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Midland has one of top median incomes

Global think tank rates Tall City No. 24 out of 363 metropolitan areas

By Rachael Gleason
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A report on income and wage gaps released Monday shows Midland has one of the top and fastest-growing median incomes in the country.

IHS Global, an Englewood, Colorado-based global think tank, examined wage levels of jobs lost and regained after the 2008 recession, income distribution and what the future holds for median income growth for all metropolitan areas.

Midland ranked 24th out of 363 based on its median household income of \$63,800 in 2013, according to the report: U.S. Metro Economies: Income and Wage Gaps Across the U.S.

With a 4.5 percent growth rate, the Tall City also ranked sixth on the report's top 10 list of fastest-growing median incomes behind metro-

politan areas in Kansas, New Jersey, California, Louisiana and Mississippi.

Over a seven-year period, Midland's median income increased by nearly 48 percent — from \$41,455 in 2005 to \$61,331 in 2012. The report predicts the median income to be \$76,000 by 2017 and \$88,100 by 2021.

"Midland is experiencing a tremendous oil-related boom that creates a lot of high-paying jobs and long hours and general wealth," said economist Jim Diffley, author of the report.

More than 40 percent of Midland households made less than \$50,000 in 2012 — while more than a quarter earned \$100,000 or more — according to the report.

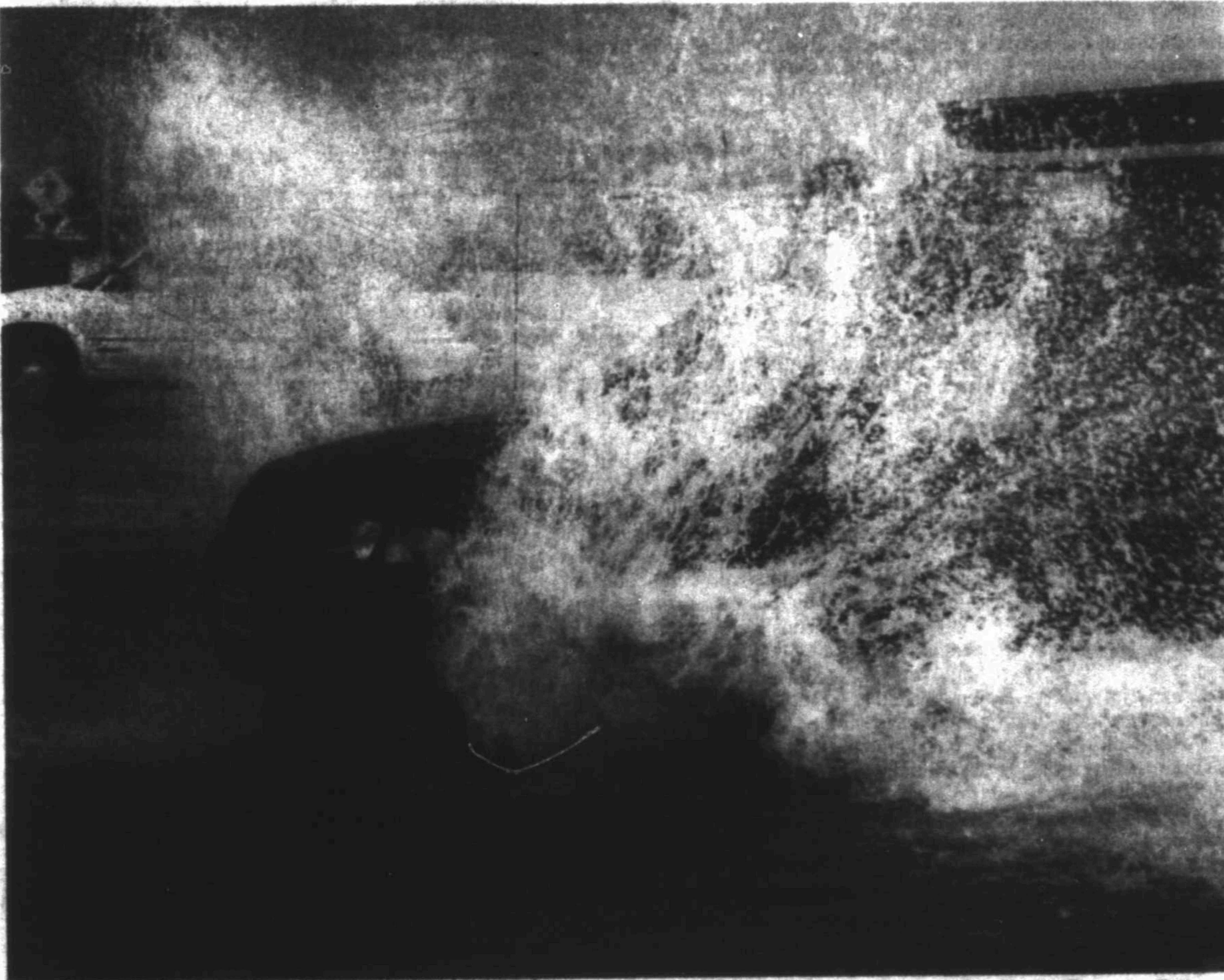
"There's a lot of talk about income inequality," Diffley said. "We wanted to give credible facts to what the true picture was."

By the numbers

Median incomes for Midland households	
2005	\$41,455
2012	\$61,331
Change from 2005-12	47.9 percent
Projected median incomes for Midland households	
2017	\$76,000
2021	\$88,100
Wage gap: Share of households by median income in 2012	
Less than \$25,000	16.3 percent
Between \$25,000-\$49,999	25.1 percent
Between \$50,000-\$74,999	18.1 percent
Between \$75,000-\$99,999	11.4 percent
More than \$100,000	28.9 percent

Source: IHS Global Insight's U.S. Metro Economies: Income and Wage Gaps Across the U.S. report

Roads become rivers



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Drivers make their way along a flooded "A" Street on Monday evening after a downpour. The National Weather Service reported 0.48 of an inch of rain fell at Midland International Airport and that 0.46 of an inch fell at Midland Airpark. Most of the rain fell between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

County to propose new effective tax rate for 2015

■ Tax rate may decrease from \$0.14 to \$0.12 per \$100 valuation

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Midland County is looking to adopt an effective tax rate for the second consecutive year, as announced during Commissioners Court on Monday.

The fiscal year 2015 effective rate of \$0.126523 per \$100 valuation, if approved by commissioners, would be a decrease from the current rate of \$0.140178 per \$100 valuation. When the \$0.140178 rate was set a year ago, it too was the effective tax rate, which is the rate a taxing entity needs to set in order to gain the same amount of property tax revenue as the previous fiscal year.

The revenue from property taxes and other taxes and fees the county collects would amount to an estimated \$69 million for FY 15, according to data from County Auditor Veronica Morales. The expenditures are estimated to be about \$64.17 million, which means the draft budget at this point in time has an excess of \$4.8 million in revenue.

Before commissioners approved the proposed rate, it was preceded by discussion.

Precinct 1 Commissioner Jimmy Smith discussed the county's rapid rate of growth and that there may be future issues that require funding. Precinct 2 Commissioner Robin Donnelly used boom-and-bust rhetoric, as well, and talked about how the slow nature of road funding from the state is leading the way for the county to have to do road work itself.

"I'm concerned about just accepting the effective tax rate," Donnelly said.

Precinct 3 Commissioner Luis Sanchez said he agrees with the concerns, but added that he is confident that the effective tax rate would be the best option.

And rather than follow along with boom-and-bust issues, Sanchez said he is concerned for the residents who do not work in the oil and gas industry, such as retired people or single mothers, and the impact a tax rate greater than effective rate has on them.

"Maybe a few dollars might not be a whole lot for some of us," Sanchez said. "But to some people that I do speak to, a few bucks is a lot for them."

If the county commissioners decide to keep the \$0.126523 tax rate, then the

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New elementary named for Barbara Yarbrough

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland ISD's Board of Trustees approved naming the new west side elementary school, located in Betenbough's Legends Park subdivision, after longtime local educator Barbara Yarbrough.

Yarbrough has been with MISD for more than 40 years and is currently the parent liaison for South Elementary. She got her start in the district as a teacher, Superintendent Ryder Warren said after the meeting.

The vote was not unanimous. Trustee James Fuller — whose name was among the list of five finalists — said naming the school after a current MISD employee could be perceived as a conflict of interest or an ethical issue. Fuller said there were philosophical

concerns that he shouldn't be involved in the process as both a board member and finalist.

"I don't think that ethically it is correct to even put a person's name in nomination ... given the fact that she is paid by the district," Fuller said. "We are in oversight of her as an employee. Now, if she were not employed ... that wouldn't be an issue at all. But from an ethical standpoint, I think we've got a serious problem here."

Nothing in district policy prevents the naming committee from choosing to name the campus after a current employee or board member, Warren said.

"The committee meetings followed the law, followed our policy in every meeting," Warren said.

The naming committee whittled down a list of 40 to 50 nominees to five finalists, Warren said. The committee

selected the finalists based on their character, morals and backgrounds, he said.

"There was no part of the committee's work that transgressed what we have put into our policy," he said.

When consulted, district attorney Leah Robertson said from all reports she received the committee followed district policy. The policy does not define who constitutes a local leader, and the rest of the final decision-making is up to the board.

Fuller said perception in the community following the naming could be negative, and at the very least, the district should reconsider its policy.

"In the eyes of some, and I suspect in my district particularly, they would view that rather negatively," Fuller said.

"What did she do? Did she pay them to

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The U.S. Postal Service lost
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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

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

■ Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blalock Planetarium, www.museum.org 683-2882.

■ "Galactic Golf," through Sept. 21 at the Freddie Turner Durham Children's Museum, museum.org.

Meetings today

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

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

GOP Women luncheon

Midland County Republican Women luncheon is set for 11:15 a.m. Wednesday at Midland Country Club. Guest speakers will be Dinesh D'Souza, author of "America," U.S. Rep. Louie Gohmert, Texas' 1st Congressional District; and Allen Weh, U.S. Senate candidate from New Mexico.

Luncheon tickets are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the door. For more information, call 520-3500, email mcwomens@aol.com or go to www.mcw.us.

Pool hours today

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

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

Admission: \$2; kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

Club meetings and support groups today

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

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. at Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room, Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m. at Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor; 559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Midland Quilters Guild meets 7 p.m. at Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

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

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

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

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m. at Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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

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

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-8-9
Pick 3 day: 4-5-0
Pick 3 evening: 5-3-9
Pick 3 night: 4-0-7
Daily 4 morning: 3-1-0-1
Daily 4 day: 7-6-3-0
Daily 4 evening: 7-6-8-7
Daily 4 night: 8-7-2-9
Cash Five: 4-6-7-11-18
Texas Two Step: 7-21-23-25 88: 18
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-9-10-11-12-17-18-19-24
All or Nothing day: 1-4-6-11-13-14-16-17-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-9-14-16-17-18-20-22-23-24
All or Nothing night: 1-2-5-6-7-13-14-15-17-18-19-21

Today in history

In 1867, President Andrew Johnson sparked a move to impeach him as he defied Congress by suspending Secretary of War Edwin M. Stanton.

In 1898, fighting in the Spanish-American War came to an end.

In 1902, International Harvester Co. was formed by a merger of McCormick Harvesting Machine Co., Deering Harvester Co. and several other manufacturers.

In 1939, the classic MGM movie musical "The Wizard of Oz," starring Judy Garland, had its world premiere at the Strand Theater in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, three days before opening in Hollywood.

In 1944, during World War II, Joseph P. Kennedy Jr., eldest son of Joseph and Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy, was killed with his co-pilot when their explosives-laden Navy plane blew up over England.

In 1964, author Ian Fleming, 56, the creator of James Bond, died in Canterbury, Kent, England.

In 1978, Pope Paul VI, who had died August 6 at age 80, was buried in St. Peter's Basilica.

In 1994, in baseball's eighth work stoppage since 1972, players went on strike rather than allow team owners to limit their salaries. (The strike ended in April 1995.) Woodstock '94 opened in Saugerties, New York.

Today's birthdays: Actor George Hamilton is 75; International Tennis Hall of Famer Pete Sampras is 43.

House panel censures University of Texas regent

Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Texas House panel on Monday censured a University of Texas System regent for misconduct and incompetence, but decided not to push for his removal from office.

The Select Committee on Transparency spent more than \$500,000 investigating Regent Wallace Hall over his relentless efforts to push out the president of the Austin flagship campus and had previously voted that his behavior warranted impeachment.

Hall faced the prospect of potentially being the first governor-appointed official to be impeached and removed from office in state

history. Instead, Monday's vote was a far lighter punishment — a public scolding — for the multimillionaire businessman.

Panel co-chairman Rep. Dan Flynn, R-Van, said the lesser punishment was still a strong statement from the panel.

"It will go with him the rest of his life. I don't know that anyone wants to have that on his business record," Flynn said.

Hall was accused of abusing his office to overwhelm the University of Texas with massive records requests, bullying staff and potentially violating federal privacy laws related to student records.

Hall denied wrongdoing.

Hall, who did not attend any of

the panel's meetings and declined invitations to testify, said the censure was "based on distortions, untruths, and intentional misrepresentation."

Hall said he would have testified if subpoenaed, an option the committee declined.

Committee members insisted they could later vote to draft articles of impeachment against Hall and could cast a harsher vote at a later date if they need to. Flynn and co-chair Rep. Carol Alvarado, D-Houston, noted Travis County prosecutors are conducting a separate investigation of Hall.

Monday's vote "was not a vote against impeachment," Alvarado said. "Make no mistake, the option of impeachment of Regent Hall

still exists."

The panel approved a 27-page censure statement that said "numerous willful actions by Mr. Hall constitute either misconduct, incompetency in the performance of official duties, or behavior unbefitting a nominee for and holder of a state office."

Back in May, the panel determined that Hall's behavior was bad enough that it would explore drawing up specific charges to send to the full House. The chairman of the board of regents even called on Hall to resign, which he refused.

The vote was a significantly lower punishment, one that doesn't strip Hall of any voting power or authority on the board of regents.



AP file photo

Texas gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis speaks to supporters about her campaign at the Liebke Firm in Tyler on July 2. It was recently revealed that Wendy Davis once voted to support a moratorium on the death penalty while she was a Fort Worth councilwoman.

Davis accused of changing position on death penalty

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Wendy Davis is facing new pressure in her campaign for Texas governor over her past support of a moratorium on the death penalty when she was a Fort Worth city councilwoman.

Davis voted in July 2000 for a resolution calling for a moratorium in order to study the death penalty and possible changes, The Houston Chronicle reported. The vote on the resolution failed, 5-4, and Davis, now a Democratic state senator from Fort Worth, has said she supports capital punishment.

Her campaign said the issues that motivated her vote then have been resolved, and reaffirmed that she would allow executions to be carried out as governor.

But the campaign of her Republican opponent, Attorney General Greg Abbott, accused her of changing her position.

"Texans demand and deserve a strong commitment from their leaders to ensure that victims of unspeakable crimes receive justice, not Sen. Davis' flip-flopping and political posturing," Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch said.

Texas is the nation's most active death-penalty state and has executed seven convicts this year. Support for the death

penalty remains strong, even as the debate over capital punishment nationally has been renewed after recent botched executions in Oklahoma and Arizona and issues with procuring reliable execution drugs. Texas has not had a botched execution in recent years.

The resolution Davis supported was for a study of the death penalty without taking a specific position on capital punishment as a whole, according to Fort Worth city council minutes reviewed by the newspaper.

"It in no way means to suggest that a person's philosophy on capital punishment had to change or shift, only that the system needed to be looked at or reviewed," the minutes said.

That same year, Illinois enacted a moratorium on executions after several high-profile exonerations of death row inmates, and President Bill Clinton postponed the first federal execution since 1963.

Zac Petkanas, Davis' spokesman, told the newspaper that Davis was confident in the death penalty now and would continue to enforce it if elected governor.

"In fact, she voted (in 2011) to expand the death penalty to those who murder children under the age of 10," he said. "Senator Davis remains a proponent of the death penalty as ultimate punishment."

Tax

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county will be discussing it again at the Aug. 25 Commissioners' Court meeting. If they deviate from the effective rate, then public meetings will be held on Aug. 21 and Aug. 28.

In other business

■ Commissioners unanimously approved a 5 percent salary increase, plus an additional \$3,000, for elected officials, confirming what was initially discussed during the July 28 Commissioners' Court meeting.

Before the vote, County Judge Mike Bradford explained why elected officials were receiving that amount, compared to a 3 percent raise, plus \$3,000, for non-elected employees. He said county employees who are not elected receive anniversary raises, whereas elected officials do not.

County Treasurer Mitzl Wohleking explained the anniversary raise system

after the meeting, saying non-elected employees receive a 4 percent raise every other year after reaching their third year of work with the county. She said that every year, the county tries to keep elected officials' salaries up, since they do not receive the 4 percent raise every other year.

"So there continues to be the correct kind of difference between an elected official and their employees," Wohleking said.

To explain why the salary increase for non-elected employees is 3 percent this year instead of the 4 percent, Wohleking said the increases could be a lower percentage each year for a couple of years until an amount equivalent to the 4 percent every other year is reached.

Before the vote, one resident and one elected official spoke about the salary increases.

Midlander Carla Repman said she did not want elected officials to have a

raise and would rather the money be used for extra employees and public safety personnel. She added that elected officials should not get paid.

Precinct 3 Justice of the Peace Judge Billy Johnson said he was thankful for the salary increase and noted that everyone, including the elected officials, have families.

"I believe all the elected officials who are here do it because they love public service, if I'm not mistaken," Johnson said.

The proposed 3 percent raise, plus \$3,000 extra, for non-elected employees was not voted on.

■ The court also approved a 90-day extension to a countywide burn ban, effective Aug. 25, the day the current ban expires.

County Fire Marshal Dale Little said the county has actually gotten drier since the ban was approved on May 27, so his recommendation to the commissioners was an extension.

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get her name on the side of a building? That may seem superficial to some, but to some people it's a very serious consideration."

Trustee Jay Isaacs said he did not perceive the decision as a conflict because Yarbrough is an employee, and not on the board that casts a final decision regarding the name.

The name was approved 6 to 1.

Other finalists for the name of the new west side elementary school were Judge David Cobos, community leader Jose Cuevas and the late longtime area educator Teresa Marmolejo, Warren said.

In other MISD news

■ The board approved architectural design plans for five MISD elementary schools. Burnet and DeZavala will be handled by Pate/WRA Architects, and Rusk, Milam and Scharbauer will be handled by Parkhill, Smith and Cooper.

Burnet will have two new classrooms, two new special education classrooms, life skills space, new student restrooms, playground work and resurfaced parking lots.

DeZavala will have its entry area and parking lot reworked, a storage area converted into a bathroom and seven drinking fountains will be replaced.

Milam will have a new drop-off area and parking lot work.

Scharbauer will have expanded parking and drop-off areas. The new bus drop-off will exit to Homestead Boulevard and the new student drop-off will exit to Hereford Boulevard.

Finally, Rusk will have an additional wing that will include a multipurpose

classroom, a classroom, two life skills classrooms, a kitchen and new restroom. Rusk's parking capacity will also be expanded.

Burnet and Rusk's additions will match the current building exteriors.

■ The election for trustee districts three, five and six will take place on Nov. 4. District 6 is held by Rick Davis, District 5 is held by Vice President Karen Nicholson, and District 3 is held by Tommy Bishop.

Trustees approved proposing a maintenance and operations tax rate of \$1.04 per \$100 valuation for the upcoming year, which is the same as the current year. The debt service rate will be 10 cents per \$100 valuation, up from 9 cents previously. Chief Financial Officer David Garcia said based on previous projections, the rate was anticipated to be 13 cents per \$100 at this time. A final tax rate will be adopted at the Aug. 25 meeting, set for at 5:30 p.m.

■ The resignation of District 4 trustee and board secretary Karen Fullen was accepted by the board. A special election for her seat will take place in November. Warren said filing for the position begins this morning.

■ The cost of school meals will be 25 cents higher in the fall. Adult meals will now cost \$3.50, kindergarten through sixth-grade meals will cost \$2.60 and seventh- and eighth-grade meals will cost \$2.85. The additional revenue will fund a \$2 per hour pay adjustment for child nutrition services employees and keeps the district in compliance with USDA requirements.

Trustees approved the purchase of two buses for Head Start using \$228,000 in Head Start money.

GISD board OKs raises, proposes lower tax rate

By Tessa Duvall
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Greenwood ISD's board unanimously approved pay raises for all teachers and support staff and proposed a tax rate for the upcoming year at its regular meeting Monday evening.

GISD employees will see a 3 percent raise in the 2014-15 school year. A first-year teacher with a bachelor's degree will make \$42,500, up from \$41,000 in the 2013-14 school year. The raise is in addition to the increase in salary teachers earn for each additional year of experience.

The board also approved proposing a tax rate of \$1.36145, which is to be considered at its budget and tax hearing set for 6:30 p.m. on Aug. 27. The proposed maintenance and operations rate is \$1.0634 per \$100 valuation, and the proposed interest and sinking fund rate is \$0.29805 per \$100 valuation, accord-

ing to a document provided by the district.

GISD's tax rate was \$1.5113 per \$100 valuation last year.

Total appraised values in Greenwood's taxing district have increased by more than \$200 million since last year. Appraised values are at \$1.471 billion, up from \$1.258 billion previously.

The average market value of a residence in Greenwood's district increased from \$216,906 last year to \$243,916 currently, according to the document. The taxes due on an average residence will be \$3,063, compared to \$3,068 last year.

Superintendent Ariel Elliott said the district is able to meet its budgetary needs with a lower tax rate. The 2014-15 budget includes added staff members, the 3 percent raise and increased spending for classroom technology and fuel costs.

A final budget and tax rate will be adopted on Aug. 27.

Police: 6 killed during chase Sunday

Associated Press

LEAGUE CITY — A family of four were among six people killed Sunday when a motorist fled from police and drove through a stop sign before striking another vehicle, police said. Authorities said the col-

lision was one of the worst they've seen, with both vehicles left unrecognizable.

"As far as lives lost and a devastating accident scene, this would probably top any other accidents for the League City police department," police spokeswoman Reagan Pena said Monday.

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MPD: Man arrested on sexual assault charge

A Midland man was arrested Friday for allegedly sexually assaulting a woman in the back seat of his car...

The woman met with investigators on Wednesday in reference to an assault that allegedly occurred Aug. 3.

The alleged victim — whose age was not listed on the arrest affidavit — said she snuck out of her house and went to two parties...

Investigators interviewed Ellis on Friday. He said did have sex with the woman without her consent...

MPD: Man used box cutter in assault

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for stabbing a man with an X-Acto knife...

Jesse Alan Sanchez, 34, was being held Monday on a \$50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

A man called police July 26 to report that his friend had been stabbed near the duck pond in the 1000

block of North B Street. The time as not provided in the arrest affidavit.

A detective learned that the alleged suspect, later identified as Sanchez, was upset because he thought the other two men blew a car horn at him...

The two men left the scene after the man was cut, but Sanchez followed them to a Pinkie's liquor store on Andrews Highway...

Sanchez was later identified by the alleged victim in a photo lineup. If convicted, Sanchez faces up to 20 years in prison.

Man arrested on drug possession charges

A Midland man was arrested Friday after police officers found him with a backpack containing 3.18 ounces of marijuana, cocaine and methamphetamine...

Ramon Borunda Jr., 23, was being held Monday on a \$61,000 bond for two second-degree felony charges of possession of a controlled substance between 4 and 200 grams and a class B misdemeanor charge of possession of marijuana less than 2 ounces.

A Midland police officer responded at about 1:15 a.m. Friday to the West Park Apartments, 2928 W. Louisiana Ave.

Several officers were walking through the area because of suspected narcotics activity.

The officers heard loud music and observed a black SUV pull into the north parking lot. They approached the vehicle and smelled marijuana coming from inside...

They searched the vehicle, driven by Borunda, and found a backpack containing two medium-sized

mason jars containing 2.59 ounces of marijuana. They also found in the backpack 6.8 grams of cocaine, 9.8 grams of methamphetamine, two crack rocks and a razor blade inside of sunglasses case.

Borunda later admitted that the drugs belonged to him and that he wanted to go to jail and "own up to his own mistakes."

Midland County jail records show that Borunda was charged with a class B misdemeanor for possession of marijuana less 2 ounces, but the affidavit states that he had more than 2 ounces in his possession.

If convicted, Borunda faces up to 20 years in prison for each second-degree felony.

MPD: Man drives pickup into home, injures sleeping woman

A Midland man was arrested Sunday after he drove his pickup into a house and injured a woman who was asleep in the house, according to court documents.

Rubin A. Molinar, 23, was being held Monday on a \$100,000 bond for third-degree felony charges of intoxication assault with a vehicle causing serious bodily injury and accident involving serious bodily injury or death.

Midland police responded to a vehicle crash at about 4:30 a.m. Sunday in the 300 block of Spraberry Drive.

The affidavit states that a woman was asleep in her bedroom when a pickup, driven by Molinar, crashed into her house and hit her. The woman suffered multiple rib fractures in the crash.

Officers learned that Molinar had fled the scene following the crash. An officer later found Molinar attempting to jump a fence near the 600 block of Spraberry Drive.

Molinar was extremely intoxicated, with his face covered in dirt and his pants ripped, according to the affidavit.

When the officer brought him back to the crash site, Molinar apologized, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Molinar faces up to 10 years in prison for each charge.

Aquifer feeding Texas High Plains rapidly shrinks

LUBBOCK — The chief underground water source for irrigating the agriculture-rich Texas High Plains is depleting at a pace that some fear will exhaust it far more quickly than anticipated.

Records examined by the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal show the Ogallala Aquifer has dropped about 325 billion gallons every year for at least the past four decades, meaning the 40-foot decline in the water supply amounts to about a foot each year. But at least two Texas counties west of Lubbock — Parmer and Castro — have plunged more than double that amount — 100 feet.

The aquifer covers parts of eight states from the Dakotas to Texas, holds almost 3 billion acre-feet of water and could run out in 50 years, according to a Kansas study last year. An acre-foot of water is the equivalent of 1 acre of surface area covered by water 1 foot deep — 325,853 gallons.

"When anybody tells me it's going to last for 50 years, I just laugh," Lucia Barbato, associate director at the Center for Geospatial Technology at Texas Tech University, told the newspaper in a story published Sunday.

"How long the aquifer lasts depends on where you are."

The Texas Tech center estimates four counties have less than 15 years before groundwater is exhausted for irrigation.

"Certainly, the magnitude of the decline is greatest in Texas," said Virginia "Ginny" McGuire, a hydrologist with the U.S. Geological Survey in Nebraska. "You're still using water at a much faster rate

than it's being recharged." "You see most of the decline where the irrigated agriculture is," Barbato said. "It's obvious that irrigated agriculture is not sustainable."

Farmers aren't oblivious to the situation. Some even have turned off their wells.

"You just have to learn to do with less," said Barry Evans, 52, who rotates cotton, wheat and grain sorghum on 3,000 acres in Swisher County.

Roughly two-thirds of his crop if now dryland farming, meaning it relies on rainwater, not irrigation.

"I can see in the pretty near future, I won't be irrigating at all," Evans said. "We'll adapt, and farm this country somehow."

Agriculture represents about 30 percent of the High Plains economy, accounting for at least \$3 billion in direct economic impact.

Officials in Lubbock at the Cotton Economics Research Institute at Texas Tech estimate one-third of that revenue would be gone with dryland farming.

"What most people in this city don't understand is their livelihood is connected to agriculture," institute director Darren Hudson said. "It's an important resource that we need to figure out how to hang on to it as long as we can."

Besides Parmer and Castro, other counties where irrigated agriculture is threatened are Bailey, Cochran, Hale, Hockley, Lamb, Lubbock and Lynn.

"We know it's a limited supply and we just have to manage it as best we possibly can," Steve Verett, executive vice president of Plains Cotton Growers, said. "Farming is not going to go away; it's just going to be different."

Hospital board proposes lower tax rate; hearings set

Associated Press

Midlanders can comment on a proposal to lower Midland County Hospital District's tax rate during two public hearings this month.

Hearings are set for 11:45 a.m. Wednesday and Aug. 20 at the administrative boardroom of Midland Memorial Hospital, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway.

Board of directors proposed a tax rate last month that's 5.9 percent lower than the last fiscal year at 11.83 cents per \$100 valuation, which includes 8.68 cents for maintenance and operations and 3.15 cents for debt service and obligation bonds.

about a 4 percent increase over the effective rate — or the rate needed to generate the same revenue as last year — said Steve Bowerman, Midland Memorial Hospital's chief financial officer, during July's board meeting.

Under the proposed rate, Bowerman said a homeowner with a median-value home of \$199,550 would pay \$236.07 in total property tax to the hospital district next year. During fiscal year 2013, homeowners paid \$222.61 in taxes for a median-value home of \$177,095, a tax summary shows.

To submit a health brief, contact reporter Rachael Gleason at 687-8817 or rgleason@mrt.com.

STATE BRIEFS

HOUSTON Father, 3 sons sentenced for public corruption

A father and his three sons have been sentenced to federal prison for public corruption in the tiny South Texas border town of Progreso.

U.S. District Judge David Hittner in Houston sentenced father Jose Vela on Monday to more than 12 years in prison and his sons — Omar Vela, Michael Vela and Orlando Vela — to 10 years, six years and 10 months, respectively.

Omar Vela was the mayor of Progreso, Michael Vela was the school board president and Orlando Vela oversaw risk management, loss control and safety management for the school district. Jose Vela was the school district's director of maintenance and transportation.

Together Jose, Omar and Michael Vela squeezed bribes and kickbacks from city and school district

contractors. Orlando Vela billed the district for supplies never delivered.

DALLAS Man detained after armed standoff

A man has been taken into custody after gunshots aimed at a fire engine led to an armed standoff at a house in a posh neighborhood in far north Dallas.

Dallas police Lt. Jose Garcia said fire-rescue units responding to a Dumpster fire about 3 p.m. Monday were fired upon as they arrived at the scene. As they sought cover, police units sent to the same scene on a missing persons call arrived. Garcia said officers didn't hear the initial gunshots but were fired upon, themselves, as they went to the door.

Garcia said that as officers joined firefighters in seeking cover, the police tactical squad was summoned and the man surrendered.

Police haven't revealed the man's identity or if he

faces any charges.

AUSTIN AG: \$3.9M spent defending GOP-drawn election maps

The legal fight spearheaded by Attorney General Greg Abbott to defend redistricting maps in federal court has cost Texas \$3.9 million so far, with more to come.

That cost and the ongoing litigation have been criticized by Democrats as wasteful. But top Texas Republicans blame the groups that sued Texas three years ago shortly after the Legislature enacted the maps.

