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Apache reorganization creates Super Region

Tulsa office to close; some of the employees to be offered jobs in Midland

By Mella McEwen
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Apache Corp. on Monday announced a corporate reorganization that will streamline its operating regions from seven into three super regions: Houston, Permian and International and Offshore.

"The news is positive for Midland," said Castlen Kennedy, Apache spokeswoman.

As part of the reorganization, Apache is closing its Tulsa, Oklahoma, office and will offer several of the 160 employees jobs, most likely either in Houston, Midland or San Antonio. The company said the closing of the Tulsa office was to "consolidate employee expertise in a single office location to foster increased collaboration and technology transfer among asset teams," according to the announcement.

The new Permian region, with its office in Midland, will oversee Apache's operations in the Midland Basin and the Central Basin Platform.

A team of experts in unconventional resources will help oversee operations in the Delaware Basin out of Apache's San Antonio offices.

Faron J. Thibodeaux will continue to oversee Midland Basin and Central Basin Platform operations as the senior region vice president, Permian Region.

"This underscores Apache's commitment to the Permian Basin and the importance of the Permian Basin," Kennedy said.

With the reorganization, Apache's production will come from each of the three super regions so the Permian Basin will be a third of Apache's total production, she said.

Kennedy explained that when John Christmann IV was named chief executive officer and president in January, he undertook a thorough review of the organization "to ensure people were in the right place, assets were in the right place. The goal is to streamline operations, create efficiencies and cut costs," she said. Monday's announcement was the result of that review.

There will be a transition period as the regions are consolidated, and "we expect everything will be done by the third quarter," Kennedy said.

As part of the reorganization:

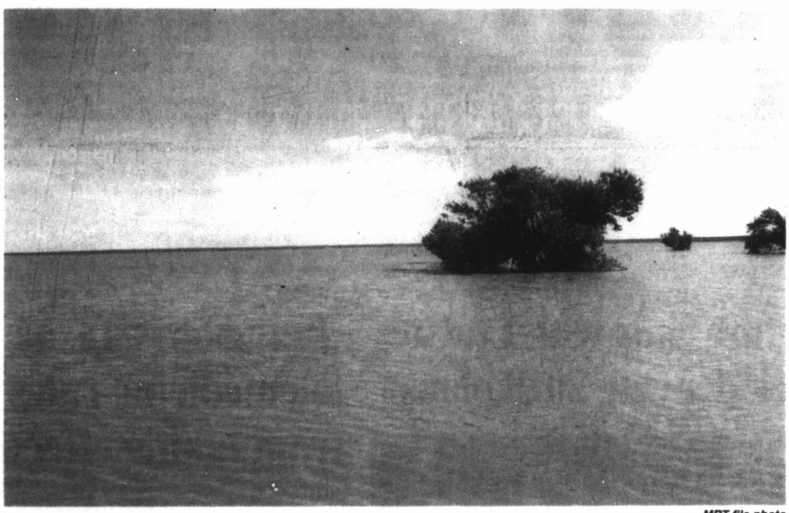
■ Steven J. Keenan will oversee the North American Unconventional Resources Technology team, Unconventional Resources New Ventures team and the company's operations in the Delaware Basin as the senior region vice president — Delaware Basin. He will work from Apache's San Antonio office.

■ Houston super region will be responsible for activities in the Eagle Ford, Anadarko Basin, Texas Panhandle and Canadian properties, which will be operated out of Apache's Calgary, Alberta office.

James L. House has been named to the

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Water levels rise greatly



MRT file photo

In this photo taken May 14, the West Texas clay stains Lake Thomas a rust-colored red.

Month of May changes region's water sources

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When it comes to Midland's water supply, what a difference a month makes.

The month of May was a water-supply builder for the Colorado River Municipal Water District with growth in its three surface water sources.

Lake levels, according to the CRMWD and waterdatafortexas.org, showed:

■ Lake Thomas, east-northeast of Midland, rose from 49.51 to 76.1 percent full;

■ Lake Ivie, east-southeast of Midland and nearly due east of San Angelo, climbed from 12.88 to 14.9 percent full;

■ Lake Spence, east of Midland, adjacent to Robert Lee, nearly doubled from 2.88 to 5 percent full.

