful in reducing concussion rates."

Rough play has become more common at all levels of soccer, but it violates rules that prohibit most player-to-player contact on the field, she said.

Five things to know about the study, published Monday in the journal JAMA Pediatrics:

The scoop

The researchers looked at 2005-14 nationwide sports-injury data from a nationally representative sample of 100 public and private high schools. The study included older teens and some middle-school aged kids younger than 14 who played at the high school level.

More than 1,000 concussions occurred in boys and girls during soccer games and practices in the study years. Concussions in girls were more common, with a rate of almost 5 per 10,000 games and practices, versus almost 3 per 10,000 for boys.

The plays

Heading was the most common activity during which concussions occurred, followed by defending, general play, goaltending and chasing loose balls.

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LONG-TERM CARE

Eric Risberg /AP

In this photo taken July 6, Kamila Al-Najjar pushes her mother, Joan Groen, down a hallway after getting out of an elevator at her assisted living facility in Santa Rosa, Calif. At right is zAl-Najjar's daughter, Inanna Al-Najjar, 14. Caught between kids and aging parents, a new poll shows the sandwich generation worries more than most Americans their age about how they'll afford their own care as they grow older.

Poll: Sandwich generation worried about own care

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Caught between kids and aging parents, the sandwich generation worries more than most Americans their age about how they'll afford their own care as they grow older, a new poll shows. But most aren't doing much to get ready.

Nearly 1 in 10 people age 40 and over are "sandwiched" — they're supporting a child while providing regular care for an older loved one, according to the poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Another 8 percent might join the ranks of double-caregivers in the next five years, citing declining health of an older relative or close friend.

Dueling responsibilities can make some days feel like a tug-of-war.

"If my mom needs something badly, I get pulled away from my kids a lot," said Kamila Al-Najjar of Santa Rosa, California, a lawyer with two children and self-described health advocate for her mother. She visits her mother's assisted living facility at least twice a week and checks in daily by phone, to oversee a list of illnesses.

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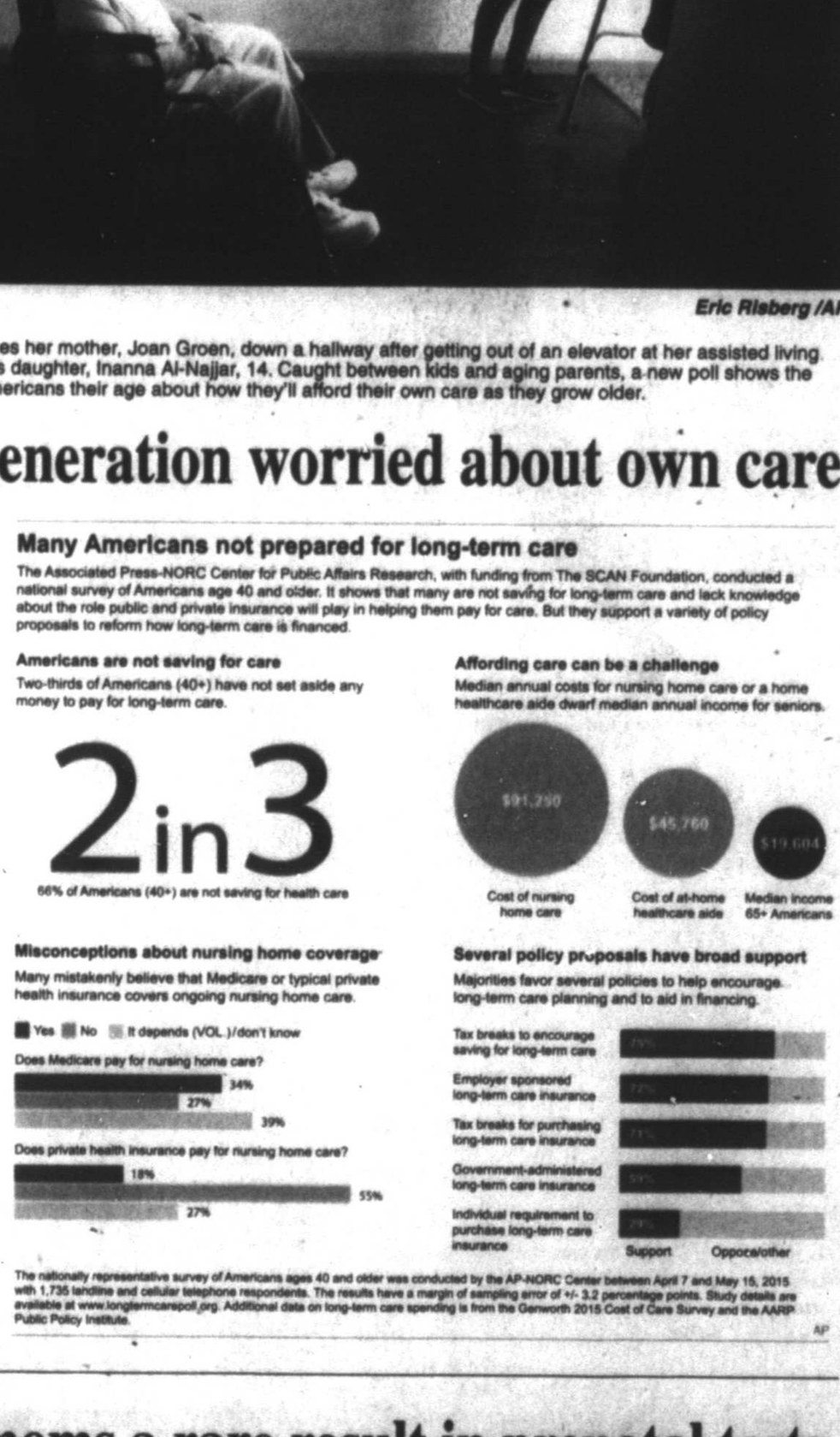

Silent cancer in moms a rare result in prenatal tests

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — For pregnant women, abnormal results from certain prenatal tests may signal that something is wrong with the moms-to-be, not the fetus, a preliminary study suggests.

Very rarely, these results may indicate cancer in in the women when follow-up testing shows the fetus is healthy.

The noninvasive tests are increasingly being used to detect fetal chromosome abnormalities, including Down syndrome. They test pregnant women's blood, which contain small amounts of fetal DNA. But cancer is among conditions that can cause results that mistakenly indicate an abnormality in the fetus, the researchers say. The results are not definitive, although smaller studies have had similar findings.

Some highlights from the research, published online Monday in the Journal of the American Medical Association.

The details

The study involved blood tests from more than 100,000 women, processed over nearly three years by a Redwood City, California, laboratory. Nearly 4,000 women, or about 3 percent, had results suggesting fetal chromosome abnormalities. In 10 cases, the babies turned out to be healthy but the women were later diagnosed with cancer, including lymphoma, leukemia and colon cancer.

The study focused on eight of these women, who were diagnosed within weeks to several months of the test.

Most had prenatal tests suggesting more than one chromosome abnormality in the baby. In three women, cancer was diagnosed during a medical work-up prompted by the prenatal test results. Other cancers were discovered after women developed symptoms. Two women had advanced cases.

The tests

Noninvasive prenatal tests for fetal chromosome abnormalities are increasingly being recommended for women at high risk of having a child with Down syndrome; about 2 million tests have

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Experts urge sparing use of painkillers

By Sabrina Tavernise
N.Y. Times News Service

The Food and Drug Administration warned last week that the risk of heart attack and stroke from widely used painkillers that include Motrin IB, Aleve and Celebrex but not aspirin was greater than it previously had said. But what does that mean for people who take them?

Experts said that the warning reflected the gathering evidence that there was risk even in small amounts of the drug, so-called nonaspirin, nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs, or NSAIDs, and that everyone taking them should use them sparingly for brief periods. Millions of Americans take them.

"One of the underlying messages for this warning has to be there are no completely safe pain relievers, period," said Bruce Lambert, director of the Center for Communication and Health at Northwestern University, who specializes in drug safety communication.

But the broader context is important. The relative risk of heart attack and stroke from the drugs is still far smaller than the risk from smoking, having uncontrolled high blood pressure or being obese. At the same time, use of the drugs by someone with those other habits and conditions could compound the risk.

"The additional risk is relatively small, but it could be the straw that breaks the camel's back for someone already at risk," Lambert said. The evidence that the drugs increase the risk of heart attack, stroke and heart failure "is now extremely solid," he said.

"I don't think we will ever see a study that says, 'Oops, NSAIDs were safe after all,'" he added.

The agency said it would ask drug manufacturers to change the labels to reflect new evidence that the drugs increase the risk of heart attack and stroke soon after patients first started taking them, and that while the risk was higher for people with heart disease, it surfaced even for people who had never had heart problems.

Dr. Peter Wilson, a professor of medicine and public health at Emory University in Atlanta, was a member of an expert panel convened by the FDA last year to sift through new evidence on the drugs, including a meta-analysis of a number of scientific trials, as well as some observational studies. He offered a rule of thumb for the scale of risk based on studies he and others reviewed last year.

The over-the-counter medications, which have the lowest doses, probably increased risk by about 10 percent, he said. Low-dose prescription medications rather likely increased the risk by about 20 percent and higher-level dose prescription medications by about 50 percent, Wilson said. He emphasized that there was significant variability in each estimate. For example, the risk for the over-the-counter drugs might be zero or might be 20 percent.

"There is great concern that people think these drugs are benign, and they are probably not," he said. "The thought is these are good for short-term relief, probably for your younger person with no history of cardiovascular trouble."

People over 65 with a history of heart disease should be especially careful, Wilson said.

Less clear is whether one of the drugs is safer than another, whether there is a safe minimum dose or minimum duration of exposure, or whether some populations might be less vulnerable.

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Trout homers, AL All-Stars beat NL 6-3

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

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CINCINNATI — Mike Trout flashed the skill that puts him at the front of baseball's new generation, just moments after four of the all-time greats had just walked off the field.

Trout became the first player in 38 years to homer leading off an All-Star game, Prince Fielder drove in two runs to show this era is not just about the kids, and AL arms outdueled their more accomplished NL rivals.

A new-look All-Star Game finished with the same old result. The AL beat the NL 6-3 Tuesday night and will open the World Series at home for the 10th time in 13 years.

In an age of dominant pitching, Felix Hernandez, winner David Price, Zach Britton, Dellin Betances and Wade Davis took scoreless turns in the AL's third win a row.

A season after the retirement of Derek Jeter dropped the curtain on the turn-of-century greats, the 23-year-old Trout was among six starting position players under 25 — the most since 1965. He was the MVP of last year's game in Minneapolis, when he hit a tiebreaking triple and later a go-ahead double.

This time Trout sent Zack Greinke's fourth pitch, a 94 mph fastball on the outer half of the plate, over the wall in right next to the visiting bullpen for an opposite-field homer.

Fielder and Lorenzo Cain had run-scoring hits in the fifth against NL MVP Clayton Kershaw that put the AL ahead 3-1.

Manny Machado, at 23 another of the sport's fresh faces, hit a double off the right-field wall against Francisco Rodriguez in the seventh and scored on Fielder's sacrifice fly. And Brian Dozier, the last player added to the game as an injury replacement, hit a solo home run off Mark Melancon in the eighth.

Stars old and young gathered in one of baseball's most traditional towns. The Reds became baseball's first professional team in 1869, and

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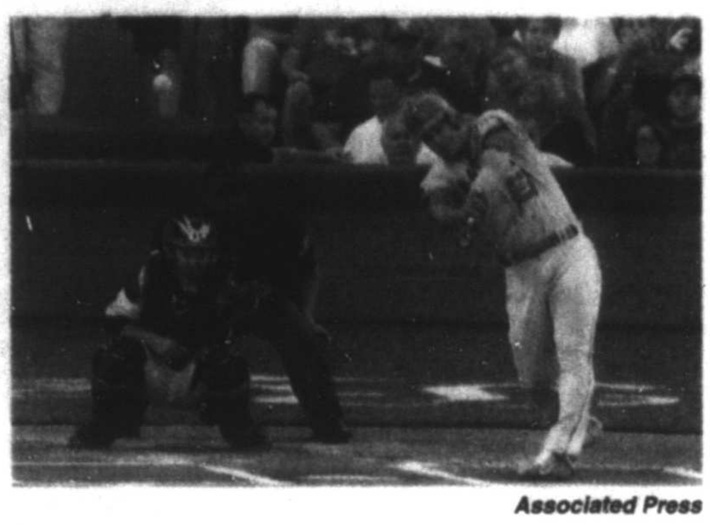

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The American League's Mike Trout, of the Los Angeles Angels, hits a home run during the first inning of the MLB All-Star baseball game, Tuesday in Cincinnati.

OFF TO A GOOD START

Reed looking strong at Women's City Tourney

By Will Korn
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One of the local golfers who is looking strong thus far in the 2015 Midland Women's City Golf Tournament is 14-year-old Rebecca Reed.