In the current case, the U.S. Department of Justice and minority civil-rights groups are fighting against defunct maps passed in 2011 as well as ones passed in 2013 that almost mirror the interim maps used in the 2012 elections.

The San Antonio Express-News reported that Abbott's office released the figure in response to a Public Information Act request.

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NATION BRIEFS

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MONTANA Wardens kill grizzly bear that killed cattle

BOZEMAN — Federal wildlife officials killed a male grizzly bear blamed for recent cattle deaths on an Idaho ranch near Montana's southwestern border.

The Bozeman Daily Chronicle reported workers had reported cattle deaths on a ranch that is part of Idaho's Harriman State Park.

Idaho Fish and Game spokesman Gregg Losinski said the cattle depredations had been continuing and it appeared a bear was responsible.

Idaho wildlife officials contacted U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services trappers, who snared and killed the bear on Sunday. It was about 9 years old.

The ranch where the bear was killed is about 30 miles from the U.S. Sheep Experiment Station's summer grazing pastures in the Centennial Mountains.

GEORGIA Plant manager says mold, mildew at processor

ALBANY — A Georgia food processor linked to a deadly salmonella outbreak shipped thousands of pounds of peanut products after learning its products were contaminated and cheated on testing, a former plant manager testified Monday.

Samuel Lightsey is a key government witness against his former boss, Peanut Corporation of America owner Stewart Parnell, and two others.

He described documents to jurors that show Peanut Corporation shipped peanuts to companies in Missouri, Illinois and other points after receiving laboratory warnings that product samples had tested positive for salmonella. In other instances, the company cheated on safety testing by switching samples, Lightsey said.

In one instance, company records from September 2007 show the firm requested testing on a sample of peanut paste made for Kellogg's before plant workers actually made the paste. Lightsey said company workers had pulled a sample from an earlier batch. Prosecutor Patrick Hearn asked whether the company could have known whether those products were safe.

The 2008-09 salmonella outbreak caused one of the largest food recalls in U.S. history. Food safety investigators found more than 700 people across the country were infected and nine people died — three in Minnesota, two in Ohio, two in Virginia, one in Idaho and one in North Carolina.

Lightsey examined photographs showing evidence of water leaks and described sanitation problems inside the plant. Salmonella can be spread when outside water carrying contaminants seeps into a food processing facility. The photographs showed what Lightsey described as mold and mildew, water stains under a vent in a packaging room and condensation around plant fans. Lightsey said workers kept a pellet gun inside the facility so they could shoot birds that got inside.



AP file photo

Al-Jazeera America editorial newsroom staff prepares for their first broadcast in New York on Aug. 20, 2013. Al-Jazeera America marks its first anniversary on the air next week. The news network has recorded some startlingly low ratings and recently shown signs of retrenchment with layoffs and by cutting some live newscasts.

After its 1st year, Al-Jazeera America sees few viewers

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Al-Jazeera America marks its first anniversary on the air next week, and if you haven't watched much, you're not alone.

The news network has recorded some startlingly low ratings and recently shown signs of retrenchment with layoffs and by cutting some live newscasts. Al-Jazeera America has also won awards for its work, seen some recent audience growth and its chief executive insists a steady growth plan is on target.

After several unsuccessful years trying to get its English-language network carried widely in the United States, the Qatar-based Al-Jazeera bought and closed Al Gore's Current TV network last year and set up the U.S.-focused AJAM to replace Al-Jazeera English in the U.S. It is now available in nearly 60 million cable and satellite homes, just over half the U.S. market.

"The quality of the channel is very much what was promised," said Dave Marsh, a former reporter for ABC's "Nightline" and Al-Jazeera English. "It is serious of purpose, by far the best news channel available to American viewers."

Al-Jazeera America won Peabody Awards for documentaries on cholera in Haiti and a deadly factory fire in Bangladesh. The network had six first-place finishes in the National Headliner Awards, which honors notable journalism. Two weeks ago, the National Association of Black Journalists honored AJAM for "creative, compelling, character-driven storytelling."

Aside from award judges, not many people have seen those stories.

So far this year, Al-Jazeera America has averaged 17,000 viewers in prime time, ticking up to 23,000 during the first week of fighting in Gaza. CNN has averaged

453,000 and Fox News Channel 1.87 million in the same period, the Nielsen company said.

Ehab Al Shihabi, AJAM's chief executive, considers that comparison unfair. The other news networks have been operating much longer and are available in more homes. Their audiences were small at the start, if they even allowed Nielsen to measure them, he said.

AJAM's first year should instead be judged on the quality of its journalism and growth in distribution, he said.

"Americans are not yet aware of Al-Jazeera America," Al Shihabi said. "We are, on a gradual basis, continuing our advertising, continuing our outreach. Awareness and perception will take time."

While the Israeli-Palestinian conflict gives the network a chance to showcase strength in international reporting, Al Shihabi said it also covers stories in the U.S. that its rivals don't. The prime-time newsmagazine "America Tonight" recently traveled to all 50 states for stories — reporting on gang violence in Alaska, a slow-moving project to sculpt the image of Crazy Horse on a South Dakota mountain and a woman in Detroit who makes coats for homeless people. Next month, director Alex Gibney delivers a new documentary on high school students' lives.

"I do think there's a market for it," said Jon Klein, a former CNN U.S. president whose new startup just launched an online channel for Sarah Palin. "But to launch a cable channel in America today is a scary proposition because there is so much clutter in the marketplace. It is as much a marketing proposition as a content proposition."

He's not sure Al-Jazeera America has broken through with its message, saying people seem to be more aware of the swashbuckling news organization Vice.

Ship rescues 3 stranded in rough seas

Associated Press

HONOLULU — A container ship crew on Monday rescued three people who were stranded in a sailboat off the Hawaiian islands for about 24 hours as Hurricane Julio battered their vessel with giant waves and high winds that ripped off one of its hatches.

The sailors made it on to the container ship at about 8 a.m., Coast Guard Chief Warrant Officer Gene Maestas said. They were in good condition, he said.

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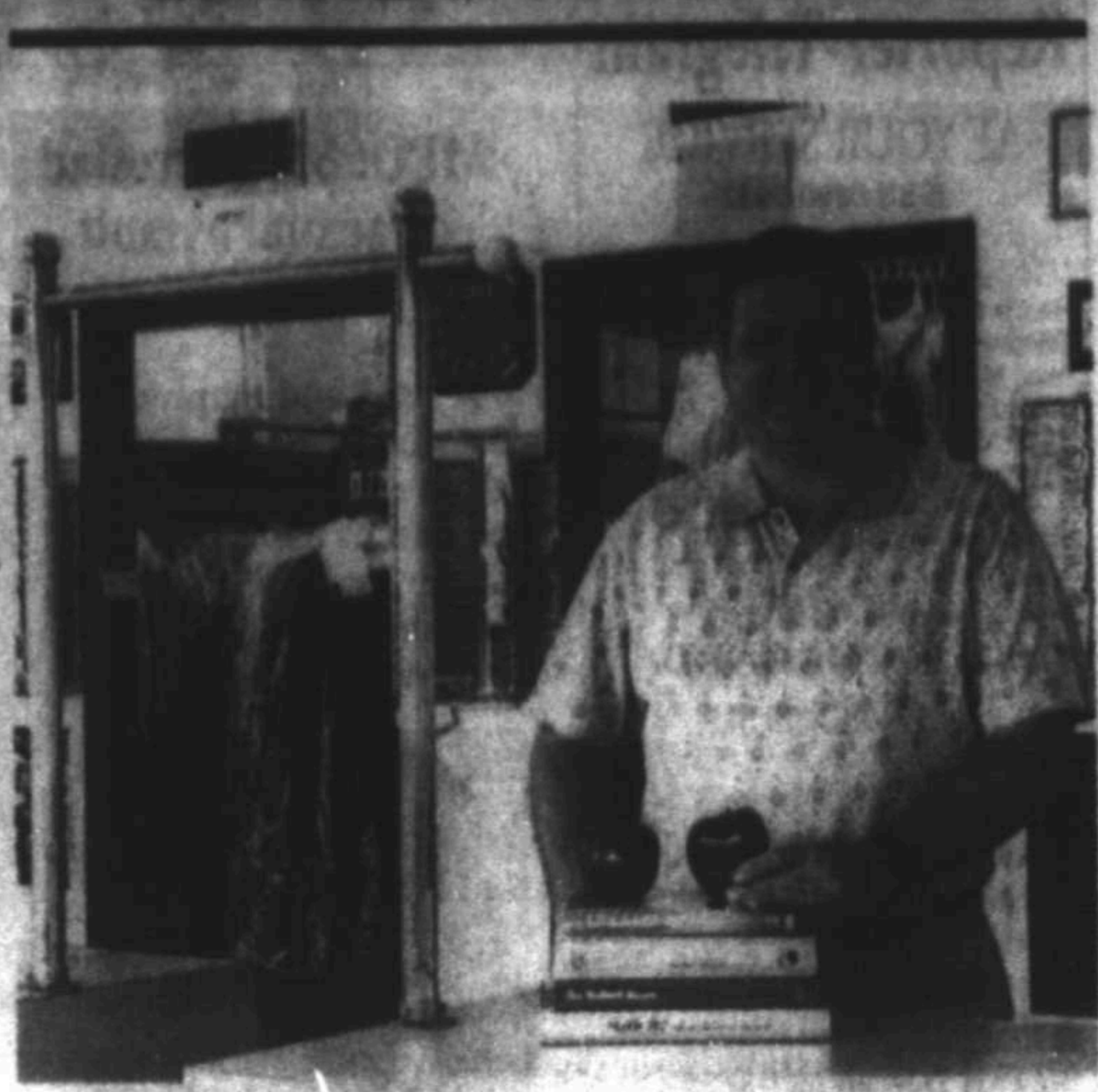
into trouble while sailing the 42-foot Walkabout from California to Hawaii, Maestas said. The Coast Guard said it received their message for help Sunday morning after the boat became disabled and took on water.

The sailboat was stranded in 30-foot seas and winds of 92 to 115 mph, according to the agency.

One of its hatches blew away, and onboard pumps couldn't keep up with the flooding. Gusts also carried the vessel's life raft overboard.

The Matson Inc. container ship was on its way to deliver goods to Honolulu and was the closest vessel that could help. It reached the Walkabout around 10 p.m. Sunday.

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Intervention in Iraq has attainable objective

■ Stage could be set for policy shift: Well-armed Kurdistan could replace unstable Iraq as focus of U.S. in the region

Three times before last week's decision to launch airstrikes against the self-styled caliphate, the Islamic State, President Barack Obama was urged to intervene in Middle Eastern conflicts: in Libya in the spring of 2011, in Syria from 2011 onward and in Iraq two short months ago, when Baghdad was threatened by the swift advance of the Islamic State.

In each case, there were good reasons to hesitate. In Libya, we had little to gain strategically from Moammar Gadhafi's fall, and more to fear from the vacuum that might follow. Syria was a more significant theater, and Bashar Assad's downfall a consummation more devoutly to be wished — but there as in Libya, there was little clarity about what forces (liberals? warlords? jihadists?) we would be empowering and what would follow Assad's rule.

A similar problem existed for the recent battles outside Baghdad. There was no question that America had an interest in seeing the southward advance of the Islamic State rolled back. But dropping bombs on behalf of Nouri al-Maliki's tuggish, failing government was a possible fool's errand: We would have been essentially serving as "the air force for Shia militias" (to quote David Petraeus, no dove) and by extension for the Islamic



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Republic of Iran. All three situations were hard calls, and the fact that intervention in Libya and inaction in Syria produced similar outcomes — rippling chaos and jihadi gains — has allowed both hawks and doves to claim vindication.

But in all three debates, the noninterventionist position ultimately had the better of the argument. We were better off sending advisers but not warplanes when the Islamic State threatened Baghdad; we were wise not to funnel arms (or at least not that many, depending on what the CIA's been doing) into Syria's chaos; and Obama would have been wise to heed the cautious Robert Gates on Libya, rather than Samantha Power and Bernard-Henri Livi.

The latest crisis, however, is different. This time, the case for war is much stronger, and the decision to intervene is almost certainly the right call.

In the earlier debates, the humanitarian case for action was in clear tension with strategic issues on the ground. In northern Iraq right now, the two are much more closely aligned. Alongside a stronger moral

obligation to act than we had in Syria or Libya, we have a clear enough military objective, a more tested ally in the Kurds and a plausible long-term strategy that could follow from intervening now.

The stronger moral obligation flows from two realities. First, this humanitarian crisis is one our actions directly helped create: The cleansing of Christians, Yazidis and other religious minorities began in the chaos following our invasion of Iraq, and it has taken a more ruthless turn because the Islamic State profited from the fallout from our too-swift 2011 withdrawal. (Indeed, it's often using American-made weapons to harry, persecute and kill.)

Second, the Islamic State represents a more distinctive form of evil even than a butcher like Assad. As the blogger Razib Khan argued last week, the would-be caliphate is "utopian in its fundamentals," and so its ruthless religious cleansing isn't just a tyrant's "tool to instill terror" and consolidate power; it's the point of gaining power, an end unto itself.

These arguments — a distinctive obligation, a distinctive (and thus potentially more expansive) evil — still do not compel action absent a clear strategic plan, which is why the president was right to hesitate to take the fight to the Islamic State around Baghdad.

But in this case, such a plan is visible. We do not need to re-invade or restabilize Iraq to deal the Islamic State a blow and help its victims, because Kurdistan is already relatively stable, and the line of

conflict is relatively clear. And the Kurds themselves, crucially, are a known quantity with a longstanding relationship to the United States — something that wasn't on offer in Libya or Syria.

So our intervention in northern Iraq has a limited, attainable objective: Push the Islamic State back toward the Sunni heartland, allow its victims to seek refuge in Kurdish territory and increase the Kurds' capacity to go on offense against the caliphate.

But if this president is thinking strategically, instead of just conducting a humanitarian drive-by, this intervention could also set the stage for a broader policy shift. Swiftly or gradually, depending on political developments in Baghdad, an independent, secure, well-armed Kurdistan could replace an unstable, perpetually fragmenting Iraq as the intended locus of U.S. influence in the region.

That influence will be necessarily limited: We are not going to stamp out the Islamic State on our own, or prevent the Middle East's rival coalitions — Sunni vs. Shiite, oligarchic vs. populist — from continuing their brutal proxy wars. There is not going to be a major U.S.-aligned model nation in the Arab world anytime soon, of the sort the Iraq invasion's architects naively hoped to build.

But by protecting a Kurdistan that can extend protection to groups made homeless by the fighting, we can still help save something from the wreckage. Not a model, but a refuge.

OUR VIEW

Chevron deserves kudos for making donation to UTPB

We like it when we can use this space to brag about something in our community. And today, the kudos go to Chevron.

Last week, Chevron North America made a \$500,000 donation to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to create an endowed chair of petroleum engineering.

"We wanted to kick in and show our support of the program," said Mitch Mamoulides, area manager for Chevron.

Mamoulides and UTPB President David Watts hope that the half-million-dollar donation encourages other donors to support petroleum engineering, especially as the university pursues funding for a petroleum engineering building on the Odessa campus.

The oil company also gave \$64,900 for scholarships at UTPB. The funds will be divided among areas of community need, including engineering, nursing and teaching, according to a Reporter-Telegram report.

It's heartening when local companies step up for education — from providing funds for teacher bonuses and to help support staff pay their rent, to allowing their employees to spend time volunteering in the classroom.

The need for engineers and others in science-related fields will only continue to grow. We hope that students who have the desire to go into the industry will take advantage of the local program. As Mamoulides said last week, "It is great to have a university right in the heart of the Permian Basin. There is no better place to learn about our industry than sitting in the middle of the largest producing region in the U.S. ..."

The university is in the process of seeking accreditation for the petroleum engineering program, which has been available at UTPB only since 2011 and graduated its first class in December. The cause should be helped by the support of companies such as Chevron — which Watts said "doesn't just invest in any old program. They invest in quality programs and quality institutions."

We would expect nothing less.

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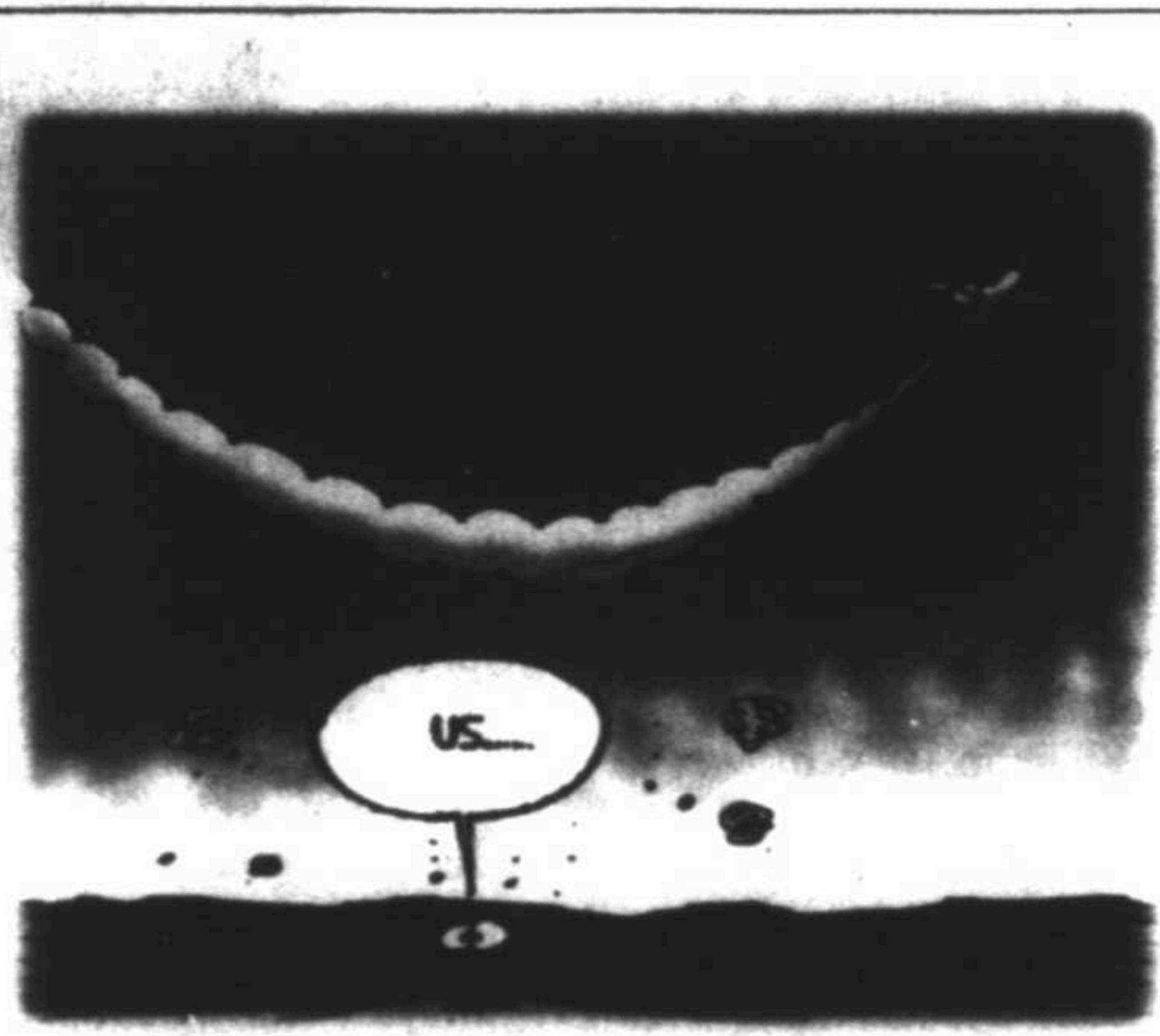
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Marketing sends the wrong messages

■ Line has been crossed in an effort to sell magazines and shoes

Like beauty itself, the degradation of women is in the eye of the beholder. What's clearly demeaning in one person's view is but an updated version of Helen Reddy's feminist anthem, "I Am Woman," in another's.

Take Olivia Wilde's breast-feeding photo from September's edition of Glamour magazine. The actress was photographed nursing her infant son Otis in, as E! Online gushed, "a Roberto Cavalli dress, Prada heels, a Prada scarf, Yossi Harari earrings and a Lanvin ring."

A lovely, candid image of mother and child, to be sure. But its Web ubiquity is another example of how society approves of objectifying women (in this case Wilde is a pretty clothes hanger, or brand ambassador, if you will); putting them into neat little boxes (sex symbol, artist, working mom!); and turning a blind eye to all the Internet-enabled sexual leering this iconic maternal image has induced.

Others take the photo as a celebration of a new openness and acceptance of breast-feeding. OK, let's go with this issue for a second. Breast-feeding is probably the single most important nutritional and developmental choice a mother can make for her child. But it ain't pretty.

Wonderful? Yes, of course. Having breast-fed two babies, I can attest to that. But it's also hard work, physically demanding and ... well, instead of getting into the graphic details, I'll just assure you: It's not glamorous.

We usually aren't physically perfect right after giving birth and don't get to wear thousands of dollars' worth of designer clothes and professional-grade make-up when we feed our babies.

Plus, let me say this loud and clear: 99 percent of breast-feeding moms figure out how to do it discreetly and usually keep it that way.

So, breast-feeding advocates, rejoice all you want. I'm just thankful I don't have a nursing infant and yet another image of a rich, flawless celebrity looking drop-dead-gorgeous to live up to as I deal with nursing bras, breast pumps and teething.

The fine line between celebration and exploitation has also been trampled recently by the shoe brand Nine West, which is amping up its outreach to women 25 to 49 by saluting modern sexuality and women's courting tactics and by glamorizing alcohol.

Specifically, the shoe ads feature images that give helpful tips for what to wear in several common situations.

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According to The New York Times, "One ad, for example, carries the headline 'Starter husband hunting' and shows a woman in leopard print pumps holding arrows near an archery target. In another, with the headline 'Drunch' a portmanteau of drunk and lunch, the legs of a woman wearing-leather pumps jut from the bottom of the page, a glass of champagne teetering on her knee. And another, under the banner 'Anticipatory walk of shame,' shows a woman carrying a Nine West handbag with a pair of the brand's flip-flops poking out."

Many have reacted positively, seeing the ad campaign as funny and persuasive. But the criticism has been diverse, from outrage that a major brand name would reduce women's shoe choices to preparation for the stereotypical activity of husband-hunting to the oversight that some ladies might don sexy shoes to wife-hunt.

Silly me, I expected there to be serious outcry over an ad celebrating the "walk of shame" — a term popularized on college campuses — when Congress is considering a bipartisan campus sexual assault bill to address the rising tide of violence against women on university grounds.

But no. While many comments on websites and social media are of the "Why assume a woman needs a man?" variety, few seem to be bothered by the portrayal of women as victims to alcohol and overnight stays that induce day-after humiliation.

One commenter, tweeting to Nine West, said "@NineWest shoes, from a wonky perspective: 'Anticipatory walk of shame.' One night stands for women are NOT shameful!"

But, presumably, if one had an empowering, satisfying one-night encounter, one would not classify the morning after as a "walk of shame," right?

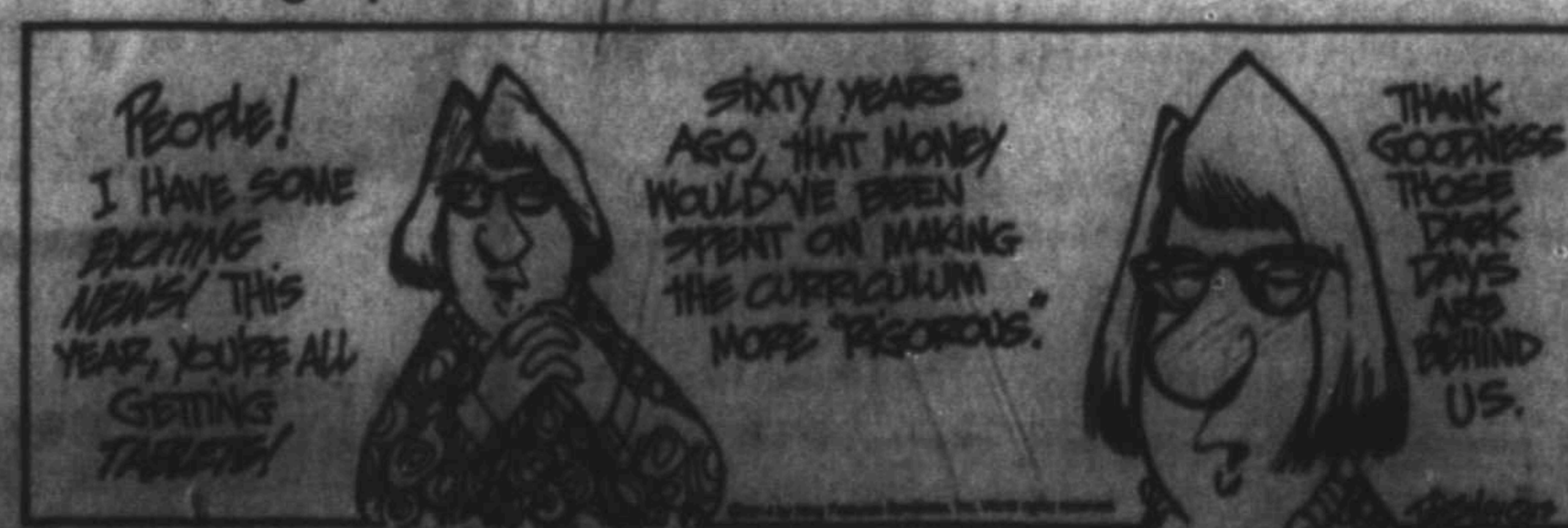
We're living in a time when there is no commonly agreed-upon definition or ideology of feminism, therefore the dots go unconnected and few bat an eye when a critical mass buys into a merchant's poor treatment of women.

But, as marketing messages go, these two publicity stunts will either sell magazines and shoes — or not. And this choice is ours.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



US Postal Service loses \$2 billion this spring

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Postal Service lost \$2 billion this spring despite increasing its volume and charging consumers more money to send mail, officials said Monday.

The loss for the spring quarter, which ended June 30, was significantly higher than the \$740 million loss for the same three-month period last year. The agency blamed increases in compensation and benefit costs for the red ink and said it would be unable to make a congressionally mandated payment of \$5.7 billion this September for health benefits for future retirees. The loss came despite a 2 percent

increase in operating revenue compared to last spring.

"Due to continued losses and low levels of liquidity, we've been extremely conservative with our capital, spending only what is deemed essential to maintain existing infrastructure," said Joseph Corbett, the Postal Service's chief financial officer.

The Postal Service is an independent agency that receives no tax dollars for its day-to-day operations but is subject to congressional control. It has asked to end most Saturday deliveries, a request that is languishing in Congress amid opposition by postal unions. The agency also is seeking to eliminate the congressionally mandated \$5.7 billion annual payment for

future retiree health benefits.

Fredric Rolando, president of the National Association of Letter Carriers, agrees that Congress should get rid of the 2006 mandated payment but says it would be "irresponsible to degrade services to Americans and their businesses" just as postal delivery is rebounding with the economy. Because more people are shopping online, "the Internet is now a net positive for USPS, auguring well for the future as e-commerce grows," Rolando said in a statement.

The Postal Service has defaulted before on federally mandated annual payments to cover expected health care costs for future retirees. Corbett said the agency also needs \$10 billion to replace old vehicles,

buy new package sorting equipment and make other infrastructure upgrades.

Other findings from the latest quarterly report compared to the same time period last year:

■ Shipping and package revenue was up 6.6 percent, while standard mail revenue increased 5.1 percent. The increase was attributed both to higher volume and prices charged to consumers.

■ First-Class mail volume declined by 1.4 percent, but revenue climbed 3.2 percent because of price increases.

■ Operating revenue increased by \$327 million to \$16.5 billion.

■ Operating expenses increased by \$1.5 billion to \$18.4 billion.

DEA improperly paid \$854,460 for passenger lists

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Drug Enforcement Administration paid an Amtrak secretary \$854,460 over nearly 20 years to obtain confidential information about train passengers, which the DEA could have lawfully obtained for free through a law enforcement network, The Associated Press has learned.

The employee was not publicly identified except as a "secretary to a train and engine crew" in a report on the incident by Amtrak's inspector general. The secretary was allowed to retire, rather than face administrative discipline, after the discovery that the employee had effectively been acting as an informant who "regularly" sold private passenger information since 1995 without Amtrak's approval, according to a one-paragraph summary of the matter.

On Monday, the office of Amtrak Inspector General Tom Howard declined to identify the secretary or say why it took so long to uncover the payments. Howard's report on the incident concluded, "We suggested policy changes and other measures to address control weaknesses that Amtrak management is considering." DEA spokeswoman Dawn Darden declined to comment.

Passenger name reservation information is collected by airlines, rail carriers and others and generally includes a passenger's name, the names of other passengers traveling with them, the dates of the ticket and travel, frequent flier



AP file photos

The Drug Enforcement Administration paid an Amtrak secretary \$854,460 over nearly 20 years to obtain confidential information about train passengers, which the DEA could have lawfully obtained for free through a law enforcement network, The Associated Press has learned. Sen. Chuck Grassley of Iowa, left photo, the senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, called the \$854,460 an unnecessary expense and asked for further information about the incident in a letter he released Monday to DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart, right photo.

or rider information, credit card numbers, emergency contact information, travel itinerary, baggage information, passport number, date of birth, gender and seat number.

Sen. Chuck Grassley, the senior Republican on the Senate Judiciary Committee, called the \$854,460 an unnecessary expense and asked for further information about the incident in a letter he released Monday to DEA Administrator Michele Leonhart. Grassley said the incident "raises some serious questions about the DEA's practices and damages its credibility to cooperate with other law enforcement agencies."

Amtrak is officially known as the National Railroad Passenger Corp. and is not a government

agency, although it has received tens of billions of dollars in federal subsidies and is subject to the U.S. Freedom of Information Act. Amtrak's inspector general said the secretary provided the passenger information without seeking approval from Amtrak management or police, but Amtrak's own corporate privacy policy expressly allows it to sell or share personal information about its customers and passengers with contractors or a category of others it describes as "certain trustworthy business partners."

Under a joint drug enforcement task force that includes the DEA and Amtrak's own police agency, the task force can obtain Amtrak confidential passenger reservation information at no cost, the inspec-

tor general's report said. Under an agreement, Amtrak police would receive a share of any money seized as a result of such drug task force investigations, and Amtrak's inspector general concluded that DEA's purchase of the passenger information deprived the Amtrak Police Department of money it would have received from resulting drug arrests.

It's not unprecedented for law enforcement to have professional people who are informants employed in transportation and other industries, said a federal law enforcement official who is familiar with the incident involving Amtrak. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the person was not authorized to speak on the record.