John Grant, general manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, went one step further and said that going back 45 days Thomas has risen 12 feet, Spence 10.8 feet and Ivie 2.9 feet. Essentially, that increase has resulted in an extra 93,000 acre feet of water, he said. Grant said total deliveries to its member and customer cities in 2014 were around 60,000 acre feet, so the district received water for an extra 1 1/2 years.

"It has been a good month and a half," Grant said.

Grant also said the steady rainfall — Midland International received measurable rain during 13 of 31 days in May — has helped moisture levels in the soil,

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Number of small-land sales fall in Midland's region

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The number of small-land sales in Texas' Region 1, which includes Midland and Ector counties, fell slightly in 2014, according to a new report out from the Texas Association of Realtors.

Region 1, which stretches from the Panhandle south to Midland and Ector counties, saw small sales fall nearly 8 percent to 116 overall sales. Small land sales in Region 1 are considered land parcels of 159 acres or smaller, much larger than the statewide average of 20 acres. Region 2 — the Trans-Pecos area — is the only region in which acreage of small land sales is greater than Region 1. In the Trans-Pecos region, small land sales can range from 500 to 8,000 acres.

Region 1's median tract size dropped to 78 acres, a 3.7 percent decrease from 2013.

The average price per acre rose to $1,880, or $335 more per acre — a 12.3 percent increase compared to the previous year. Region 1 has the second-lowest price per acre in Texas, according to the report. Region 2 land sells for $1,635 per acre.

The most expensive Texas area

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Rains increase chances of West Nile Virus, health official says

By Brandon Mulder
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West Texas residents should expect a heightened threat of mosquitoes carrying West Nile Virus in the region after the recent rains. After about 4.5 inches of rainfall in Midland between April and May, health officials warn of a likely increase in mosquito numbers this summer.

"Any time you have more water, you can expect more mosquitoes — that's a given," said Kenneth Waldrup, a doctor of veterinarian medicine with the Texas Department of State Health Services in El Paso. "People just really do need to protect themselves from mosquitoes. That's just the bottom line."

More information

■ 80 percent of people don't get sick from a West Nile infected mosquito.

■ 20 percent of people will experience mild symptoms, such as fever and nausea.

■ Less than 1 percent of people suffer from severe symptoms, such as paralysis, coma or death.

Source: Center for Disease Control

Last month, the state saw its first cases of West Nile activity for 2015. A mosquito pool tested positive for the disease in Dallas County, and an elderly Harris County resident tested positive for the disease, according to the stated department.

Texas saw a total of 183 disease cases in 2013, and 1,868 disease cases in 2012. Six of those cases appeared in Midland County in 2012, and five in 2013; two cases were found in the county last year, according to the state department.

Despite 2012 being a historic year of drought, the state saw a record number of West Nile cases in the same year. Drought conditions failed to mitigate mosquito populations because people continued watering their lawns. The virus-transmitting mosquitoes — the Culex and the Aedes —need very little water to breed, Waldrup said.

"Culex and Aedes mosquitoes are very well-adapted to urban situations, and they don't need much water at all," he said. "The amount of water that would collect inside an old tire is enough water for them to very efficiently breed. And depending on the breed, the female can lay 500 to 1,000 eggs at a time. They

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Ford Phelan, 6, and his brother, Mack, 5, sit at the desk of their father, Rep. Dade Phelan, R-Port Neches, during the final day of the legislative session in the House chamber at the Texas Capitol on Monday.

It was a conservative but complicated Legislature

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

It was clear after the 2014 elections that Texas voters were sending a conservative political cohort to Austin. It turned out that the officeholders they elected had different ideas about what that meant and that this group — no real surprise here — could alternately quarrel and cooperate about as well as most of its predecessors.

In the process, issues that might have seemed black and white during the elections were rendered in shades of gray during the session.

It started right out of the gate: On the first day of the legislative session, a group of advocates for legalized open carry of handguns blustered into the Capitol to talk to members. They were so obnoxious about it that their bill — one of the virtual certainties coming out of the elections — didn't pass until the final weekend 20 weeks later.

Before the session, even Democrats such as Wendy Davis were in favor of open carry. After the over-enthusiastic supporters were done, even the sure bets were shaky. It finally did pass, however, along with legislation that will allow licensed Texans to carry concealed handguns on some parts of the campuses of state colleges and universities.