After winning the 2014 title and becoming the youngest champion in the tournament's 52-year history, Reed made her first appearance in this year's tournament on Tuesday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Reed defeated 1988 champion Lia Watson by five holes in match play format, winning the match after the 14th hole. Reed, who will be a freshman at Lee this fall, will play in the winners' bracket today.

After Tuesday's round, the tournament's winners' and consolation brackets have been set. All 32 of the tournament's players will be in action in today's second round at Ranchland Hills Golf Club. The losers of each matchup will be eliminated from championship contention. In all, 16 players will advance to Thursday's final round at Midland Country Club.

In search of back-to-back championships -- that would be quite an accomplishment considering the combined playing experience of the tournament's field -- Reed said she feels comfortable with her game after her Tuesday round.

"I think I played pretty well," Reed said. "It wasn't my best scorecard but it wasn't bad at all. I feel pretty good about my game right now but I still need to play well to give myself a chance (for a repeat championship)."

Reed added that she particularly enjoyed her time on the course playing against Watson.

"It was so much fun playing with Lia," Reed said. "She's such a nice lady and she's very welcoming. She's a great person to be around and it was very enjoyable today."

Next up for Reed in today's round is a showdown with Midland High sophomore Faith DeLaGarza, who won her match on Tuesday against Brooke Schlemeyer, 2 and 1.

It's an interesting matchup between Reed and DeLaGarza, which will bring the MHS-Lee rivalry to the friendly confines of the women's tournament. But even without the backdrop of MHS vs. Lee, the matchup figures to be a duel between two of West Texas' top young golfers.

Despite any temptations to view the match as a battle between MHS and Lee, Reed said she is just focusing on her game today. She said the historic rivalry encapsulated by her matchup with DeLaGarza isn't at the forefront of her mind.

"It hasn't really even crossed my mind," Reed said. "I just see it as another round of golf. I have to play well and let the chips fall where

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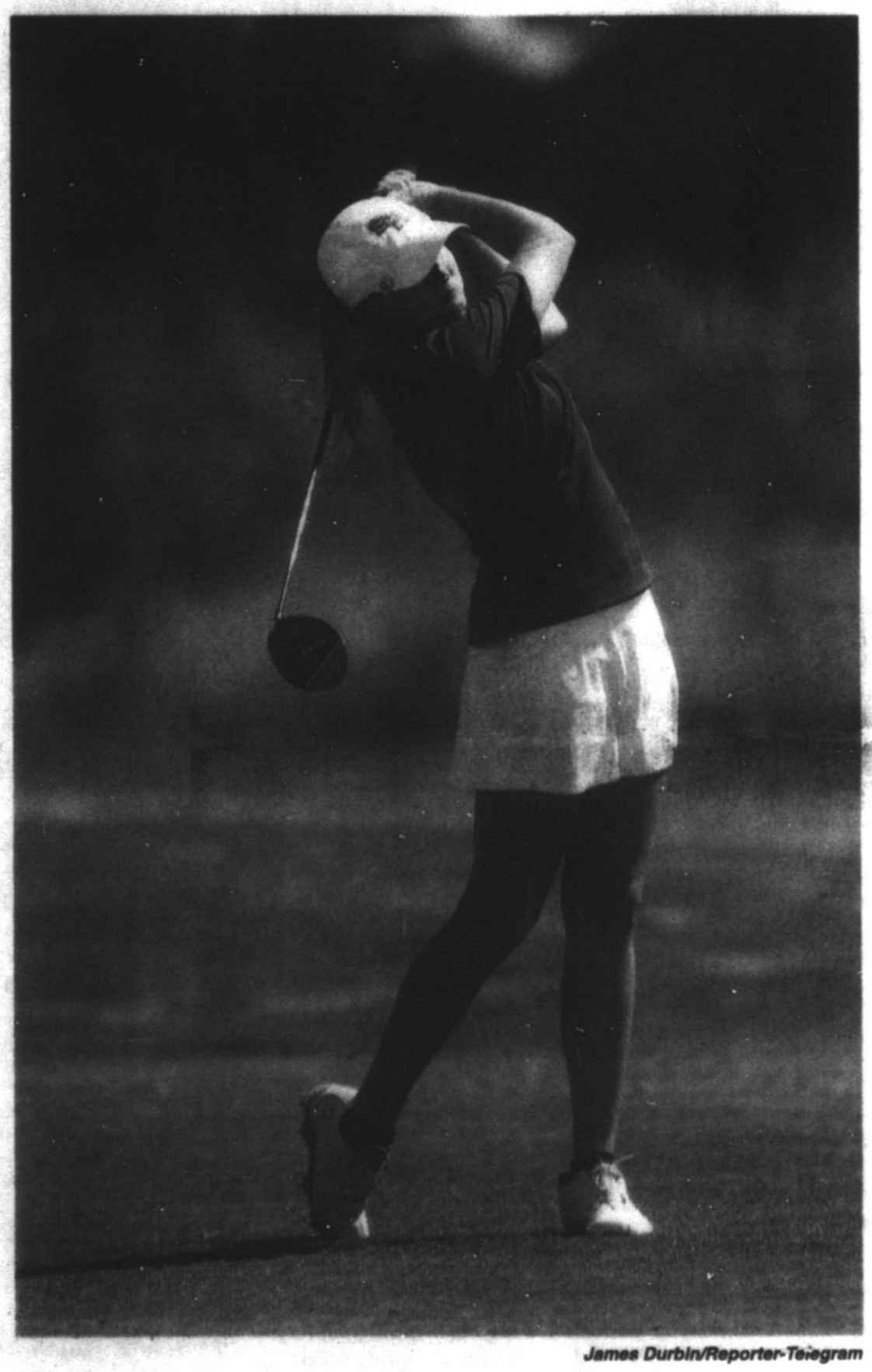

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Andrews High School graduate Sarah Black tees off during the second round of the Midland Women's City Golf Tournament on Tuesday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Klinsmann shakes up US roster for Gold Cup knockout rounds

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Kan. — Jurgen Klinsmann spouted optimism after the United States played Panama to a 1-1 draw to wrap up the group stage of the Gold Cup, reasoning that despite a trio of sluggish performances the Americans had still survived unbeaten.

That didn't stop Klinsmann from shaking up his roster less than 24 hours later.

The coach chose to add DaMarcus Beasley, Joe Corona and Alan Gordon for the knockout rounds, which begin with the quarterfinals Saturday in Baltimore. Taking a seat are Greg Garza, Alfredo Morales and Jozy Altidore, who has been hampered by an ailing hamstring.

Klinsmann

Teams could make up to six roster changes using their 35-player preliminary list.

Altidore started the first two games in the group stage but was substituted out of both. He was left on the bench against Panama on Monday night.

"We believe that Jozy's just not there yet. Jozy never really got into this tournament and never really picked up the rhythm," Klinsmann said in announcing the changes Tuesday. "He's just simply not in the shape right now to help us."

Klinsmann said he knew that Altidore might not be match fit when he selected him for the Gold Cup, and that's why Gordon was on standby from the beginning. The Los Angeles Galaxy striker made his only national team appearance in a 2012 World Cup qualifier against Antigua and Barbuda; while he was on the Gold Cup roster two years ago, he didn't get into a match.

Klinsmann said that the addition of the 33-year-old Beasley will provide leadership and experience. The four-time World Cup veteran captained the U.S. to the Gold Cup title two years ago but had announced his retirement from international competition.

"Having DaMarcus come into the team is huge, because of his character, his giving nature, the spirit he brings, but also the high quality he brings," Klinsmann said. "He brings a lot of experience into this group, and he's hungry. He's still as hungry as Day 1 in his career."

Corona, who scored twice in the Gold Cup two years ago, was added for his experience against teams from the Caribbean and Central America. He also is proficient at maintaining possession, something the Americans have struggled to do.

"In the tournament now we need to produce results and get things done. With Joe, we have that option to bring him in now," Klinsmann said. "With his great technique, with his one-touch passing, he makes things very easy and simple. I think it's a great opportunity to have Joe back, even if it hurts a little bit for Alfredo, but that's just part of the game."

The U.S. finished 2-0-1 atop Group A, though the unblemished run wasn't without stress. The Americans scuffled to a 2-1 victory over Honduras and needed a big play from Clint Dempsey for a 1-0 victory over Haiti.

Still, Klinsmann chose to highlight the quality of the group rather than his own team's shortcomings and insisted the U.S. is trending upward heading into the quarterfinals.

"We can improve still a lot, absolutely," Klinsmann said. "You can take the game apart and see that we didn't have the passing rhythm we needed. We made

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Texas A&M looking for respect post Manziel era

By Brent Zwerneman
Houston Chronicle

HOOVER, Ala. — Texas A&M is back where it started at this time three years ago, months before the masses had heard of Johnny Manziel: Proving itself in the Southeastern Conference.

"We've created an expectation, which I like and our players like," fourth-year A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said on Tuesday, the second of four SEC media days. "From year one, we've been trying to win. I don't see this season as any different than the first season."

Neither does the assembled media which, as it did in A&M's first year in the SEC in 2012, is picking the Aggies last, or next to last, in the West division. A&M, minus the flashy quarterback Manziel for the first time as an SEC member last season, finished 8-5 overall and 3-5 in league play.

"It was a wake-up call for us — that nothing is going to be handed to us," A&M senior center Mike Matthews said Tuesday. "We know we have to put in the work now. We finally understand that, and that's why I'm excited about the upcoming season.

"Last year we put in work, but we kind of went through the motions. We understand this isn't just a joyride. We're in the SEC, and there are a lot of great teams here."

The lowlight of Sumlin's A&M tenure occurred on Oct. 18, a 59-0 loss at Alabama that exposed every weakness in the Aggies' program at that point — weaknesses Sumlin has tried resolving with the hires of defensive coordinator John Chavis and offensive line coach Dave Christensen.

"One of our biggest goals in the offseason was becoming a tougher team mentally and physically," Sumlin said. "We had to make some changes to get that done, schematically but also how we practice and the way we do things."

A&M swiped Chavis, considered one of the nation's top coordinators, from LSU, and Christensen is a former Wyoming head coach and longtime Missouri offensive coordinator. LSU has defeated A&M all three of its seasons in the SEC, with Chavis's defense routinely smothering the Aggies' wide-open offensive attack.

"We get it, we struggled," Sumlin said of his offense facing Chavis's defense. "This is a great fit for us, and a great fit for him. He was ready for a new challenge, and we were in the market."

A year ago A&M looked every bit a

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'HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
NW Arkansas 5, Midland 2

TODAY'S GAME
San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

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RECORDS
Midland 11-7,
San Antonio 8-10

Sunday	Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 2 NW Arkansas 0	NW Arkansas 5 Midland 2	No game scheduled	San Antonio at Midland	San Antonio at Midland

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AWARDS
2015 ESPY's, 7 P.M., ABC

CAPE COD LEAGLE
Hyannis at Bourne, 5 p.m., FCSA

COLLEGE BASEBALL
California Collegiate League All-Star Game, 9 p.m., FSSW

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
SEC Media Days, 9 a.m., SEC
SEC Media Days, Noon, ESPNU/SEC

CYCLING
Tour de France, Stage 11: Pau to Cauterets, 7 a.m., NBCSN

GOLF
Champion Golfers Challenge, 10 a.m., ESPN2
Open Championship, 1st Round, 3 a.m., ESPN

MEN'S SOCCER
CONCACAF Gold Cup: Cuba vs Guatemala, 5 p.m., FS2/UniMas/UDN
CONCACAF Gold Cup: Mexico vs Trinidad & Tobago, 7:30 p.m., FS2/UniMas/UDN
Copa Libertadores: SC Internacional vs Tigres UANL, 7:30 p.m., FOXDEP

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
AAA All-Star Game, 7 p.m., MLB

MIXED MARTIAL ARTS
UFC: Mir vs Duffee, Prelims, 7 p.m., FS1
UFC: Mir vs Duffee, 9 p.m., FS1

NBA SUMMER LEAGUE
LV Gm 38, 3:30 p.m., NBAtv
LV Gm 40, 5:30 p.m., NBAtv
LV Gm 42, 7:30 p.m., NBAtv
LV Gm 44, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

PAN AMERICAN GAMES
Beach Volleyball, Swimming, Gymnastics, Wrestling, 9 a.m., ESPNDEP
Swimming, 4 p.m., LHN
Beach Volleyball, Gymnastics, Swimming, Track & Field, Women's Basketball, Women's Soccer, 7 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP
Track & Field, 8 p.m, LHN
Swimming, 10 p.m., LHN

TENNIS
WTA: Bucharest Grand Prix, Day 3, 7 a.m., beIN
WTA: Swedish Open, 11 a.m., TENNIS

TRACK AND FIELD
EAA Premium Meeting, 1 p.m., beIN/beIN2

WNBA
San Antonio at New York, 10 a.m., NBAtv

ON RADIO

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
San Antonio at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

WHAT'S ON DECK

Midland Women's City Golf Tournament, Hogan Park Golf Course

LOCAL SPORTS

SIKES FINISHES 4TH IN FORT WORTH

FORT WORTH — Greg Sikes, head golf pro at Hogan Park Golf Course, finished in a tie for fourth in the Northern Texas PGA TelePacific Communications Western Championship held at Mira Vista Country Club on Tuesday.