Obama welcomes new Iraqi leaders as 'step forward'

Associated Press

CHILMARK, Mass. — President Barack Obama welcomed new leadership in Iraq as "a promising step forward" Monday amid a political and security crisis in Baghdad, saying the only lasting solution is the formation of an inclusive government.

Obama did not mention Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki but clearly was addressing the embattled incumbent as he called for Iraqi political leaders to work peacefully through a political transition.

"These have been difficult days in Iraq," Obama said outside his rented vacation home on Martha's Vineyard. "I'm sure there are going to be difficult days ahead."

Obama's remarks came as the U.S. conducted more air strikes against the advance of Islamic State militants in northern Iraq. In Washington, Lt. Gen. William Mayville, the director of operations for the Joint Chiefs of Staff, told reporters that the 15 targeted strikes have slowed the Islamic State's advance but done little to degrade the militants' capacity as a fighting force.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 pm on August 27, 2014, in the Distance Learning Center, Building located at 2700 FM 1379 Midland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.06340	/ \$ 100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.29805	/ \$ 100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	9.904 % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	0.518 % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	8.22 % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under section 28.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$1,288,238,918	\$1,471,284,799
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$21,798,639	\$89,057,926
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$1,162,038,918	\$1,294,836,639
Total taxable value*** of new property***	\$29,246,107	\$88,194,888

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** New property is defined by Section 28.012(17), Tax Code.
*** Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 61,740,000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund**	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.17000	\$0.54130	\$1.51130	\$8,095	\$995
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.02340	\$0.29805	\$1.32145	\$8,501	\$826
Proposed Rate	\$1.06340	\$0.29805	\$1.36145	\$8,148	\$905

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay these bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 219,898	\$ 243,918
Average Taxable value of Residences	\$ 198,288	\$ 228,098
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100	\$1.91134	\$1.28148
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 3,695	\$ 2,923
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		-\$ 772

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 65 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.36145. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.36145.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 88,417,795
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 888,202

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The MIDLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public hearing meeting at 6:30 pm on August 26, 2014, in board room of the Administration Building located at 918 W. Missouri St., Midland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	\$ 1.04005	/ \$ 100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax	\$ 0.10	/ \$ 100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)
Approved by Local Voters		

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	18.41 % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Debt service	5.98 % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)
Total expenditures	15.48 % (increase)	or	_____ % (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value

(as calculated under section 28.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	\$16,896,284,300	\$21,802,836,045
Total appraised value* of new property**	\$424,624,890	\$636,298,380
Total taxable value*** of all property	\$16,942,899,007	\$18,820,429,189
Total taxable value*** of new property***	\$418,224,182	\$617,796,388

* Appraised value is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** New property is defined by Section 28.012(17), Tax Code.
*** Taxable value is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness \$ 424,447,417

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund**	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	\$1.04005	\$0.08000	\$1.13005	\$7,951	\$363
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	\$1.22576	\$0.10886	\$1.3327	\$8,789	\$328
Proposed Rate	\$1.04005	\$0.08000	\$1.1301	\$8,175	\$323

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay these bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	\$ 198,947	\$ 217,873
Average Taxable value of Residences	\$ 180,894	\$ 207,288
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per \$100	\$1.13005	\$1.14998
Taxes Due on Average Residence	\$ 2,145	\$ 2,382
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		\$ 237

Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 65 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.141786. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.141786.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment:

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balance(s)	\$ 881,576,244
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	\$ 83,428,102

Ebola: Questions, answers about an unproven drug

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A Spanish missionary priest is the third Westerner with Ebola to be treated with an experimental drug that's never been tested in people and is said to be in very limited supply.

Spanish authorities' disclosure on Monday raised further ethical questions about why no Africans have received the drug and how to decide who gets access to an unproven drug in an emergency. The first two recipients were Americans.

The World Health Organization debated the issue Monday, even as Ebola experts have warned that scarce doses of experimental drugs aren't going to stop an outbreak that has now spread to four African countries.

Some questions and answers about the Ebola drug:

What is this drug?

Called ZMapp, it is a cocktail of specially engineered antibodies designed to target and inactivate the Ebola virus.

What do we know about whether it works?

Very little. Various antibodies have been tested in small numbers of monkeys, but not people. In one study, 43 percent of treated monkeys survived when the drug was given after the animals showed symptoms.

Manufacturer Mapp Biopharmaceutical Inc. now is developing a combination of three antibodies that seemed most promising in those animal studies.

Why isn't ZMapp being tested more widely to find out if it works in people?

There's not enough available: Mapp Biopharmaceutical says it has very limited supplies. The antibodies are grown inside tobacco plants, and then extracted and purified, a slow process. U.S. officials have estimated that only a modest amount could be produced in two or three months, unless some way to speed production is found.

What does it mean that the two American aid workers who received the drug are reported to be slowly improving?

Top U.S. health officials stress that there's no way to know if the drug really helped, or if those two patients would have been among the 40 percent of people who are surviving this outbreak anyway. Without human studies, there also isn't any way to know if the drug might harm instead of help.

There is no proven treatment for Ebola. But basic supportive care — things like keeping patients hydrated, maintaining their blood pressure and treating any complicating infections — can make a difference in survival, says Dr. Tom Frieden, director

of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The two U.S. patients, both infected in Liberia, are being treated at Emory University Hospital in Atlanta.

How were the Westerners chosen to get some of those limited doses, rather than Africans?

The international relief organization Samaritan's Purse and Emory University Hospital requested that the manufacturer provide some of the drug for the two Americans, and the manufacturer agreed. As for the Spanish missionary priest, it wasn't clear exactly how Spanish officials obtained a dose that apparently was in Geneva. The priest also is in isolation at a Madrid hospital.

Typically, the Food and Drug Administration doesn't regulate shipments of unapproved drugs for emergency use in individual patients outside the U.S.

The World Health Organization is debating if any further limited supplies of experimental drugs should be used during the outbreak, and under what conditions. But the agency cannot force a manufacturer to go along. Indeed, using an experimental drug outside of a research study isn't just a gamble for patient safety. What if a drug might benefit patients early in the disease, but doctors can't tell because it was given only to the most gravely ill?

Are any other drugs in the pipeline?

Canada's Tekmira Pharmaceuticals Corp. is developing a drug that targets Ebola's genetic material. The FDA had halted a small safety study with questions about a reaction in healthy volunteers. Last week, Tekmira announced that FDA had modified its restriction, clearing a roadblock to possible experimental use in infected patients; the company said at the time that it was "carefully evaluating options."

A handful of other companies are in earlier stages of drug development; a possible vaccine to prevent the disease is expected to begin first-stage safety studies sometime in the fall.

If experimental drugs won't stop the outbreak, what will?

Frieden and other experts say old-fashioned public health measures: rapidly finding and isolating the sick, quarantining those exposed and educating the public on how to avoid the risk of infection. Ebola is spread through direct contact with bodily fluids of sick patients. Frieden said the two main drivers of the outbreak are improper infection control during patient care and traditional but risky burial practices that have mourners handling bodies that are still infectious.



Associated Press

Workers have their temperature taken before entering the Freeport area, an important commercial port facility, Monrovia, Liberia, on Monday. Experts say fear and misunderstanding of Ebola have led many to ignore medical advice, fueling the disease's spread.

Ethics test: Who gets experimental drug?

Associated Press

MADRID — Now it's not just two Americans, but a Spaniard, as well: the three non-Africans known to have Ebola got some of the very few doses that exist of an experimental drug aimed at treating the deadly disease.

None of the more than 1,700 Africans sickened by Ebola have received this treatment.

The drug, ZMapp, is so novel and unproven that not much is available and its effectiveness remains unknown. It could end up doing more harm than good. It would take months to produce even modest quantities. Even then, using it more widely would present other ethical dilemmas.

But many Africans are seeing a larger, bitter truth in the fact that two Americans and a Spaniard were able to get this treatment after they were infected in West Africa, where the hemorrhagic fever has raged for months, killing 961 people and counting.

"There's no reason to try this medicine on sick white people and to ignore blacks," said Marcel Guilavogui, a pharmacist in Conakry, Guinea. "We understand that it's a drug

that's being tested for the first time and that could have negative side effects. But we have to try it in blacks, too."

Some are using Twitter to demand that the drug be made available in Africa.

"We can't afford to be passive while many more die," said Aisha Dabo, a Senegalese-Gambian journalist who was tweeting using the hashtag "GiveUsTheSerum" on Monday. "That's why we raise our voice for the world to hear us."

The ethical dilemmas involved prompted the U.N. health agency to consult Monday with ethicists, infectious disease experts, patient representatives and the Doctors Without Borders group. Most participants in the closed

teleconference were from developed countries, but Uganda and Senegal had people in the meeting.

The World Health Organization said it would describe the results of the discussion at a news conference Tuesday, but didn't announce whether it would make recommendations for deciding which Ebola patients should get experimental therapies.

"It certainly looks bad that only three Westerners have gotten the drug while most of the people with Ebola are African," said Art Caplan, director of bioethics at NYU Langone Medical Center, who was not involved in Monday's consults.

The drugmaker should clarify its policy, said Caplan. "I don't think this

scarce resource should just be given to whoever is best connected."

The drug is made by Mapp Biopharmaceutical Inc., a small, San Diego-based company that did not respond to calls or emails from The Associated Press on Monday.

Companies can provide experimental drugs on a "compassionate use" basis, usually after they have been fully tested in humans. The Food and Drug Administration approves such uses in the U.S. but has no authority overseas.

Ultimately, the companies alone decide whether or not to share their products, and it wasn't clear Monday whether the governments of these West African countries have asked them directly.

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Wine-themed 5K race coming to Midland

By Steve Kuhlmann
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While 5K runs have been around for a while, in the past few years creative race organizers have been putting a twist on runs by adding themes such as mud runs, zombie runs, superhero runs and nighttime glow runs. Krys Davis of the Dallas/Fort Worth area is adding a new theme: ladies' night out.

After putting on other themed races such as a mud run and a water-themed "Splash Dash," Davis started thinking of new ideas.

"I wish there was a race that I could just do with my girlfriends," she said.

Davis and her husband started the Wicked Wine Run last September, blending the physical challenge of a 5K

with wine and a "super fun atmosphere" that includes food and live music. Davis will bring the Wicked Wine Run to Midland on Nov. 1 at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

"With the Wicked Wine Run, not only are we attracting women, we're attracting both the serious runner and the novice runner," said Davis. "I'm really proud to say that you can find a person that has two or three marathons under their belt running right along with a person who's never run a mile. But they said, 'There's wine involved? I'm going to give it a try.'"

As personal fitness trainers, Davis and her husband were quite familiar with 5K, 10K and half-marathon races, often arranging for groups of their clients to run together for motivation and accountability.

"When the mud-run industry really started to begin,

we noticed that it was just a change for them to do something outside of the traditional 5K or marathon, and that they really enjoyed it," said Davis. "But not all of our clients were half-marathon, mud-slinging runners and there wasn't anything really approachable for them."

That was when the idea for more family-friendly and novice-friendly themed races began to manifest.

"Although we love (mud runs) still, I just thought that that sandbox was a little too full, and I would rather do something completely my own and let the rest follow, rather than vice versa," said Davis. "And I wanted something that was a little more family-friendly. The mud runs are really fun, but as you know, there are shirtless guys and a lot of beer drinkers and a lot of cursing. I

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COOKING WITH CHILES



H-E-B employee Andrew Pando roasts hatch chiles outside the store Saturday.

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Hatch chiles make seasonal debut

One of the things that always reminds me autumn is on its way is the smell of roasting Hatch chiles — and the seemingly endless recipes and products that take advantage of these seasonal goodies. Though we undoubtedly have several more weeks of temperatures nearing, or reaching, triple digits, the heat from these peppers is one of the first clues that summer is — eventually — coming to an end. Hatch chiles come from Hatch, New Mexico, about 380 miles east of Midland. The agricultural community is gearing up for its 43rd annual Hatch Chile Festival at the end of the month, but for those of us who can't wait to indulge, H-E-B is hosting the Great Pepper Pachanga through Aug. 19.

The event features all varieties of peppers, but Hatch chiles are the star. For a limited time the store will be roasting Hatch chiles outside, luring customers in to try a myriad of special products featuring the chiles. I recommend Central Market Hatch chile hummus and cashews dusted with Hatch chile powder. The store is also offering items such as Hatch-pepper corn bread, Hatch guacamole, Hatch chile crab cakes, fully cooked Hatch macaroni and cheese and Hatch chicken empanadas. Customers can also buy the roasted Hatch chiles and

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make their own creations. Here are some of the grocery chain's recipes.

Hatch King Ranch Chicken Verde
From H-E-B
Cooking time: 20 minutes
Serves: 4-6

1 cup Cookwell & Company Hatch Verde Tortilla Soup
1 tablespoon Roberts Reserve Latin & Lime Seasoning
2 cups any shredded cheese (for topping)
2-4 pounds chicken breasts
1/2 cup chopped fresh cilantro (for topping)
Preheat oven to 400. Place chicken breasts into an oven-safe Pyrex dish and season each with Adams Rub. Cover each breast with Cookwell Hatch Verde Tortilla Soup, and place into the oven and cook for 15-20 minutes or until internal temp is 165.
After chicken is cooked, remove the dish from oven and top chicken with cheese and place back into the oven until cheese is just browned.
Top with fresh cilantro.
*Optional: Chop up fresh roasted Hatch

peppers and place over the chicken before covering with cheese.

Pork with Hatch Jalapeno Butter
From H-E-B
Cooking time: 8-12 minutes

1-2 pounds pork chops or pork ribeyes
1 tablespoon Adams Reserve Green Chili Rub
2 tablespoons Ottavio Private Reserve Extra Virgin Olive Oil
1/2 jar Roberts Reserve Hatch Chili Jalapeno Jam
3 tablespoons salted butter
Season pork chops with Adams Rub, place on the grill and cook for about 3-5 minutes per side, remove and allow to rest. Internal temp should read 145.
In a sauté pan add butter and allow to almost brown then add Hatch Jam. Allow to simmer for 1 minute, then glaze over the rested pork. Serve immediately.

Hatch Roasted Sprouts
From H-E-B
Preparation time: 10 minutes
Baking time: 40 minutes
Serves 4-6

2-3 tablespoons Roberts Reserve Hatch Onion & Pepper Relish
2 pounds fresh Brussels sprouts, cut in half
1 tablespoon Adams Reserve House Rub
1/2 cup roasted salted pumpkin seeds

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Midland author wins national award for her romance novel

By Megan Lea Buck
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A 15-year dream Laura Drake realized last year was made even sweeter last month

when the Midland author won the RITA Award for Best First Book at the annual Romance Writers of America conference. Video footage of the award banquet shows Drake, decked out in a gold strapless gown, giddy after receiving the award — and a hug — from well-known writer Nora Roberts.

"I still feel like I'm going to wake up and roll over and tell my husband I just had the best dream," Drake said during a recent telephone interview.

RITA Award winners are chosen from up to 2,000 published romance novels and divided into categories such as historical romance, romance novella, romantic suspense, contemporary romance and paranormal romance.

The award now sits on a bookshelf in Drake's office inside her Midland County home. A native of Detroit who worked as a CFO for 25 years, Drake moved to West Texas in March with her husband, a Midlander, who she met in California.

"He's a die-hard bleed-maroon Texas Aggie," she said. "The plan was always to retire to Midland."

Admittedly, not the type to "sit and do nothing," Drake has published four books since retiring and has one coming out at the end of the month. She has contracts on seven books and has submitted a proposal on another one.

"I'm living the dream. This is what I've wanted to do my entire life but didn't have the guts to even try it until I got older," she said, noting it took her 15 years, three manuscripts and 413 rejections before she published a book.

The book that won the RITA is the first in her "Sweet on a Cowboy" series about the professional bull riding circuit. Drake attended her first rodeo in Odessa several years ago while visiting her Midland in-laws for Christmas. After that she and her husband began watching PBR events on TV.

"I am a huge fan of the sport; my husband and I have been to three world finals and every event we can get to," she said, noting it's much easier to attend PBR events in Texas than it was when the couple lived in California. "I've had access to the cowboys and the stock contractors and people who revolve around the industry, so I've gotten to do my research that way."

Drake sold the series to Grand Central Publishing company. Her other series includes the novels "Her Road Home" (August 2013) and "Reasons to Stay" (August 2014) and revolves around a small town in California's wine growing country. That series, slated to include two additional novels, is published by Harlequin's Superromance line.

She's gotten used to working on books for both series at the same time.

"I call it juggling chainsaws — trying to write two books at the same time," she said, laughing. "It's hard to stop and put down one and then pick up the other, but you do what you have to do to make the deadlines."

Switching between writing about Texas and California has its challenges, but Drake said making the move to the Lone Star state has been a positive experience.

"After the craziness of Southern California — the traffic — it's just so nice to be out where you can breathe

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Metal meets the message at Andrews concert

By Rich Lopez
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Youth ministry What Jesus Can Do has brought in Christian music heavyweights like MercyMe and Switchfoot to the West Texas town of Andrews. But the ministry goes way hard with its next show. Heavy rock bands Demon Hunter, RED and Veridia will headline the Andrews County Expo on Wednesday.

"This is by far the most outreach oriented concert we have done to date," WYCD spokesman Brant Fricker said.

RED is touring in support of its 2013 album "Release the Panic" and its companion album "Release the Panic: Recalibrated." Both Demon Hunter and Veridia are on the

road for their 2014 albums "Extremist" and "Inseparable," respectively.

While the lineup and music is extreme, the message is the same.

"In the end we're all striving to snatch children out of the fire and impact this generation for the Kingdom of God," Fricker said.

Mixing hard rock and Christianity might come off as an oxymoron. The genre tends to defy authority, but each band has churned out gritty rock that gets their message across. And yet the sensibilities behind the genre are fully present in each of their work.

The intersection of heavy metal and a Christian message is made more than feasible by



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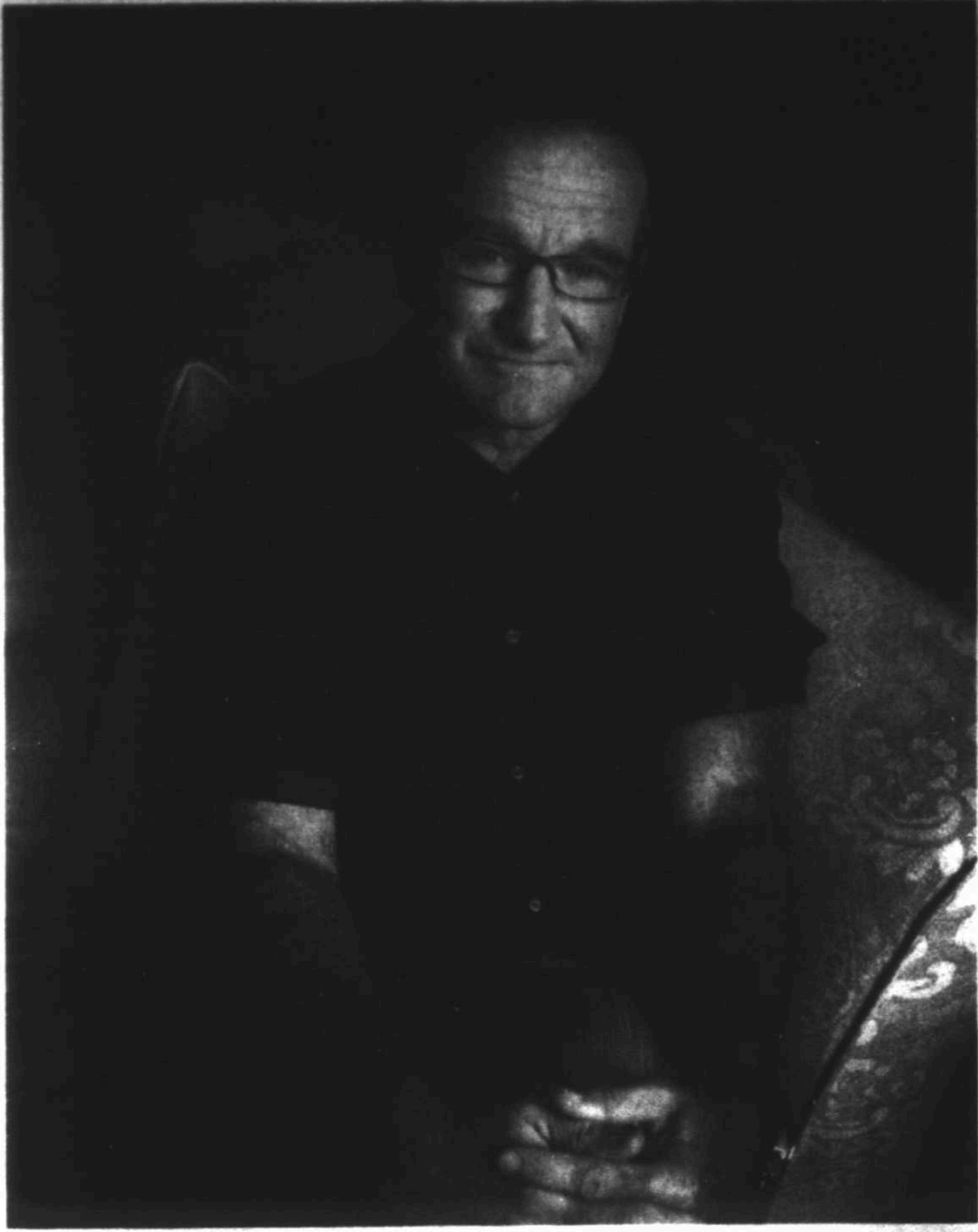
Christian metal band Veridia will be performing with Demon Hunter and RED at the Andrews County Expo Center on Wednesday.

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And West Texas will be in on it in Andrews.

RED, Demon Hunter and

Veridia at Andrews County Expo, 1441 Texas 176, Andrews, 8 p.m. Wednesday, \$12-\$30. Whatyeshuacando.com.



AP file photo

Actor and comedian Robin Williams poses June 15, 2007, to promote his film, "License To Wed" in Santa Monica, Calif. Williams, whose free-form comedy and adept impressions dazzled audiences for decades, has died in an apparent suicide. He was 63. The Marin County Sheriff's Office said Williams was pronounced dead at his home in California on Monday. The sheriff's office said a preliminary investigation showed the cause of death to be a suicide by asphyxia.

Robin Williams dead at 63

By Kaven Daley and Hillel Italie
Associated Press

Online

Go to mrt.com to see Reporter-Telegram writer Tyler White's remembrance of Robin Williams' best work.

SAN FRANCISCO — Robin Williams, the Academy Award winner and comic supernova whose explosions of pop culture riffs and impressions dazzled audiences for decades and made him a gleam-eyed laureate for the Information Age, died Monday in an apparent suicide. He was 63.

Williams was pronounced dead at his home in California on Monday, according to the sheriff's office in Marin County, north of San Francisco. The sheriff's office said a preliminary investigation shows the cause of death to be a suicide by asphyxia.

"This morning, I lost my husband and my best friend, while the world lost one of its most beloved artists and beautiful human beings. I am utterly heartbroken," said Williams' wife, Susan Schneider. "On behalf of Robin's family, we are asking for privacy during our time of profound grief. As he is remembered, it is our hope the focus will not be on Robin's death, but on the countless moments of joy and laughter he gave to millions."

Williams had been battling severe depression recently, said Mara Buxbaum, his press representative.

From his breakthrough in the late 1970s as the alien in the hit TV show "Mork and Mindy," through his standup act and such films as "Good Morning, Vietnam," the short, barrel-chested Williams ranted and shouted as if just sprung from solitary confinement. Loud, fast, manic, he parodied everyone from John Wayne to Keith Richards, impersonating a Russian immigrant as easily as a pack of Nazi attack dogs.

He was a riot in drag in "Mrs. Doubtfire," or as a cartoon genie in "Aladdin." He won his Academy Award in a rare, but equally intense dramatic role, as a teacher in the 1997 film "Good Will Hunting."

He was no less on fire in interviews. During a 1989 chat with The Associated Press, he could barely stay seated in his hotel room, or even mention the film he was supposed to promote, as he free-associated about comedy and the cosmos.

"There's an Ice Age coming," he said. "But the good news is there'll be daiquiris for everyone and the Ice Capades will be everywhere. The lobster will keep for at least 100 years, that's the good news. The Swanson dinners will last a whole millennium. The bad news is the house will basically be in Arkansas."

Following Williams on stage, Billy Crystal once observed, was like trying to top the Civil War. In a 1993 interview with the AP,

Williams recalled an appearance early in his career on "The Tonight Show Starring Johnny Carson." Bob Hope was also there. "It was interesting," Williams said. "He was supposed to go on before me and I was supposed to follow him, and I had to go on before him because he was late. I don't think that made him happy. I don't think he was angry, but I don't think he was pleased.

"I had been on the road and I came out, you know, gassed, and I killed and had a great time. Hope comes out and Johnny leans over and says, 'Robin Williams, isn't he funny?' Hope says, 'Yeah, he's wild. But you know, Johnny, it's great to be back here with you.'"

In 1992, Carson chose Williams and Bette Midler as his final guests. Like so many funny men, he had serious ambitions, winning his Oscar for his portrayal of an empathetic therapist in "Good Will Hunting." He also played for tears in "Awakenings," "Dead Poets Society" and "What Dreams May Come," something that led New York Times critic Stephen Holden to once say he dreaded seeing the actor's "Humpty Dumpty grin and crinkly moist eyes."

Williams also won three Golden Globes, for "Good Morning, Vietnam," "Mrs. Doubtfire" and "The Fisher King."

His other film credits included Robert Altman's "Popeye" (a box office bomb), Paul Mazursky's "Moscow on the Hudson," Steven Spielberg's "Hook" and Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry." On stage, Williams joined fellow comedian Steve Martin in a 1988 Broadway revival of "Waiting for Godot."

"I dread the word 'art,'" Williams told the AP in 1989. "That's what we used to do every night before we'd go on with 'Waiting for Godot.' We'd go, 'No art. Art dies tonight.' We'd try to give it a life, instead of making 'Godot' so serious. It's cosmic vaudeville staged by the Marquis de Sade."

His personal life was often short on laughter. He had acknowledged drug and alcohol problems in the 1970s and '80s and was among the last to see John Belushi before the "Saturday Night Live" star died of a drug overdose in 1982.

Williams announced in recent years that he was again drinking but rebounded well enough to joke about it during his recent tour. "I went to rehab in wine country," he said, "to keep my options open."

Born in Chicago in 1951, Williams would remember himself as a shy kid who got some early laughs from his mother — by mimicking his grandmother. He opened up more in high school when he joined the drama club and he was accepted into the Juilliard Academy, where he had several classes in which he and Christopher Reeve were the only students and John Houseman was the teacher.

Encouraged by Houseman to pursue comedy, Williams identified with the wildest and angriest of performers: Jonathan Winters, Lenny Bruce, Richard Pryor, George Carlin. Their acts were not warm and lovable. They were just being themselves.

"You look at the world and see how scary it can be sometimes and still try to deal with the fear," he told the AP in 1989. "Comedy can deal with the fear and still not paralyze you or tell you that it's going away. You say, OK, you got certain choices here, you can laugh at them and then once you've laughed at them and you have expunged the demon, now you can deal with them. That's what I do when I do my act."

He unveiled Mork, the alien from the planet Ork, in an appearance on "Happy Days," and was granted his own series, which ran from 1978-82.

In subsequent years, Williams often returned to television — for appearances on "Saturday Night Live," for "Friends," for comedy specials, for "American Idol," where in 2008 he pretended to be a "Russian idol" who belts out a tuneless, indecipherable "My Way."

Williams also could handle a script, when he felt like it, and also think on his feet. He ad-libbed in many of his films and was just as quick in person. During a media tour for "Awakenings," when director Penny Marshall mistakenly described the film as being set in a "menstrual hospital," instead of "mental hospital," Williams quickly stepped in and joked, "It's a period piece."

Winner of a Grammy in 2003 for best spoken comedy album, "Robin Williams — Live 2002," he once likened his act to the daily jogs he took across the Golden Gate Bridge. There were times he would look over the edge, one side of him pulling back in fear, the other insisting he could fly.

"You have an internal critic, an internal drive that says, 'OK, you can do more.' Maybe that's what keeps you going," Williams said. "Maybe that's a demon. ... Some people say, 'It's a muse.' No, it's not a muse! It's a demon! DO IT YOU BASTARD!! HAHAHAHAHAHA!!! THE LITTLE DEMON!!!"

Obituaries



Sarah Margaret Davis

Sarah Margaret Davis, longtime resident of Midland, died on August 11, 2014.

Born in Austin, Texas, on May 19, 1924, Margaret was almost as proud of her Texas heritage as she was of her family.

Her parents were Reece Meador and Minnie Lee Meador (nee Borden).

Margaret married her high school sweetheart, Howard E. Davis, Jr. on her birthday in 1944, in Austin where she was attending the University of Texas. Completing their college at UT, Howard and Margaret moved to Midland in 1947, where Howard found employment as a geologist, and Margaret raised their four children.

In 1974, Howard died and Margaret continued with her tasks of raising a family, operating oil properties, and running their beloved small ranch in the Hill Country.

Margaret enjoyed her many years of membership in the Midland Junior League (devoting many hours to working at the "Next to New" shop), and her active participation in the Daughters of the Republic of Texas, her bridge club, and the Midland Miniatures Club. She was also a 60-year member of the First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon.

Margaret's life work, however, were her children and grandchildren. She drove across the state to attend her children's graduations and weddings, and then when they had their own families,

the birth, sporting events, graduations, and weddings of her grandchildren.

As the list of grandchildren and great grandchildren grew, she nonetheless continued to send Valentines, Easter, and birthday cards to each, rarely missing a one, and typically there was a special gift in each card, even if just a stick of gum. Her home was always a special place full of toys for her grandchildren and great grandchildren to visit.

Margaret is survived by her four children, Karen Davis Love of Pandora, Texas, H. Scott Davis and his wife, Gretchen of Midland, Melissa Davis McGee and her husband, Mac of Midland, and Jonathan Davis and his wife, Ewa of San Angelo.

She is also survived by her grandchildren, Carmen Love Mero, Sara Margaret Hernandez, Susanna Love Smith, Margaret Davis Pape, Joseph S. Davis, Melissa McGee Ayoub, Nancy Evaline McGee, Sarah Davis Miller, Conrad Borden Davis, William Hedric Davis, among whom are justifiably several namesakes, and her 12 great grandchildren.

In her difficult last days, Margaret was assisted by Cindy, Francis, Jan, Tanya, and Paula, to whom the family is very grateful. Providing a cheerful word, countenance, and conversation each day was her wonderful, longtime friend and neighbor, Nickie Oppermann.

Please send memorials to the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Hospice of Midland.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, August 15, 2014, at 2:00 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Midland with Dr. Steve Schorr officiating.