The $209.4 billion state budget, often a source of deep rancor and infighting, turned out to be relatively easy to put together. It helped that the year began with $17 billion uncommitted in the comptroller's forecast of available money. The people who write political bumper stickers hate it when the superlative is "responsible," but that word is already popping up in the news releases coming from the state's leaders.

The legislative battles took place on other fields.

Greg Abbott, the state's new Republican governor, started the session asking for support in five policy areas. He batted .800. Lawmakers voted to spend more money on pre-kindergarten programs, on border security, on roads and on higher education research. They spoiled his wish for major ethics reforms; a late disagreement over the disclosure of donations to political nonprofits ruined that.

Dan Patrick, the state's new lieutenant governor, came into office after winning a GOP primary that positioned him as the most conservative of a pack of four Republican contenders.

House Speaker Joe Straus maintained his balance, winning a fourth term as speaker of a House that has a Republican majority with loud populist conservatives on one side and noisy and relatively numerous Democrats on the other. His pitch this time was to take care of bread-and-butter stuff such as the budget and infrastructure and tax cuts.

A proposal for school choice, a Patrick priority, fell short; lawmakers didn't line up for this year's favorite flavor — a tax credit for businesses contributing to a scholarship fund to help Texas schoolchildren attend private schools.

Calls for immigration reforms — amplified during the Republican primary for lieutenant governor — fell short, too. Efforts to require local police to enforce federal immigration laws failed to pass, as did attempts to repeal in-state tuition at Texas schools for undocumented immigrants who live here and graduate from the state's high schools.

Similarly, an effort to tighten limits on growth of the state budget fell short. The House and Senate had irreconcilable differences about what spending should be included.

Tax cuts? They got those, but you might find more money under your sofa cushions than you will in the break you're getting. Businesses that pay the state's franchise tax will find their rates have been cut 25 percent. Most taxpayers will get no cuts at all, but the Legislature did agree to increase the size of property tax homestead exemptions by $10,000, if voters approve. For the average homeowner, that would amount to about $126 per year; other property owners and renters won't catch a break.

State leaders wanted to rein in local laws they said were making a confusing patchwork of the state's regulatory map. And they started what promises to be a long debate with cities, counties and school districts by effectively reversing local anti-drilling ordinances in places like Denton.

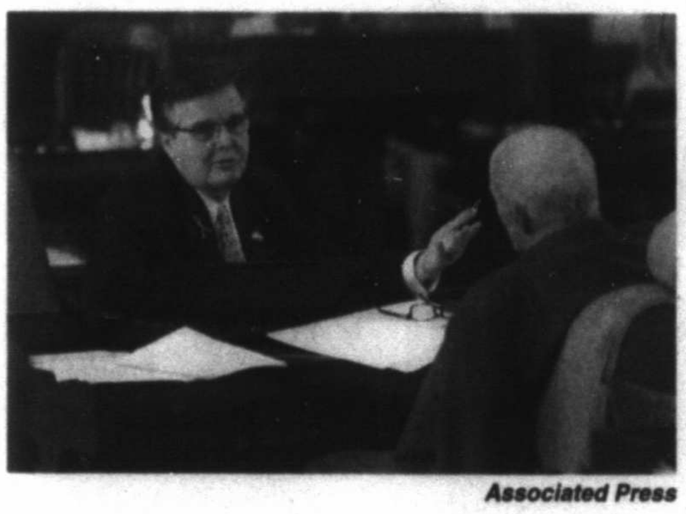
Nobody got everything they promised, and you can tell from the reactions at the end that nobody got everything they wanted.

For some, lawmakers fell short. For others, lawmakers went too far. No matter who you are, no matter what your political philosophy, you would hate it if the Texas Legislature passed every bill that gets filed.

So look at the bright side: It never does.

Legislature ends with Lt. Gov. Patrick denying 2018 plans

By Paul J. Weber and Will Weissert
Associated Press



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Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, left, talks with state Sen. Kel Seliger, right, R-Amarillo, as they look through papers in the Senate Chamber of the Texas Capitol on May 12.

AUSTIN — The first legislative session under Republican Gov. Greg Abbott ended Monday with conservatives claiming victory on tax cuts, a big boost in border security spending and looser gun laws in a state already known as among America's most firearms friendly.

It also closed with Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, the powerful Senate leader and a tea party favorite, dousing rumors that he was already plotting to challenge Abbott in 2018.