Sikes shot a two-round 67-72—139 total, which was six strokes back of winner Greg Gregory, of Hidden Creek Golf Course. Sikes took home $1,416.67 for his finish.

Stuart Hendley, an assistant pro at Green Tree Country Club, was seventh with a 70-70—140 total and took home $1,100.

Jeremy Langdale, head golf pro at Ranchland Hills Golf Club was tied for 36th with a 74-74—148 total; Lee Rhind, assistant pro at Midland Country Club was tied for 47th with a 77-73—150; Steven Young, also an assistant pro at Midland CC, tied for 62nd with 77-76—153; and Jeremy Davis, an assistant pro at Ranchland Hills, tied for 82nd with 84-78—162.

The 116-player field was comprised of golf professionals from the Northern Texas Section of the PGA of America and competed for an overall purse of $36,600.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BOSTON RED SOX — Signed RHP Travis Lakins and SS Yomar Valentin to minor league contracts.

American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released RHP David Crnic.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed C Juan Medina. Released LHP Gabe Aguilar.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released OF Byron Wiley and RHP Travis Stout.
WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released LHP Bo Logan.

Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed C Dan Coury. Released C Greg DePalma.
SUGAR LAND SKEETERS — Signing RHP Tim Stauffer and 1B Allan Dykstra.

Can-Am League
SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed INF Sergio Miranda.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
BOSTON CELTICS — Acquired F Perry Jones III, a 2019 second-round draft pick and cash from Oklahoma City for a conditional second-round draft pick.
CHICAGO BULLS — Signed G-F Mike Dunleavy and G Aaron Brooks.
DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed G Deron Williams to a two-year contract.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Signed F Nemanja Bjelica.
ORLANDO MAGIC — Re-signed F Tobias Harris. Signed C Jason Smith. Traded F Maurice Harkless to Portland for a conditional second-round draft pick.
SACRAMENTO KINGS — Signed F Omri Casspi to a two-year contract and F Luc Mbah a Moute.
UTAH JAZZ — Signed C Tibor Pleiss to a multiyear contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Placed offensive line coach Aaron Kromer on paid administrative leave after he was arrested over the weekend and charged with battery that caused bodily harm.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Agreed to terms with F Michael Bournival on a one-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Re-signed D Eric Gelinas to a two-year contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with Fs Oscar Lindberg and Emerson Etem.
ECHL
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with D Daniel Johnston.
READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Ian Watters.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer
NEW YORK CITY FC — Signed D Jefferson Mena.
TORONTO FC — Announced the retirement of D Steven Caldwell to become director of corporate development with Maple Leaf Sports & Entertainment.

COLLEGE
BETHUNE-COOKMAN — Named Chrys Cornelius men's assistant basketball coach.
FLORIDA GULF COAST — Named Tom Abatemarco and Serique Carey men's assistant basketball coaches.
GEORGE WASHINGTON — Promoted Jillian Beach director of basketball operations.
LIPSCOMB — Announced the resignation of associate athletic director for spiritual formation Brent High.
MEMPHIS — Granted men's basketball F Austin Nichols his release, making eligible to transfer.
MIAMI — Named Sarah Smoak women's basketball director of video operations.
NORTH CAROLINA — Named Sylvia Crawley women's assistant basketball coach.
RIO GRANDE Announced the resignation of softball coach Amber Bowman.
UC DAVIS — Named Cristina Byrne assistant softball coach.

LOCAL SPORTS NEWS

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ODESSA

Jackalopes' 2015-16 schedule released

The Odessa Jackalopes of the North American Hockey League, have released their 2015-16 schedule.

The 2015-16 season marks the 19th year of hockey in the Permian Basin and the fifth year in which the Jacks have been part of the NAHL. Odessa opens the season on the road Sept. 12 at the Amarillo Civic Center against the Amarillo Bulls before heading to the NAHL Showcase on Sept. 23-26 in Blaine, Minnesota. The Jacks wrap up the opening road trip at Wichita Falls on Oct. 3, before beginning the first home stand of the season at Ector County Coliseum against the Topeka Road-Runners on Oct. 9.

The NAHL is comprised of 22 teams representing four different divisions, the Central, East, Midwest and South.This is the fifth year in which the regular season teams play a 60-game schedule. The Jacks will play 28 games at Ector County Coliseum this season, with 16 being played in the first half and 12 in the second half.

The Jackalopes will face all five Southern Division teams (Amarillo, Corpus Christi, Lone Star, Topeka and Wichita) at least 10 times this season, including a season-high 14 times against the defending South Division champions, the Lone Star Brahmas. All 14 games against Lonestar this season come after the holiday break. After beginning the season on the road for the first six games, the Jackalopes will be home for the next 16 of 24.The Jacks travel just once in the month of October when they face the Wichita Falls Wildcats on the 16th and 17th. Odessa then hosts the Bulls for three games to wrap up the month of October before taking nearly a three-week break from Oct. 25 to Nov. 13 when they host the Corpus Christi IceRays.

In December, Odessa welcomes back both IceRays and Roadrunners for back-to-back two-game series at Ector County Coliseum before a 16-day holiday break. The Jackalopes wrap-up 2015 with two more games at Corpus Christi, against the IceRays on Dec. 29 and 30.

January starts and finishes at home against Lonestar, but includes asevengame road trip in between against the Roadrunners and Bulls. In February, Odessa faces all four Texas teams, including beginning the month at home against the Wichita Falls Wildcats. March and April are split evenly, with the Jacks playing seven games on the road and seven at Ector County Coliseum.

Odessa wraps up the 2015-16 season at home against the Amarillo Bulls on April 9.

With the release of the 2015-16 schedule, the Jackalopes attention steers toward filling out its roster. Main camp will be held in Chicago from July 31-Aug 2.

To reserve seats, contact the Jackalopes' ticket office today at 432-552-7825 or go to www.jackalopes.org for more information.

RockHounds announce roster moves

The Midland RockHounds have announced that outfielder Josh Whitaker has been sent to the disabled list, while infielders Matt Olson and Renato Nunez have been activated from the temporary inactive list.

Whitaker's move to the DL is retroactive to July 9.

Olson and Nunez participated in the All-Star Futures Game over the weekend in Cincinnati. Olson was 1-for-2 with the run scored in the 10-1 victory by the U.S. team, while Nunez was 0-for-2 playing for the World Team.

After a day off in the Texas League, the RockHounds return to Security Bank Ballpark at 6:30 p.m. today to begin a four-game series with the San Antonio Missons.

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they may."

NOTABLES: Erica Frazier, who just graduated from MHS and will play at Western Texas College next year, won her Tuesday matchup against Beth Brimer, 5 and 4. Frazier, the No. 2 seed on the first flight, will tee off against No. 3 seed Lacy Gasser at 9:12 a.m.

Meanwhile former Andrews standout Sarah Black, who will be a sophomore on Sam Houston State's golf team next season, was victorious in her matchup against Megan Hall. Black won with a two-hole lead after the 17th hole.

Black, the No. 3 seed on the championship flight, will tee off against Danica Weddle, three-time champion and the No. 2 seed on the championship flight, at 8:08 a.m today.

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2015 MIDLAND WOMEN'S CITY GOLF TOURNAMENT
Tuesday's first round results
Hogan Park Golf Course
Championship Flight

(1) Rebecca Reed def. (8) Lia Watson, 5 and 4
(4) Faith DeLaGarza def. (5) Brooke Schlemeyer, 2 and 1
(2) Danica Weddle def. (7) Trina Albright, 5 and 4
(3) Sarah Black def. (6) Megan Hall, 2 and 1

First Flight

(1) Paula Betts def. (8) Lori Carrasco, 6 and 6 (4) Debbie Peden def. (5) Sarah Landa, 5 and 3
(2) Erica Frazier def. (7) Beth Brimer, 5 and 4
(3) Lacy Gasser def. (6) Melissa Peterson, 8 and 7

Second Flight

(1) Bobbi Bowling def. (8) Mary Jane Belden, Belden forfeit
(4) Merlyn Westbrooks def. (5) Janet Carlisle, 3 and 2
(2) Abby Jimenez def. (7) Eve Parmelly, 2 and 1
(6) Kathy Cowan def. (3) Molla Maylubby, 6 and 5

Third Flight

(1) Lydia Thomson def. (8) Ginny Piette, 6 and 5
(4) Kathy Thompson def. (5) Parisa Murphy, 1 up
(2) Emily Goodfellow def. (7) Donna Eggemeyer, 1 up
(3) Joan Bohannon, def. (6) Terry Manney, 2 and 1

Today's second round pairings and tee times
Ranchland Hills Golf Club
Winners' Bracket
Championship Flight

(1) Rebecca Reed vs. (4) Faith DeLaGarza, 8 a.m.
(2) Danica Weddle vs. (3) Sarah Black, 8:08 a.m.

First Flight

(1) Paula Betts vs. (4) Debbie Peden, 9:04 a.m.
(2) Erica Frazier vs. (3) Lacy Gasser, 9:12 a.m.

Second Flight

(1) Bobbi Bowling vs. (4) Merlyn Westbrook, 8:32 a.m.
(2) Abby Jimenez vs. (6) Kathy Cowan, 8:40 a.m.

Third Flight

(1) Lydia Thomson vs. (4) Kathy Thompson, 9:36 a.m.
(2) Emily Goodfellow vs. (3) Joan Bohannon, 9:44 a.m.

Consolation Bracket
Championship Flight

(5) Brooke Schlemeyer vs. (8) Lia Watson, 8:16 a.m.
(6) Megan Hall vs. (7) Trina Albright, 8:24 a.m.

First Flight

(5) Sarah Landa vs. (8) Lori Carrasco, 9:20 a.m.
(6) Melissa Peterson vs. (7) Beth Brimer, 9:28 a.m.

Second Flight

(5) Janet Carlisle vs. (8) Mary Jane Belden, 8:48 a.m.
(3) Molla Maylubby vs. (7) Eve Parmelly, 8:56 a.m.

Third Flight

(5) Parisa Murphy vs. (8) Ginny Piette, 9:52 a.m.
(6) Terry Manney vs. (7) Donna Eggemeyer, 10 a.m.

TEXAS A&M

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national contender early, even minus Manziel, after winning at South Carolina 52-28 in the opener.

"Texas A&M had a field day on us that first game last year," Gamecocks coach Steve Spurrier said Tuesday.

But the play of starting quarterback Kenny Hill, who's since transferred to TCU, tailed off midway through the season, and then-freshman Kyle Allen started the final five games. Allen earned Liberty Bowl most valuable player honors after leading the Aggies to a 45-37 comeback victory over West Virginia, and is the starter headed into camp, which opens Aug. 9.

He'll receive plenty of competition from freshman Kyler Murray, however, who led Allen High to a 43-0 record and three state titles over the past three years.

"Those guys aren't going to back down from each other," Sumlin said, "and that's going to help make us a better football team."

Two years ago at media days, Manziel was all the rage after winning the 2012 Heisman Trophy and leading A&M to an 11-2 record (albeit a third-place finish in the SEC West). The Aggies finished 9-4 in 2013, however, thanks primarily to a faulty defense, and regressed once again last year with Manziel having moved on to the Cleveland Browns.

A&M finished fourth in the West in 2013 and sixth last year, only in front of Arkansas. That's why observers believe A&M must prove itself all over again in the SEC - and the Aggies vow they're bent on doing so.

"Mike Matthews says it all the time, 'We have just as much talent as any 11-2 team,'" A&M defensive lineman Julien Obioha said.

Matthews explained, "We've got a lot more depth now. (Young) guys were playing more than they should have been playing. With our depth now, it allows you to get fresh guys out there to keep playing hard."

The Aggies open their season on Sept. 5 against Arizona State in NRG Stadium in the Texas Kickoff, a sturdy test from the start against what should be a top 20 program in the Sun Devils, 10-3 last year.

GOLD CUP

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mistakes. But we know we're growing game to game and that's what this is all about."

Not everyone shared such robust optimism, though.