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

Isay Porras Salazar

Baby Isay Porras Salazar, infant son of Antonio Salazar and Delma Porras of Midland, passed away Thursday,

August 7, 2014.

He is survived by his parents; and his grandparents Josefina Salazar of Presidio, Texas, and Epimonia and Bernardo Porras both of Midland.

A graveside service will be held this morning at 10:00 a.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewaller Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel.

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to pipkin@nts-online.com or you can visit our website: www.lewallengarciapipkin.com.

Death Notice

Felix Rivera, Jr.

"Hawk-eye"

Felix Rivera, Jr. "Hawk-eye", 57, departed this earth on his journey to be with his Lord on Sunday, August 11, 2014, at his residence in Odessa.

Survivors are his mother Martha Martinez; father, Felix Rivera, Sr.; and his siblings.

Rosary will be recited at Acres West Funeral Chapel on Monday, August 11, 2014, at 7:00 p.m.

Mass Celebration will be held in Ft. Davis, Texas, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, August 12, 2014. Interment will follow at St. Joseph Cemetery in Ft. Davis.

Geraldine Stroud

Geraldine Stroud, 84, of Stanton, died Monday August 11, 2014, at her residence.

The family will receive friends 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. August 13, 2014, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday August 13, 2014, at Downtown Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery.

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

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wanted an event where I could bring my baby in a stroller and 6-year-old."

Davis said while the wine-themed run is definitely marketed toward adults, the family atmosphere still makes it accessible for parents to bring along their children.

"There is no other race like it," said Davis. "It is completely unique and I really think that people enjoy the energy that we create for it."

A portion of the proceeds for each race are donated to a local charitable organization, Davis said.

"We are really proud that we are Texas-born and that when our runners run with us, they are supporting Texas businesses and charities," said Davis.

While they have worked with a variety of organizations in the past, Davis said her favorite kind of

organization to partner with are those benefiting people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, such as the Special Olympics.

In addition to choosing one organization as their main charity for the race, Davis said other charitable organizations are welcomed to contact the them about setting up a "complimentary booth at our race so that they can raise awareness and collect donations at the event."

While there has not yet been a charitable organization chosen for Midland, Davis said she encourages the runners to give their input on "selecting their favorite local charity."

"Our goal is to not just write a charity a check," said Davis. "It is also to create awareness about what they do so that people can support them when the Wicked Wine run isn't around that season."

(They can) donate their time even if they are not able to donate a monetary amount."

To cover the costs of wine and the evening's events, the entry prices for the race — which includes a "celebratory wine at the finish" — is more than the average 5K race, ranging from \$30 for "early bird" registration up to \$45 between Sept. 19 and the day of the race.

The event also offers a 1K "Tasting Walk" that features four wine tasting stops along the route. While it is priced the same as the 5K, those who choose to participate in both will get a \$15-\$20 discount (depending on when you register).

For more information, to register or to contact the race about setting up a booth visit www.wickedwinerun.com/locations/tx-midland or email info@wickedwinerun.com.

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1/4 cup Ottavio Private Reserve Extra Virgin olive oil
Heat oven to 400. In a large bowl combine halved Brussels sprouts with olive oil and salt, toss well to combine and place on a sheet pan and into the oven. Cook until just browned, about 30-45 minutes. Combine the roasted Brussels sprouts with the pumpkin seeds and Hatch Relish. Toss well to coat

and serve warm.

Roasted Hatch Chili Alfredo

From H-E-B

Prep time: 20 minutes

1/2 jar Cookwell & Company Hatch Verde Tortilla soup
1 pound cooked pasta
2-3 fresh roasted Hatch chiles, diced
1 package Ready Fresh

Pico De Gallo

1/2 cup Parmesan cheese (for topping)
1 cup sour cream
Cook pasta, drain and set aside. In a large sauté pan over medium heat add the Hatch Verde Tortilla Soup, pico de gallo, sour cream, chopped hatch peppers and cooked pasta, bring to a simmer. Toss with parmesan cheese and serve immediately.

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a little bit," she said. "I could live without the tarantulas, but other than that I'm loving it."

And when she's not writing, or accepting awards,

Drake is getting involved in her new community. She will be a panelist and will sign books at the upcoming Books in the Basin, scheduled for Oct. 10-11 with events at Midland County Library Centennial

branch, Midland College, the Yucca Theatre, Odessa College and Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center.

For more information, go to lauradrakebooks.com.

Texan cancels retry of Evel Knievel jump

Associated Press

TWIN FALLS, Idaho — One of two motorcycle daredevils is calling off plans to try to attempt a jump over the Snake River Canyon in Idaho that Evel Knievel failed to complete 40 years ago.

The Times-News reported "Big Ed" Beckley of Texas made the announcement on his website Saturday.

Despite spending \$1.6 million on the project, Beckley has faced multiple challenges preparing for the jump near Twin Falls ever since he announced his plans nearly a year ago. Most recently, Fox Broadcasting opted out of the jump because of budget concerns and time restraints.

Beckley said he won't attempt the jump unless a network pays him several millions of dollars so he can recoup his costs.

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Elegant spa resort charms on Lake Austin

By Jody Schmal
Houston Chronicle

AUSTIN — As destination spas go in Texas, it's hard to top Lake Austin Spa Resort.

The verdant, lake-fronting Hill Country property thrives — quietly, of course — as it caters to a high-end clientele who visit to get fit and healthy, have fun on a girlfriend getaway or simply unplug and unwind.

Not that it's difficult to relax here. The 19-acre expanse includes breezy hammocks; three pools and a hot tub; stroll-worthy organic gardens with more than 1,000 species of plants, herbs, vegetables and wildflowers; a sunny dining room that dishes out inventive, garden-fresh meals; and a daily schedule touting more than 20 activities (think stand-up paddleboarding and nutrition lectures) and fitness classes ranging from Abs to Zumba. Oh, and a 25,000-square-foot spa with 30 treatment areas, hair and nail salon and an on-site cafe.

But it's the resort's thoughtful design and décor that set the stage for such a shining respite. The environs are shining

even brighter these days, as co-owner Mike McAdams, working with Dallas-based designer Julio Quinones, is in the process of redesigning some of the place's 40 guest rooms for the first time in several years.

The 14 recently completed Luxury Lakeview rooms have a new tranquil-modern look, awash in hues of taupe, sage and teal. Silk-trimmed linen canopies drape above faux-leather upholstered beds, and antiques mirrors side up next to large ceramic lamps. Each room has its own porch with a retractable awning, too, as well as original, nature-inspired paintings by Texas artist Scott Winterrowd. The garden-facing Luxury Garden rooms will debut their own new look this month, in time for Labor Day weekend.

The revamped rooms already are meshing beautifully with the resort's bountiful common areas. The water-savvy palette of blues and greens extends to spaces such as the Lake Room, with its comfy couches and dozens of bird prints on the wall (found by McAdams at Nick Brock Antiques in Dallas), and the Blue Room, where spa-goers await treatments or just hang out.

Perry spent summer as a book salesman

John Brieden of Brenham and Rick Perry of Austin met each other while they were freshmen in the Corps of Cadets at Texas A&M. They both signed up to have a summer job selling Bible reference books for the Southwestern Company. They attended a weeklong training school in Nashville to give them some pointers about selling, then were assigned to their territory: Festus, Missouri, just south of St. Louis.

"Neither one of us took a car along," said Brieden. "We arrived in Festus at about 2 o'clock in the morning and the people who were taking us there let us out at the post office. That was to be the meeting place where they would pick us up every Sunday afternoon and take us to a regional sales meeting. They wished us good luck and drove away."

"We both had our suitcases and our pillows and sample books at the post office steps at 2 a.m. we wondered what in the world we had got ourselves into. We literally laid our stuff out,

laid down and went to sleep. I woke up when a car came up with a man in it who was going to the post office. I'm sure he wondered what were these bums doing out here on the sidewalk."

The pair told the man they were new in town and would be here all summer and were looking for a place to stay. The man told them to go to the Methodist church just one block over and talk to the pastor and maybe he could help.

"The Methodist minister told us about a lady who had an old family home, a beautiful Victorian house. She was an old maid and the last of her family that was living there and she had some rooms to rent out, so we stayed there for the summer. We'd get up in the morning, get some breakfast at a local restaurant and go our separate ways. We had the town divided

into two sections and we'd go door-to-door selling books. We'd get together at night for supper and talk about what we did that day. We did that six days a week and on Sunday afternoons we'd go to the sales meeting. It was an interesting summer."

That experience in Festus must have been good for the two Aggies. Perry became a pilot in the Air Force and Brieden became an Army Ranger. Perry went into politics and Brieden went into the insurance business. Both men said the experience in Festus taught them a lot about people and especially about selling and what it takes to be successful.

Brieden is the county judge of Washington County and a past National Commander of the American Legion. While he was heading up that group, he attended the

annual convention held in Saint Louis. He got Perry to come up so they could take a nostalgic trip back to Festus. Brieden had alerted the American Legion folks in Festus and they agreed to have a dinner for the two men. The town gave them a big welcome. Lots of reporters were on hand and a local newspaper did a big front-page story on the two, who had accomplished a lot with their lives.

"The reporter wrote something that talked about two guys who in 1969 were working their way through college and were in Festus selling Bible reference books. The article mentioned that wasn't much of a story until you realize that today one of them is National Commander of the American Legion and one is governor of Texas. I sent that article to Perry along with a note that said, 'look who got top billing.'"

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

NEIL SPERRY

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Meyer lemon tree needs larger container

Dear Neil: Do you have any idea what might be wrong with my Meyer lemon tree? We bought it four years ago, and it had produced nice, large fruit every year until this year. It started yellowing, and I applied an iron supplement. That seemed to help it green up. This spring the ends of the branches ended up bare, as if something had eaten all the leaves off. I was considering replacing it, but the cost is too great. Any suggestions?

Answer: Judging from the photo and the large amount of foliage and stem growth, it surely looks like this plant needs a larger pot. What I see in the discoloration, because it's most evident on older leaves farther back on the stems, is simply a lack of nitrogen and perhaps a lack of sufficient moisture at critical times. Those would both suggest a plant that was root-bound. I would suggest repotting it now. Take it out of the old pot carefully (easier with moist soil). Cut any roots that are wrapping around inside the pot walls to force them to branch out. Replant it into a pot that is 2 or 4 inches larger in diameter, using a loose and highly organic potting soil in the process. Apply a water-soluble, high-nitrogen plant food once every couple of weeks. Trim out the stubby internal growth and see if it doesn't respond favorably. This plant definitely does not need to be replaced.

Dear Neil: I live on a corner lot, and I am having trouble getting rid of weeds that grow between rocks along the street. I have used Round Up, but they come back.

Answer: It would really help to know what types of weeds are involved. There are several Round Up products. The original glyphosate-only was, and still is, a very fine grass killer. There are now other mixes under the Round Up name that kill other types of weeds and for several months. Read and follow directions to find the best one for your task, then apply it with a fine spray to as much new growth as possible. Do not trim the weeds for four or five days before or after you treat. I hope that helps. You might want to take samples to an independent retail garden center for more advice.

Dear Neil: I have a very old oak tree at the end of

my driveway. It does not receive irrigation because of how far it is away from the sprinkler system, but it has always appeared very healthy. Now it is losing many of its leaves and is looking very sparse. A portion of it extends over onto adjoining property, and because they mow that lot with a tractor, they trimmed back some of the lower branches. It didn't seem to matter the first year, but now I'm wondering if that might have been a part of this problem. I'm sure this tree is more than 100 years old, and it is very special to me. If I live another year and three months, I, too, will join the 100-year club. What can I do to help my treasured tree?

Answer: What a wonderful email you sent! I will do anything I can to help you. First, look at the trunk closely for any signs of missing bark. Following the very dry summer three years ago, many oaks started to fall victim to Hypoxylon canker. It typically shows up when oaks are under severe stress, and I'm still seeing its results several years later. If you have a way of sending me a photo of the tree, that might help. And, I will bet you that if you ask for the help of your county Extension office, they will have advice on someone near you, either a certified arborist or a forester, who would be willing to help a sweet lady with her tree. I love your email! Please keep me updated!

Dear Neil: What can you tell me about Phoenix palm decline? Several years ago I had three other windmill palms die from the heart out to the outer fronds. What can be done about it?

Answer: I guess no garden disease is fun to have, but this one far less than others. This is an unusual bacterium somewhat akin to lethal yellowing of palms. I'm not a plant pathologist, so I did a little online searching for you, and this information from Florida seems to explain it best by using plain terms that we all can understand. (<http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/pp163>) If you feel this is a good description of what you're facing, you should probably contact your county Extension office and ask their advice. You certainly may want to send a sample to the Plant Disease Diagnostic lab at Texas A&M.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

It's hard to wrap your mind around planting a garden during the hottest time of the year, but this is the time for many fall vegetables. Planting times for the fall vegetable garden stretch over a few months. Some vegetables need to already have been planted, while others can be planted as late as October and November. You'll want to decide which fall vegetables you will enjoy the most and then plan for the location and dates for what could be the most productive and easiest garden you've ever grown. Delicious vegetables such as green beans, summer squash, sweet corn and cucumbers can be planted now. Remember to plant corn seeds in a block, rather than a couple of long skinny rows that won't get properly pollinated. If you hurry, winter squash and Irish potatoes are a possibility. From transplants you can grow eggplant and peppers. Warm-season greens, such as malabar spinach, Batavian lettuce and Swiss chard may be planted this month. Cooling your soil down will help with these leafy greens. Thoroughly water the area where you plan to plant, then cover it with several inches of straw or similar mulch to block the hot sun. After about a week, remove the thick mulch and plant seeds. Keep the seed rows shaded until they germinate and begin to grow. Before you know it, it will be time to plant cilantro. Get seeds up in the heat by preparing the soil with a few inches of compost thoroughly worked into the top 6-8 inches. Smooth the bed flat or in rows. Sow seed at the proper depth, then soak the seeded area. Large seeds may be soaked in water overnight, then planted for a jump on germination. Cover or shade the planting row with a strip of shade cloth or a thin, light-weight layer of mulch to help keep soil moister and cooler to enhance germination. Water as needed to keep the top inch of soil moist to encourage germination. If the soil dries as seeds germinate, failure is likely. Once seeds are up and have their first pair of true leaves, begin to thin to the appropriate spacing and add thin layers of mulch until there is enough to foster good growth. Fall gardens may have to be planted in the heat, but very soon you will be harvesting them in the cooler, milder conditions of fall. Find re-leaf from the struggles of a spring and summer garden by growing a fall vegetable garden.

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Plants can suffer from too much TLC

Most people realize they have some control over the amount of nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium their plants receive from fertilizer. We also recognize we have a lot of control over the amount of water our plants get. Yet few people give thought to the three most important plant nutrients. After all, we can't run out to our local garden center and buy carbon, hydrogen or oxygen. These elements come from the air and soil, so we generally leave plants to their own devices when it comes to finding them.

The ideal plant soil is sponge-like, with an ability to hold roughly equal amounts of both air and water at the same time. Soil that is always wet may not offer enough pore space for ample oxygen in the root zone.

When plants are overwatered, long-term problems may develop. Frequent watering may cause plants to become lazy in a sense, developing shallow root systems because they have no need to explore deeper into the soil for oxygen and water.

In the last couple of years we've seen literally thousands of landscapes on the Llano Estacado fall victim to decades of overwatering. Trees and shrubs are dying not from the direct results of overwatering, but from the indirect consequences of poorly established root systems caused by years of soaking just before the water was cut off. During drought, poorly developed roots simply can't find enough soil moisture to keep plants healthy.

On the other hand, in some West Texas landscapes, plants are being watered more than they ever have. Limiting irrigation to a couple of times each week causes many of us to think we had we better not skip an opportunity to flood the plants. Many overwatered plants slowly drown as water fills soil pore spaces and drives out oxygen.

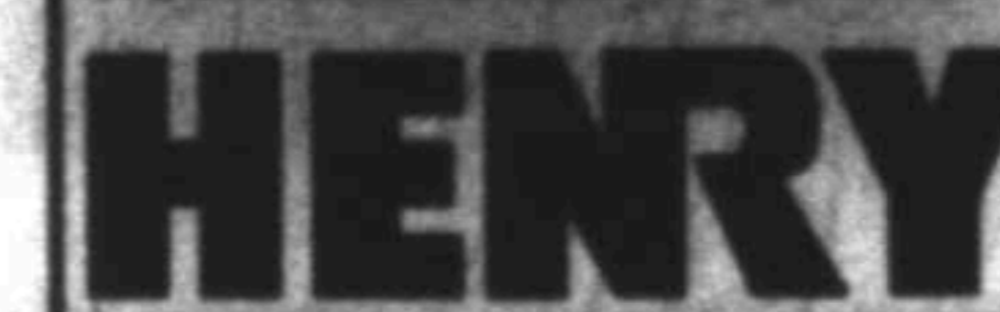
The solution (pun intended) is to water only when necessary. It's time to water when you no longer can detect any moisture in the root zone with your fingers. If you feel a small amount of moisture, do not water. Well-adapted roots are extremely efficient at extracting both oxygen and water from moist soil. When the soil is dry, water deeply then wait for it to dry out again. Water during the coolest hours of our current water restriction window and preferably when the wind is cooperative.

Our tomato plant is in big trouble if it doesn't grow gills soon. No matter how much I try to explain otherwise, my wife thinks those brown wilted leaves are a sign that the sad little veggie just needs more water.

Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service provides private applicator training in the Ector County Extension office, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. Training for those interested in obtaining their certified private applicator license is by appointment only. Please call 498-4071 or email jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

JEFF FLOYD

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Psalm 147:11

The LORD delights in those who fear him, who put their hope in his unfailing love.

Here she is!

Barbara Truitt, a 15 year employee of Henry Resources and the one who chooses the scripture for the paper each day.

Barbara is an outstanding woman and dedicated employee. We all love her and appreciate her very much.

Thank You, Barbara!

MIDLAND TODAY
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WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 72
THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 75
FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 77
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 78
SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 78

Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 92 and northeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 73 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

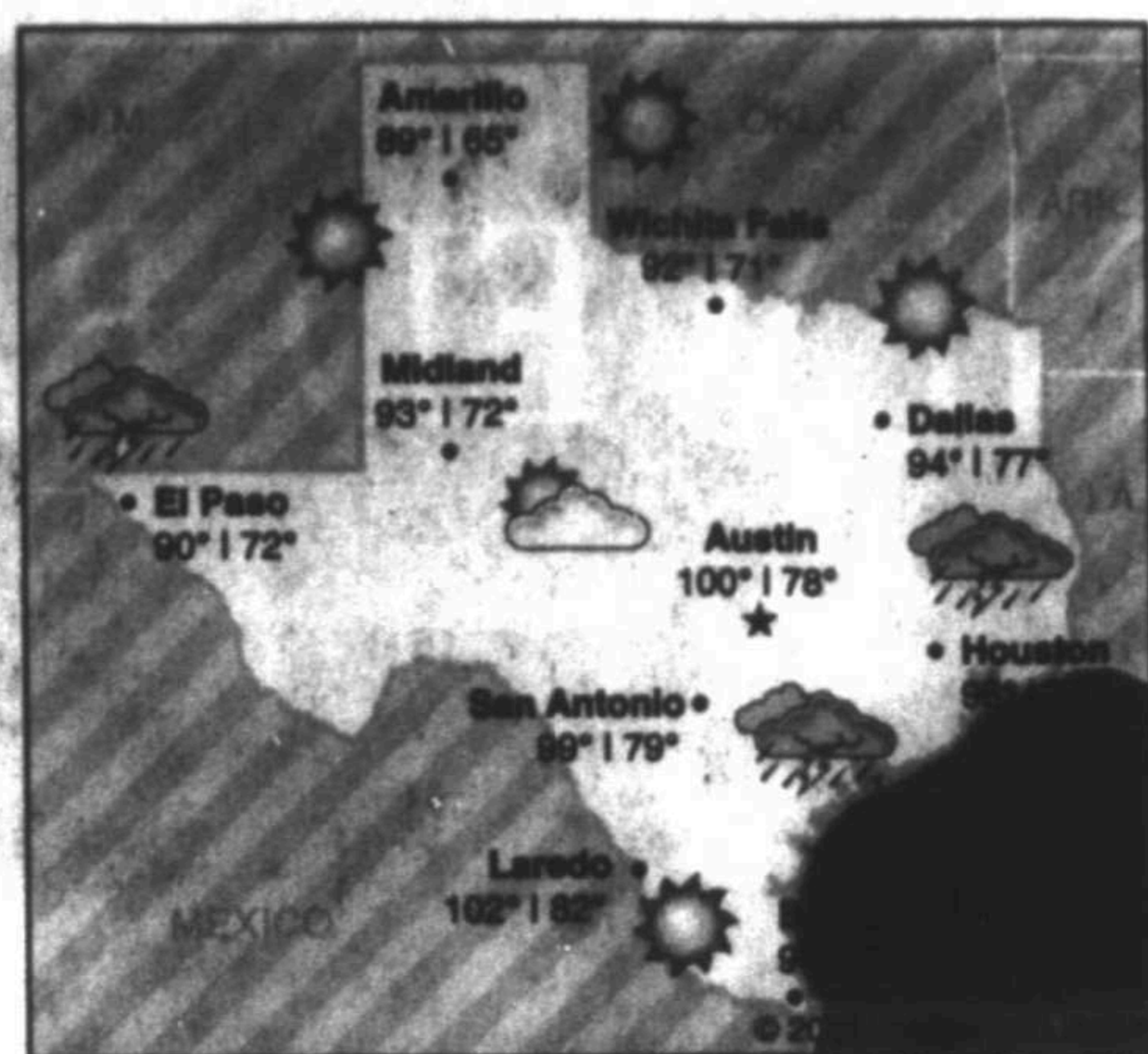
Wednesday, look for mostly sunny skies with a high around 94 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph. Expect partly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 72 and southeast winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Thursday, the forecast calls for mostly sunny skies during the day, mostly clear skies at night, with a high around 96 and a low around 75.

The high on Monday reached 94, while the low dropped to 74. The record high for Aug. 11 is 106 set in 1964. The record low is 60 set in 1931.

National forecast

High pressure centered off the East Coast will provide northern and eastern New England with another dry day today, although clouds will increase as a storm approaches from the west. This storm will produce drenching thunderstorms from New York state through the upper Ohio Valley.



Precipitation	Monday's temperatures
Sunday.....0.00 in.	High.....94
Monday.....0.48 in.	Low.....74
Month total.....0.50 in.	Normal high.....94
Year total.....4.47 in.	Normal low.....70
Normal total (year to date).....8.51 in.	Sunrise.....7:11 a.m.
	Sunset.....8:36 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Aug. 12



Woman mistaken for cougar wants a big cat, not a cub

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single woman in my late 30s, and have an 18-year-old daughter. When I am alone or out with my girlfriends, I am constantly hit on by younger men. My girlfriends say it's because I don't look my age and that I should feel flattered. Well, I am not a "cougar," and I don't get turned on by younger men. I find it offensive when I am approached by them.

While my single friends are being asked on romantic dates by professional older men, I'm being asked on dates by struggling college boys who have no car, no job and cramped living quarters with three other roommates. Give me a break!

It has reached the point that I just pretend to be married. But it's starting to bother me that mature men don't find me attractive. I have stopped wanting to go out because of this. What should I do? — **IN A FUNK IN FRESNO**

DEAR IN A FUNK: Where's your sense of humor? Instead of telling these young men you're married, why not tell them something closer to the truth — that you're old enough to be their mother and ask if they happen to have a single uncle.

Seriously, if the only men who pay attention to you are men in their early 20s, your

problem may be the way you're packaging the product you're trying to sell. Your makeup, hairstyle and attire may send the wrong message, and that's why men in your target demographic aren't showing an interest. Talk to your friends about this and see what they have to offer.

DEAR ABBY: I have a stressful job but do not work "regular" hours. I also care for my aged mother, which is like having another job. Because of this, I have little time to myself or to relax. During warm weather I enjoy taking an occasional break on my back deck, whether reading materials for work, enjoying a novel or catching a quick nap. Frequently, I'll transact business on my cellphone.

Anytime my neighbor sees me sitting on my deck, he'll come out of his house. He thinks it's funny to say things like, "Boy, I wish I could be

like you and not have to work," or "Must be nice to just sit around."

The first few times it was funny, but I no longer find it humorous — especially when I'm stressed out about work or my mother. Yesterday I warned him, "Don't go there!"

How can I nicely let my neighbor know his joke is now stale and no longer appropriate? With all the pressure I'm under, he's making even a quick break stressful. — **BEHIND THE 8-BALL IN OHIO**

DEAR BEHIND THE 8-BALL: Your neighbor may be a tad jealous of what he perceives as all your free time, or he may be a one-joke wonder who's trying to be friendly. But the nicest and most direct way to get your message across would be to explain that you're not only working from home, but also caring for your mother — and when you take these breaks, SOLITUDE is necessary.

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The right play

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
 ♠ 10 9 6 2
 ♥ 5
 ♦ A 10 9 6 5 4
 ♣ K 6

EAST
 ♠ K J 7 5
 ♥ K 9 8 4
 ♦ J 7
 ♣ 4 3 2

SOUTH
 ♠ A 8
 ♥ A J 10 7 3 2
 ♦ K
 ♣ A 10 8 7

The bidding:
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
 1 Pass 1NT Pass
 2♣ Pass 2NT Pass
 3 Pass 3NT Pass
 4 Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♣
 North bypassed his four-card spade suit in an effort to sign off in a diamond partial. South couldn't allow that, and North bravely carried on to game. He might well have passed three hearts. South decided that the play in no-trump was likely to be awkward, so he corrected to four hearts. Can he make it?

South won the opening club lead in dummy with the king, led a low diamond to the king, then cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a club. Next came the ace of diamonds, discarding a spade from hand, followed by a spade to the ace.

South had a certain club loser and needed to hold his trump losers to two to bring home his contract. Many players would cash the ace of hearts and continue with the jack, but a little thought shows that this is not the correct play. All plays will succeed if the trumps split 3-3, and no play will succeed if one opponent holds four to the king, queen, and nine or eight of trumps. The only lie of the cards that declarer should be concerned about is that one opponent holds a doubleton trump honor.

The correct sequence of plays is to cash the ace of trumps and continue with a low trump from hand. On this deal, that will fell the trump queen from West. The subsequent lead of the trump jack will drive out the king, allowing declarer to draw the last trump later.

DAILY CROSSWORD

- ACROSS**
 1 Aerospace giant & Whitney
 6 Off-mispunctuated word
 9 Bravery in battle
 14 Like a foggy graveyard
 15 Letters in a graveyard
 16 Love a lot
 17 Name on a WWII bomber
 18 Brewpub offering, for short
 19 Actress Watts
 20 Garden mulch
 22 Monkeylike
 23 Evening in Parma
 24 Like shrinking violets
 25 Fashion-designing twins
 26 "Conan" channel
 28 Puerto Rico, por ejemplo
 29 Musical genre related to punk
 32 Actor Quinn
 35 Startle
 39 Close associates, and a hint to this puzzle's highlighted squares
 42 Become sour
 43 Hard to startle
 44 Granola grain
 45 Best beast
 47 Eponymous guitarist Paul
 49 Smartphone feature
 52 Vino opener?
 54 Show appreciation, in a way
 58 Exaggerate
 59 Legendary city of gold
 61 Heaven-sent food
 62 Usher's offering
 63 Angler's bucketful
 64 Heaps
 65 Pennsylvania, for one: Abbr.
 66 Singer Costello
 67 Slow-moving arboreal critter
 68 "On _____ Majesty's Secret Service"
 69 Blue-gray
- DOWN**
 1 39-Across, in slang
 2 Three-time Golden Globe winner
 3 Riotous, as a crowd
 4 Charge, in a joust
 5 Jets, Mets or Nets
 6 From Donegal, say
 7 A bit buzzed
 8 Place to chill
 9 Rapper whose name sounds like a dessert
 10 Water, facetiously
 11 Sarge's superior
 12 Finance guru
 13 Buckboard controls
 21 Davis who was married to Ruby Dee
 22 Letters in the sand, perhaps
 27 "Horsefeathers!"
 28 Facts and figures, for short
 29 Heart chart: Abbr.

- 30 "O Sole _____"
 31 Mars or Venus
 33 Two pills, e.g.
 34 Toward the back of the boat
 36 "It's _____brainer"
 37 Nutritional qty.
 38 Hours in Tempe, Ariz.
 40 Popular wine grape
 41 Hot under the collar
 46 Lao Tzu's "path"
 48 Move with a mouse wheel
 49 Freebies
 50 Be of help to
 51 _____ Park, N.J.
 52 Enthusiasm
 53 Toon hunter
 55 Immature insect
 56 Let in or let on
 57 39-Across, in slang
 60 is in the red
 62 "Yeah, that's the spot!"

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 12, 2014:

This year you have the good fortune of starting a new luck and life cycle. Make the most out of this period, and go after what you want. If you are single, you will enjoy yourself immensely, yet you probably will meet someone of significance who makes your heart flutter. If you are attached, your sweetie will benefit from your good mood and your desire to make him or her happy. You both will benefit from the good vibes and increasingly loving moments you share. **SAGITTARIUS** encourages you to take risks.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You might wake up thinking "It's just another day," but you'll discover otherwise. Someone is likely to compliment you in a way that delights you. Your imagination suddenly could take off as a result. Tonight: Enjoy time with a friend or loved one.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You will be determined to have your way, and you might start acting like a bull in a china shop. Worry less, and good feelings will be the natural outcome. Trust that someone else will see the same path you do, once his or her defenses are down. Tonight: Do only what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Pressure seems to build with someone you need to answer to. You might feel as if demands keep coming in from left and right. You could be overwhelmed by a situation and all the calls, texts and knocks on the door. Be easygoing and responsive. Tonight: In the limelight.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Look past the obvious. Detach if you become triggered. You might be looking at a situation from a limited perspective. Reach out to someone at a distance, and a conversation about a trip will be likely. You need a change of scenery. Tonight: Enjoy the moment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Venus enters your sign this morning. This stellar change only adds to your desirability and your need to enjoy the good life. Though you are unlikely to toss your plans to the wayside, you certainly might have a more easygoing attitude. Tonight: Go along with a friend's suggestion.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Others will seek you, but you might need some alone time. Decide not to worry so much. If you are single,

use caution in the next few weeks; you are likely to attract emotionally unavailable people during this period. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Venus — your ruling planet — moves into a position where you will be able to pull white rabbits out of a black hat. Settle in and give some thought as to what you would like to manifest in the next few weeks. Your popularity is likely to soar. Tonight: As you like it.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You might decide to unleash your intense intellect and resourcefulness. Others might be taken aback by the quality or depth of a conversation. You do not need to explain to anyone what you want at this moment. Tonight: Add some vitality to your personal life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ If you feel that an agreement or situation is off, pull back some. Honor your feelings, and you will be OK. Family matters might be on the back burner, which also might add an element of confusion. A friend will show you his or her caring. Tonight: Head home early.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could feel as though a personal matter is out of whack. Know what you expect to get from a situation. A loved one will support you in your feelings; however, a friend might not be on the up-and-up. Be more observant. Tonight: Take some much-needed personal time.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others are likely to come through for you once you let them know that you need some help or support. You could feel as if you are in a no-win situation, but with some different perspectives and feedback, you will realize that there is a solution. Tonight: Hang with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You are bound and determined to show your competency. You could take someone's harsh comments personally, but that would be a mistake. Stay centered and focused. You know what you want — head in that direction. Tonight: Could go all the way hours.