Patrick embodied the rightward shift in Texas politics over the past 140 days. He also took the unusual step of assembling an advisory board of big-money donors whose support would be crucial if he sought higher office.

"I love this job. I love working with Gov. Abbott," Patrick said. "We are close friends. We formed a great partnership. I will never be running against Greg Abbott for governor."

Tea party activists have complained that more wasn't done to further restrict abortion, limit gay marriage ahead of U.S. Supreme Court decision, tighten immigration laws and expand school choice. It all fueled speculation that Patrick could hit Abbott from the right in the GOP gubernatorial primary in three years.

Abbot spent the final day, meanwhile, dousing the hopes of marijuana reform advocates by saying that Texas won't legalize pot for medical or recreational use on his watch. His defiance came while signing a bill that legalizes cannabis oil for epilepsy patients.

"As governor, I will not allow it," Abbott said.

Democrats grumbled that far bigger priorities are being stonewalled. Republicans gave only a small bump to school funding and virtually ignored health care. The criticism came not only from Texas but in Washington, where Democratic Texas Congressman Joaquin Castro took a shot at his former colleagues.

"Today marks the end of perhaps the worst legislative session in Texas history," Castro tweeted.

Republicans completed a long list of conservative victories: the biggest Texas tax cuts in a decade, doubling spending on security at the border with Mexico and passing the two major gun rights bills. But proposed crackdowns on immigration went nowhere, and efforts to further crackdown on gay marriage, already illegal in Texas, fizzled.

Rep. Tan Parker, chairman of the House Republican Caucus, shrugged off calls that more could have been done. "Conservative Republicans can and should be proud of this record," he said.

Their victories include legalizing concealed handguns in college classrooms. Approval came over the objection of University of Texas System Chancellor William McRaven, the former Navy SEAL who directed the commando raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

Allowing concealed handguns in college classrooms, known as "campus carry," had repeatedly stalled under Republican majorities in Texas since a student killed 32 people at Virginia Tech in 2007. But last-minute concessions that give skittish university leaders leeway to carve out "gun-free zones" finally won the support to push the bill through.

Judge bars Texas telemedicine rules from taking effect

Associated Press

DALLAS — A federal judge has determined claims made by the Texas Medical Board in adopting new telemedicine rules were "suspect" and barred the rules from taking effect until a civil trial can be held in lower court.

Friday's ruling by U.S. District Judge Robert Pitman hinges largely on a revised rule the board adopted in April that requires a patient to have a "face-to-face visit or in-person evaluation" before a prescription can be dispensed. The board has argued such a measure is crucial to ensuring patient safety and quality care.

But Dallas-based Teladoc, which challenged the board's action, argued the panel violated federal antitrust laws because the rule significantly impairs its business model.

Teladoc, one of the leading telemedicine providers in the U.S., offers a network in Texas in which a patient consults by phone with a physician and then can upload over the Internet or by mobile app images or other medical data, Teladoc spokeswoman Meredith Adams said. The new revisions would damage this service by first requiring a face-to-face examination, Adams said.

Lawyers for the board had argued during a May hearing that Teladoc was being speculative when it argued the new rules would lead to increased prices for patients, fewer choices and other drawbacks.

"The court disagrees," Pitman said in his ruling. "Plaintiffs' evidence shows the average costs of visits to a physician or emergency room are $145 and $1,957, respectively, and the cost for a Teladoc consultation is typically $40."

Pitman also determined the board's arguments against Teladoc were "poorly founded."

A board spokeswoman said Monday the agency isn't commenting on the ruling. In a statement last month, board president Dr. Michael Arambula said the board wants to avoid any sort of initial treatment done by telephone that doesn't provide "any objective diagnostic data" to help a doctor serve a patient.

"The board recognizes that as technology evolves, so too must regulations governing telemedicine," Arambula said.

No trial date has been scheduled for Teladoc's lawsuit.

Teladoc CEO Jason Gorevic said telehealth is an important part of health care in Texas, where many rural regions have few doctors and it can be difficult for patients to travel long distances to medical centers.

Teladoc operates in 48 states and hasn't encountered the kind of legal tussles that have transpired in Texas, Gorevic said.

REGION&STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

SAN MARCOS

2 more Blanco River flood victims identified

Authorities have identified two more victims of last week's catastrophic flooding on the Blanco River in Hays County in Central Texas.