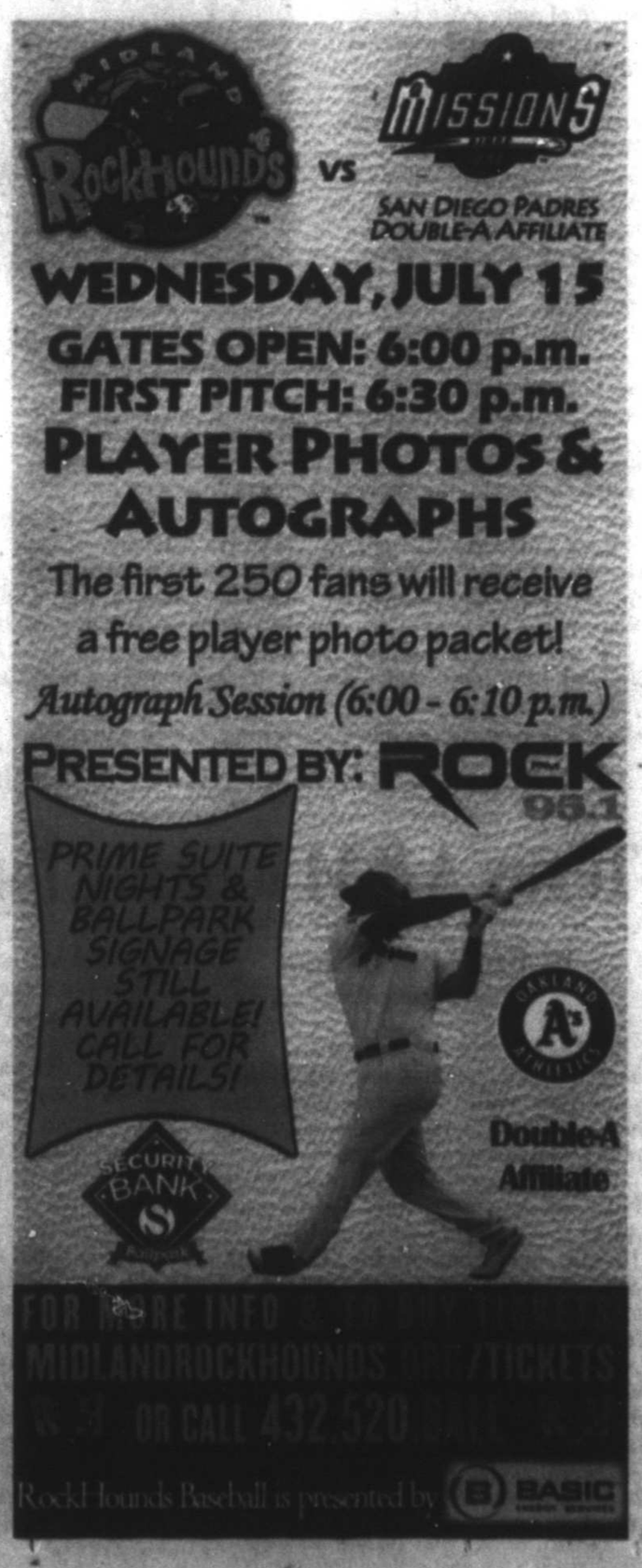
"We're not going to kid ourselves. We need to put together a 90-minute performance," said goalkeeper Brad Guzan. "Now going forward it's about wins. It's about grinding, find a way."

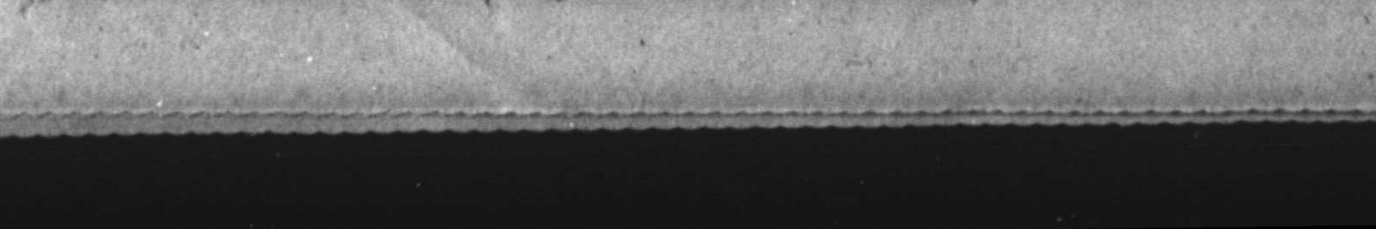
Dempsey, who has scored three of the Americans' four goals, had a rather simple explanation for the string of lackluster performances: "Teams just play hard against us."

"We're trying to get everyone together," Dempsey explained. "I think the most important thing is to be hitting your stride now, when it starts to matter."

By that, he means the knockout stage, in which the Americans are still the heavy favorites to win the tournament.

"There's no real preparation for the Gold Cup, so it's difficult to be in a flow," Klinsmann said. "New being together for more than two weeks, hopefully we can get more and more into that phase where we combine better, we're shifting better and doing certain things better that only come with time."





Associated Press

Pete Rose, Joe Morgan, Barry Larkin and Johnny Bench throw out ceremonial first pitches before the MLB All-Star baseball game, Tuesday in Cincinnati.

Rose, 3 other Reds honored on the field before All-Star Game

By Joe Kay
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Pete Rose came home for the All-Star Game and made a rare on-field appearance in the place where he's still treated like a king.

The hits king was voted one of Cincinnati's Franchise Four players as part of a Major League Baseball promotion. Rose and Hall of Famers Johnny Bench, Barry Larkin and Joe Morgan were introduced on the field at Great American Ball Park before the All-Star Game on Tuesday night.

The 74-year-old Rose was last out of the AL dugout. Fans started chanting "Pete! Pete!" when they saw him reach the top step, wearing a red jacket and tie.

He always gets a good reception in his hometown. This one was a bit more subdued than usual — home run derby champion Todd Frazier got a more raucous cheer, and the boos for Cardinals catcher Yadier Molina were louder, as well.

Even so, Rose acknowledged it was emotional.

"The only bad thing about being out there: I didn't get no at-bats," Rose told reporters afterward. "I wish I had gotten a couple of at-bats. The fans were wonderful.

"I've been going through this love affair for 30 years. The fans are great."

What's next for Rose? He still has no idea.

Rose was banned for betting on baseball in 1989 and has a longstanding application for reinstatement pending. Commissioner Rob Manfred said on Tuesday that he hasn't yet scheduled a meeting with Rose to discuss it.

Manfred, who replaced Bud Selig in January, said he's reviewing material developed in the various investigations of Rose's gambling.

"I frankly was surprised at how much material there was to be reviewed," Manfred said. "We're taking a fresh look at all of that. I remain committed to the idea that Mr. Rose deserves an opportunity to tell me in whatever format he feels most comfortable, whatever he wants me to know about the issues. And I'm sure there will be an in-person meeting."

Rose got to meet Manfred for the first time as he waited to go on the field.

"I've never talked about a guy so much I've never met," Rose said.

Rose also has talked to Tony Clark, head of the players' union, even though it has no role in his case. Clark said on Tuesday that the whole situation is disappointing.

"Just disheartened that the hit king finds himself in a place where every time you say his name, it's tied to gambling and the challenges or the situation that has dictated the 25, 26 years away from the game," Clark said.

Rose is in his first season as a Fox Sports analyst. He also makes frequent public appearances, keeping a high profile during his exile from the game.

It's led to a lot of choose-your-words-carefully moments in Cincinnati this week. Various baseball figures, including NL manager Bruce Bochy, were diplomatic when asked their thoughts about Rose's appearance in his hometown.

Last week, former major league pitcher Curt Schilling expressed disappointment over how Rose seems to overshadow some of baseball's biggest moments.

ALL-STARS

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players wore caps with horizontal stripes in an attempt at a 19th century feel.

Pete Rose, Cincinnati's hometown hero and baseball's banned career hits leader, was given an 80-second ovation when he walked onto the field before the game to join Johnny Bench, Joe Morgan and Barry Larkin, elected by fans as the Reds' greatest players. Wearing a red jacket and tie and walking stiffly, the now 74-year-old Charlie Hustle was applauded as soon as his image appeared on the video boards, even before he emerged from the AL dugout.

And in the first All-Star Game at Great American Ballpark, which opened in 2003, fans got to see some great ballplayers.

Bench, changed into a blue jacket, returned with Hank Aaron, Willie Mays and Sandy Koufax, voted baseball's great living players by fans as part of the promotion. In a sentimental yet stunning reminder of generational change, Aaron, 81, and Morgan, 71, needed canes to reach the infield, and Mays, 84, was aided on and off the field by an assistant.

Above the field, new Commissioner Rob Manfred watched from a luxury suite, the first All-Star Game not presided over by Bud Selig since 1992.

Many players of the new generation love bling in a manner that puzzles Hall of Famers: Posey wore a gold-colored helmet behind the plate, looking a bit like the Great Gazoo or a Praetorian Guard, accessorizing with a chest protector, shin guards and cleats all with gold-colored trim. Baltimore's Adam Jones was shod in bright orange cleats, and Kansas City's Lorenzo Cain and Washington's Bryce Harper donned golden spikes.

Trout, a Generation Y star with a baby boomer work ethic, completed a unique cycle on a clear evening that followed a heavy afternoon downpour. He singled in his All-Star debut in 2012, doubled to open 2013 game and tripled in the first inning last year. He was just the ninth player to hit for an All-Star cycle in his entire career, joining an illustrious list that includes Hall of Famers Ted Williams, Roberto Clemente, Ernie Banks, George Brett, Mike Schmidt and Mays. Fielder later became the 10th.

TUESDAY'S BOX SCORE
ALL-STARS 6, NL ALL-STARS 3

AL	ab	r	h	bi	NL	ab	r	h	bi
Trout cf	3	2	1	1	McCtch cf	3	1	1	1
B.Holt pr-lf	1	1	0	0	Pollock cf	1	0	0	0
Dnldsn 3b	0	0	0	0	Frazier 3b	3	0	0	0
MMchd ph-3b	2	1	1	1	Arenad 3b	1	0	0	0
Moslks ph-3b	1	0	0	0	Harper rf	3	0	0	0
Pujols 1b	2	1	0	0	Upton rf	1	0	1	0
Teixeir 1b	2	0	0	0	Gldsch 1b	3	1	1	0
N.Cruz dh	2	0	0	0	ADrutz 1b	1	0	0	0
Fielder ph-dh	1	0	1	2	Posey c	2	0	0	0
L.Cain rf	3	0	2	1	Molina c	1	0	1	0
JMrtnz rf	1	0	0	0	Grandl ph-c	1	0	0	0
A.Jones lf	2	0	0	0	Rizzo dh	2	0	0	0
Gardnr ph-lf-cf	2	0	0	0	Thetzk ph-dh	1	0	0	0
S.Perez c	2	0	0	0	Braun ph	1	1	1	0
Vogt c	1	0	0	0	JRynld ss	1	0	1	1
RuMrtn ph-c	1	0	0	0	BCrwfrd pr-ss	1	0	0	1
Altuve 2b	2	0	0	0	Pedrsn lf	2	0	0	0
Kipnis 2b	1	0	0	0	Bryant lf	1	0	0	0
Dozier ph-2b	1	1	1	1	LeMahi 2b	2	0	0	0
AEscor ss	2	0	1	0	Panik 2b	2	0	0	0
Jglesis ph-ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	34	6	7	6	Totals	33	3	6	3

AL.....100 020 210—6
NL.....010 001 001—3

E—Britton, Donaldson. LOB—AL 6, NL 6. 2B—M.Machado, L.Cain, 3B—Braun. HR—Trout, Dozier, McCutchen. SB—B.Holt, Upton. SF—Fielder, B.Crawford.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
AL						
Keuchel	2	2	1	0	0	1
F.Hernandez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Price W	1	0	0	0	0	2
Archer	1 1-3	1	1	1	1	1
Britton	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Betances	1	0	0	0	1	1
W.Davis	1	1	0	0	0	2
Perkins	1	1	1	1	0	0
NL						
Greinke	2	1	1	1	1	4
G.Cole	1	0	0	0	1	1
Bumgarner	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kershaw L	1	3	2	2	1	1
deGrom	1	0	0	0	0	3
Fr.Rodriguez	1	1	2	2	1	0
Melancon	1	1	1	1	0	2
A.Chapman	1	0	0	0	0	3

WP—Kauchel, Bumgarner.
T—3:02. A—43,656 (42,319).

Manfred says no MLB-wide fan safety changes likely until '16

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

CINCINNATI — Major League Baseball is likely to wait until next season before making any changes to improve fan safety.

A fan at Fenway Park was hospitalized after she was hit by a broken bat while sitting along the third-base line on June 5. MLB is studying whether netting should be expanded.

"I don't like to be reactive. Obviously, we had a very serious injury. It concerns us," Commissioner Rob Manfred said Tuesday during a meeting with the Baseball Writers' Association of America. "But making a major change in the game in a reactive mode I believe is a mistake. I think the most likely course for us is that the evaluation will continue this season and whatever change, if we decide to make one, will be something that will be a new regulation applicable to the clubs for next year."

Teams may increase safety netting on their own.

"We set minimum standards," Manfred said. "Obviously the clubs remain free to do what they want to do in their own ballparks."

An Oakland Athletics season ticket-holder sued MLB in federal court in California this week, asking that safety netting be installed for the entire length of the foul lines.

Players' association head Tony Clark said the union could be part of fan safety discussions.

"Obviously, you want everyone who comes to the ballpark to be safe and enjoy the ballpark, and we believe there are some opportunities to address some of those issues to provide that kind of safety support here moving forward," he said. "It is definitely a topic that players will want to engage in, have engaged in, are looking forward to engaging in going forward."