BORN TODAY
 Musician Buck Owens (1929), actor George Hamilton (1939), actress Jane Wyatt (1910)

SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

SINEAD O'CONNOR

"I'm Not Bossy, I'm the Boss"

After a rough few years for Sinead O'Connor, as she dealt with a 16-day marriage and canceled a tour because of mental illness, it's heartening to see her confident image on the cover of the new disc, "I'm Not Bossy, I'm the Boss." She wears a black wig and sexy latex dress, hugging an electric guitar to her chest. The boss, indeed.

O'Connor, 47, seemed like a strong woman in control of her life and work in her younger years, even while singing about heartbreak or acting a little nutty. What's striking about her new set of songs is how needy, even forlorn, she sounds.

She yearns openly for a strong man in the album opener and elsewhere; for a man to "take me, make a fool of me all night." She dreams about another: "I'd give anything to be the one who kisses you." She dubs herself "special forces," called in "after divorces" because of her kissing ability, but warns a guy that she's not the keeping kind. She sings about being foolishly seduced by a married man and bemoans that she looks like a wooden chair. "Take me to church," she pleads. "I've done so many bad things it hurts." She even writes of contemplating suicide.

"I love to make music but my head got wrecked by the business," she sings on "8 Good Reasons." "Everybody wanting something from me, they rarely ever wanna just know me. I became the stranger no one sees."

Yikes! Only O'Connor truly knows where autobiography ends and art begins, but the material here could keep a psychiatrist at work for months.

The emotion overwhelms the music, where her once-distinctive sound is now mostly generic, though the album was produced by longtime collaborator and O'Connor's first ex-husband, John Reynolds. The exciting exception is the crashing climax in the song "Harbour."

Her love for music is evident, and she still has considerable talent. But O'Connor here sounds less like a boss and more like a broken woman.

David Bauder/AP

ANDY GRAMMER

"Magazines or Novels"

Andy Grammer seems like a good guy. The former Santa Monica busker landed the massive hit "Keep Your Head Up" the old-fashioned way — hard work and perseverance. But his sophomore album, "Magazines or Novels," feels like a desperate attempt to manufacture another hit. Instead of building his own sound, which he comes closest to on the catchy single "Back Home," Grammer ends up with cut-rate approximations of other artists. The faux-souful "Red Eye" isn't quite Maroon 5, and the driving "Pushing" is a few steps shy of OneRepublic. The bland copying makes most of "Magazines or Novels" obsolete from the start.

Glen Gamboa/Newsday



Queensryche embarks on its new chapter

By Rich Lopez
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Minutes before drummer Scott Rockenfield spoke about his band's show in Midland on Wednesday, an auction for one of his original drum sets was about to close.

The auction was held by a Seattle drum store. The price: roughly \$8,000. The result: unsold.

"I guess that means we made it if our stuff is on eBay, huh?" Rockenfield laughed.

For 30 years, Queensryche's brand of progressive metal carved out its own niche among its contemporaries like Motley Crue, Iron Maiden and Ratt. But in the last two years, that legacy hung in the balance.

The Seattle band had split with original singer Geoff Tate followed by a legal battle that original drummer Scott Rockenfield described as suffocating.

"Those last two years were so stressful and a complete legal nightmare," he said. "It was a serious divorce with a lot of drama."

Either for legal or personal reasons, Rockenfield never mentions Tate by name. He alludes to differences but is clearly careful where to tread.

With a lengthy back catalog, Queensryche was ironically weighed down by its most acclaimed album "Operation: Mindcrime," with

THE NEW ALBUM

What: "Queensryche"
Who: Queensryche
Release date: June 25, 2013
Label: Century Media

many shows focused on just performing that album in its entirety. Signature tracks like "Warning" and "Queen of the Reich" were disappearing from set lists.

"Mindcrime" had just been done and done but we'd also perform some music that we didn't believe in as much," Rockenfield said. "We didn't want one particular record to define what Queensryche is."

In a recent ruling, Tate has taken on "Mindcrime" to perform while Rockenfield and fellow original members Michael Wilton and Eddie Jackson will keep the name and the rest of the band's catalog. With the legal battle finalized, Rockenfield said the band's morale has rocketed. With a new singer who debuted in last year's eponymous album, they are on the road to perform both new tracks and old favorites and will hit Midland on Wednesday.

"The light was at the end and it was glowing.

Our goal was to bring Queensryche back and be honest with what we're doing. We can happily listen to our own records now. And for a time, we just couldn't," the drummer said.

The self-titled 2013 album was practically a blatant statement that this was a renewed band. Queensryche debuted in 1983 with an eponymous EP. Three decades later, the metal icons have started over without its signature voice at the helm but have given full trust to singer Todd LaTorre.

In Rockenfield's eyes, LaTorre has been a big reason for the band's lifting morale.

"He's fantastic and easy to be around. There's great chemistry there. I think the stars were aligned because he's such a perfect match. I feel like the fans have embraced us more and definitely embrace Todd. His voice is his own, but he matches our sound," Rockenfield said.

Rockenfield talked with ease about the band's place now. Without any sense of bitterness, he sounded confident the band has its footing again.

"The team mentality is back and the results are huge. We're still high on the response to our latest record and the fans stood by us. It's really hard to complain about anything right now," he said.

Queensryche performs at La Hacienda, 12610 State Highway 191 Aug. 13 at 8 p.m. Helstar opens. \$32. Haciendamidland.com

Today's releases

- Brian Setzer "Rockability Not All Original"
- The Granger Brothers "Get Hurt"
- Sinead O'Connor "I'm Not Bossy, I'm the Boss"
- Tank "Stronger"
- Eric Burdon "Workshop"

LIVEWIRE

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<p>AUGUST</p> <p>12 Showdown @ Permian Basin Dance Club 13 Queensryche, Helstar @ La Hacienda 13 Justin Langston @ Saltgrass 13 Kiel Grove, Randall Conrad Ollinger @ Blue Max 13 Groove Twenty4 @ Shack in the Back 13 Red, Demon Hunter, Veridia @ Andrews County Expo Center 14 The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron, Mark Farmer, Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels, Gary Lewis & The Playboys @ Wagner Noel 14 Jay Statham @ Lone Star Bar 14 Cory Michael @ Saltgrass 14 Hot Nut Riveters @ ArtZen Outlet 14 3-OG @ Cafe at Aldredge Garden 14 Big Park @ First Baptist Church (Odessa) 14 Jason Broussard @ Rockin Rodeo 14 Zack Walther @ Basin Burger House 15 Forgotten Road @ Lone Star Bar 15 Shane Rogers @ The Detour 15 Weather and the Awe Hells @ Basin Burger House 15 Justin Langston @ Saltgrass</p>	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>15 Warrant @ Wild West Bike Rally (Brownfield) 16 L.A. Guns feat. Steve Riley & Phil Lewis, Firehouse, Drowning Pool @ Wild West Bike Rally (brownfield)</p> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>21 Rob Zombie, F.M. Murder @ Amphitheatre at Lone star Event Center</p>
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SPORTS

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Ward crafted reputation as wheelman before death

By Dan Gelston
and David Klepper
Associated Press

PORT LEYDEN, N.Y. — Kevin Ward Jr. was crafting a reputation as a wheelman, the kind of driver who could race vehicles on any track without fear.

He'd sit up on his seat, floor it, and zip his way through a maze of cars straight toward the front of the pack.

For points. For fun. Often for little money.

"He would go to tracks that a lot of other drivers wouldn't go to," Chuck Miller, the race director and president for the Empire Super Sprints circuit, said Monday. "If we had co-sanctioned races with other organizations where we really weren't giving



Ward

points or anything, but it was a deal where you wanted to see how you stacked up against the other competition, the Wards were willing to go and do that and see where they were at."

Ward began racing go-karts in 1998 at age 4. In 2010, he moved on to sprint cars and was Empire Super Sprint racing rookie of the year in 2012. The 20-year-old raced mostly on dirt tracks a few hours from his home in Port Leyden, a village of 700 in northern New York.

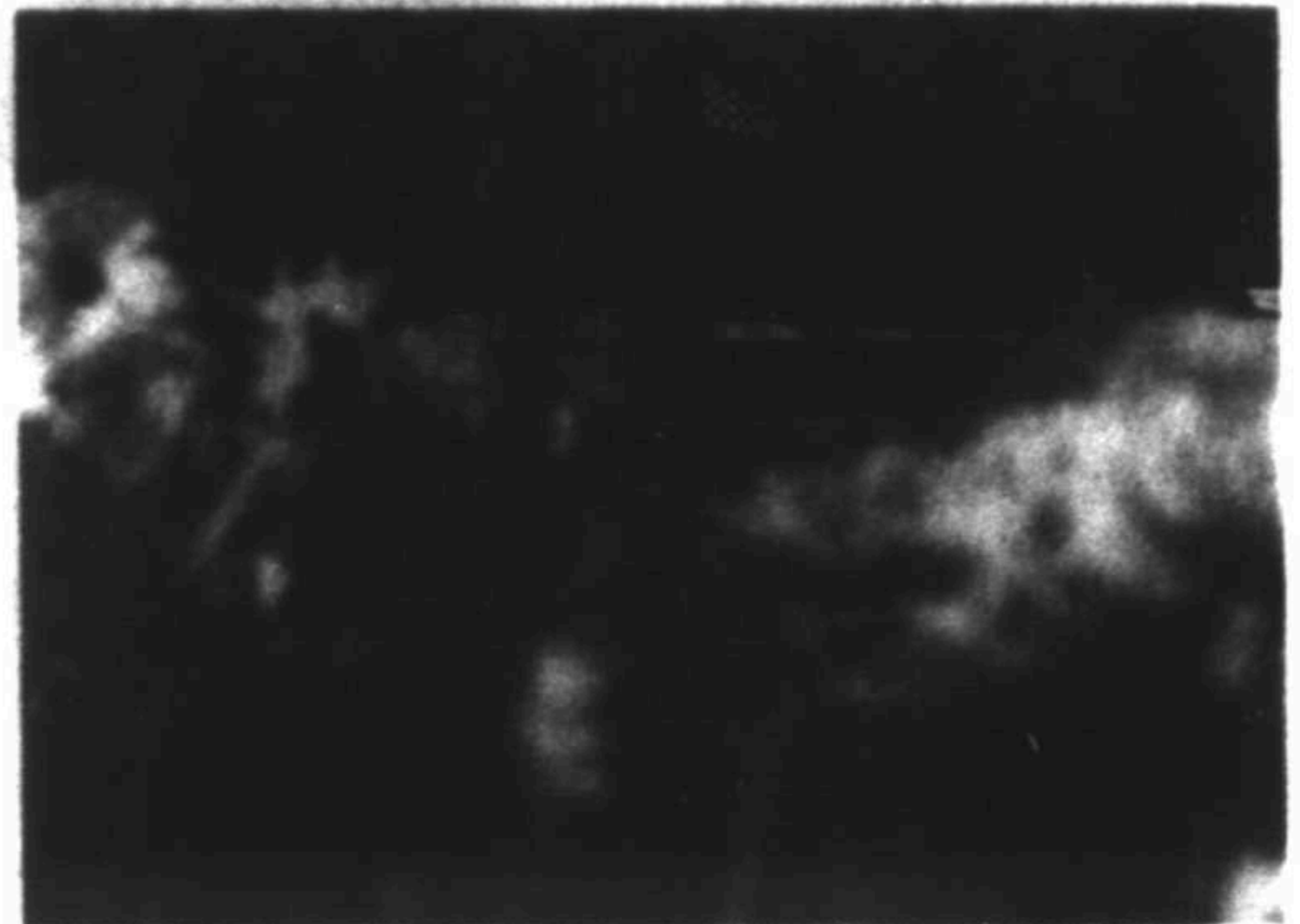
Ward was killed Saturday night about 140 miles away at a clay track

in Canandaigua. NASCAR champion Tony Stewart was the big name in the field, racing with the young guys while he was in the area for a Sprint Cup race at Watkins Glen the next day.

Ward and Stewart tangled, and Ward hit the wall. Ward walked on the track apparently to confront Stewart, and was struck when Stewart's vehicle seemed to fishtail.

On Monday, several cars were parked in front of the Ward home in Port Leyden. A police officer stood across the street, politely asking reporters not to park on the road's shoulder.

Helen McHale has lived across the street for 30 years and remembers



Mel Evans/AP

A checkered flag flies over the track near a small memorial of flowers at Canandaigua Motorsports Park on Monday in Canandaigua, N.Y.

Please see WARD/4C

New season almost here



The Lee (top) and Midland High (right) football teams began practices Monday.

Monday was the first day that Class 6A and Class 5A schools that had spring training could begin workouts for the 2014 season. Midland High practiced in the morning at Memorial Stadium, while Lee was scheduled to practice at Lee in the evening, but afternoon thunderstorms forced the Rebels inside to their indoor facility.

Lee will open the season at 4 p.m. Aug. 28 at Grande Communications Stadium against Keller. Midland High opens its season at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 29, against Smithson Valley also at Grande Communications Stadium.

PHOTOS BY TIM FISCHER/REPORTER-TELEGRAM



Aggies yet to decide on Manziel's replacement

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Johnny Manziel has left Texas A&M for the NFL and coach Kevin Sumlin has yet to decide who will replace the Heisman Trophy winner at quarterback.

With less than three weeks before the opener, sophomore Kenny Hill and freshman Kyle Allen are vying for the job.

Whoever gets the job will be left with big shoes to fill, but Sumlin isn't expecting that player to be Johnny Football and has talked to his veterans about helping the starter adjust.

"It's incumbent on the other 10 guys who are on the field to make the offense quarterback friendly," Sumlin said. "Our guys understand that because whoever that is, is going to be a young guy going into a very hostile situation in Columbia the first game of the year."

The Aggies open their season Aug. 28 with a Southeastern Conference game against South Carolina before playing their three game non-conference slate.

Hill had very limited action last season, appearing in four games and finishing with 183 yards passing. Allen was one of the top quarterback prospects in the nation after throwing for more than 8,000 yards and 86 touchdowns in his career at Desert Mountain high school in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Manziel threw for 4,114 yards and 37 touchdowns and had 759 yards rushing with nine scores in leading Texas A&M to a 9-4 record in its second season in the SEC before darting to the NFL with two years of eligibility remaining.

He was the first freshman to win the Heisman Trophy in 2012 and brought a level of excitement to College Station that had been missing for many years with his daring improvisational style of play.

His replacement will be decided soon, but Sumlin wouldn't tip his hand as to which way he's leaning and said this weekend that the race is "dead even."

Here are five things to know about the 2014 Aggies:

DEFENSIVE QUESTIONS

The Aggies have some questions on defense after several players were dismissed or left the team following off-the-field issues this offseason. The



Sumlin

Please see AGGIES/4C

For all his talent, McIlroy wins a major with grit

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Anyone could see Rory McIlroy had the gifts to be the next big thing in golf.

His victory in the PGA Championship was more about grit.

That might be more impressive than some of the numbers associated with his latest major. McIlroy has won his four majors at a combined 62-under par. The only other players in the last century to win four majors 25 or younger were Tiger Woods, Jack Nicklaus and Bobby Jones. It had been six years since anyone won two straight majors (Padraig Harrington) or three straight tournaments (Woods).

"It's beginning to look a little

DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

Tigeresque, I supposed," Graeme McDowell said. "I said to the boys at The Open I didn't think we were going to see the new Tiger era just yet. I'm not eating my words, but I'm certainly starting to chew on them right now."

The comparisons with Woods are becoming inevitable.

Even though the circumstances were slightly different, McIlroy had his own Valhalla moment. The last two PGA Championships at Valhalla were all about guts.

Fourteen years ago, Woods was on the verge of going three shots down with three holes to play when a mixture of determination and good fortune turned everything around. Woods made a 12-foot par putt and Bob May missed a 4-footer for birdie. Woods caught him two holes later with a birdie set up by a 335-yard drive on a hole where he couldn't afford to miss. He forced a playoff with a 6-foot birdie on the

Please see MCILROY/3C



John Locher/AP

Rory McIlroy holds part of the Wanamaker Trophy after being presented the trophy from PGA of America president Ted Bishop on Sunday at Valhalla Golf Club in Louisville, Ky. McIlroy won the PGA Championship.

HOUNDSWATCH



SUNDAY'S SCORE

Springs 9, Midland 1

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m., ONEOK Field

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

RECORDS
Midland 29-21, Tulsa 21-28

Table with 5 columns: Saturday, Sunday, Today, Wednesday, Thursday. Rows show game results for Midland and Tulsa.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY WHAT'S ON TV
LITTLE LEAGUE WORLD SERIES
World Series, semifinal, 5:30 p.m., ESPN2

Network
Tampa Bay at Texas, 7 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Chicago White Sox at San Francisco, 9:10 p.m., WGN

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY HS VOLLEYBALL
Monahans at Midland High, 2 p.m.
Grandfalls-Royalty at Midland Classical, 5 p.m.
Trinity at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.

LOCAL SPORTS

GOLF

RANCHLAND HILLS CLUB CHAMPIONSHIP
Men's Division
Gross: 1. KT Livingston 71-70-69-209...

Phl Bedore 82-82-81-245; 3. Manuel Olivas 80-87-79-246...

ANTHONY ACES AT HOGAN
Darren Anthony recorded his first hole-in-one at Hogan Park Golf Course.

TEXAS LEAGUE

Table with 4 columns: Team, W, L, Pct. Rows for North and South Divisions.

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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX - Options LHP Eric Surkamp to Charlotte (L)

Major League Soccer
SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES - Traded F Alan Gordon to the L.A. Galaxy for allocation money.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Aug. 15
At Chumash Resort Casino, Santa Ynez, Calif. (ESPN2), Rustan Nurgali vs. Denis Shafikov...

At Hamburg, Germany, Wladimir Klitschko vs. Kubrat Pulev...

NBA STANDINGS

Table with 4 columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct. Rows for Eastern and Western Conferences.

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HS VOLLEYBALL RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MHS SWEEPS
EP FRANKLIN, EP CHAPIN
Midland High began the season with a pair of three-game sweeps of El Paso Franklin and El Paso Chapin on Monday at the Midland High gymnasium.

The Lady Bulldogs (2-0) began the day with a 25-20, 25-16, 25-13 victory against El Paso Franklin, then they beat El Paso Chapin, 25-14, 25-20, 25-21, in the second match of the day.

kills, 57 assists and five service aces in the two matches, and Konner Wood led MHS in digs with 21.

Midland High will take on Monahans at 2 p.m. today to continue its non-district slate.

MIDLAND HIGH DER. EL PASO FRANKLIN, 25-20, 25-16, 25-13
MIDLAND HIGH DER. EL PASO CHAPIN, 25-14, 25-20, 25-21

Lee Splits with EP Franklin, EP Chapin
The Lee volleyball team split two matches with El Paso Franklin and El Paso Chapin on Monday at the First Presbyterian Church gymnasium.

The Lady Rebels (1-1) began the day with a 25-23, 25-10, 25-20 victory against El Paso Chapin, but then dropped a match to El Paso Franklin, 25-13, 25-20, 25-21.

Lee will return to action on Thursday during the first day of the Mansfield Tournament.

LEE DER. EL PASO CHAPIN, 25-23, 25-10, 25-20
EL PASO FRANKLIN DER. LEE, 25-13, 25-20, 25-21

NCAA seeks clarification in O'Bannon ruling

By Michael Marot
Associated Press

The NCAA wants clarification on two points in a California judge's ruling in the landmark Ed O'Bannon case.

The governing body wrote in a brief to the U.S. District Court on Monday that schools want to know which recruits are covered under the ruling which opened the door to athletes receiving a small percentage of the millions of dollars they help generate.

(i.e., student-athletes who would first enroll in college in Fall 2016) may receive offer letters from colleges starting on August 1, 2015. Bylaw 13.9.2.2. NCAA seeks to confirm that the existing NCAA rules can remain in force until August 1, 2015, although we understand the injunction would not permit the NCAA to adopt or enforce rules inconsistent with the injunction on or after that date.

On a second point, the NCAA contends, is Wilken's language regarding the "licensing or use of prospective, current, or former student-athletes" could be interpreted to apply to current players.

on the Court's opinion, the NCAA believes the language of Paragraph 1 refers to compensation only for student-athletes first enrolling after July 1, 2016. Otherwise the injunction would permit colleges and conferences to compensate current student-athletes before the NCAA's member colleges have an opportunity to consider new rules consistent with the injunction.

Attorneys wrote that they want the clarifications to ensure that there are no violations of the permanent injunction Wilken imposed, which allows players at big schools to have money generated by television contracts put into a trust fund to pay them when they leave. Wilken said the body that governs college athletics could set a cap on the money paid to athletes, as long as it allows at least \$5,000 per athlete per year of competition.

those amounts. NCAA President Mark Emmert said Sunday that the governing body would appeal "at least in part" the ruling.

"We look forward to presenting our arguments on appeal, and in the meantime we will continue to champion student-athlete success on the field and in the classroom," NCAA chief legal officer Donald Remy said in a statement released after Emmert's announcement.

Winning on appeal could be a major challenge given the venue in Oakland, California. Though the NCAA has a stronger historical record in appeals courts, where a recent University of Illinois study found that it wins 71 percent of the time in both the second and third rounds of cases, this would go to the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals. Legal experts say that court has generally been a "labor-friendly" court, which could hurt the NCAA's chances of victory.

Wiggins deflects questions about trade to Wolves

By Ian Harrison
Associated Press

TORONTO — When training camp begins in October, he'll be trying to block and deflect shots in the NBA. On Monday, No. 1 overall draft pick Andrew Wiggins was deflecting questions about precisely where he'll be playing.

Last week, Cleveland reportedly reached an agreement in principle to send Wiggins, Anthony Bennett and a first-round pick to Minnesota for All-Star forward Kevin Love, who will join LeBron James and Kyrie Irving to form a new "Big 3" with the Cavaliers.

the first time since the reported deal was agreed to, Wiggins refused to be drawn in to any trade talk.

"Whatever happens is out of my control," he said. "I'm not worrying about it right now." Surrounded by more than a dozen reporters and nine television cameras at a promotional event at his former grade school in suburban Toronto, Wiggins acknowledged that life as a first overall pick has brought him extra attention.

Self's basketball camp Sunday, Self said Wiggins told him he'd welcome the trade to Minnesota, where he could be the face of the franchise, rather than playing in the shadow of LeBron.

"Even though in a weird way everybody would love the opportunity to play with LeBron because you're guaranteed winning, for the longevity of his career, he needs to develop that mindset to be the guy, for him to be great, and I think being Minnesota will help him do that," Self said Sunday.

for the Timberwolves. While his defense is already NBA-caliber, Wiggins will be able to develop his offense alongside point guard Ricky Rubio in an up-tempo system.

The reported trade would break up Cleveland's trio of Canadian youngsters, with only fourth-year forward Tristan Thompson expected to remain with the Eastern Conference's new presumed power. Wiggins said he's kept in touch with both Bennett and Thompson as the NBA rumor mill churned this summer.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

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Smyly gets 1st win for Rays, beat Rangers

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Drew Smyly allowed three hits in his first win since the David Price trade, Matt Joyce had a two-run single and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Texas Rangers 7-0 on Monday night.

Smyly struck out nine in a career-high 7 2/3 innings to beat the Rangers for the second time this season. The left-hander hasn't allowed Texas an earned run in three appearances, including a relief outing when he was still with Detroit.

Smyly (7-10), who lost at Oakland five days after the Price deal at the non-waiver trading deadline July 31, struck out the final batter he faced, Shin-Soo Choo, for the second out with runners at second and third in the eighth.

Reliever Joel Peralta preserved the shutout by getting Jim Adduci on a

Rays	7
Rangers	0

bases-loaded grounder. Before Adrian Beltre's line-drive single to left center in the seventh inning, the only hit for the Rangers was a bunt by Daniel Robertson in the third. Rounched Odor had a bloop double off Smyly in the eighth.

Colby Lewis (8-9) couldn't build on the momentum of his second career shutout, giving up five runs in five innings. Just two of the runs were earned because of the Texas right-hander's throwing error in Tampa Bay's three-run second inning. He also had four walks and hit a batter.

Lewis had a chance to escape the second with a 1-0 deficit before Joyce's two-out, bases-loaded hit for a 3-0 lead. The sharp single to right field came after Joyce ripped a line drive that was just foul

and struck a security guard in the face. The man was bleeding as he was led off the field.

The trouble began for Lewis when his throw to get Cole Figueroa at third base on a bunt attempt by Curt Casali wasn't even close enough for Beltre to try to dive to keep it from going past him.

The Rays bunted again after Yunel Escobar went to third on Lewis' error, but Texas first baseman Adam Rosales shoveled the ball to catcher Robinson Chirinos for the tag. The call was upheld after a 3-minute review over whether Chirinos was blocking the plate.

Figueroa, Desmond Jennings, Ben Zobrist and Evan Longoria each had a run-scoring hit for Tampa Bay.

TRAINER'S ROOM
Rays: RF Kevin Kiernauer left the game in the seventh inning with tightness in his lower back.

The move was precautionary. Wil Myers, on the disabled list since June 1 because of a fractured right wrist, played right field Monday night on a rehab assignment with Triple-A Durham.

Rangers: RF Alex Rios was out after aggravating his sprained right ankle with a slide into home Sunday against Houston. The MRI revealed no significant damage and he could return Tuesday night. Rios originally injured the ankle July 19 at Toronto.

ON DECK
Rays RHP Jeremy Hellickson (1-1, 2.61) makes his fourth start since returning from right elbow surgery. Tampa's oldest starting pitcher at 27 years, 126 days, Hellickson is 0-3 with a 5.03 ERA against the Rangers. Texas RHP Nick Tepesch (4-7, 4.46) faces the Rays for the first time since beating them in his major league debut last season.

Watson still considering Woods for Ryder Cup

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — U.S. captain Tom Watson said he would be foolish not to consider Tiger Woods as one of his three wild-card selections for the Ryder Cup, a decision that ultimately would be based on Woods' words instead of his actions.

Watson has said all year he wanted Woods on his team if he were healthy and playing well. Even though Woods is injured and not playing for the next month, Watson wouldn't rule him out Monday.

"I can't assess his medical condition and I honestly can't assess how he's playing," Watson said. "It really is going to be having to come from information from Tiger himself. But, again, I don't make this comment loosely. He is Tiger Woods and he brings a lot to the team — if he has the ability to play and he's healthy. He brings a lot to the team. And I'd be a fool not to consider him."

Nine players qualified for the American team after the PGA Championship. Watson has three weeks before he announces his three picks for the Ryder Cup, which is Sept. 26-28 at Gleneagles in Scotland.

Woods' season ended when he missed the cut by five shots at the PGA Championship, where he said he played through the pain of a nagging back injury. He is not playing the Wyndham Championship this week in North Carolina, and Woods is not eligible for the two FedEx Cup playoff events that will serve

as an audition for Watson. "I'll be very, very focused on the players who are high up in the ranks," Watson said.

As for Woods? He made it sound as if he would have a telephone glued to his ear.

"I will continue to speak with Tiger over the next three weeks to monitor his situation," Watson said. "Obviously, he has not been playing well. But I think it's been a result, as you well know, of his injury and his coming back from back surgery."

Woods has gone more than a year without winning, and this injury-filled year has been like no other. He played eight tournaments and completed 72 holes only

three times. He missed two cuts, withdrew from the final round of two other tournaments and missed a 54-hole cut at Torrey Pines, where he is an eight-time winner. His best finish was a tie for 25th at Doral, where Woods played in the next-to-last group on Sunday and posted his highest score ever (78) in the final round.

He finished at No. 70 in the Ryder Cup standings.

Woods hurt his back again at Firestone, though he said it was unrelated to his microdiscectomy surgery in March. He said a trainer popped a joint back into place and he was pain free Wednesday at the PGA. He reported stiffness Thursday and his back "went out on me" while warming up for the second round.

Can he be trusted to be forthcoming with Watson?

"Absolutely," Watson replied sternly, looking away to make his point.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

TWINS 4 ASTROS 2
HOUSTON — Joe Mauer had two hits in his return from the disabled list, including a go-ahead RBI single in the ninth inning, to help the Minnesota Twins to a 4-2 win over the Houston Astros on Monday night.

A pair of walks by Josh Fields (2-5) left runners at first and second with two outs in the ninth when Mauer hit a groundball single to left field scored Jordan Schafer. Brian Dozier also scored on the play and Mauer reached second when rookie left fielder Domingo Santana held the ball for several seconds before throwing it in.

Mauer, who doubled in the third inning, extended his hitting streak to 13 games in his first game since missing 34 with a strained muscle on his right side.

Brian Duensing (3-2) got the last two outs of the eighth inning for the win and Glen Perkins pitched a scoreless ninth for his 29th save.

ROYALS 3 ATHLETICS 2
KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The Kansas City Royals won their eighth straight game and took over the AL Central lead Monday night when Yordano Ventura outdueled Sonny Gray during a 3-2 win over Oakland Athletics.

The victory, coupled with a loss by Detroit in Pittsburgh, gave the long-suffering Royals a division lead at the latest point in a season since 2003. Alcides Escobar drove in a run in the second inning before delivering a two-out single off Gray (12-6) in the seventh, putting Kansas City in front and sending the crowd to its feet.

Kelvin Herrera (3-2) took over for Ventura and tossed spotless seventh inning, and Wade Davis breezed through the eighth. Greg Holland worked the ninth for his 35th save.

ORIOLES 11 YANKEES 3
BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit a two-run homer after replacing an injured Manny Machado, and the AL East-leading Baltimore Orioles beat



Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston catcher Jason Castro, left, reaches for the ball as Minnesota's Trevor Plouffe, right, runs to home in the eighth inning Monday in Houston. Plouffe was trying to score from second base on a Chris Parmelee single to right field but failed.

the Yankees 11-3 Monday night to drop New York a season-high seven games out of first place. After Davis put the Orioles ahead in the fifth inning, Nelson Cruz connected with a man on in the seventh and Jonathan Schoop added a three-run shot in the eighth to turn the game into a rout. Cruz now has 31 homers, tied for the major league lead with rookie Jose Abreu of the White Sox.