Medical and dental records have been used to identify 34-year-old Laura Schultz McComb and 71-year-old Sue McNeil Carey, both of Corpus Christi.

Their bodies were found Saturday, five days after the rain-swollen river swept away a weekend vacation house their families were sharing in Wimberley.

McComb's 4-year-old daughter remains among the four missing from the county. Her 6-year-old son was recovered and identified earlier.

Carey's 73-year-old husband, Ralph, and 43-year-old daughter, Michelle Charba, also were recovered earlier. Charba's 6-year-old son also is among the missing.

Earlier Monday, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton warned about price gouging and cleanup scams during tours of flood recovery centers in the area.

LEON JUNCTION

3 missing after vehicle goes off flooded Central Texas road

Central Texas authorities have been searching the Leon River for three people believed missing after their vehicle was swept off a flooded county road about 30 miles southwest of Waco.

Coryell County Chief Sheriff's Deputy Joe Blakley says a dive team found the vehicle in about 9 feet of water Sunday afternoon but the type or color of the vehicle hasn't been determined because the river out of its banks from heavy rains last week is so muddy.

Officials said three people reported missing didn't show up for church Sunday. They believe the vehicle went over a passable bridge, then down a slope that was flooded on the other side.

Sheriff Johnny Burks said a 911 caller reported seeing three people being swept down the river northeast of Fort Hood.

SAN ANTONIO

Qatar military official, wife face forced labor charge

A Qatar military official training at a U.S. military base in South Texas is facing federal charges after authorities say two of his foreign national employees were given little food and made to sleep on a pallet in a barren apartment.

Federal prosecutors say Hassan Salem H. M. Al Homoud and his wife, Zainab Al Hosani, of the United Arab Emirates, have been charged with engaging in forced labor. A criminal complaint Monday alleges the couple withheld wages of the two employees and threatened them with arrest. The couple could face up to 20 years in prison and a $250,000 fine if convicted.

Prosecutors say one employee is from Indonesia and the other from Bangladesh on visas sponsored by Al Homoud, who is attending military training in San Antonio.

CORPUS CHRISTI

Whataburger changes breakfast times, citing egg shortages

Whataburger says it is limiting its breakfast-serving hours, citing egg shortages due to the Midwest bird flu crisis.

The fast-food chain will serve breakfast 5 a.m. to 9 a.m. weekdays, and 5 a.m. to 11 a.m. on weekends. It previously was available 12 hours a day. Whataburger says in a statement that the changes will allow it to supply all of its locations.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture says confirmed outbreaks in the Midwest have cost chicken and turkey producers more than 44 million birds. Egg prices have soared.

Major chains such as Taco Bell, Dunkin' Donuts and IHOP say they're monitoring the situation but haven't yet been affected.

Bob Krouse, CEO of Midwest Poultry Services, said if a company relies on a supplier that's affected by avian flu, it might have trouble finding another one.

"There aren't any to be had," Krouse said. "If you lost your supplier, nobody's taking on a new customer."

In a written statement, Whataburger said it didn't know why other restaurants haven't been affected but that it's "primary egg supplier was one of the hardest hit by this shortage."

Some relief from the egg shortage could soon be on its way from the Netherlands. The USDA said Monday it will allow Dutch companies to resume exports of pasteurized egg products to the U.S. after a hiatus of several years. The Grocery Manufacturers Association last week urged quick approval as a first step toward relieving the shortage.

EDINBURG

Border Patrol seizes marijuana in South Texas lettuce truck

Border Patrol officials in far South Texas say more than 5,500 pounds of marijuana with a street value of $4.5 million have been confiscated over the weekend.

The largest seizure involved more than 3,500 pounds of pot buried in 150 bundles and concealed in a semi-trailer carrying lettuce. The marijuana was detected by a drug detection dog during an inspection by authorities from the Falfurrias patrol station.

The agency said Monday the driver has been arrested and his truck seized along with the marijuana.

PORT ARTHUR

Efforts continue to free ship aground off Texas nearly week

The Coast Guard is working to help free a bulk carrier hauling sulfur that ran aground nearly a week ago in the Gulf of Mexico off Texas.

Coast Guard officials in Port Arthur said Monday that said efforts continue to free the 615-foot Panamanian flagged ship, the Jian Qiang.