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	48	40	.545	—
Tampa Bay	46	43	.517	3½
Baltimore	44	44	.500	5
Toronto	45	46	.495	6½
Boston	42	47	.472	8½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	52	34	.605	—
Minnesota	49	40	.551	4½
Detroit	44	44	.500	9
Cleveland	42	46	.477	11
Chicago	41	45	.477	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	48	40	.545	—
Houston	49	42	.538	½
Texas	42	46	.477	6
Seattle	41	48	.461	7½
Oakland	41	50	.451	8½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	48	39	.552	—
New York	47	42	.528	2
Atlanta	42	47	.472	7
Miami	39	51	.427	11
Philadelphia	29	62	.319	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	56	33	.629	—
Pittsburgh	53	35	.602	2½
Chicago	47	40	.540	8
Cincinnati	39	47	.453	15½
Milwaukee	39	52	.429	18½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	39	.567	—
San Francisco	46	43	.517	4½
Arizona	42	45	.483	7½
San Diego	41	49	.456	10
Colorado	39	49	.443	11

Today's Games
No games scheduled

Thursday's Games
No games scheduled

Midland Northern Little League teams advance to Section 1 Championship

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Midland Northern Little League 9-10 year-old and 11-12 year old teams have advanced to the Section 1 Championship game today on the South Field at Southwest Little League.

In the 9-10 year old sectional tournament, Northern defeated Idalou (11-0), Pecos (12-0) and Lubbock Cooper (16-3) to advanced to today's 7 p.m. title game against the winner of the Lubbock Cooper-Pecos game.

At the 11-12 year old sectional tournament, Northern split its first two games, losing to Lubbock Southwest (3-2) before beating Wellington (17-1).

Northern survived elimination with an 11-6 victory over Lubbock Southwest and will also play in the championship.

Northern will play Pecos at 8 p.m. today and will have to beat Pecos twice in order to win the Section 1 title and advance to the state championship.

After two innings the game was tied at 3, but Northern took the lead for good with two runs in the fourth inning for a 5-3 lead.

In the top of the sixth Northern started off with a double from Charlie Gonzales and a home run by Hayden Westenberg. That was followed by singles from Gage Jordan and Rhett Clark and a walk by Tripp Pennington to load the bases. Case Thompson came in and put the exclamation mark with a grand slam for an 11-3 lead heading to the bottom of the sixth.

Southwest made it interesting in the bottom of the sixth scoring three, but it was too little too late to overcome Northern's big sixth inning.

Silver: Playoff changes likely in NBA, moratorium now mulled

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Changes to the NBA playoffs are almost certainly coming.

Changes to the league's much-discussed moratorium and Hack-a-Shaq aren't, at least not now.

After meeting with the league's Board of Governors on those and other topics Tuesday, NBA Commissioner Adam Silver said that — as expected — the league is leaning toward eliminating any protection for division winners in playoff seeding going forward and instead placing the eight teams on the Eastern and Western Conference brackets based solely by record.

There was no vote Tuesday, though one is expected soon.

"It's my expectation that that change will be adopted before the beginning of this coming season," Silver said.

It seems like an easy fix. The moratorium issue, that one is stumping everyone.

The league has an annual window starting July 1 where deals can be agreed to, but not finalized while the salary numbers and other financial matters for the coming year are being crunched. And it got tons of attention this year when DeAndre Jordan committed to the Dallas Mavericks, then changed his mind and stayed with the Los Angeles Clippers.

Jordan broke no rules; his commitment was nonbinding.

"I'm not sure it was his proudest moment either," Silver said.

Changing the moratorium was discussed, and Silver said no one had a good solution. Some ideas bandied about in recent days include having a memo of understanding that could be executed to essentially lock in the commitment while the budgets for the new league year are still being worked out, or simply shortening the moratorium.

Stoudemire says he's feeling great, ready to join Heat

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Amare Stoudemire got recruited by the Miami Heat in 2010.

It's paying off, five years later.

One of the reasons why Stoudemire and the Heat struck a deal this summer was because of what was said when Miami was the first team to visit him during the wild free-agent summer five years ago. Both sides went in opposite directions then, but are finally together now after Stoudemire signed a one-year contract.

Stoudemire, the six-time All-Star who will be asked to play power forward and center in Miami, had to do a bit of recruiting this time around. He passed a physical, then passed an interview with Heat President Pat Riley — and said all the right things for this deal to get done.

"I didn't really say much about what I want as a basketball player, as far as playing time or my position on the court," Stoudemire said in a teleconference on Tuesday.

It's an evolving style of play.

Stoudemire can still score — he had a 26-point game last season and averaged 11.5 points in only 21 minutes. For his career, he's averaged 19.8 points in 794 games over 13 seasons. But he turns 33 in November and has had bad knee issues in the past, so there may be some obvious questions about how large a workload he can actually handle.

"I feel great," Stoudemire said.

The Heat, with Chris Bosh and Hassan Whiteside, probably won't ask Stoudemire to start much. Stoudemire might end up filling the role held in recent years by Chris Andersen — who might be traded in a salary and tax-shedding move. Or if Miami finds a way to keep all four of those close-to-7-footers, it could have a big-man rotation unlike perhaps any in the league.

Odds are something odd will happen to Jordan Spieth

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Something has to go wrong for Jordan Spieth at the British Open because it always does.

That was the case for Arnold Palmer when he was on the wrong end of history at St. Andrews in 1960. And for Jack Nicklaus, who could only wish he had packed his own pillow along with his golf clubs on the way to Muirfield in 1972. And for Tiger Woods, whose fiercest opponent in 2002 turned out to be Mother Nature.

Even the greatest players in pursuit of a Grand Slam need more than sheer talent.

"You need luck," Ernie Els said Tuesday. "You need bad luck from other people to go your way, and you need your own luck to go your way."

Even though Spieth is the odds-on favorite this week at St. Andrews, odds are against him as he goes after the third leg of the Grand Slam. The first indicator is that no one has ever done this since Palmer came up with the concept of a modern Grand Slam in 1960.

And the three players who tried happen to be the three biggest names in golf over the last half-century.

But it's more than a ball that bounces left into a pot bunker instead of right onto the green, or a putt that lips out instead of lips in.

The mystique of the "Arnie charge" came to life in 1960 when he became the first player to birdie the last two holes to win the Masters by one shot, and then famously rallied from a seven-shot deficit in the final round of the U.S. Open at Cherry Hills when he drove the first green and closed with a 65.

And he was headed that direction at St. Andrews.

Palmer started slowly with rounds of 70-71 and trailed Roberto de Vicenzo by seven shots going into the 36-hole final on Friday. A 70 in the morning pulled him within four shots, but Palmer had momentum on his side and was convinced he was going to win the claret jug.

And then it started to rain, which certainly is not unusual in Scotland and is never enough to keep from playing.

Except this time.

The final round was washed out until Saturday, and Palmer felt he lost his advantage. He still thinks the rainout cost him the Open — and a shot at the Grand Slam — and he was particularly clear on his point during an interview with Ian O'Connor for the book, "Arnie & Jack." O'Connor never even had a chance to finish the question.

"Yes! The answer to your question is, 'Yes.' You don't think I know what the question is, do you?" Palmer told him. "I was looking out the window of the Russacks Hotel and I saw the rain coming, and my wife and father were there with me and I said, 'Don't worry, They never stop the Open. They will play.'

"I was never thinking they were going to stop it, and they did," he said. "And that was the end of the story."

Kel Nagle won by one shot.

Nicklaus might have been the most overwhelming favorite ever in a Grand Slam bid. He never trailed after any round in winning the Masters and U.S. Open, and the British Open was at Muirfield in 1972, where Nicklaus had won his first claret jug six years earlier.

But the Golden Bear woke up Monday with a stiff neck, which restricted his swing. He went around Muirfield with caution and did well enough to keep within a shot of Tony Jacklin and Lee Trevino until Trevino pulled away in the third round and built a five-shot lead. The neck finally loosened up for Nicklaus in the final round, and he fired off a 66 that wound up one stroke short of Trevino.

Nicklaus wrote in his 1997 autobiography, "The frustration and disappointment were more intense than I care to remember, even now, a quarter of a century later."

A year later, he began taking his own pillow on the road.

Fowler heads into Open still seeking a truly signature win

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Rickie Fowler is more than just a brand.

He showed that a year ago with top-five finishes at all four majors. He shook off the label of underachiever with a dazzling victory at The Players Championship. Then, just last weekend, he ripped up the links to win the Scottish Open.

No wonder Fowler keeps getting thrown into the mix when people discuss the budding rivalry between Jordan Spieth and Rory McIlroy.

"We've already got the big two," said no less an authority than Nick Faldo, a six-time major champion. "If you want, put Rickie in there as well."

High praise, indeed.

Yet, there's still a nagging sense that Fowler needs a bit more substance to go with all the hype. Six years after he arrived on the PGA Tour with a headful of unruly hair and a big endorsement deal, he has yet to capture a truly signature win, the sort of triumph that would stamp him as a full-fledged rival to his fellow 20-somethings.

"A good start would be to become a major champion," Fowler said Tuesday, a blunt affirmation of what most everyone in the British Open interview room was already thinking.

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Rickie Fowler drives from the third tee during a practice round at the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course, St. Andrews, Scotland, on Tuesday.

McIlroy, who is about five months younger than the 26-year-old Fowler, already has four major titles and needs only the Masters to complete a career Grand Slam.

Spieth, just 21, captured the first two majors this season and arrived at St. Andrews looking to take another step toward becoming the first player to win the modern Grand Slam.

"Jordan has been playing amazing golf, and Rory has been doing that for quite some time," Fowler said. "I do have some work to do. I need to continue winning. I think that's the biggest thing: putting myself in position to win."

Fowler has certainly been a contender in golf's biggest events, though the momentum from his Players' win was tempered when he missed the cut at last month's U.S. Open, his hopes effectively dashed when he opened with an 81 at Chambers Bay.

After a couple of weeks off, he turned his attention to Scotland.

In no time at all, he felt as though his game was back to where he wanted it to be.

"It was nice to kind of quickly put that (U.S. Open) behind me," Fowler said.

Five years ago, he made his British Open debut at the Old Course. The first day was brutal — a 79 that left him primarily focused on making the cut — but he bounced back with a pair of 67s sandwiched around a 71, leaving him in a tie for 14th place.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	ESPY Awards The 2015 ESPY Awards are presented from the Nokia Theatre in Los Angeles, California. (N)					KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	Mark Feuerstein.	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother		Criminal Minds "Breath Play"		Extant "Empathy for the Devil" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) NCIS: New Orleans "Carrier"	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Back Pay"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Baited Hook"	Quincy, M.E.
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	Scully the World	Operation Wild (N)		Nova "Chasing Pluto" (N)		To Catch a Comet		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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MAX2		382	598	18	122		(:15)	★★ Big Momma's House					★★★★ Up in the Air		(:50)	★★ Rumor Has It Kevin Costner.	Movie	
PLEX				96			(5:15)	Little Mons...	★★ King Ralph						(:40)	★★★★ High School High	(:10)	★★ Best of the Best	Movie	
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	(5:05)	The Double	(:55) ★★ Snowpiercer Chris Evans.						Ray Donovan		★★★ Ray ('04, Bio) Jamie Foxx.	
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CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Repo "Blood and Mud"		Airplane Repo (N)		Airplane Repo		Bush "A Big Gamble"		Bush "Rocky Seas"		Airplane Repo	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	KC Under	KC Under	★★★ Enchanted				(:50)	Dog With a Blog	(:25) Girl	I Didn't	Austin	★★★ Rip Girls
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HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Waltons	"The Hawk"	Waltons "The Stray"		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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NICK		55	-	39	34	37	WitchWay	Talia (N)	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Gaffigan	Impastor	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	(5:00)	★★★ The Mummy Brendan Fraser.			Egyptian Vice		Egyptian Vice		★★ The Mummy Returns Brendan Fraser.			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Lake Placid vs. Anaconda Robert Englund.				★★ Deep Blue Sea Samuel Jackson.				Dominion		CSI: Crime Scene	
TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Masseuse"	Seinfeld "The Visa"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan 50 Cent, Anders Holm		The Office	Conan
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TLC		51	61	32	38	52	It's All Relative	It's All Relative	Leah Remini: It's All Relative (N)		It's All Relative "Life After Scientology" (N)		I Am Jazz "All About Jazz" (N)		(:05) All Relative "Life After Scientology"		(:05) I Am Jazz "All About Jazz"	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	Castle "A Dance With Death"		Castle "47 Seconds"		Castle "The Limey"		Castle "Headhunters"		CSI: NY "Hide Sight"		CSI: NY "Scared Stiff"	
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USA		26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Confidential"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Witness"		Suits "No Puedo Hacerlo" (N)		Mr.-Robot (N)		(:05) Complications "Outbreak"		(:05) Suits "No Puedo Hacerlo"	
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Froome uses high mountains to take control of Tour de France

By John Leicester
Associated Press

LA PIERRE-SAINT-MARTIN, France — Over the earpiece tucked below his helmet, Chris Froome's team sent word that his panting Tour de France rivals were struggling in the thinning air of the high Pyrenees, on the first skyward climb of this year's race.