Machado, a 2013 All-Star third baseman, sprained his right knee in the second inning while hitting a broken-bat grounder to shortstop. He dropped on his back in the batter's box and needed help getting off the field.

National League
METS 5 PHILLIES 3
PHILADELPHIA — Slumping Anthony Recker hit a tiebreaking, three-run homer. Jonathon Niese pitched seven sharp innings and the New York Mets beat the Philadelphia Phillies 5-3 Monday. Darin Ruf hit a two-run shot for the last-place Phillies.

DODGERS 6 BRAVES 2
ATLANTA — Kevin Correia won in his debut with the Dodgers, outpitching All-Star Julio Teheran and leading Los Angeles over the slumping Atlanta Braves 6-2 on Monday night.

Los Angeles has won four of six to increase its NL West lead to five games over idle San Francisco. The Braves have dropped 10 of 12 and fallen four games behind NL East-leading Washington.

BREWERS 3 CUBS 1
CHICAGO — Yovani Gallardo pitched seven sparkling innings and Kris Davis had a tiebreaking RBI double, leading the Milwaukee Brewers to a 3-1 victory over the Chicago Cubs on Monday night.

Gallardo bounced back nicely from a sluggish outing against San Francisco, allowing one run and six hits while improving to 9-3 with a 3.00 ERA in 18 career starts against Chicago.

MARLINS 6 CARDINALS 5
MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton

hit two home runs and made a spectacular diving catch in right field to help the Miami Marlins beat the St. Louis Cardinals 6-5 on Monday night.

Stanton's 13th multi-homer game established a franchise career record and he tied Hanley Ramirez for second place on the club's all-time home run list with 148. Stanton hit a two-run homer in the first and a solo shot in the third to give him 31 on the season.

Interleague

PIRATES 11 TIGERS 6
PITTSBURGH — Travis Snider hit two home runs, and Starling Marte drove in three runs as the Pittsburgh Pirates coasted to a 11-6 win against the Detroit Tigers on Monday night.

Pittsburgh loaded the bases against Justin Verlander with one out in the first inning, and Marte cleared them with a triple down the left field line. Snider drove Marte home when his grounder to first took an odd hop, and Victor Martinez couldn't glove it.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

AMERICAN LEAGUE			
East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Baltimore	68	50	.576
Toronto	65	58	.525
New York	61	57	.517
Tampa Bay	59	58	.502
Boston	52	65	.444

WEST DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct
Los Angeles	68	52	.567
San Francisco	62	56	.525
San Diego	54	62	.468
Colorado	51	67	.432
Arizona	46	71	.393

NATIONAL LEAGUE			
East Division			
Team	W	L	Pct
Atlanta	62	58	.518
Chicago	50	67	.427

WEST DIVISION			
Team	W	L	Pct
St. Louis	62	56	.525
Pittsburgh	59	58	.502
Philadelphia	53	64	.450
Washington	48	70	.412
San Diego	48	72	.398

MONDAY'S LINESCORES			
Team	W	L	Pct
New York	100	100	500
Baltimore	101	100	505

went back ahead by one shot when the A-list of challengers — Fowler, Phil Mickelson, Henrik Stenson — all made a mistakes. And then he sealed it with a 9-iron from a fairway bunker on the 17th hole to 10 feet. That gave him a two-shot lead. The final round as so close that it was the largest lead by anyone all day. This was the most satisfying major for McIlroy because he had to work the hardest. The 25-year-old from Northern Ireland was developing a stereotype as a player who would only win in soft conditions with a comfortable lead. There was nothing comfortable about the final two hours at Valhalla. One mistake could be the difference between winning the losing. Mickelson found that out with a chip that flew too strong at the cup at the 16th hole and led to bogey. Fowler missed the 14th green badly to the right and made bogey. Stenson missed a 3-foot par putt on the same hole and never caught up. McIlroy didn't flinch and wound up winning by one shot over Mickelson. Why was it so satisfying? "It means that I know that I can do it. I know that I can come from behind," McIlroy said. "Phil Mickelson, the second-best player in this era, to be able to beat him on the back nine Sunday, it's great to have in the memory bank and great to have going forward." McIlroy posted a photo on Twitter in the early hours of Monday showing him holding the claret jug and the Wanamaker Trophy from the last two majors. "The summer of 2014 is one I'll never forget!" he wrote. Maybe it will get even better. Whatever happens, McIlroy should now be equipped for just about anything.

Beck, Horsfield share 1st-round lead at US Amateur

Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jimmy Beck and British teenager Sam Horsfield shared the lead at 6-under-par after the first round of stroke play qualifying at the U.S. Amateur Championship on Monday.

Beck, from Columbus,

Georgia, had a 65 on the Atlanta Athletic Club's par-71 Highlands Course and Horsfield shot 66 on the par-72 Riverside Course.

Lee McCoy of Clarksville, Georgia, was one shot back after a 67 on Riverside. Tied for fifth at 4-under were Jonathan Garrick of Atherton, Cali-

fornia, who shot 67 on Highlands, and Cameron Young of Scarborough, N.Y., who had a 68 on Riverside.

The field of 312 players will be cut to 64 after Tuesday's round. The format then switches to match play on Wednesday, leading up to the championship on Sunday.

U.S. AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP

Monday
At Atlanta Athletic Club
Johns Creek, Ga.
Highlands Course, par 71 (36-36), 7,400 yards

Riverside Course, par 72 (36-36)
7,875 yards

First Round

31-34-65H
Jimmy Beck, Columbus, Ga.
32-34-66
Sam Horsfield, England
33-33-66
Taylor Moore, Edmond, Okla.
33-34-67H
Jonathan Garrick, Atherton, Calif.
34-33-67H
Lee McCoy, Clarksville, Ga.
35-32-67H
Cheng-Tsung Pan, Taiwan
35-33-68H
Robby Shelton, Wilmer, Ala.
32-38-68H
Guillermo Pereira, Chile
34-34-68H
Taylor Macdonald, Australia
34-34-68H
Cameron Young, Scarborough, N.Y.
35-33-68H
Derek Bard, New Hartford, N.Y.
35-34-68H
Will Grimm, Cincinnati
35-33-68H
Chris Waters, Atlanta
33-38-69H
Will Zalatoris, Plano
33-38-69H
Denny McCarthy, Rockville, Md.
32-37-69H
Joshua Martin, Pinehurst, N.C.
35-34-69H
Derron Peyton, Boynton Beach, Fla.
35-33-69H
Corey Connors, Canada
34-35-69H
Adam Swanson, Canada
35-35-69H
Jimmy Mullen, England
35-35-70H
Rico Hoey, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif.
34-36-70H
Marco Galiano, Spain
34-36-70H
Byron Math, San Diego
35-35-70H
Gunn Yang, South Korea
34-36-70H
Carson Jacobs, Hendersonville, Tenn.
34-36-70H
Charlie Phillips, Mount Vernon, Ohio
35-35-70H
Isiah Logue, Fairfield, Pa.
35-34-70H
Ben Woodcutt, Burns, Tenn.
35-35-70H
Logan McCracken, Oklahoma City
35-34-70H
Cory Gayford, Memphis, Tenn.
37-33-70H
Zachary Olson, Cordova, Tenn.
35-35-70H
Lorens Chan, Honolulu
38-33-71H
Brandon Meyer, Billings, Mont.
35-35-71H
Justin Brun, France
35-35-71H
Justin Tereshko, Madison, Ind.
35-36-71H
Emilio Cuartero, Spain
35-36-71H
Beau Hossler, Mission Viejo, Calif.
35-36-71H
Austin Fry, Evans, Ga.
34-37-71H
Eli Green, Los Angeles
35-35-71H
Dan Stringfellow, Roseville, Ill.
35-36-71H
Paul Howard, England
35-36-71H
Mouk DeMoss, Duluth, Ga.
37-34-71H
Taylor Pendrith, Canada
34-37-71H
Scottie Scheffler, Dallas, Texas
35-35-71H
Ben Andrews, Raleigh, N.C.
35-35-71H
Jack Maguire, Saint Petersburg, Fla.
38-33-71H
Frederick Weidel, The Woodlands
37-34-71H
Nicolas Echavarria, Colombia
33-38-71H
Sammy Schmitz, Farmington, Minn.
35-36-71H
Bryson DeChambeau, Clovis, Calif.
35-36-71H
David Riley, Hattiesburg, Miss.
36-35-71H
Dawson Armstrong, Brentwood, Tenn.
36-33-71H
Will Betts, Leechburg, Pa.
35-36-71H
Maverick McNeely, Portage Valley, Calif.
35-36-71H
Brax McCarley, Fort Worth
35-36-71H
Jonathan Woo, Singapore
35-37-72H
Scott Reeves, Suwanee, Ga.
37-35-72H
Roman Robledo, Harlingen
35-37-72H
Benjamin Baster, Flower Mound
35-37-72H
Andrew Hans, Waukegan
36-36-72H
Sam Matthews, Roseville, Minn.
37-35-72H
Dylan Crowley, Los Angeles
37-35-72H
Aaron Wise, Lake Elsinore, Calif.
31-41-72H
Cedric Rupp, Arlington Va.
36-36-72H
Taylor Funk, Ponte Vedra, Fla.
37-35-72H
Hunter Stewart, Lexington, Ky.
36-36-72H
Kyle Jones, Taylor, Ariz.
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Sam Burns, Shreveport, La.
37-35-72H
Grant Forrest, Scotland
37-35-72H
Jonathan Chang, Corona, Calif.
37-35-72H
Nathan Smith, Pittsburgh
38-34-72H
Cody Beck, Danville, Calif.
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Derek Dodd, McKinney
37-35-72H
Mike McCoy, Des Moines, Iowa
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Eliott Whaley, Canada
36-34-72H
Gavin Green, Malaysia
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Scott Holmes, Saint Simons Island, Ga.
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Kyle Jones, Taylor, Ariz.
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Kurt Schaeffle, San Diego
35-37-72H
Victor Perez, France
36-36-72H
Zach Wright, Phoenix
36-34-72H
Bender Lombard, South Africa
36-36-72H
Zach Zaccac, Farmington, Conn.
38-35-73H
Ben Fogler, Elgin, S.C.
37-36-73H
Joey Eurs, Crofton, Md.
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Ryan Rea, Redondo Beach, Calif.
35-38-73H
Andrew Winters, Houston
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Nathan Vanover, Blacklick, Ohio
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Kyle Weston, St. Louis
35-38-73H
James Fahy, Canada
36-37-73H
Chris Crawford, Bensalem, Pa.
40-33-73H
Turt Luck, Australia
35-38-73H
Tom Swanson, Missoula, Mont.
38-35-73H
Trevor Phillips, Irvine, S.C.
38-35-73H
Will Murphy, Columbia, S.C.
37-36-73H
Austin Smotherman, Loomis, Calif.
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Doug Ghen, Arlington Heights, Ill.
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A.J. McInerney, Henderson, Nev.
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O. Schneiders, Powder Springs, Ga.
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Nathan Clark, Charlotte, Mich. 37-38-73H
Bill Williamson, Cincinnati 36-37-73H
Nick Pelluso, Highland Heights, Ohio 40-38-73H
Todd White, Spartanburg, S.C. 38-37-73H
Brandon Matthews, Dupont, Pa. 38-35-73H
Joey Petrino, Orlando, Fla. 37-38-73H
Greg Reilly, New Canaan, Conn. 37-38-73H
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Michael Galbreath, Sterling, Kan. 38-35-73H
Ben Doyle, La Jolla, Calif. 38-37-73H
Walker Huddy, Studio City, Calif. 38-37-73H
Brian Campbell, Irvine, Calif. 38-36-73H
Phil Knorr, Bradenton, Fla. 38-37-73H
Alex Franklin, San Rafael, Calif. 38-35-73H
Clark Engle, Springfield, Ohio 34-39-73H
Harrison Phoades, Raleigh, N.C. 37-38-73H
Zach Healy, Peachtree Corners, Ga. 37-38-73H
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Henry Shrop, Charlotte, N.C. 38-35-73H
Patricky, Saint Simons Island, Ga. 38-37-73H
Jose Natta, Mexico 34-39-73H
Max Buckley, Rye, N.Y. 37-38-73H
Michael Koehnke, San Diego 37-37-74H
Jay Lim, Los Angeles 38-38-74H
Thomas Johnson, Columbia, S.C. 38-38-74H
Caleb Sturgeon, Lawrence, S.C. 35-39-74H
Victor Toraco, Chula Vista, Calif. 36-38-74H
Tyler Fox, Delmar, N.Y. 38-38-74H
Andri Benets, Elk Grove, Calif. 37-37-74H
Jack Cornick, Jacksonville, Fla. 38-38-74H
A. Truitt, New Smyrna Beach, Fla. 34-40-74H
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Scott Vincent, Zimbabawe 35-39-74H
T.J. Stewart, Coral Springs, Fla. 38-35-74H
Danny Pizzolatti, Davidson, N.C. 37-37-74H
Andrew Mitchell, Benton, Ill. 36-38-74H
Jordan Neuburger, Mequon, Wis. 34-40-74H
Kevin Brady, Brandon, Miss. 39-35-74H
T.J. Travis, Eagle, Idaho 38-36-74H
T.J. Stewart, Trumbull, Ga. 38-36-74H
Darian Relfogio, Foster City, Calif. 37-37-74H
Matt Teede, Maple Glen, Pa. 38-36-74H
Brandon Clouse, Ohio 36-38-74H
Lucas Herbert, Australia 34-40-74H
Karl Schell, Dallas, Texas 37-37-74H
Paul Smith, Turlock, Calif. 38-36-74H
Keith Mitchell, Chattanooga, Tenn. 38-37-75H
Thomas Lin, Eugene, Ore. 37-37-75H
Wyndham Clark, Longmead, Colo. 39-36-75H
Don Bell, Port Orange, Fla. 37-38-75H
Nolan Lawson, Dallas 37-38-75H
Adam Bell, Port Orange, Fla. 36-39-75H
Ryan Zach, Kearney, Mo. 36-39-75H
Tom Humphrey, Greensboro, Conn. 37-38-75H
Cody Seal, Victoria, Minn. 39-36-75H
Tommy Williams, Australia 33-42-75H
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Zach Seabolt, Raleigh, N.C. 37-38-75H
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Hans Reimers, Lake Oswego, Ore. 37-38-75H
Cory Churchman, Abilene 36-39-75H
Matt Mulken, Crystal River, Fla. 38-37-75H
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Austin Connors, Irving 37-38-75H
Jojo Bevilacqua, San Diego 36-39-75H
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Andrew Chapman, Tawasee, Mich. 38-37-75H
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Zach Coates, Springdale, Ark. 38-39-75H
Alec Tully, Dayton, Ohio 36-39-75H
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Darryl Lovell, Dallas 37-39-75H
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Bradley Neil, Scotland 36-40-75H
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Jarrod Feltz, Australia 37-39-75H
Mark Strickland, Ocean Park, Ind. 37-38-75H
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Ryan Ruffels, Australia 35-41-75H
Mark Strickland, Mulholland, Wash. 40-36-75H
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Brook Droogoch, Windermere, Fla. 39-37-75H
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Gus Lundquist, Parker, Colo. 38-38-75H
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John Eades, Charlotte, N.C. 36-40-75H
Joe Parkinson, Alpine, Utah 38-38-75H
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Joe Magill, Ballwin, Mo. 40-36-75H
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Stewart Whit, Athens, Ala. 40-36-75H
David Worlbe, High Point, N.C. 39-37-75H
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Tyler Collier, Chico, Calif. 37-39-75H
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Matthew Herdman, Gentryburg, Pa. 40-37-77H
Ben Reeves, Knoxville, Tenn. 40-37-77H
Doug Harzard, Savannah, Ga. 38-39-77H
Preston Cole, Greer, S.C. 38-39-77H
Luke Vivolo, Carmel, Calif. 41-36-77H
Will Thompson, Philadelphia, Pa. 37-40-77H
Christina Beardsley, South Africa 38-39-77H
Joey Gulion, Humble 38-39-77H
Jordan Smith, England 38-39-77H
Jon Dulot, Chanhassen, Minn. 39-38-77H
Alex Andrews, Kirtland, Ohio 41-36-77H
Will Thompson, Philadelphia, Pa. 38-39-77H
Carson Schaefer, Omaha, Neb. 41-36-77H
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J.J. Hollen, Castaic, Calif. 38-39-77H
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Jacob Joyner, Lexington, Ga. 39-38-77H
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Jordan Millos, Cable, Ohio 37-42-78H
Luke Capco, Kayville, Utah 41-38-78H
Ryan Veloso, Orange, Calif. 41-38-78H
Patrick Stephenson, Four Oaks, N.C. 40-39-78H
Drew Novara, Murfreesboro, Tenn. 41-38-78H
Tanner McKinney, Farmington, Mo. 39-40-78H
Michael Balcar, Cleveland 38-41-78H
Bobby Leopold, Coventry, R.I. 38-41-78H
Ryan Stovash, Orlando, Fla. 38-41-78H
Andrew Winters, Houston 38-41-78H
Jeff Champagne, Rochester Hills, Mich. 40-40-80H
Joey Renertson, Gibbon, Neb. 40-40-80H
Ryan Riley, North Easton, Mass. 44-36-80H
Ryan Snodgrass, Sparks, N.J. 39-41-80H
Chris Kujala, San Diego 38-42-80H
Trey Francis, Dayton, Ohio 43-37-80H
Michael Perras, Pasadena 38-43-81H
Zach Munroe, Charlotte, N.C. 37-44-81H
Eli Hendricks, Tallahassee, Fla. 42-39-81H
Nicholas Smith, Netherlands 41-40-81H
Patrick Christensen, New Orleans 41-40-81H
B. Baumgarten, Granite Bay, Calif. 42-38-81H
Parker Jones, Gainesville, Fla. 40-41-81H
Joe Rice IV, Dunbar, Md. 41-40-81H
Alex Mery, San Clemente, Calif. 43-38-81H
Luke Healy, San Antonio 42-39-81H
Bryan Hill, Littlefield, Ohio 41-41-82H
Jack Watson, Lincolnshire, Ill. 38-43-82H
Brian Komine, Bridgewater, N.J. 40-42-82H
Sean Walsh, Keller 40-42-82H
Neil Baustista, Fremont, Calif. 43-39-82H
Donald Wolfe III, Miami 42-41-82H
Kyle Hoffman, North, S.C. 38-47-82H
Ronald DeNunzio, Jenneville, Pa. 38-44-83H
Patrick Cover, Huntersville, N.C. 42-41-83H
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Bart George, Arnold, Md. 45-40-85H
David Kleiner, Johns Creek, Ga. 47-40-87H

Stewart found his roots on dirt tracks

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When Jason Leffler was killed in a sprint car crash last summer, Tony Stewart passionately defended the grassroots racing of America.

When he triggered a 15-car accident a month later at an upstate New York race track that left a young girl with a fractured back, he took the blame and moved on to the next event. And when Stewart flipped his sprint car five times at a race in Canada, he bristled at the suggestion he was taking unnecessary risks in his lucrative career.

Stewart didn't once waver in his stance, even after breaking his right leg racing his sprint car last August. The injury sidelined him for six months, but his Stewart-Haas Racing organization under considerable strain and again drew criticism over his extracurricular activities.

He remained unflinching, almost defiant. Racing sprint cars is Stewart's passion. It's his hunting and his fishing and his video games all rolled into one.

But now his hobby, racing on tiny little tracks in nondescript towns outside of a busy NASCAR schedule, is again being called into question. The three-time NASCAR champion struck and killed a 20-year-old racer who had climbed from his car Saturday night to confront Stewart on a New York dirt track following a crash caused by contact between the two cars.

Kevin Ward Jr. and Stewart were racing side-by-side for position early at Canandaigua Motorsports Park when Stewart, on the bottom, seemed to slide toward Ward's car and crowd him toward the wall. The rear tire of Stewart's car appeared to clip the front tire of Ward's car, and Ward spun into the fence.

Ward, wearing a black firesuit and black helmet, climbed from the car and walked onto the track pointing in Stewart's direction. One car had to swerve to avoid hitting him before Stewart got to Ward. Although the front of Stewart's car passed Ward, it appeared the young driver was struck by the right rear tire and hurtled through the air.

Hours later, Stewart

pulled out of the race at Watkins Glen. A second year the race would go on without him.

"There aren't words to describe the sadness I feel about the accident that took the life of Kevin Ward Jr.," Stewart said in a statement.

There's no doubt that Stewart, so gruff and easily irritable on the outside but so charitable and compassionate on the inside, is heartbroken. He can be a bull in a china shop on the track, and he'll never escape his quick-tempered, retaliatory reputation.

But Stewart would never intentionally try to hit another human being with his race car. He may lose his temper and shove a driver or throw a helmet or spin a rival on the track, but Stewart doesn't run over aspiring young shoes.

Stewart spent most of last August bedridden, needed two surgeries to stabilize his leg, was forced to use an ambulance to get to his doctor appointments and, when he could finally get out of bed for a little bit each day, he was confined to a wheelchair. But the whole time he plotted how his accident — he was injured when the torque tube broke and pierced his leg — could improve the safety of sprint car racing.

He made good on his vow, too. When he finally returned to sprint car racing last month, the car he drove had a clamp holding down the torque tube and four different tethers stabilizing it inside the car.

Stewart was devastated at the hit sprint car racing took last summer, when Leffler and two other drivers were killed, followed by his high-profile accidents. There's no chance he would have willingly opened grassroots racing up to another round of scorn.

"He's been great when he's with us. We've been proud to have him in our field, he's raced hard, he's raced clean, he respects what we have to offer," said Chuck Miller, race director Saturday night in

New York. Why, though? Why does Stewart go back to race for \$1,500 here, \$3,000 there, against a field of drivers of varying ages and talent levels?

Because it's where he came from and it's what he loves. Being a NASCAR superstar pays Stewart's bills. It's a job that allowed him to save historic Ohio dirt track Eldora Speedway, to hire sprint car drivers in various series to drive for Tony Stewart Racing, and to become co-owner of NASCAR's four-car Stewart-Haas Racing.

He owns homes and planes and has more money than he can ever spend. But it's a business and the 38 weekends a year feeds the beast and the hundreds of employees at the empire Stewart has built. Good work if you can get it for a blue-collar Indiana native who once drove a tow truck past Indianapolis Motor Speedway, fantasizing about the chance to race there one day.

His heart, though, is in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, New Egypt, New Jersey, Knoxville, Iowa, Tulsa — all those storied little tracks around the country where the racing is considered real. He shows up for the racing and for the crowd, where many fans get their only shot to see him race in person. They can't afford a NASCAR race.

This is Stewart, the real Stewart.

On the eve of the Sprint Cup race at Watkins Glen, one of only five remaining for him to lock up a needed berth in the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, he was racing on one of those tracks. Why not stay in his lavish motorhome at Watkins Glen and rest up for the big race?

Because there was a sprint car race nearby. Because he had a car calling his name. And because it's his life and he's going to live it anyway he pleases. Take him or leave him, but that's the essence of Smoke. He's true to himself and true to his roots, and the one thing he loves most in his life will now haunt him forever.

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From 1C

hearing the noise when Ward raced go-carts. Kevin Ward Sr. runs a successful painting business, and locals thought his son might make it big in the racing world.

"His dad goes to every race," she said. "He's a good kid, polite, big smile, and they're a good family."

Stewart and Ward shared a love of racing sprint cars: high-powered, winged cars built for running on short oval or circular dirt and paved tracks. Drivers have to hit the gas to turn, not necessarily use the wheel.

After the crash, Ward was standing to the right of Stewart's familiar No. 14 car on the dimly lit track. According to video and witness accounts, Ward was struck by the right rear tire and hurtled through the air.

Authorities questioned the 43-year-old Stewart once on Saturday night and went to Watkins Glen to talk to him again Sunday. Ontario County Sheriff Philip Povero said that investigators don't have any evidence at this point to support criminal intent. Povero said Monday there were no plans "at this time" to talk to Stewart again.

"At this time, there are no facts that exist that support any criminal behavior or conduct, or that any probable cause of a criminal act, in this investigation," he said.

Povero said the autopsy was completed Monday and found Ward died of blunt force trauma.

Stewart said Sunday "there aren't words" to describe his sadness over

Ward's death. Stewart hasn't announced whether he'll drive in this weekend's NASCAR race at Michigan International Speedway, but his short track "hobby" is on hold. He won't appear Saturday in a race in Warsaw, Indiana.

"It is still an emotional time for all involved, Tony included. He is grieving, and grief doesn't have a timetable," spokesman Mike Arning said Monday.

Canandaigua Speedway promoter Jeremie Corcoran said the track has canceled Wednesday's event to give "my family, staff, fans, and racing teams time to grieve and process all that has occurred."

Driver Matt Tanner, a friend of Ward's, was a few cars back from the collision. Ward had been a good friend for years, a member of a small, tight group of drivers who traveled to various races around New York state, parts of Canada and Pennsylvania.

"I saw his car sitting there and when the ambulances pulled up I realized what was happening," Tanner said.

He hasn't watched the video and doesn't plan to. "Your emotions are running so high, Stewart's known for being competitive, and Kevin was just as competitive," said Tanner.

So competitive that he'd take his life into his own hands by stepping into traffic in a black firesuit on a dark track?

No one will know for sure why Ward made the treacherous decision to stalk Stewart.

But perhaps he was inspired by Stewart himself.

Known for his volcanic temper, Stewart is among the drivers who made highlight reels by tossing helmets at windshields or throwing punches at competitors. The action captivates fans and is part of NASCAR's allure — and inspires the next generation to mimic the bumping and brawling of their heroes.

What better way for a young driver to make a name for himself than being the one that stood up to Smoke?

Driver Cory Sparks, a fellow driver in Saturday's race, said he and Ward became friends five years ago. He said Ward was aggressive and competitive and that the two men had "had our feuds" but that he was proud to call him a friend.

"I don't want Kevin Ward to be remembered as a victim in a Tony Stewart accident," he said. "He definitely had a future in this sport. He was a very aggressive driver. He was one hell of a wheel man."

Doug Elkins is a former race announcer who now writes about the sport. He had known Ward and his father for several years. Elkins said he expected rules prohibiting drivers from getting out of their cars during races will be better enforced around the country.

He hadn't heard of any bad blood between Stewart and Ward.

"Anyone would want to beat him. Elkins said, "he's Tony Stewart."

Memorial services will be held Wednesday at the Trainer Funeral Home in Boonville, New York. The funeral is Thursday.

Miroslav Klose retires from German national team

By Nesha Starcevic

Associated Press

FRANKFURT, Germany — Miroslav Klose, the top scorer in World Cup history, has retired from Germany's national squad a month after the team won the title for the fourth time.

The 36-year-old Klose scored twice in Brazil, making him the highest-scoring player in the tournament's history with 16 goals, one ahead of Ronaldo. It was Klose's fourth World Cup tournament.

With a career total of 71 goals, Klose is also the highest-scoring player for Germany. He is also the second-most capped Germany player with 137 games.

"The title in Brazil fulfilled a childhood dream of mine," Klose said in a statement posted Monday on the German national team's website. "I am proud and happy that I could contribute to this great success for the German football. There is

no better time to close the national team chapter."

Klose is the second member of the World Cup-winning side to step down after captain Philipp Lahm. While Lahm's retirement came as a surprise, but Klose's move was expected.

The pair's retirement will be marked at a ceremony before the Sept. 3 friendly against Argentina, the rival Germany beat 1-0 in the World Cup final. Neither will play, the German federation said.

This season after appearing in each game as a true freshman in 2013.

RUNNING BACK DEPTH
The Aggies return three junior running backs competing for the starting job. Trey Williams led the three in rushing last season with 407 yards and six touchdowns and Tra Carson was right behind him with 329 yards and seven touchdowns. Williams added 269 yards rushing and a score. Sumlin calls the trio "exceptional."

THANKSGIVING GAME
The Aggies will play on Thanksgiving again this season after missing the formerly annual tradition for the last two years with their move to the SEC. They've replaced long-time rival Texas with LSU in 2014 and will host the Tigers in a night game on Nov. 27.

the sixth pick this year. Despite these big losses, the unit should continue to be a strength of the team. The leader of the group is Cedric Ogbuehi, a three-year starter who will move into the left tackle spot left open with the departure of Matthews. He is expected to be a first-round pick in 2015. The unit also features Jake's younger brother Mike Matthews, who started 13 games at center last season.

WHO WILL STEP UP AT RECEIVER?
Mike Evans was Texas A&M's top receiver in 2013, finishing with 1,394 yards receiving and 12 touchdowns before also leaving early for the draft. Senior Malcolm Kennedy is the veteran of the group after starting 10 games last season and finishing with 658 yards receiving. They also have the quick LaQuinton Gonzalez, who is expected to start

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Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program	Channel	Time	Program
KMID ABC	3	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Extreme Weight Loss	"Sara" Sara struggles with her height and her weight. (R)	20/20 "From Hell"	KMID News	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live
KOSA CBS	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS: "Better Angels"	NCIS: Los Angeles "Between the Lines"	Person of Interest "Reasonable Doubt"	CBS 7 News	(3:35) David Letterman
KWWT CW	5	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kottler	Honey-mooners
KPEJ FOX	8	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	Brooklyn 99	New Girl
KMLM IND	11	11	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	Light of the Southwest
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.	Food Fighters "Nick Evans" (R)	America-Talent "Quarter Finals 3"	Judging is turned to the American viewing audience. (R)
KPBT PBS	13	13	13	8	PBS NewsHour	Celtic Thunder "Mythology"	Celtic Thunder	Great Performances "Sing: The Last Ship"
KUPB UNI	4	4	4	16	De Que Te Quiero Te Quiero	Mi corazón es Tuyo	Lo Que La Vida Me Robo	Que Pobres Tan Ricos
KOSA MNT	16	16	16	16	Fam. Feud Million...	Bones	Bones	My News Million...
FLX	340	65	165	340	65	165	340	65
HBO	300	68	14	14	300	68	14	14
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	302	69	15
HBO3	304	70	16	102	304	70	16	102
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	380	71	17
MAX2	382	72	18	122	382	72	18	122
PLEX	384	73	19	124	384	73	19	124
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	320	66	19
TMC	336	67	22	150	26	336	67	22
ABC	27	32	28	35	47	27	32	28
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	40	21	23
BET	58	26	40	58	26	40	58	26
BRAVO	65	63	41	65	63	41	65	63
CHBC	46	45	39	72	46	45	39	72
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	43	24	51
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	50	20	31
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	38	56	27	36
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	32	29	48
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	34	28	49
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	53	54	34
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	45	58	53
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	64	59	27
PSSW	37	43	50	45	29	37	43	50
FX	31	31	59	64	69	31	31	59
HALLMARK	54	49	58	34	54	49	58	34
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	63	50	26
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	71	62	29
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	28	25	25
MSNBC	47	51	49	73	47	51	49	73
NBCSN	38	39	38	39	38	39	38	39
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	55	34	39
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	30	22	55
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	66	64	41
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	25	11	44
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	41	61	24
TELE	20	8	10	20	20	20	8	10
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	51	33	32
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	24	23	40
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Houston Texans QBs struggle in opener

By Chris Duncan
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Ryan Fitzpatrick stepped back and telegraphed a pass that cornerback Brandon Harris intercepted along the sideline in a team drill on Monday. Coach Bill O'Brien immediately replaced Fitzpatrick with Case Keenum, who promptly threw a pass to the feet of tight end Ryan Griffin for an incomplete.