The ship ran aground last Tuesday while outbound from Neches Industrial Park near Port Arthur.

Coast Guard authorities say no cargo has spilled. Officials have no reports of damage to the vessel, which will be off-loaded during efforts to refloat it — weather permitting. Southeast Texas was drenched with rain last week.

Coast Guard Cmdr. Randy Jenkins says the vessel is stable and there's currently no danger to other ship traffic.

PLANO

North Texas man gets 20 years for trying to blow up pipeline

A North Texas man has been sentenced to the maximum 20 years in prison for using a homemade bomb to try to blow up a natural gas pipeline.

Anson Chi of Plano, who was severely burned in the 2012 incident, was sentenced Monday.

U.S. District Judge Richard Schell ruled use of the explosive by Chi met the standard for a crime of terrorism. That cleared the way for a stiffer penalty for Chi, who represented himself in court.

Chi pleaded guilty last year to having an explosive device that was not registered by law, and to using the explosive device maliciously.

Chi testified his actions were stupid and he was just testing the explosive that damaged the Atmos Energy line.

Chi must pay $28,000 in restitution to the utility.

HOUSTON

Circus performer falls during aerial act at Houston show

A circus performer is recovering after falling more than 20 feet during an aerial act in Houston.

Spectator video shot May 26 shows a male performer and the woman hanging beneath a spinning rocket. The woman was dangling by her hair when she fell.

A statement provided Monday by Circo Hermanos Vasquez says the woman, part of the Duo Garcia act, was treated for minor injuries at the scene. She was later treated and released from a hospital.

The statement says the performers failed to properly latch a safety cord. Circus officials Monday did not say whether the injured performer has resumed doing shows.

Circus spokeswoman Lorena Vignaud said safety remains a high priority.

Shows are scheduled to continue in Houston through July 5.

AUSTIN

Region dealing with more than 30 synthetic marijuana cases

Medical officials in Central Texas have treated more than 30 people who got sick from synthetic marijuana in cases since the weekend.

Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Service on Monday reported personnel dealt with more than two dozen incidents of people sick from so-called "K2." At least 31 patients were linked to use of the substance, which experts say can be toxic, in emergency calls since Friday.

AUSTIN

Texas unveils winner in bass license plate online contest

More than 4,000 anglers and other fans of fishing have cast votes online and picked their favorite new bass image for an updated Texas license plate.

The Texas Parks & Wildlife Department says the plate shows a jumping largemouth bass chasing a lure. Wildlife artist Clemente Guzman created the colorful image.

Department spokesman Steve Lightfoot said Monday that the new license was chosen by online voters in February. It replaces a bass license plate that had been used for more than 10 years.

The fishing specialty license plate costs $30 annually, in addition to regular fees. The new largemouth bass license plate — available for cars, trucks, motorcycles, trailers or recreational vehicles — went on sale last week.

NEW MEXICO

Gannett buys El Paso Times, 6 New Mexico papers

ALBUQUERQUE — Gannett Co. Inc. has purchased 11 media organizations from Digital First Media 11, including the remaining majority interest in the Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership, Gannett announced Monday.

The McLean, Virginia-based media company said Gannett now will own 100 percent of the Texas-New Mexico Newspapers Partnership. That partnership includes the El Paso Times, Alamogordo Daily News, Carlsbad Current-Argus, The Daily Times in Farmington, Deming Headlight, Las Cruces Sun-News and the Silver City Sun-News.

"We are very pleased to welcome these well-respected media organizations to U.S. Community Publishing as we further our efforts to expand our reach as the best local media company in America for consumers and businesses," said Robert Dickey, president of U.S. Community Publishing and CEO-designate of Gannett "SpinCo" following the separation of the company mid-2015.

Gannett also acquired from the Denver-based Digital First Media four Pennsylvania's newspapers: Chambersburg Public Opinion, Hanover Evening Sun, Lebanon Daily News and the York Daily Record.

The deal was completed through the assignment of Gannett's 19.5 percent interest in the California Newspapers Partnership and additional cash consideration.

Gannett said it will no longer have any ownership interest in the California Newspapers Partnership.