Clearly, they were having a bad day. So Froome decided to make it even worse.

Reprising the formula that carried him to victory in 2013, Froome barked an order to three teammates leading him up the punishing ascent: speed up. Shattered by the fierce uphill pace, trailing riders scattered behind them, their bluffs called and hopes dashed.

The first A-lister to crack was none other than last year's champion, Vincenzo Nibali. Sweat beading off his chin, the Sicilian was cooked. The biggest high-profile loser of Stage 10 shed more than 4 minutes to Froome, all but ending his Tour defense.

Next, Alberto Contador dropped from the by-now shriveled group of the Tour's hardiest, most pain-resistant climbers. The 2007 and 2009 champion zigzagged across the steep tarmac as Froome's trusty lieutenant Richie Porte applied yet more speed. That doomed the Spaniard's chances of adding the 2015 Tour to the Giro d'Italia title he won in May.

Two down, one major rival to go. Froome took down Nairo Quintana himself. Rising from his saddle with six kilometers (four miles) still to climb to the La Pierre-Saint-Martin ski resort, Froome accelerated away, head down, legs pumping. The bill for Quintana, who rode in third behind Froome and Porte at the top, was very costly: 1 minute and 10 seconds lost overall to the British race leader, who is now firmly in control of cycling's showcase race.

"When we got up onto that last climb and we heard the big names that were struggling and getting dropped ... I turned to the guys who were still with me at that point — it was Wouter Poels, Richie Porte and Geraint Thomas — and just said, 'Guys, come on let's on push on here. We've got them in trouble,'" Froome said.

"I couldn't have asked for it to go any better."

For his rivals, it couldn't have been much worse.

"Froome has landed a hammer blow on the Tour," said Nibali, the Astana team leader now a whopping 6:57 behind Froome overall in 10th place. "I have no more to give. I'm not even the younger brother of the Nibali from last year."

Closest to Froome is still Tejay van Garderen, the American leader of the BMC team. But he's 2 minutes, 52 seconds behind overall. Quintana, runner-up to Froome in 2013, trails by 3:09, in third. Contador slipped back to sixth overall, 4:04 behind.

"Froome rode away and showed his authority," Contador said. "I couldn't breathe. I couldn't get my legs to work. It really was a bad day."

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

PYRENEES-ATLANTIQUES, France — Results Tuesday from the 167-kilometer (104-mile) Stage 10 from Tarbes to Le Pierre Saint-Martin of the Tour de France:

1. Christopher Froome, England, Team Sky, 4 hours, 22 minutes, 7 seconds.
2. Richie Porte, Australia, Team Sky, 4:23:08.
3. Nairo Alexander Quintana Rojas, Colombia, Movistar Team, 4:23:11.
4. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 4:23:40.
5. Alejandro Valverde Belmonte, Spain, Movistar Team, 4:24:06.
6. Geraint Thomas, Scotland, Team Sky, 4:24:08.
7. Adam Yates, England, Orica GreenEDGE, 4:24:11.
8. Pierre Rolland, France, Team Europcar, 4:24:11.
9. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, 4:24:25.
10. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing Team, 4:24:37.
11. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:24:29.
12. Rafael Valls, Spain, Lampre-Merida, 4:25:16.
13. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana Pro Team, 4:25:18.
14. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, MTN-Qhubeka, 4:25:26.
15. Warren Barguil, France, Team Giant Alpecin, 4:25:26.
16. Samuel Sanchez Gonzalez, Spain, BMC Racing Team, 4:26:07.
17. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek Factory Racing, 4:26:16.
18. Jacques Janse van Rensburg, South Africa, MTN-Qhubeka, 4:26:16.
19. Eduardo Sepulveda, Argentina, Bretagne-Seche Environment, 4:26:23.
20. Tanel Kangert, Estonia, Astana Pro Team, 4:26:32.
21. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 4:26:32.
22. Laurens Ten Dam, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 4:26:32.
23. Mathias Frank, Switzerland, IAM Cycling, 4:26:51.
24. Louis Meintjes, South Africa, MTN-Qhubeka, 4:27:45.
25. Jean-Christophe Peraud, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:27:45.
26. Thomas Voeckler, France, Team Europcar, 4:27:45.
27. Jerome Coppel, France, IAM Cycling, 4:27:53.
28. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, Etixx-Quick Step, 4:28:01.
29. Michael Rogers, Australia, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:28:04.
30. Gorka Izagirre Insausti, Spain, Movistar Team, 4:28:04.
31. Alexis Vuillermoz, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:28:11.
32. Steven Kruijswijk, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 4:28:11.
33. Wouter Poels, Netherlands, Team Sky, 4:28:11.
34. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha Team, 4:28:14.
35. Haimar Zubeldia Agirre, Spain, Trek Factory Racing, 4:28:22.
36. Emanuel Buchmann, Germany, Bora-Argon 18, 4:28:35.
37. Dominik Nerz, Germany, Bora-Argon 18, 4:28:36.
38. Bartosz Huzarski, Poland, Bora-Argon 18, 4:28:54.
39. Brice Feillu, France, Bretagne-Seche Environment, 4:30:07.
40. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cycling, 4:30:07.
41. Cyril Gautier, France, Team Europcar, 4:30:18.
42. Geoffroy Soupe, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 4:30:27.
43. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:30:57.
44. Romain Bardet, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:30:57.
45. Ryder Hesjedal, Canada, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 4:30:57.
46. Gianpaolo Caruso, Italy, Katusha Team, 4:30:57.
47. Mikael Cherel, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:31:22.
48. Rafal Majka, Poland, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:31:58.
49. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ.fr, 4:32:10.
50. Steve Morabito, Switzerland, FDJ.fr, 4:32:10.

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LEVEL

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. We've given you the first letter as a hint.

A E F S ? Y
S _ _ _ _ _

A E H L L ?
L _ _ _ _ _

A N N S T ?
S _ _ _ _ _

Yesterday's Answer: THIRD LURID GOURD IDIOM 7.15

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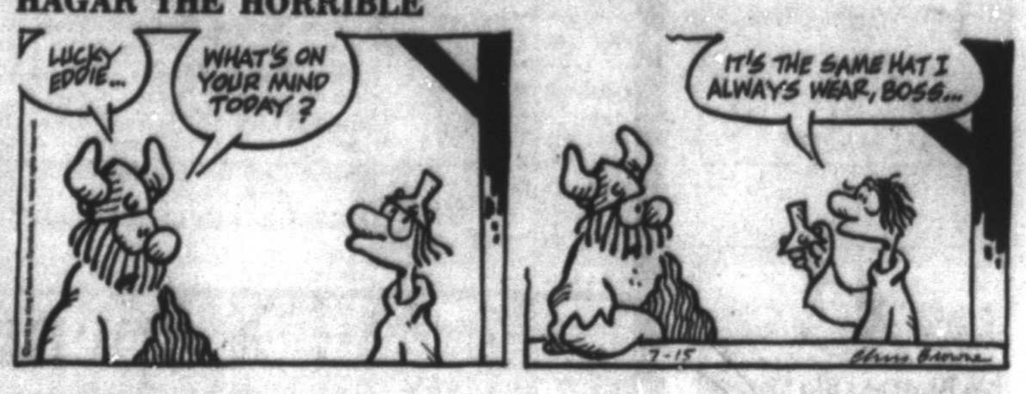
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



FUNKY WINKERBEAN

LUANN

BLONDIE

MARY WORTH

BEETLE BAILEY

ZITS

CLASSIC PEANUTS

BABY BLUES

SHOE

MUTTS

GARFIELD

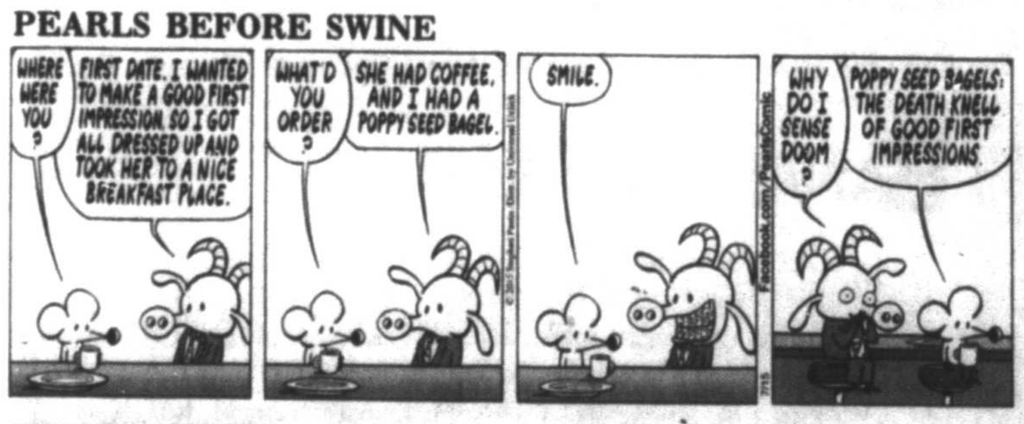
CLOSE TO HOME

Having developed a huge crush on her UPS guy, Margie kept shipping empty boxes to herself.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IT'S ALMOST MIDNIGHT, DAD. SHOULDN'T YOU BE IN BED?"

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

LOCKHORNS

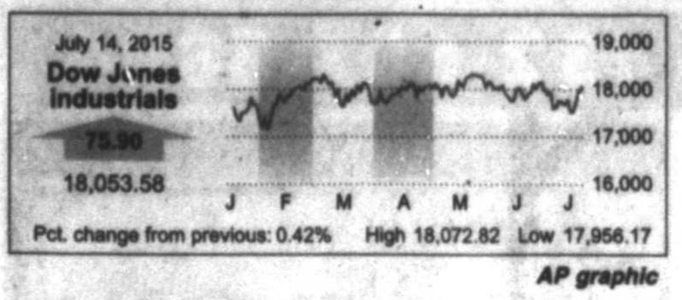
"I'D BE ANGRY AT YOU NOW IF I WEREN'T STILL ANGRY FOR WHAT YOU DID LAST WEEK."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Mommy! Your flowers are getting very sleepy."

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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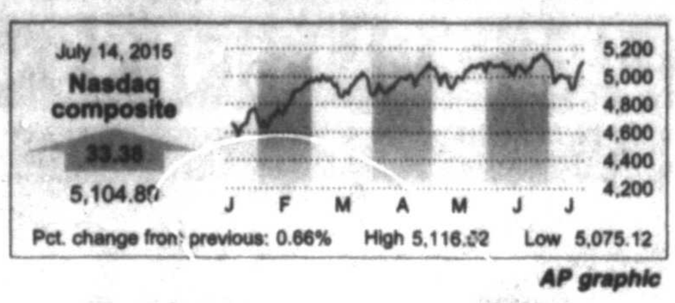

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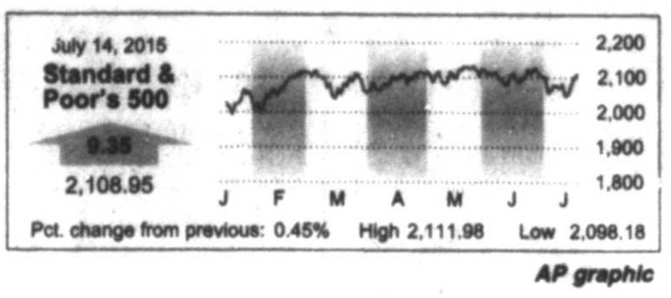

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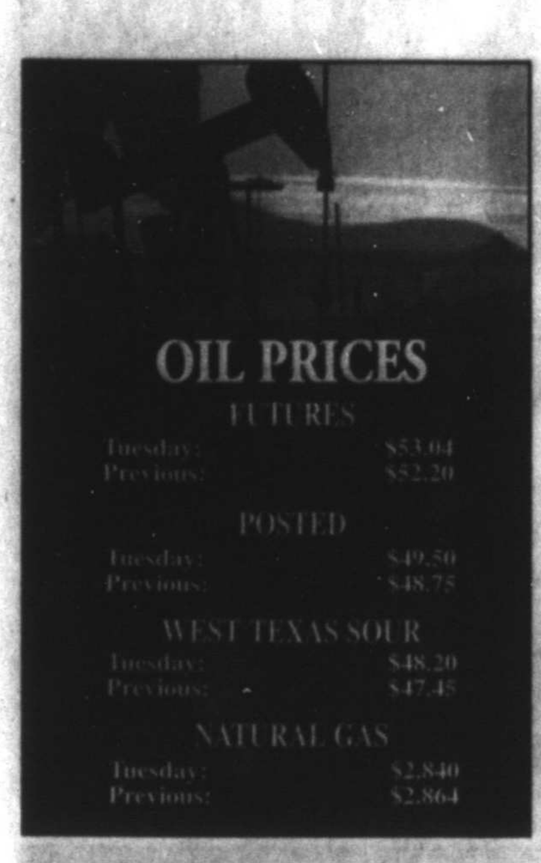

WPX spends $2.75 billion to enter the Permian Basin

By Mella McEwen
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Tulsa's WPX Energy is staking $2.75 billion on the long-term future of the Permian Basin, specifically the Delaware Basin.