Such is the state of the Houston Texans' quarterbacks midway through training camp.

O'Brien reiterated on Monday that Fitzpatrick remains the starter and he's still evaluating Keenum and rookie Tom Savage for the backup roles. None of them showed much in Saturday's 32-0 loss in Arizona — the trio combined to go 11 for 22 for 82 yards.

"You never with the preseason how it's going to go, especially the first time out or anything," Fitzpatrick said. "But we would have hoped to have

a better showing." Houston signed the 31-year-old Fitzpatrick after trading Matt Schaub to Oakland and O'Brien declared him the starter during minicamp. Fitzpatrick played the entire first half in Arizona, completing only 6 of 14 passes for 55 yards and two interceptions. He wasn't happy with the showing, but has also been around long enough to not read too much into a preseason opener.

"I don't think you can let it play with your confidence at all," Fitzpatrick said. "You've just got to take it for what it was, learn from it and move on. It was the first one, I'm disappointed, but we've already moved on and we're out here at practice trying to get better."

Fitzpatrick has become a valuable mentor for Keenum, who's playing in his third training camp after the Texans picked him up as an undrafted free agent in 2012. He moved into a backup role before last season and then started eight games

after Schaub was injured. Keenum's production tailed off after he started off well in his first three games last year. He ended up losing all eight of his starts and sat out the last two games with a thumb injury. The former record-setting quarterback at the University of Houston feels as if he's got a fresh start under O'Brien, although he knows how closely he's being scrutinized.

"This game, there's a lot of pressure every time you step on the field. It's kind of part of the deal," Keenum said. "You don't shy away from it, you don't back down from it, you don't let it affect you. You just go out and perform."

His initial series in Arizona didn't go well, starting with a delay of game penalty before the first snap. Keenum went 3 for 5 for 29 yards in two series and he's eager to make more of an impression in Saturday's game against Atlanta.

"I've got to step up mentally and physically this week," Keenum said.

NFL PRESEASON

AMERICAN CONFERENCE										NATIONAL CONFERENCE										
East					West					East					West					
W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA			
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	0.000	13	10	N.Y. Giants	2	0	0	0.000	37	29	Philadelphia	1	0	0	0.000	23	6
Buffalo	1	0	0	0.000	35	35	Washington	1	0	0	0.000	27	27	Tennessee	1	0	0	0.000	10	0
Miami	0	1	0	0.000	10	18	Dallas	0	1	0	0.000	23	27	San Diego	0	1	0	0.000	9	0
New England	0	1	0	0.000	6	23	Philadelphia	0	1	0	0.000	28	34	Detroit	0	1	0	0.000	9	0
South										South										
Jacksonville	1	0	0	0.000	16	10	Atlanta	1	0	0	0.000	16	10	Green Bay	1	0	0	0.000	3	0
Tennessee	1	0	0	0.000	20	16	New Orleans	1	0	0	0.000	26	24	Baltimore	1	0	0	0.000	6	0
Houston	0	1	0	0.000	0	32	Carolina	0	1	0	0.000	18	20	N.Y. Giants	1	0	0	0.000	6	0
Indianapolis	0	1	0	0.000	10	13	Tampa Bay	0	1	0	0.000	10	16	Buffalo	1	0	0	0.000	6	0
North										North										
Baltimore	1	0	0	0.000	23	3	Chicago	1	0	0	0.000	34	28	Atlanta	1	0	0	0.000	7	0
Cincinnati	0	1	0	0.000	39	41	Detroit	1	0	0	0.000	13	12	Miami	1	0	0	0.000	6	0
Cleveland	0	1	0	0.000	12	13	Minnesota	1	0	0	0.000	10	6	Arizona	1	0	0	0.000	7	0
Pittsburgh	0	1	0	0.000	16	20	Green Bay	1	0	0	0.000	16	20	Arizona	1	0	0	0.000	7	0
West										West										
Denver	1	0	0	0.000	21	16	Arizona	1	0	0	0.000	32	0	Denver	1	0	0	0.000	3	0
Kansas City	1	0	0	0.000	41	39	San Francisco	1	0	0	0.000	32	0	Kansas City	1	0	0	0.000	7	0
San Diego	1	0	0	0.000	27	7	San Francisco	1	0	0	0.000	32	23	Cleveland	1	0	0	0.000	7	0

Manning Bros. back with new rap song

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Just in time for football season, the rapping Manning brothers are back with another tune to get stuck in your head.

A year after making their debut with "Football

on Your Phone," Peyton and Eli Manning are back rapping in a new commercial, DirecTV's "Fantasy Football Fantasy."

Gone are the wigs the quarterbacks wore in their rap debut that mimicked hairstyles of the 60s and 70s. Now, they're decked out in modern-day duds.

Peyton starts out in a white T-shirt and Eli in gray with a straight-brimmed baseball cap, then both of them sport black and white suits, Peyton with a long tie, Eli with a bow tie.

The three-minute rap video starts with Eli asking his brother if he's watching some football.

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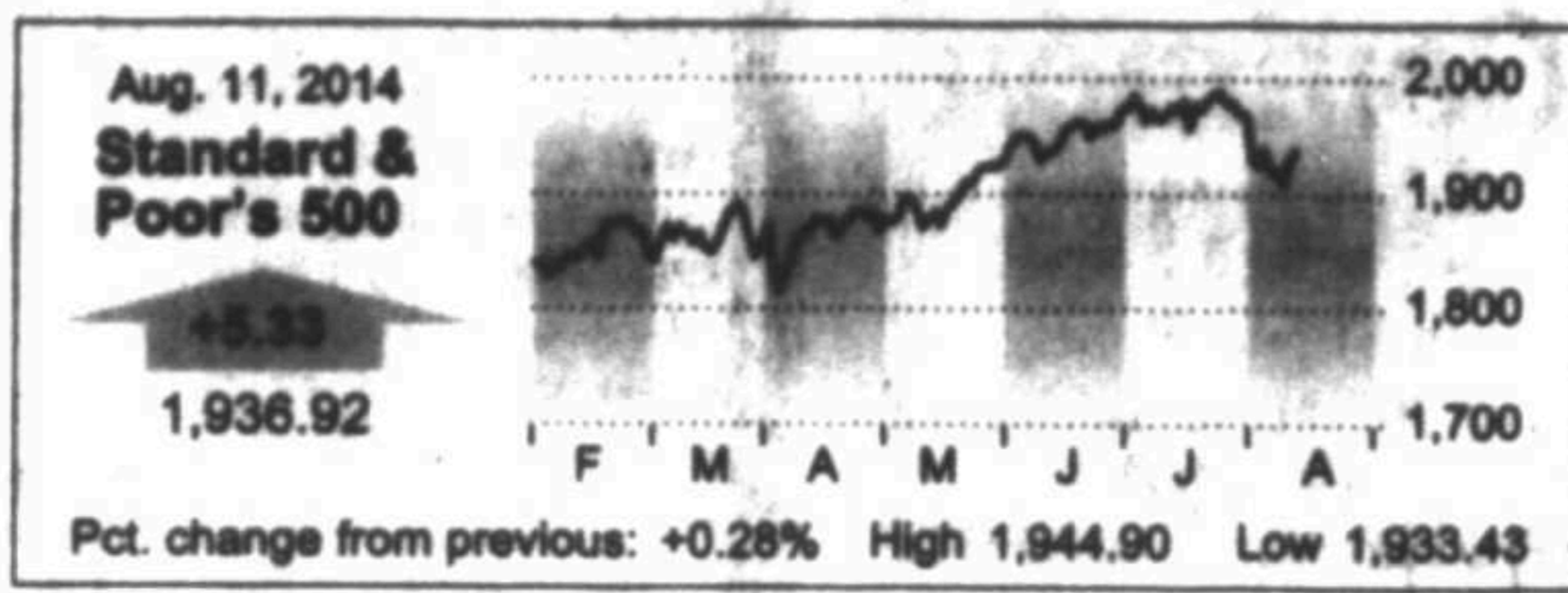
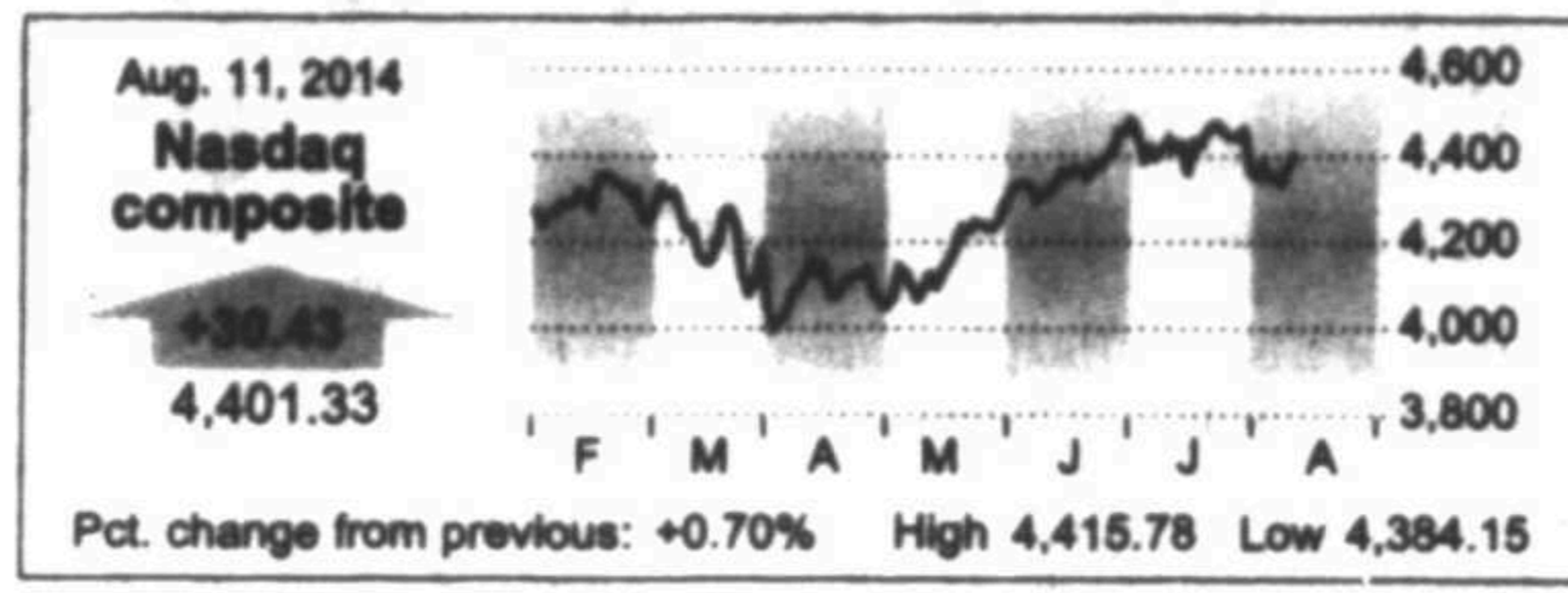
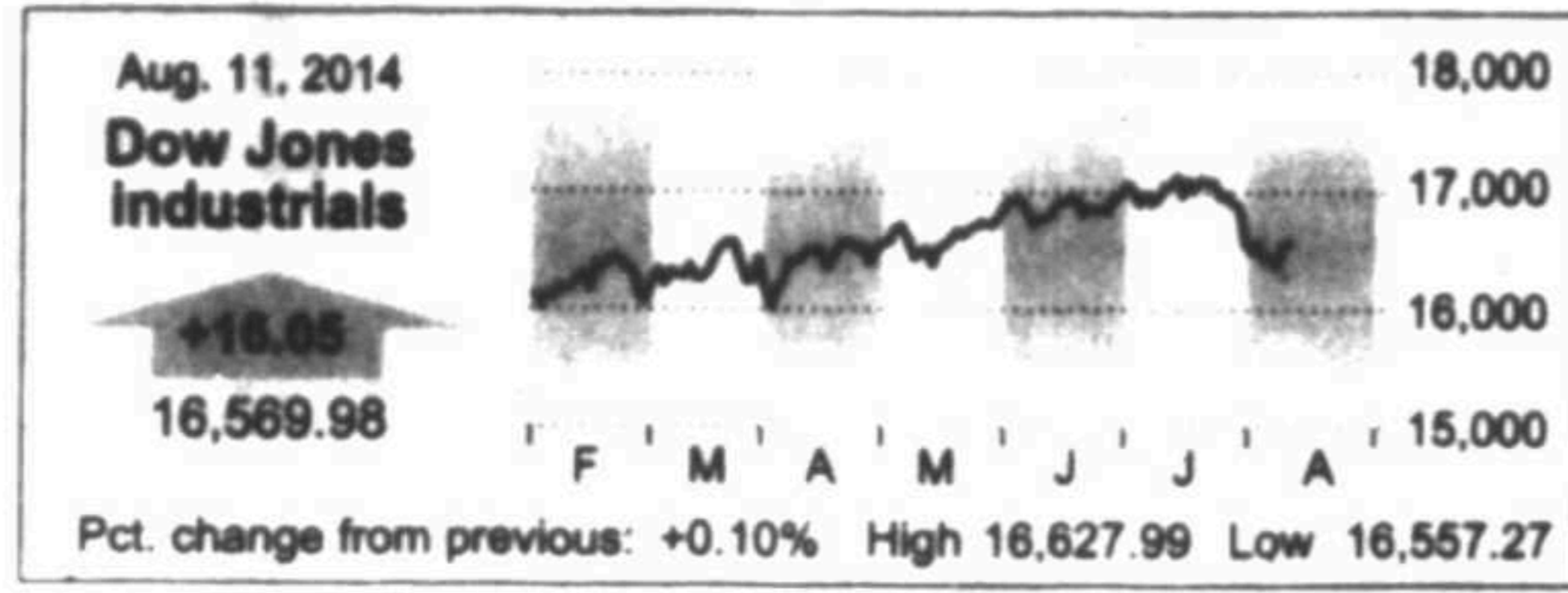
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A DAY ON WALL STREET



Kinder: Time to move on from MLP that built empire

Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — Richard Kinder, the pipeline tycoon who plans to dismantle the corporate vehicle he revolutionized in the 1990s, reminded investors Monday he has more at stake than anyone in a \$44 billion deal to unite his four energy infrastructure companies.

"As the largest shareholder of Kinder Morgan Inc., I certainly would not be doing this transaction if I didn't believe that it promised enormous benefits for all of the KMI shareholders on a going forward basis," Kinder, chairman and CEO of Kinder Morgan, said in a conference call on Monday.

At the time, investors were busy bidding up the share price of Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, adding \$8.4 billion in value in the hour before markets opened. On Sunday, Kinder Morgan announced it plans to purchase the biggest player in the North American pipeline and energy storage business: itself.

It said it would dispatch \$44 billion and assume \$27 billion in debt to buy out investors in three companies it indirectly controls, folding its 17-year-old master limited partnership and other firms into its C-corporation general partner, Kinder Morgan Inc.

Kinder, who owns 23 percent of the firm, said during the call that the deal isn't a negative verdict against master limited partnerships, but an acknowledgement that Kinder Morgan Energy Partners has gotten so big that its payments to its general partner swallowed nearly half of every dollar the partnership earned.

MLPs are tax-advantaged corporate structures favored by Wall Street because they pay most or all of their cash to investors, and in a low-interest rate environment, investors are hungry for high-yield plays.

But the partnerships are required to make payments to their general partners, called incentive distribution rights, that begin small but grow bigger as a company meets certain thresholds in size. Kinder Morgan's MLP has paid half its cash flow to the general partner for nearly a decade. The deal would end those distribution rights.

Kinder added the C-corp. approach will give the company many more options in the mergers and acquisitions market, as it could hunt for assets that don't qualify legally for the MLP structure.

"We just have all kinds of options in this C-corp. structure that we were unable to pursue in the convoluted, complicated structure that we had, which has served us very well for a long period of time," he said. "But we think for the future this new structure will make a lot more sense."

Michael Blum, an analyst with Wells Fargo, pointed out that while Kinder Morgan arguably invented the model of using MLPs for capital growth rather than for operating existing assets, one of the slides in Kinder's online presentation about the

proposed deal says that "the cost of capital for a C-corp. is better than the MLPs."

In this case, it is, Kinder said. Kinder Morgan Energy Partners has yielded 6.8 percent through the 55 percent of cash flow distributed to public investors called unit-holders. The rest of the cash went to the general partner.

That made the firm's cost of capital greater than 12 percent, compared to the 4.5 percent or lower cost of capital Kinder Morgan Inc. expects under its new structure, Kinder said.

"That's an enormous difference," he said. "What that does is it not only gives you more opportunity to do more accretive acquisitions, and make more good capital investments."

Under the planned restructuring, capital expenditures will boost the growth rate of Kinder Morgan Inc. more than such investment would have grown Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, Kinder said.

While he cited Kinder Morgan Energy Partners' maturity as the biggest factor in the decision driving the deal, he said he doesn't foresee adding a new master limited partnership to the post-deal Kinder Morgan Inc.

Two decades ago, Kinder's firm was the first MLP to use acquisitions and investments to drive distribution growth. The strategy paid off. Kinder Morgan has grown from a \$300 million company in the 1990s to a combined \$140 billion, including debt, operating the largest network of U.S. pipelines and terminals.

The deal putting an end to the first growth-oriented MLP has raised questions about the longevity of the model, but analysts say the wave of MLPs isn't mature enough for an imminent demise.

"At some point, an MLP structure doesn't really work," said Nick Cacchione, an analyst with research firm IHS. "A lot of MLPs can't make deals that aren't immediately accretive to their distributions. The larger they get, the harder that becomes: They could have the best deal in the world come across their desk, and they can't do it unless it's immediately accretive."

Still, Cacchione said, the real explosion in the number of MLPs on the market has only occurred over the past few years, as investors search for yield, meaning many haven't hit high thresholds in the inter-company payments that became a hurdle to Kinder Morgan's growth.

Jason Stevens, an analyst with Morningstar, said Kinder Morgan had been struggling with the high cost of its inter-company payments for a decade, and "there are only so many rabbits you can pull out of a hat." One of those rabbits was Kinder Morgan's \$21 billion acquisition of El Paso Corp. in 2012. That deal made the company the largest U.S. pipeline firm.

"Does the industry look at this and say we have a new tool when we need it? Sure," Stevens said. "But I don't see anyone abandoning the MLPs any time soon."

Stocks higher

U.S. stocks gained on Monday as investors focused on corporate news instead of geopolitical worries.

Kinder Morgan surged after announcing that it would combine a group of businesses that it controls to create the fourth-biggest U.S. energy company by market value. Banana seller Chiquita Brands International soared after the company received a \$611 million buyout offer.

The stock market was extending a rebound from Friday when it logged its biggest one-day gain in five months following signs that tensions in Ukraine might be easing. In July stocks had slumped as tensions between Russia and the West had escalated.

"We're hopeful that geopolitical tensions will ramp down," said Jim Russell, a regional investment director at US Bank. "The fundamental economic backdrop remains pretty firm, even though investment sentiment remains less than certain."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.33 points, or 0.3 percent, to 1,936.92. The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 16.05 points, or 0.1 percent, to 16,569.98 percent. The Nasdaq composite gained 30.43 points, or 0.7 percent, to 4,401.33.

Kinder Morgan was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500. The energy company rose \$3.25, or 9 percent, to \$39.37 after the company said Sunday that the group of oil and gas pipeline and storage companies that it controls will combine.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price \$116.32 Up 3.32

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price \$133.87 Up 0.54

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$23.81 Down 0.45

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price \$77.49 Up 0.04

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$31.00 Up 0.23

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$6.62 Down 0.24

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price \$29.64 Down 0.62

RSP Permian (RSP)
Closing Price \$27.41 Up 0.41

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price \$18.05 Down 0.07

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price \$31.52 Down 0.44

OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: \$98.08
Previous: \$97.65

POSTED

Monday: \$95.00
Previous: \$94.00

WEST TEXAS SOIL

Monday: \$84.70
Previous: \$83.70

NATURAL GAS

Monday: \$3.965
Previous: \$3.962

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on issue)				GAINERS (\$2 on issue)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
KindrMrg	128540	36.37	+3.25	KindrMrg	4.00	+1.12	+36.9
S&P500ETF	1016193	80	+56	Chiquita	13.10	+3.04	+30.2
SHEN	452647	44.27	+56	KindrMrg	95.42	+18.40	+23.9
KindrMrg	398199	94.12	+13.78	ElPasCorp	40.56	+6.96	+20.7
BioAm	388935	15.22	+02	KindrMrg	94.12	+13.78	+17.2

LOSERS (\$2 on issue)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	Advanced	Name	Last	%Chg	Volume
WalterW	24.75	-3.52	Declined	KindrMrg	2.297		
DemMid	8.97	-80	-8.2	Unchanged	103		
PULVST	31.92	-2.82	-8.1	Total issues	3,221		
NeoPhoton	2.45	-19	-7.2	New Highs	88		
TremorVid	3.02	-23	-7.1	New Lows	21		
				Volume	2,721,552,044		

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on issue)				GAINERS (\$2 on issue)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
PhmAlt	63727	1.80	+54	Richmnt	2.50	+35	+16.3
InnovPh	36095	8.97	+96	Totals	4.80	+80	+15.0
Globalstar	22770	3.86	+17	ZndCentr	2.98	+25	+9.2
GastarExp	17154	7.76	+32	ERBA Diag	3.03	+20	+7.1
NbrvO&G	16217	16.71	+28	LadThaFm	3.57	+23	+6.9

LOSERS (\$2 on issue)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	Advanced	Name	Last	%Chg	Volume
InnovPh	8.97	-99	-9.9	Declined	140		
CCA Inds	3.29	-22	-6.1	Unchanged	25		
Skyline	4.07	-21	-4.9	Total issues	435		
Fibrocel	3.20	-16	-4.8	New Highs	8		
LGI Grp	4.67	-23	-4.7	New Lows	7		
				Volume	76,372,990		

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (\$1 on issue)				GAINERS (\$2 on issue)			
Name	Vol (00)	Last	%Chg	Name	Last	%Chg	%Chg
MannKd	560034	8.53	+40	ChnHGS	4.04	+87	+27.4
Apple Inc	359822	95.99	+125	UBIC	23.50	+4.00	+20.5
Intel	274865	33.02	+42	AppGTC	20.98	+3.34	+18.9
Zynga	267228	2.85	+04	Teknrg	23.80	+3.10	+15.0
PwShs	20263105	95.46	+56	MttrsFm	54.53	+6.52	+13.6

LOSERS (\$2 on issue)				DIARY			
Name	Last	%Chg	Advanced	Name	Last	%Chg	Volume
Quotinet	2.02	-66	-24.6	Declined	128		
Aermetix	6.71	-2.12	-24.0	Unchanged	129		
NSCGrp	10.53	-1.38	-11.6	Total issues	2,825		
XTL Bcp	2.56	-33	-11.5	New Highs	65		
NVS wt	2.75	-35	-11.3	New Lows	39		
				Volume	1,503,203,677		

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	%Chg	YTD
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	34.47		-2.0		CrackerB	4.00	19	98.61	+69	+10.4		IFR	1.04	16	28.25	-09	-7.8	
AbbVie	1.68	21	53.31		+4.9		CSVenIVST			38.56	+1.48	+12.2		PloNtr	08		208.84	-1.27	-13.5	
Abrazas	70	5.80	+29	+71.7			CSVxSt			3.45	-37	-54.0		PlnnsAAP	2.88	25	57.81	+1.08	+11.3	
AdamsEx	34e		13.86	+08	+4.5		CroesTim	2.71e	12	30.95	-06	-8.3		PwShs	00Q1.34e		95.46	+56	+8.5	
AMD	41	4.14	+02	+7.0			DCP Mid	3.03f		52.95	+87	+5.2		Presair	2.80	22	128.88	-34	-1.1	
Alcoa	12	39	16.19		+52.3		DTE	2.78f	17	74.63	-09	-12.4		Prntg	20	63.82	+87	+88.0		
AlonUSA	40f		14.54	+07	+12.1		Dataram			3.13	-12	-20.4		PrntGam	2.57	20	81.48	+83	+1.0	
AlphaNRs			4.01	+25	+3.8		Dawson	32		23.81	-45	-28.8		RangePa	16	49	75.20	-63	-10.8	
Amben	29e		6.94	+12	+5.6		DeanFds	28		15.20	-81	-11.8		RiteAid	36	6.18	+10	+22.1		
Amgen	2.44	19	127.32		+37	+11.6	DeltaAir	36	3	36.69	+45	+33.6		Rowan	40	19	29.74	+24	+15.9	
Anadarko	1.08		108.51		-72	+36.8	DevsAir	96	19	74.20	-18	-19.9		RoyDShA	3.76	20	80.53	+15	+13.0	
Apache	1.00	32	99.87		-51	+16.2	DrxSCBear			15.80	-45	-8.1		SprDJIA	3.56e		165.55	+21	+4.9	
Apple Inc	1.88	16	95.99		+125	+19.8	Dnary	21	87.80	+85	+14.5		S&P500ETF	3.56e		193.80	+56	+11.0		
ApplMati	1.40	30	21.09		+26	+18.3	DowChm	1.48	18	81.80	-48	-18.7		SabrR	3.99e	15	57.89	+15	+14.5	
ATMOS	1.48	17	48.80		+13	+7.0	EMC Cp	46	23	29.36	+27	+18.7		SenderFm	80	11	82.55	+1.88	+28.0	
BP PLC	2.34f	7	47.44		+04	-2.4	EOG Res	67f	25	108.30	+82	+28.1		StandRge			6.96	+07	+11.7	
BabeCCrv	1.20		15.29	+14	+2.4		EPASoPl	2.80	25	40.56	+6.96	+12.7		Splnt	22	14.74	+36	+15.1		
BakrHu	68f	23	68.61		+28	+24.2	EmpDnt	1.02	16	24.92	+02	+8.8		Schmbg	1.80	22	109.21	+83	+21.2	
BioAm	20f	18	15.22	+02	-2.2		Enrgt	80	46	78.10	-28	-10.4		SigsAid	82	24	102.13	+39	+8.8	
BkNYMl	68	18	38.44	+06	+10.0		EnPro			61	84.78	+39	+12.4	SinixM	57	3.43	-01	-1.9		
B PVs	rs		31.85	-1.36	-25.1		EnrPPI	2.88f	26	75.71	+43	+14.2		Smucker	2.58f	19	103.06	+1.25	+5.0	
BasicEnSv			24.29	+20	+53.9		Ericson	46e		12.37	+18	+1.1		SouFun	1.00e	18	12.52	+1.25	+24.0	
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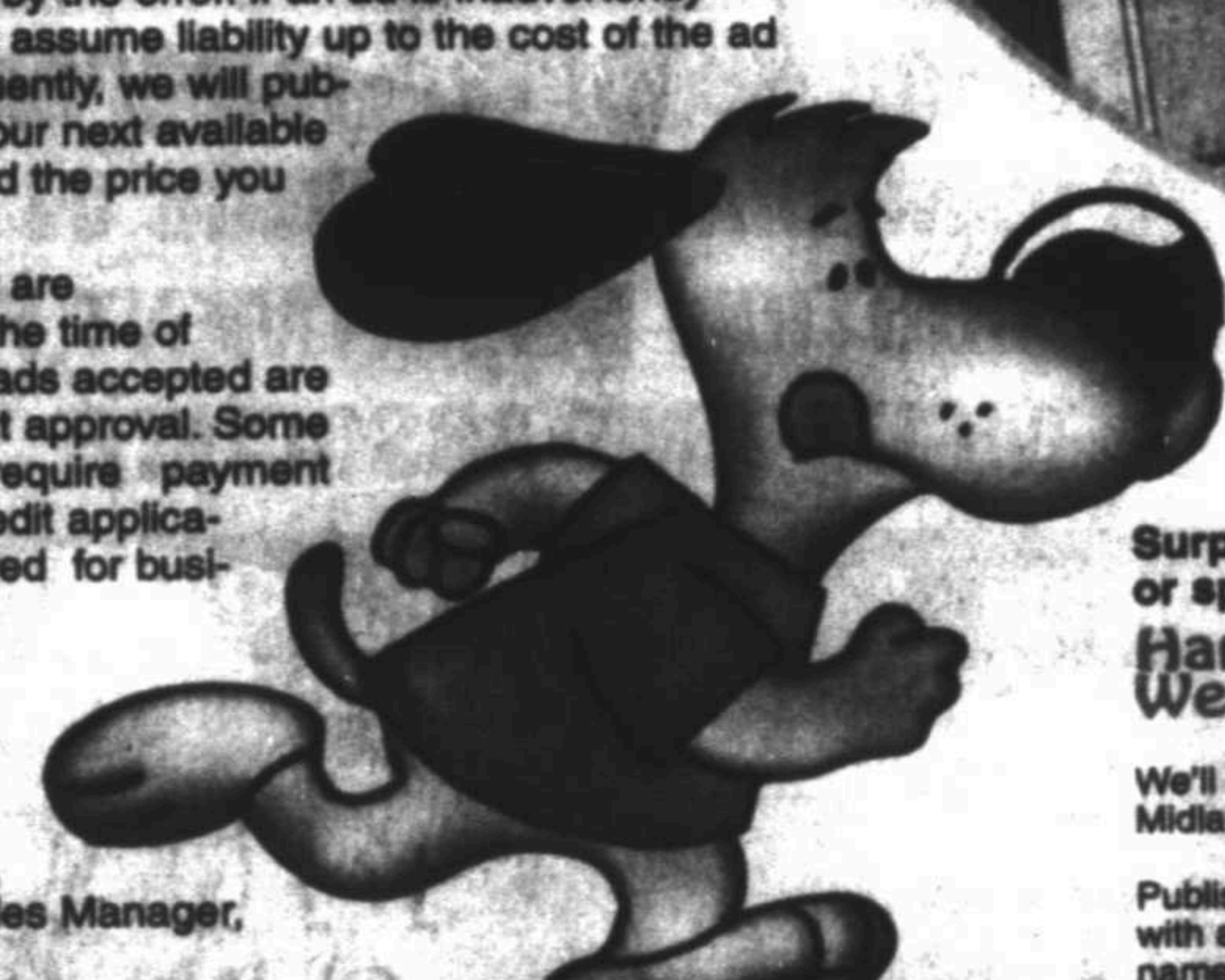
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Dispatchers & Sand Coordinators

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Mud Logger

Mud Logger - Midland, Texas. Experience required. Call 432-631-5181 or email: pattenlogging@yahoo.com

OUTSIDE/INSIDE SALES

Oilfield Supply Store now hiring for Outside/Inside Sales. Send resume to cbelcourt@relianceindustrial.com

PIPE YARD LEAD-MAN

United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: 3-4 years experience dealing with OCTG pipe. Must have ability to create and understand Excel spreadsheets and to use Microsoft Outlook. Must be able to multi-task: direct and manage yard employees; understand pipe inventory system. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to gpatterson@unitedcasing.com or bring to 3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only.