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WATERS WON'T RECEDE

Flood waters surround the Bridgeport Building Center in Bridgeport on Monday. Tarrant Regional Water District officials now say the West Fork of the Trinity has grown to three quarters of a mile wide around Boyd. The flows haven't peaked yet and may not for several days.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

Summer Movie Camp "How to Train Your Dragon 2," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleum-museum.org.

Meeting

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8 a.m.
Shared Spaces
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Support groups, club meetings today today

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2661 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.
■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's; 685-7486.
■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.
■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.
■ Parent Quest, for parents of special needs children, 6-8 p.m., First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.
■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.
■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.
■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; 520-4343.
■ 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.

Military support

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469
■ Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m. today, Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.

Know a member of the military coming home?

Military families can call 352-0785 or email Vickie Gomez (zemogv@cableone.net) when they know their member of the military is flying into Midland International Air and Space Port so the Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee can be there to greet them.

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■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3458)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

Weather report for May

Average High: 83.7
Average Low: 59.4
Average temperature: 71.5
Typical average for May: 73.6
Days in the 90s: 5
Rainfall in May: 3.35 inches
Average for May 1.75 inches
Days of measurable rain: 13
Most rain in one day: 0.77 of an inch (May 12)

Source: National Weather Service

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.
Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.
Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.
Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.
The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-9-3
Pick 3 day: 2-1-6
Pick 3 evening: 5-7-6
Pick 3 night: 3-6-0
Daily 4 morning: 0-7-8-9
Daily 4 day: 2-2-7-0
Daily 4 evening: 9-9-4-5
Daily 4 night: 8-0-5-9
Cash Five: 6-16-19-24-32
Texas Two Step: 1-10-26-29 BB: 13
All or Nothing morning: 2-3-5-8-10-13-14-15-16-17-20-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-4-6-10-11-13-15-18-19-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-5-6-7-8-11-12-14-17-19-20-21
All or Nothing night: 1-2-5-7-9-10-12-14-15-17-19-20

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, June 2, the 153rd day of 2015. There are 212 days left in the year.
On this date:
In 1897, Mark Twain, 61, was quoted by the New York Journal as saying from London that "the report of my death was an exaggeration."

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly shoots at passing vehicle

A 34-year-old Midland man was arrested Friday evening after allegedly firing a weapon at a passing vehicle.

Eric Almaguer was being held Monday on three felony charges of obstruction or retaliation and two counts of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, according to court records. Bond has been set at $75,000 for each of the charges.


Almaguer

Midland County deputies responded Friday to a home off West County Road 330, where residents said Almaguer became upset when he was told he couldn't pick up a family member, according to his arrest affidavit.

Later on Friday, the complainants were driving on WCR 330 and saw Almaguer standing on the side of the road pointing a pistol at their vehicle, according to the affidavit. Almaguer allegedly shot at the vehicle after it passed.

Deputies found Almaguer with a pistol and several 9mm cartridges in his pocket, according to the affidavit. Almaguer told deputies he was "hunting rabbits for watermelon farmers," according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the three felony charges, Almaguer could face up to 50 years in prison.

Man accused of trying to hit woman with vehicle

A Midland man was arrested on Friday after allegedly trying to run over a relative with his SUV, according to court documents.


Niedecken

Craig Niedecken, 30, was charged with a first-degree felony of aggravated assault of a family member with a weapon, a second-degree felony of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a third-degree felony of commission of a felony while escaped from arrest or confinement. He was being held Monday on a $225,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

A Midland County deputy was called out to Airline Road in response to a wreck and disturbance. The deputy found a man — identified as Niedecken — standing near a wrecked SUV, according to his arrest affidavit. He claimed that a relative had run him off the road.

The relative and a person with her claimed that Niedecken had been chasing her vehicle and then rammed it, according to the affidavit. Both vehicles had extensive damage, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first-degree, second-degree, and third-degree felonies, Niedecken faces between 32 and 129 years in prison.

IS revamps recruitment with savvy, professional broadcasts

By Lori Hinnant
Associated Press

PARIS — The announcer with an American accent offers an upbeat roundup of the day's main headlines: Islamic State fighters seized control of a crucial Syrian city, extremists repelled Kurdish fighters despite coalition airstrikes, and two suicide bombers successfully carried out their missions.

The tone is National Public Radio in the United States. But this is Al-Bayan, the Islamic State radio targeting European recruits by touting recent triumphs in the campaign to carve out a Caliphate, and it represents a major headache for Western powers trying to curtail the IS influence.