WPX has agreed to acquire privately owned RKI Exploration & Production for $2.35 billion, plus assumption of $400 million in debt. The acquisition will gain WPX leasehold in Loving County and Eddy County in New Mexico. Those assets include approximately 22,000 barrels of oil equivalent a day of existing production, approximately 92,000 net acres in the core of the Delaware Basin — 98 percent of which is held by production — and more than 3,600 gross drilling locations across 12 benches in stacked pay intervals.

The deal also includes more than 375 miles of scalable gas gathering and water infrastructure: 192 miles of gas gathering pipeline, 90 million cubic feet of gas compression capacity, a 174-mile produced water system and 16 miles of fresh water pipe.

"This is a transformative opportunity that fits perfectly with our strategy to increase our oil production and high quality oil inventory," said Rick Muncrief, WPX president and chief executive officer, in a statement. "RKI's asset scale and concentrated acreage position allows for efficient, low-cost, multi-decade development in a world-class oil play.

"For our shareholders, this further drives high-margin oil growth, accelerates our portfolio transition to more liquids, and solidifies our premier position in the western United States, which enjoys the advantages of established infrastructure and higher realized commodity prices," he said.

RKI also has operations in Wyoming's Powder River Basin. Those assets are not included in WPX's purchase. RKI will divest or transfer out its Powder River Basin assets before completing the merger with WPX.

Entering the Permian Basin will allow WPX to establish long-term oil visibility by increasing its drilling inventory to 4,600 locations and develop stacked pay acreage. WPX is projecting significantly higher oil production volume growth as a result of the deal — 125 percent from current 2015 guidance to 2107 pro forma projections.

WPX plans to deploy six rigs in its new Permian holdings by the end of the year, greater than in its other holdings in the Williston, San Juan and Piceance basins.

The two companies expect the merger to be completed by the third quarter.

WPX plans to retain RKI staff upon closing, as well as its offices in Oklahoma City and Carlsbad, New Mexico. Corporate headquarters will remain in Tulsa.

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	2650720	210.68	+.91
BkofAm	694159	17.13	+.11
CSVLgCrde	618754	2.22	+.06
Twitter	498478	36.72	+.94
Sprint	419882	4.00	+.29

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS BMI96	41.95	+6.70	+19.0
AtlasEng	4.55	+.58	+14.6
EdgenPa	5.25	+.63	+13.6
PennVa	3.60	+.38	+11.8
Chemours n	12.66	+1.26	+11.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VincoVcq	9.72	-2.24	-18.7
DcSPCOBase	48.33	-7.31	-13.0
PBeteEgy	23.15	-2.90	-11.1
GbXGreece	9.82	-.95	-8.8
NBGre pfA	5.61	-.54	-8.8

Diary

Advanced	1,978
Declined	1,122
Unchanged	148
Total issues	3,248
New Highs	117
New Lows	46
Volume	2,926,483,129

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SynthBiol	56558	4.00	+.51
NwGold g	38142	2.81	+.02
PalatnTch	32046	1.03	+.09
Globalstar	30394	2.12	+.09
BarcGSOil	26532	10.59	+.15

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SynthBiol	4.00	+.51	+14.6
YrangPet	4.96	+.63	+14.5
AsteriasB n	4.90	+.57	+13.2
EmerldO rs	3.28	+.31	+10.4
Organovo	4.12	+.26	+6.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NetwrTch	2.36	-.22	-8.5
BioPhrmX	2.34	-.19	-7.5
GoldPenn	2.49	-.17	-6.4
BovieMed	2.26	-.14	-5.8
Aerocntry	7.85	-.45	-5.4

Diary

Advanced	232
Declined	149
Unchanged	29
Total issues	410
New Highs	7
New Lows	7
Volume	71,554,889

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	924292	19.61	+2.00
Intel	383150	29.65	-.08
Apple Inc	303981	125.61	-.05
AptiMed	272211	18.89	-.42
SiriusXM	267791	3.83	+.01

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MagelPh rs	2.63	+.50	+23.5
SeaSpine n	17.80	+3.29	+22.7
BiolineRth	3.15	+.51	+19.4
CoulorTh n	24.78	+3.67	+17.4
EpirusB rs	7.38	+.99	+15.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Quotinet wt	3.90	-2.20	-36.7
6D GlbT rs	5.34	-2.06	-27.8
AxionPw rs	2.66	-.53	-16.5
EssePhm g	7.50	-1.42	-15.9
InterCloud	2.16	-.33	-13.3

Diary

Advanced	1,758
Declined	1,026
Unchanged	145
Total issues	2,929
New Highs	136
New Lows	40
Volume	1,627,793,121

Airlines carve US into markets dominated by 1 or 2 carriers

Associated Press

DALLAS — The wave of consolidation that swept the U.S. airline industry has markedly reduced competition at many of the nation's major airports, and passengers appear to be paying the price in higher fares and fees, an Associated Press analysis has found.

Over the past decade, mega-mergers reduced nine large U.S. airlines to four — American, United, Delta and Southwest — with the result that travelers are increasingly finding their home airport dominated by just one or two players.

Over the same period, domestic airfares rose faster than inflation, and analysts believe one leading factor is the decline in competitive pressure.

"Airlines aren't going at each other like they used to," said Mike Boyd, an aviation consultant frequently hired by airports. "They have their turf, and they very rarely go to the mattresses with one another."

At 40 of the 100 largest U.S. airports, a single airline controls a majority of the market, as measured by the number of seats for sale, up from 34 airports a decade earlier. At 93 of the top 100, one or two airlines control a majority of the seats, an increase from 78 airports, according to AP's analysis of data from Diio, an airline-schedule tracking service.

Overall, domestic fares climbed 5 percent over the past 10 years, after adjusting for inflation.

To be sure, other factors have contributed to higher fares, among them a stronger economy, longer average flight distances and, for most of the past few years, some of the highest fuel prices in history. However, analysts believe consolidation freed airlines to charge more.

The strategy is paying off: In the past two years, U.S. airlines made a record $19.7 billion in profits.

The airlines' main trade group, Airlines for America, said the fare increases reflect stronger demand for travel and are not solely a result of the mergers. The group noted that airlines have used their profits to buy new jets and update airport facilities.

US stocks post gain

Stocks climbed broadly on Tuesday as investors who had been fretting over the Greek debt crisis and plunging Chinese stocks turned their attention back to the U.S. economy and corporate earnings reports.

JPMorgan Chase and Johnson & Johnson reported second-quarter profits that were stronger than expected. A government report showed that Americans cut back on spending at retailers last month, but some investors interpreted that as good for stocks since it may make the Federal Reserve more cautious when it starts raising rates for the first time in nine years.

"It's back to the mindset that bad news is good news," said James Abate, chief investment officer of Centre Funds. "We think (the Fed) will raise rates in September, but we don't think it will be an aggressive tightening cycle."

The gains were modest but widespread. Among the 10 industry sectors of the Standard and Poor's 500 index, only utilities fell. It was the fourth straight gain in a row for the broader index.

The S&P 500 increased 9.35 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,108.95.

Metals closed lower

Precious and industrial metals futures closed lower. Gold lost $1.90 to $1,153.50 an ounce, silver fell 14 cents to $15.30 an ounce and copper gave up a penny to close at $2.54 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $50.96 Up 2.91