SURVEYING

Experienced Crew Chief, SIT, Draftsman and Rodman (will train). Positions available at Watson Professional Group Inc. Email resume to pwatson@wpg-us.com or mail to P.O. Box 11186, Midland, TX 79702.

HEALTHCARE

Experienced Medical Assistant

Experienced Medical assistant needed for Internal Medicine office. Benefits offered include vacation, sick leave, paid holidays and health insurance. Please fax resume to 432-682-9990 or mail to PO BOX 50850, Midland, Texas 79710-0850 or email resume to officemgr14@yahoo.com.

Lead Dental Assistant

\$\$\$ Sign on Bonus to Top Candidate \$\$\$ Local dental practice in midland seeking Lead Dental Assistant for our practice. Ideal candidate should have minimum 3 years DA experience. Must have current Texas RDA and have previous supervisory experience. Send resume to recruitingdentalresolution@gmail.com for immediate phone interview.

Night LVN Full Time

Full Time Night LVN, must pass drug & background screening. Competitive wages. Send resume to loria@boonchapman.com

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Leonard's Pharmacy, Inc. FT
Independent Pharmacy- four locations seeking a full time Pharmacist. Competitive salary and full benefits. Hours are Monday - Friday. Send Resume to: Leonard's Pharmacy, Inc., 1002 South Main St., Big Spring, TX 79720 or email: rzs@erom.net or call (432) 267-2711 for more information.

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We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, Registered Dental Hygienist, full part time to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email: info@smilemidland.com, fax: (432) 520-0720 or bring resume to: 3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX.

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Registered MRI, CT and Xray technician needed for radiology office. Bring resume to 5001 Andrews Hwy or call 432-653-5435.

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

HIRING ALL POSITIONS

Our New Holiday Inn Express 1-20 Midland, TX: Front Desk Manager, Front Desk Agents, Executive Housekeeper, Night Auditor, Housekeepers, Breakfast Host/Hostess and Maintenance. Please E-Mail resumes to careers@hotalnexpress.com. FAX resume to 432.696.0979 or apply or stop by 4410 North Midkiff Road, Suite D-212 to pick up an application.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE



Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift.

Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

Pay \$10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday, 8-5 or email: mrt.jobs@mrt.com • NO PHONE CALLS, PLEASE



Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am.

Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night.

Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES

Directs an organization's facilities department. Oversees the functioning of building systems including mechanical, electrical, fire/life safety, and elevators. May manage the maintenance of buildings and grounds. Oversees contractors for facility renovation projects entailing HVAC, electrical systems, and production floor arrangement. Relies on extensive experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. Performs a variety of tasks. Leads and directs the work of others. A wide degree of creativity and latitude is required. Please E-Mail resumes to careers@insigniamgmt.com. FAX resume to 432.696.0979 or apply or stop by 4410 North Midkiff Road, Suite D-212 to pick up an application.

INTERNET

Graphic Designer

Immediate opening, must have experience in Design, Photoshop, PC Comp, working knowledge of Adobe CS2 (in Design, Illustrator, Photo-shop) Word & Excel a plus. Full time, salary based on experience. Apply at 306 E. 2nd St., Odessa or send resume & portfolio if available to cmltgolden@yahoo.com

OTHER JOBS

Fulltime Warehouse Person

WTG Fuels Inc., 11561 County Rd 125 W, Odessa, TX 79768. Duties include pulling orders, stocking, inventory, and deliveries. Must have forklift experience and good driving record. Excellent pay and benefits. Applications can be completed on site or resume emailed to twilson@gascard.net.

HOUSEKEEPING STAFF

We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic housekeeping staff for two of our Midland Hotels. Please stop by Holiday Inn Express 5309 W Loop 250 N, Midland, TX or SpringHill Suites 5716 Deauville BLVD Midland, TX to pick up an application.

Lead Maintenance & Assistant

Sumnerhill Apartments FT
Must be HVAC certified. Salary depending on experience. Apply in person to: 3001 North Midland Dr. or call 432-697-6039.

MUSICIAN

Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church located at 303 E. Shandon, Midland, Texas 79705 has an opening for a MUSICIAN. Candidate must have at a minimum a Bachelors of Science Degree in one of the following areas: Geology, Environmental Science, Biology or Chemistry. Job duties include but are not limited to ensuring compliance with state and federal environmental regulations, preparing technical reports, preparing groundwater maps and other site diagrams and overseeing various projects from start to finish. The candidate will need to be able to travel from site to site in the Permian Basin area with limited overnight stays. The job comes with an excellent salary and benefits package, including 401 K, health insurance, paid vacation, and bonuses.

Project Manager

NOVA Safety and Environmental 2057 Commerce Drive Midland Texas, 79703 Office: 432-520-7720 Fax: 432-520-7701 Nova Safety & Environmental is seeking an Environmental Project Manager. Candidate must have at a minimum a Bachelors of Science Degree in one of the following areas: Geology, Environmental Science, Biology or Chemistry. Job duties include but are not limited to ensuring compliance with state and federal environmental regulations, preparing technical reports, preparing groundwater maps and other site diagrams and overseeing various projects from start to finish. The candidate will need to be able to travel from site to site in the Permian Basin area with limited overnight stays. The job comes with an excellent salary and benefits package, including 401 K, health insurance, paid vacation, and bonuses.

Resident Guard & Cooks - Full Time, Part Time, & Relief

Looking for a second retirement? Company funded, 100% vested in as little as 8 years! Please apply online at www.dismas.com or in person at 24 W Industrial Loop, Midland, TX. Residential re-entry center wants Cooks and Guard 1

SHIPPING / RECEIVING CLERK

United Casing, Inc.
Requirements: Knowledge of oilfield casing & tubing; 3-4 years experience; excellent data entry skills; must be able to create and understand Excel spreadsheets. Must be able to multi-task; work extended hours (weekends on-call) and handle high volume paperwork flow in a fast-paced workplace. Pay rate based on skills and experience. Send all inquiries and resumes to gpatterson@unitedcasing.com or bring to 3610 E. Highway 158, Midland. Qualified Applicants Only.

Truck Mechanic and Accessory Installer

Rhino Linings of Midland is now hiring for experienced truck mechanic and accessory installer. SET UP PAYES Paid vacation, health insurance, and holidays. Weekends off. Apply at: 5308 West Wall or call 432-968-9463.

Warehouse Worker, Grinder and CDL Driver

Warehouse Worker, Grinder and CDL Driver needed. Please apply at: 11624 County Rd. 126 West, Midland, TX 79711.

RESTAURANTS & FOOD SERVICE

Swensen's Now Hiring Daytime Servers

Excellent working environment! Now adding Daytime Servers to our Team. Come join a group that fosters membership, not just employment. Excellent pay. Will train. Closed Sundays. Apply at Loop 250 & A Street or call 432-967-9823 & speak to someone immediately

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

NOW HIRING

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery Drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tip and delivery reimbursement daily. Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any questions you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy as possible for you!

As always, come on down to one of our Midland locations and apply at any time! Or apply at www.indoent.com
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Dishwashers & Cooks

Lori's Cafe hiring Full Time • Cooks \$12- \$18 depending on experience • Dishwashers, Servers- Early. Apply in person at 2201 W. Wall, Midland

Host/Bussers & Kitchen Help

The Garlic Press is hiring Host/Bussers and Kitchen Help. Flexible hours. Great work environment and benefits. Apply in person at The Garlic Press in Oak Ridge Square at Wadley and Garfield. 11-2 only

RETAIL JOBS

CASHIERS

Smoker's Outlet is looking for Cashiers in the Midland area. We offer competitive wages and a good work environment. Paid weekly. Go by your nearest Smoker's Outlet to apply.

SALES JOBS

SALES ASSOCIATES

Westlake ACE Hardware, one of the largest retailers of home hardware in the U.S., has immediate openings for PART TIME and FULL TIME SALES ASSOCIATES for our Midland TX store. We offer starting hourly rate of \$11, incentive pay, a liberal employee discount and other benefits. Whether you've worked in the hardware industry, another retail environment or you're just getting started in your retail career, Westlake ACE could be the right fit for you. Please apply at Westlake ACE Hardware, 1009 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX.

Sales Associates

Wood's Boots in Midland is adding to our team. We are looking for talented Sales Associates. Stop in today and pick up an application at 4803 Andrews Hwy, or 812 W I-20 Midland

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Sales

ClearTalk Wireless is hiring for Full or Part Time sales representatives in our Midland and Odessa markets! Candidates must be aggressive, possess excellent communication skills and offer great customer service. Entry level positions AVERAGE 30K with excellent benefits; management positions depend on experience. Commissions and bonuses possible so you can control the size of your paycheck! Send your resume to: kburus@fatwireless.com



SCIENCE & RESEARCH

Laboratory Technician

Growing oilfield company looking for a Laboratory Technician. Laboratory experience is not required but preferred. Fax all resumes to: 432-563-0764 or email justin.diney@catalystoilfield.com

SKILLED LABOR

EXPERIENCED ELECTRICIANS

Bergelectric is seeking EXPERIENCED ELECTRICIANS to work on long term commercial job in the Midland area. Please call 812-447-3800 or apply on line via: http://www.bergelectric.com/

FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT

The West Texas Gas Companies have a staff opening for a FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT. Degree required. Salary DOE. Benefits include Health Insurance, 401K and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Accountant, 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX, 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

Journeyman & Apprentice Plumbers

Plumbing Contractor seeking Journeyman & Apprentice plumbers with experience in commercial plumbing. Must have active license or apprentice card. Benefits: health insurance, participation in 401k, optional life insurance, vacation. Pay according to experience. Please call: 972-436-4010.

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Masons & Tenders
Masons and tenders needed for commercial masonry work in Midland and Odessa. South West Masonry 432-559-3446

Oilfield Solutions, Inc.
EXCELLENT CAREER OPPORTUNITY. Need Blenders/ Yard Hands. We offer health insurance, vacation pay and ability to advance within growing company. Must pass pre-employment drug screen. Apply at 2614 S. County Rd 1257 Midland, TX 79706 or call 432-561-5071

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The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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TECHNOLOGY

Oilfield Technician
Midland/Odessa area
Installing and servicing camera and communication systems on drilling rigs. For more info go to royalservices.com and click on JOBS Send resume to: jobs@royalservices.com

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL and non-CDL Drivers
Total Logistics/One Star Delivery is hiring drivers. CDL and non-CDL positions available. Weekly pay, home every night, paid health insurance, competitive wages. Please call 432-561-8850 for more info and address to apply.

CDL Drivers
Hiring CDL Drivers. Must have tankers endorsement and valid medical card. Competitive pay. For more information contact Jennifer at 432-559-7804 or to fill out an application come by 1201 S.E. County Road, Crane, TX. 79731

CDL Drivers
Mudamith, Ltd. now hiring! The safer, cleaner, greener place to work is looking for CDL Drivers. If you want to be a part of the Mudamith family please contact Zane @ 432-687-8837. EOE Drug testing is a condition of employment. We provide great Health Insurance and 401K.

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Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or on-line @ www.rockwatersenergy.com

BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle with automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT \$650-\$1,000 a month, depending on the size of the route. This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.

If interested in starting a newspaper route, Please CALL ROGER WALLACE at 432-687-9001 or stop by The Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

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TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum a of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Call 1-800-321-5556 or apply online at arcticglacier.com

Drivers
Vacuum and Pump/Kill Truck Drivers needed! Lots of hours. Easy work hauling produced water. Competitive weekly pay! Day and Night Shifts! Health Ins after 60 days. Possible flex schedule. Must speak & write english. Experience preferred but can train the right guy. Email info / resume to doubletreeenergy@gmail.com or come by office at 3008 Elkins Rd 79705 (tan metal building south of oil flats)

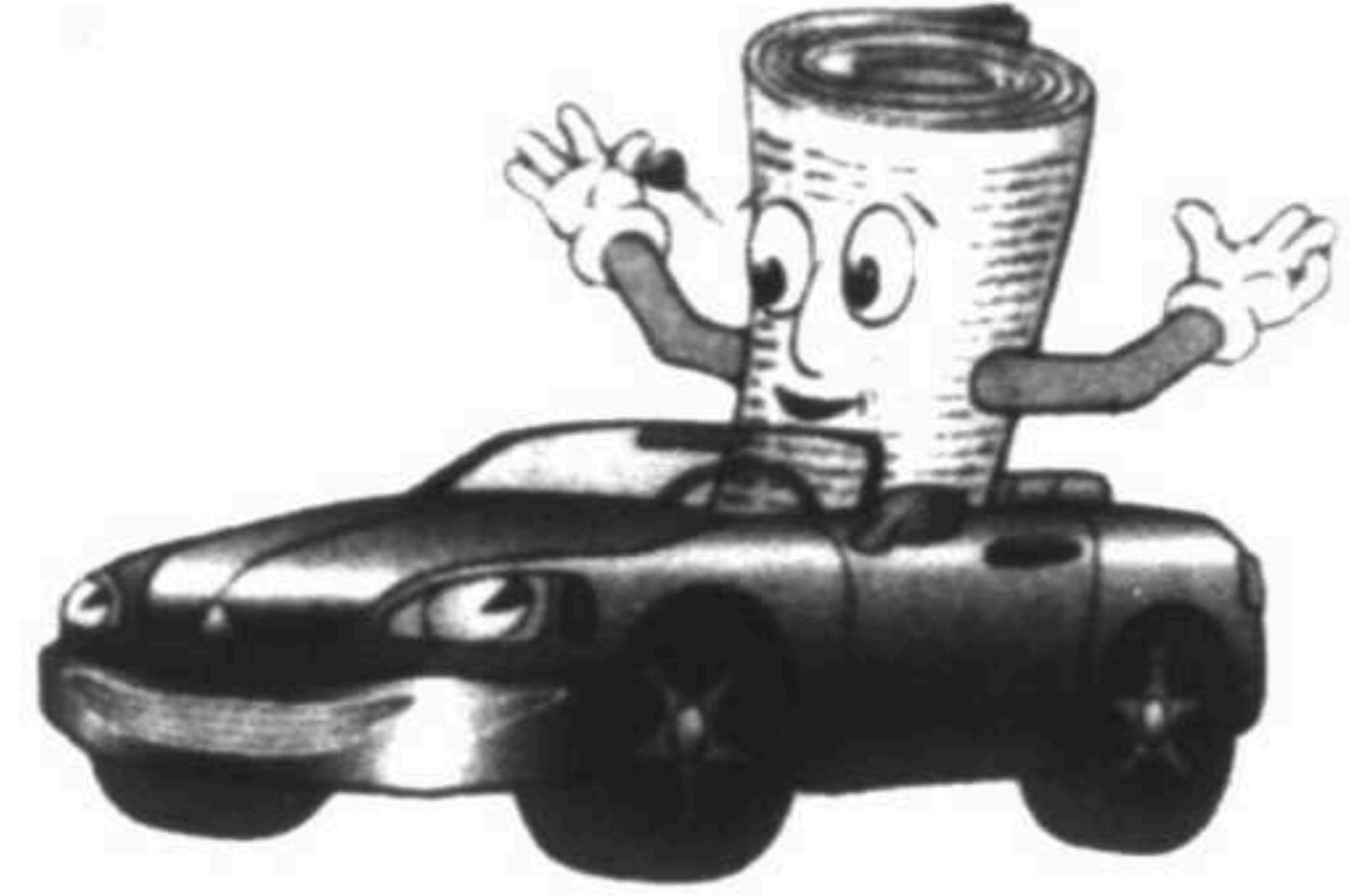
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C&W Transports is hiring for Kill Truck Operators and Hot Oil Operators. Top pay, great benefits. call 432-570-0186 to apply today!

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Ricky Shuler Trucking is looking for Drivers who are wanting to become Owner/ Operators. Equipment: single cab tractor leased to own purchase, trailer furnished but will remain property of Ricky Shuler Trucking. Must have CDL- A with Tanker/ HazMat endorsements, strong work history, crude oil hauling experience & must pass DOT, drug/ alcohol requirements. Owner/ Operators willing to relocate or currently residing in the following areas, Odessa, TX., Midland, TX., Big Spring, TX., Andrews, TX., Pecos, TX. & Carlsbad, N.M. Contact Phyllis @ 432-923-1064 between 9am & 4pm for additional information & application.

Vacuum Truck Drivers
Stride Transport needs Vacuum Truck drivers. Run legal, 70 hours a week. 24 hour on call. 2 years recent tractor trailer experience required. Tanker endorsement required. Insurance and 401K benefits package. Vacation, sick and holiday pay. Excellent pay. Now offering a Retention Bonus and a Safety Bonus. Call Ken at 432-557-6094

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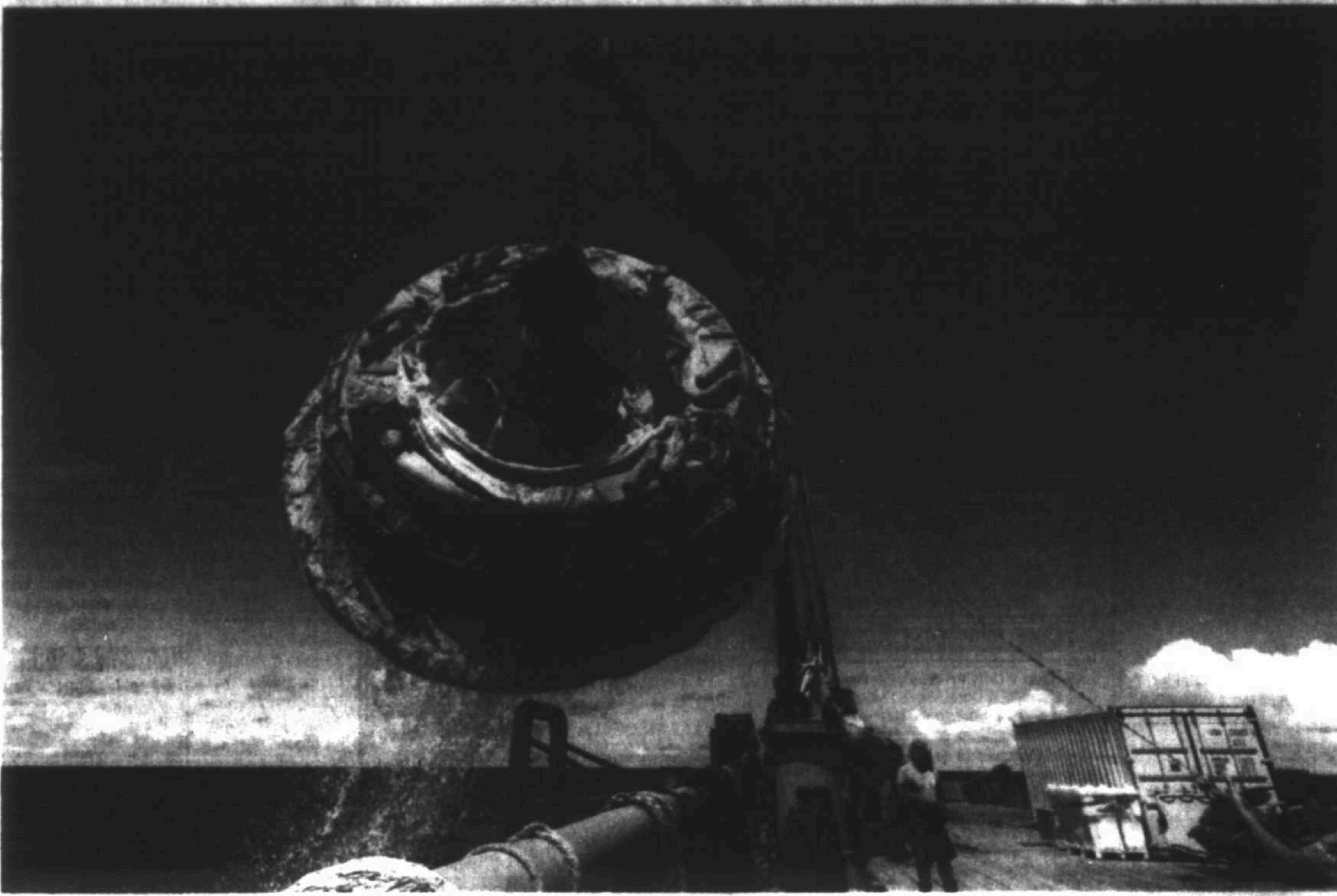
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In this June 28 photo provided by NASA, NASA's Low-Density Supersonic Decelerator (LDS) is lifted aboard the Kahana recovery vessel off the coast of the U.S. Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility in Kauai, Hawaii. NASA engineers insist that a test of technology they hope to one day use above Mars achieved most of its objectives and taught them essential lessons for their next try despite a parachute that virtually disintegrated the moment it deployed.

Mars test called success despite torn chute

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Sending heavier vehicles and, eventually, humans to Mars requires first testing new technologies to see if they actually work.

But it's infeasible to conduct experiments on the red planet, so to mimic Mars' low-density atmosphere, NASA sent a saucer-like test vehicle high above the Earth.

NASA engineers announced Friday that the June mission's main objective was met: The vehicle, called the Low Density Supersonic Decelerator, flew to 190,000 feet at more than four times the speed of sound and simulated Martian landing conditions.

"The vehicle did an amazing job of

getting to the right speed and altitude," said Ian Clark, principal investigator at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

The experimental flight, which cost about \$150 million and was conducted from the U.S. Navy's Pacific Missile Range Facility on Kauai, Hawaii, was intended as a dry run for two more tests scheduled for next year.

One of the technologies NASA engineers tested is an inflatable, doughnut-shaped ring around the edge of the saucer-like vehicle that deploys like a puffer fish in one-third of a second, slowing the vehicle. In the test run, the saucer went from traveling at Mach 4.3 — more than four times the speed of sound — to a breezy Mach 2, making the inflatable device a success, NASA

engineers said.

The second technology is a 100-foot-wide parachute, which virtually disintegrated the moment it was released. In the months ahead, NASA will try to figure out how to properly deploy the parachute, Clark said.

"The idea of taking 200 pounds of Kevlar and nylon and deploying it at 2,500 mph, 200 pounds that inflated would be the size of a small warehouse, is certainly a challenging endeavor. There's a lot of physics with this problem that we're now gaining new insights into that we've never had before," Clark said. "And we're going to take all of that knowledge, and feed it toward our flights next year."

Scientists make cheap, fast self-assembling robots

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In what may be the birth of cheap, easy-to-make robots, researchers have created complex machines that transform themselves from little more than a sheet of paper and plastic into walking automatons.

Borrowing from the ancient Japanese art of origami, children's toys and even a touch of the "Transformers" movies, scientists and engineers at Harvard and MIT created self-assembling, paper robots. They are made out of hobby shop materials that cost about \$100. After the installation of tiny batteries and motors, a paper robot rises on four stumpy legs and starts scoot-

ing in a herky-jerky manner. It transforms from flat paper to jitterbugging four-legged robot in just four minutes.

This small lightweight type of robot could explore outer space and other dangerous environments, and get into cramped places for search-and-rescue missions, researchers said. But that's just the start of what may be a long-envisioned robotic revolution.

This eventually could be as technology-changing as the three-dimensional printer, said experts unconnected with the study and Harvard robotics researcher Sam Felton, who is lead author of the paper published Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Felton and study co-author Daniela Rus of MIT say they see a time when someone who wants a dog-walking robot would go to a store that has specialized equipment to make the device — "some sort of robo-Kinkos," Felton said.

And eventually the technology could produce more complex machines. "In principle it will be possible to say, 'I want a robot to play chess with me,' and generate a machine that has the computational abilities to play chess with you," Rus said.

Today it costs a lot of money to build a robot, but this method is fast, cheap and specialized, Rus said.

"This is a simple, flexible and rapid design process and

a step toward the dream of realizing the vision of 24-hour robot manufacturing," Rus said.

These robots aren't quite Transformers of movie and cartoon fame. Once they assemble themselves automatically with heat-activated hinges that allow the folding, there are no more changes, Rus and Felton said.

The robots themselves start out a bit smaller than a normal 8.5-by-11-inch sheet of paper. Off-the-shelf batteries and motors are embedded at a cost of about \$80. Altogether, the early machines researchers made, along with the equipment to build them, cost less than \$1,000 apiece, Felton said.

Cognitive computer chip apes brain architecture

Los Angeles Times

Computer science is getting stunningly close to granting the wish of the Scarecrow, not to mention the needs of the modern soldier.

The Pentagon has long sought what the Wizard of Oz could not manufacture: a brain, or at least an electronic cognition machine that operates as closely as possible to the speed and efficiency of the human cortex.

A coalition of IBM's research institutes and several universities and government labs delivered a preliminary answer Thursday to that request: a 5.4-billion transistor chip with 1 million programmable neurons and 256 million synapses. The TrueNorth chip is the size of a postage stamp and is more than 1,000 times as energy efficient as a conventional chip, according to a study published online Thursday in the journal *Science*.

Don't expect to see the tiny supercomputer on your smartphone anytime soon, although the lead researcher said his team is gaining momentum in that direction. He envisions a world populated with sensors that can process data at brain-like speeds, serving such roles as guides for the blind or instant detectors of industrial toxins.

"The impossible has become possible, and the next step is to make possible real, in terms of commercial applications," said Dharmendra Modha, head of the cognitive computing group at IBM Almaden Research Center.

Modha and many others have been metaphorically whistling "If I only had a brain" for decades. That's because, for all the exponential advances in processing speed, materials and manufacturing, digital computing relies on architecture rooted in the 1940s. It has a well-known "bottleneck" between the processor and memory, named for the architect himself, John von Neumann.

Supercomputers that have hurdled the von Neumann bottleneck have accomplished stunning feats, including trivializing a "Jeopardy!" champion. But supercomputers also can have energy requirements that vie with some municipalities, and have grown larger than the laboratory-sized calculating machines of the infancy of computers.

The human brain, meanwhile, uses roughly 20 watts and occupies the same volume as two cylinders of an old Harley-Davidson motorcycle (74 cubic inches).

"We have instrumented the planet with cameras, microphones, smartphones, a variety of sensors and the data is coming at us fast and furious," Modha said. "Asking today's computers to understand this sensory tsunami is architecturally very, very expensive."

Multiple efforts to mimic the architecture of the human brain on silicon have been underway for several years. This one, dubbed SynAPSE, received \$53.5 million from the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, or DARPA. In 2011, it unveiled a minuscule "core" of 256 neurons and 262,000 synapses. TrueNorth builds those cores into a system that can be scaled up virtually without limits, mimicking the way interlaced neurons relay information via "spikes" in activity.

Is there a future in playing video games professionally?

Dear PropellerHeads: When are we going to see the house of the future, like on *The Jetsons*?

First, let me say that any reference to the totally awesome *Jetsons* is always welcome. Most of us older propeller spinners have fond memories of the Saturday morning peek into our futures. We also wanted to date Judy.

It is pretty crazy that much of the neat stuff George and Jane were using (bit.ly/UWsFas) has come to pass. Video conferencing is Skype (skype.com). Honda's Asimo (asimo.honda.com) is gaining fast on Rosie. Astro's treadmill has been in many of our homes for years.

I think what you are referring to is home automation: a system that takes care of many of the mundane tasks and details of keeping your home secure, comfortable, energy-efficient, and smart.

I checked our archives and noticed that in April 2005 we wrote about house automation using X-10 (x10.com) technology. X-10 allows for easy-to-implement, inexpensive, home automation. In fact, my home has many X-10 devices installed. But X-10 has its limitations and is a bit long in the tooth. So, what's new at Spacely Sprockets?

I recently purchased a CO-Smoke detector at Lowes. While reading the instructions (don't you?), I noticed it was



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Z-Wave ready. I didn't know what that was, but it sounded cool and definitely sounded like something I just couldn't live without.

What I found was that the latest in home automation is wireless. Z-Wave (z-wave.com) is one of the wireless solutions competing with Zigbee (zigbee.org), native Wi-Fi (nest.com), and others.

Because I now owned a Z-Wave device, I decided to give it a try. I went back to Lowes and bought one of their nicely priced Iris Z-Wave starter kits (lowes.com/iris). Mine came with a hub, light control and thermostat. Iris is Lowes' Z-Wave brand but it works with all Z-Wave devices.

Z-Wave uses a wireless network on the 900 MHz scale that should not affect your existing Wi-Fi. Most Z-Wave devices participate in a mesh network. This basically means the devices receive and echo system commands. The result is a very effective, multipath wireless network that gets more reliable as you add more devices.

I plugged the Z-Wave hub into my

wireless router and registered my system on the Iris website. Iris also has apps for smartphones and tablets, making it easy to monitor or control your system from anywhere. I then paired my smoke alarm, which will now send me a text if it goes off, and reports the battery status. I plugged in and paired the lamp control and used the app to turn the light on or off and monitor electricity usage.

The thermostat was a bit trickier. While all low voltage, you have to be pretty comfortable with wiring a thermostat to tackle this. If you're not, consider asking your HVAC guy to install it.

My experience confirmed some reviews that if you don't set it up correctly the first time, you have to unpair your device and start over. Still, it was a fun little project for me. I was soon monitoring my house temperature and heat pump operation, and set schedules for filter replacement and temperature set-back.

With hundreds of Z-Wave devices available, you can wirelessly control door locks (open/close), alarm systems (monitor/arm), key fobs (electronic latch key), video cameras, and much more. The website and apps are easy to use and very intuitive.

In addition to basic monitoring and control, you can set conditional actions based on time or events. For instance,

when no one is home you can adjust the lights and the house temperature. You can get Z-Wave to text you when your kid arrives home from school or leaves the house. The Iris system requires a \$10 monthly service fee to use the advanced features. Some Z-Wave controllers do this at no charge.

At this point, I would give high marks to Z-Wave. There are dozens of vendors promising even more Z-Wave ready devices soon. These include Schlage, Lowes, Staples, Verizon, Yale, ADT, AT&T, GE, Honeywell and many others (z-wavealliance.org).

I am currently looking for a reliable system to allow my Z-Wave system to control my old X-10 devices so I don't have to replace them ... more on that what I find a good solution.

In the meantime, if you hear "Jane, stop this crazy thing!" it might mean I am playing with my controlled vacuum cleaner.

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