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $111.25 Up 1.08

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.82 Up 0.25

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $73.34 Up 2.03

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $9.69 Up 0.25

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.80 Up 0.08

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.39 Up 0.64

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $27.58 Up 0.53

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.20 Up 0.64

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.28 Down 0.11

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	35.12	+.24	+4.6
Abraxas	...	6	2.86	+.04	-9.5
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.17	+.05	+3.6
AMD	...	...	2.05	+.09	-23.2
Alcoa	.12	15	10.77	-.05	-31.8
AlonUSA	.60f	22	19.87	+.83	+56.8
Ambev	.24e	...	6.21	-.02	+.6
AmAirlines	.40	9	42.05	-.36	-21.6
Amgen	3.16	22	159.32	+3.56	...
Anadarko	1.08	...	76.37	+.67	-7.4
Apache	1.00	...	54.39	+1.13	-13.2
Apple Inc	2.08f	16	125.61	-.05	+13.8
AptiMed	n/a	18	18.89	-.42	-24.2
ATMOS	1.88	18	53.00	+.27	-3.9
AutoData	1.96	28	81.89	+.16	-1.8
Avon	.24	...	5.94	-.08	-36.7
BP PLC	2.40	44	40.33	+.37	+8.8
BabaCCInv	1.20	...	16.19	-.14	+1.9
BakrHu	.68	30	61.13	+.83	+9.0
BkofAm	.20	26	17.13	+.11	-4.2
B /PrVbST	...	...	17.76	-.16	-43.6
BarrickG	.20	62	9.89	-.08	-8.0
BasicEnSv	...	...	6.96	+.44	-2.1
Baxter s	...	9	37.73	+.13	-4.1
BerkHa A	...	...	172117	767.00	+47.00	-6.3
BlkHlleCp	1.82	16	46.18	-.52	-14.8
BrMySq	1.48	52	70.06	+.40	+18.7
BrownFA	1.29	35	112.03	+.44	+27.7
BrownFB	1.29	32	102.13	+.06	+16.3
CSX	.72	16	32.07	+.17	-11.5
CVS Health	1.40	27	109.82	+.66	+14.0
CalifRes n	.04	...	5.49	+.10	-.4
Cameron	...	12	52.00	+.96	+4.1
Caterpillar	3.08f	14	84.46	+.82	-7.7
Celestic g	...	14	11.44	+.14	-2.6
CntryLink	2.16	22	29.98	-.02	-24.5
ChesEng	.35	...	11.39	+.48	-41.9
Chevron	4.28	10	96.55	+.95	-14.8
Chicos	.31	37	16.07	-.18	-.9
Cimarex	.64	...	109.01	+2.70	+2.8
Cisco	.84	18	28.09	+.24	+1.5
Citigroup	.20f	23	55.91	+.37	+3.3
ClayEng	...	44	56.96	+2.91	-20.1
CocaCola	1.32	26	41.17	+.51	-5.5
ColgPalm	1.52	27	67.27	-.17	-2.8
ConAgra	1.00	30	44.72	+.94	+23.3
ConchoRes	...	28	111.25	+1.08	+11.8
ConocoPhil	2.92	15	59.83	+.80	-13.8
CrackerB	4.40f	25	160.42	-.33	+14.0
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.13	-.05	-46.5
CSVLgCrde	...	...	2.22	+.06	-54.6
CSVelIVST	...	...	44.06	+.29	+41.5
CroaTlm	2.15e	7	15.66	+.10	-9.6
DCP Mid	3.12	13	33.74	+.82	-25.7
DTE	2.92f	16	77.10	-.16	-10.7
Danaher	.54	25	88.90	+.96	+3.8
Dataram	...	...	1.97	-.09	+15.6
DeltaAir	.36	14	43.66	+.29	-11.2
DenburyR	.25	3	5.33	+.04	-34.4
DevonE	.96	...	58.14	+.74	-8.3
DrGldBull	...	...	6.63	-.14	-40.6
Disney	1.32f	25	117.86	-.20	+25.1
DowChm	1.68	16	53.04	+1.10	+16.3
eBay	...	29	63.50	+.12	+13.3
EMC Cp	.46	20	25.12	-.83	-15.5
EOG Resce	.97	16	88.22	+1.02	-7.4
EmpDist	1.04	18	22.54	-.09	-24.2
EnCrAm g	.28	15	9.90	-.38	-28.0
Energen	.08	37	63.40	+1.27	-.4
EngyTsfr	4.09f	59	53.47	+1.05	-17.7
EnPro	.80	75	54.89	-.12	-12.5
EntPrdPt s	1.52f	23	30.98	+.63	-14.2
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.53	+.01	-13.0
ExtermanH	.60	22	31.00	+1.56	-4.8
ExxonMbl	2.92f	12	83.11	+.69	-10.1
Facebook	...	87	89.66	-.42	+14.9
Fitbit n	...	...	46.00	+2.52	+55.0
FordM	.60	19	14.81	+.17	-4.5
FrptMcM	.20e	...	17.11	+.19	-26.8
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.93	-.05	-26.1
GATX	1.52	11	52.77	-.02	-8.3
GeoMetR	1.60e	...	9.37	-.01	-8.4
GAInv	3.50e	...	34.99	+.17	-.1
GenElec	.92	...	28.66	+.19	+8.8
GenMotors	1.44f	15	31.77	+.09	-9.0
GileadSci	1.72	13	117.36	+2.81	+24.5
GlPlainEn	.80	16	25.10	-.10	-11.7
HalconRes	...	...	1.15	+.02	-35.4
Halliburtn	.72	15	42.66	+.60	+8.2
iShEMU	.95e	...	38.84	+.21	+8.9
iShGerm	.51e	...	28.86	+.09	+5.4
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.91	+.08	+14.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	42.72	-.19	+2.6
iShEMkts	.54e	...	38.77	+.07	-1.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	65.08	+.54	+7.0
iShR2K	1.06e	...	126.23	+.70	+5.5
Intel	.96	13	29.65	-.08	-18.3
InterDig	.80	...	56.97	+.98	+7.7
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	69.04	+.95	+11.0
JetBlue	...	14	22.45	+.46	+41.6
JohnJn	3.00f	18	99.78	+.49	-4.6
KimbClk	3.62	27	110.96	+.09	-4.0
KindMorg	1.92f	42	38.02	-.17	-10.1
KraftHnz n	2.20	...	78.00	-.83	+6.9
LYSands	2.60	17	55.47	-1.76	-4.6
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	9.69	+.25	-15.2
Lubys	...	...	8.06	-.02	+11.0
MdVGold	.12e	...	16.69	-.11	-9.2
McDnlds	3.40	21	98.78	+.35	+5.4
Merck	1.80	15	58.19	+.32	+2.5
MeritMed	...	37	23.01	+.06	+27.0
MexcoEn	...	...	3.80	+.08	-30.0
MicronT	...	7	19.61	+2.00	-44.0
Microsoft	1.24	19	45.62	+.08	-1.8
Nabors	.24	9	13.81	+.54	+6.4
NBGreece	...	...	1.14	+.06	-36.3
NatGrid	3.35e	...	66.58	+.54	-5.8
NOilVarco	1.84	8	45.52	-.18	-30.5
NokiaCp	.16e	...	6.73	+.02	-14.4
NvMAd	.76e	...	13.04	...	-4.5
NvPMI	.82e	...	12.99	+.08	-7.3
NuvPI	.82e	...	13.07	+.01	-6.7
NSTPB	.98e	...	13.81	...	-3.0
NTXGt	.69e	...	13.71	+.06	-6.2
OasisPet	3.00	19	74.28	+.83	-7.8
PanTech	...	...	4.76	-.11	-22.6
ParkDrl	...	10	3.15	+.06	+2.6
PattUTI	.40	20	18.48	+.56	+11.4
PeabdyE	.01	...	1.62	-.05	-79.1
PennaRlE	.84	...	22.91	...	-2.3
Pmian	.56e	9	7.71	+.10	-19.3
Petrobras	...	...	8.62	+.11	+16.1
Pfizer	1.12	24	35.08	+.28	+12.6
PioNtrl	.06	28	137.02	+.47	-7.9
PlainsAAP	2.78f	20	43.60	+.26	+14.7
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	110.28	+.72	+6.8
Praxair	2.84	21	119.27	+.88	-7.9
PrmEgy	...	...	56.00	...	-23.0
PUVIxST rs	...	...	32.51	-.68	-74.1
ProctGam	2.65	25	82.04	+.13	-9.9
Qualcom	1.92	15	63.94	+.51	-14.0
RangeRs	.16	19	47.71	+1.60	-10.7
RegionsFn	.24f	14	10.22	+.02	-3.2
RiteAid	...	24	6.82	-.07	+17.3
Rowan	.40	...	19.61	+.16	-18.9
RoyDShlA	3.76	12	57.64	+.85	-13.9
SpdrDJIA	3.68e	...	180.33	+.73	+1.4
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	210.68	+.91	+2.5
SpdrOGEx	.71e	...	45.22	+1.32	-5.5
SabnR	3.68e	9	37.49	-.92	+4.8
SanderFm	.88e	6	72.27	+1.06	-14.0
SandRidge	...	...	.80	+.11	-66.0
Schlmbrg	2.00	21	85.29	+1.00	-.1
SeadrillLtd	...	3	10.12	+.31	-15.2
SigmaAld	.92	34	139.96	+.02	+1.7
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TriContl	.90e	...	21.49	+.03	+.4
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Vale SA	.60e	...	5.70	-.20	-30.3
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WPX Engy	...	...	11.83	+.71	+1.7
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18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,053.58	+75.90	+.42	+1.29	+5.82
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,284.20	-5.71	-.07	-0.36	-.73
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	570.19	-.69	-.12	-7.75	+2.58
11,254.57	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,993.26	+48.41	+.44	+1.42	+.25
5,164.36	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,104.89	+33.38	+.66	+7.79	+15.59
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,108.95	+9.35	+.45	+2.43	+6.88
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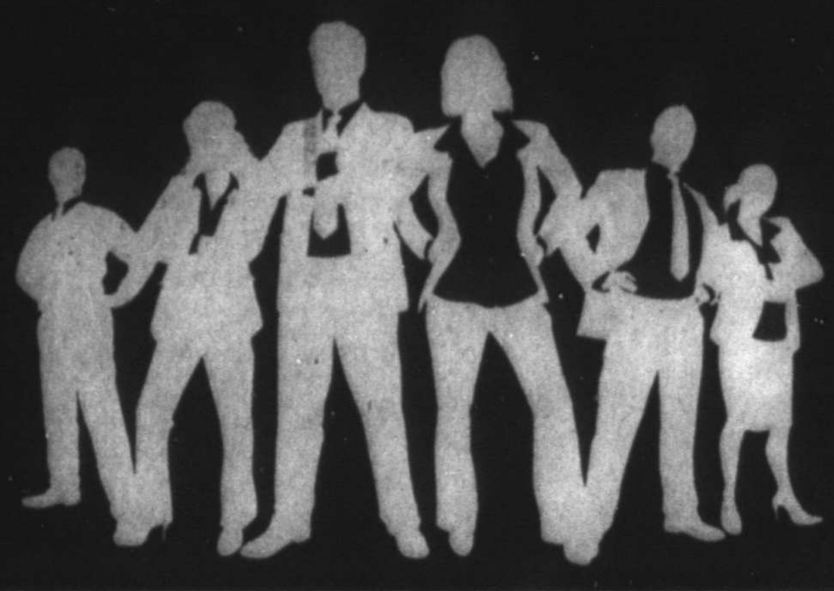

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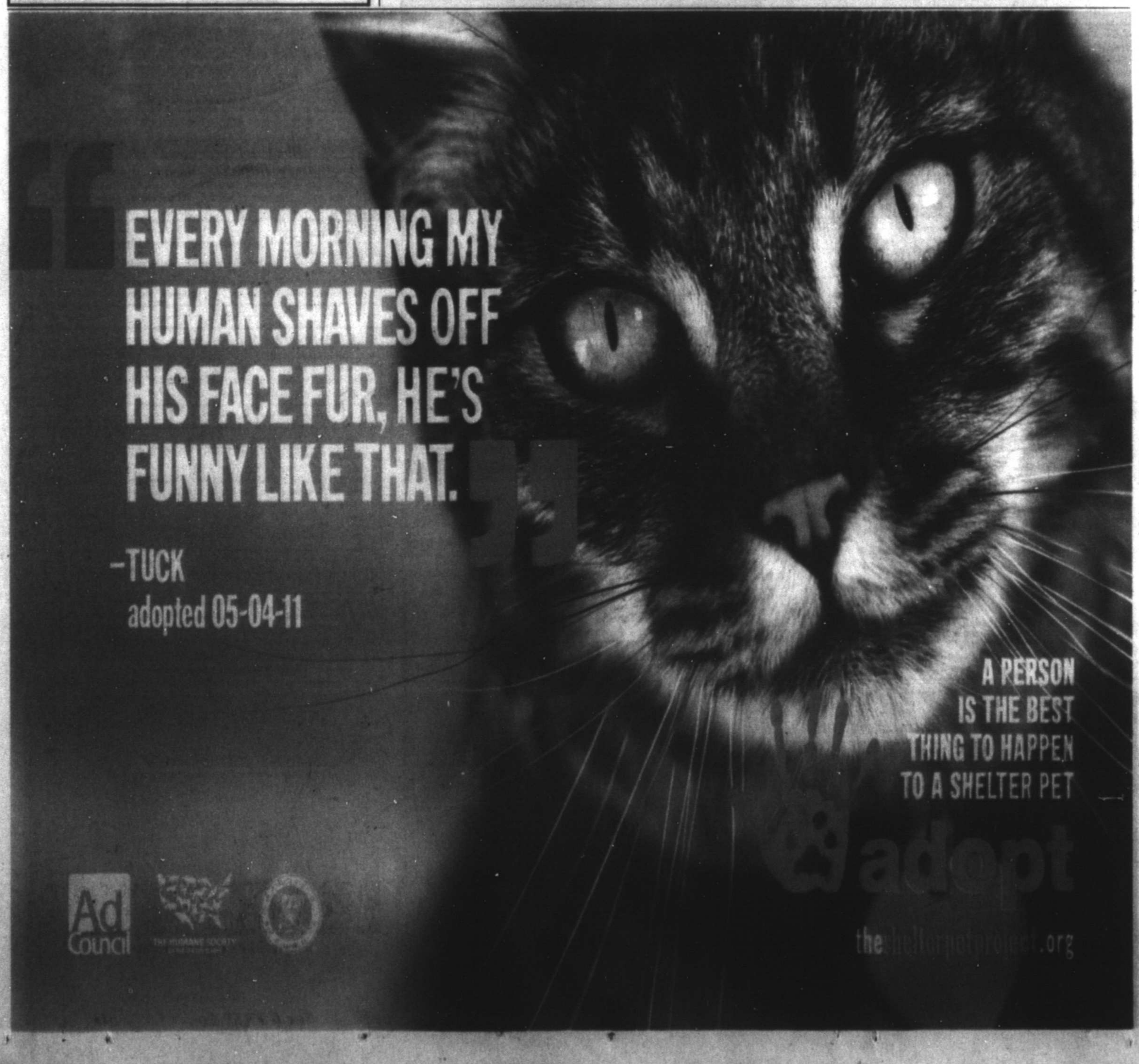

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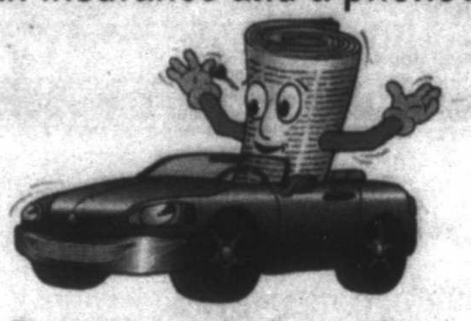

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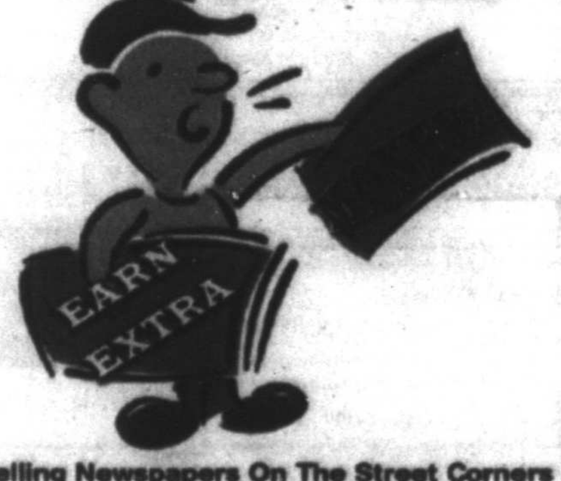

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RVs

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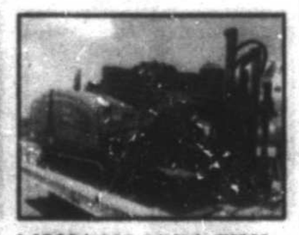

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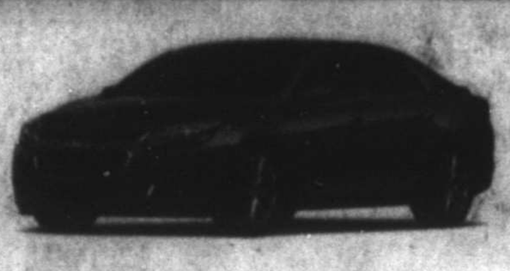

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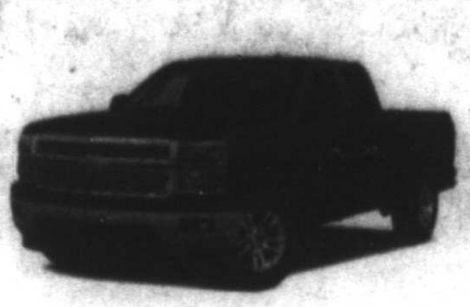

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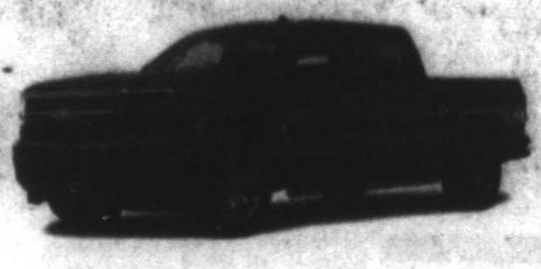

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