All news is good news for Al-Bayan's "soldiers of the Caliphate." In this narrative, the enemy always flees in disgrace or is killed. The broadcasts end with a swell of music and a gentle English message: "We thank our listeners for tuning in."

The tension between the smooth, Western-style production and the extremist content shows how far the hardcore Islamic propaganda machine has come since 2012, when an aging Frenchman posed in front of a black-and-white jihadi flag and threatened France in the name of al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb. The footage was grainy, with minimal production values, and released on a relatively obscure regional website. By contrast, Al-Bayan reaches thousands of listeners every day via links shared on social networks, helping to swell the ranks of Westerners — projected this year to reach a total of up to 10,000 — fighting for the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq.

In the time it took to bring the Frenchman Gilles Le Guen to trial, his European successors in violent jihad have overturned the recruitment script in ways that might impress a New York PR agency.

Islamic State videos come with thrumming beats, handsome clear-eyed young men and editing techniques that call to mind tourism commercials or ads for the latest console game. A typical week of recruitment now includes multiple newscasts in three languages, except the "good news" is about suicide attacks instead of traffic reports and baseball scores. A polished video directed at French recruits shows trainees leaping through burning hoops and swinging across monkey bars over flames. Multilingual blog posts by jihadis urge people to follow them. And a metastasizing network of tweets spills forth from the smartphones of armchair cheerleaders.

Cameramen themselves are heroes in this information war: Media, an unnamed fighter says in a video dedicated to these PR mujahedeen, is "half of the battle, if not its majority."

An April video calling for doctors to join IS shows physicians in immaculate scrubs, as well as clean and functioning medical equipment. It features a clean-shaven, blue-eyed Australian moving about in a pristine neo-natal ward, promising new recruits that they will be helping Muslims who suffer from "a lack of qualified medical care."

The video has the feel of a daytime television public-service message.

In an exchange on social networking service Ask.fm the same week, a person identifying himself as a British resident of Islamic State territories promised newcomers free medical school with minimal entry requirements. Meanwhile, in a series of tweets, another person purporting to be a Briton praises subsidized gas, free water and dental care superior to anything offered in the West.

A handful of people show up repeatedly as key recruiters: a Glasgow woman who reportedly helps British girls reach Syria; a Dutch fighter who gives jihadi interviews and set up a Tumblr page; a blue-eyed Frenchman who appears in multiple videos calling on his countrymen to emigrate to IS territories.

When Le Guen was arrested in April 2013, France's defense minister said the government could "count on the fingers of one hand" those who, like him, wanted to fight alongside Islamic extremists. Now, the mass recruitment of Western Islamic radicals is considered one of the greatest security threats faced by Europe and the United States.


AP file photo

This file image taken from a militant website associated with Islamic State extremists, posted May 23 purports to show a suicide bomber, with the Arabic bar below reading: "Urgent: The heroic martyr Abu Amer al-Najdi, the attacker of the (Shiite) temple in Qatif", which the Islamic State group's radio station claimed responsibility for. Al-Bayan, the Islamic State radio targeting potential European recruits, touts recent triumphs in the campaign to carve out a Caliphate with contrast between the smooth, Western-style production and the extremist content showing how far the hardcore Islamic propaganda machine has come since its beginnings in 2012.

NBC approaching 4 months without Williams decision

Associated Press

NEW YORK — As the four-month anniversary of Brian Williams' suspension for misrepresenting his experiences as a journalist nears, NBC News has remained mum on whether he will return as the network's top anchor, be cut loose or take on some other role for the news division.

Lester Holt continues as Williams' substitute on "Nightly News," keeping NBC slightly ahead in a ratings competition with ABC's "World News Tonight" that Williams had dominated.

NBC suspended Williams for six months on Feb. 10 after he admitted to falsely claiming that he had been in a helicopter hit by enemy fire during the Iraq War, when in fact his helicopter had not been hit. The network subsequently ordered an internal investigation into other instances where Williams allegedly embellished his experiences, most often in talk show appearances.

In April, former NBC News President Andy Lack was brought back to oversee the news division, with executive Pat Fili-Krushel dismissed, adding a new voice into deliberations over a decision that will likely be made by top executives at NBC's corporate parent Comcast Corp.

The more time that passes without a decision, the more NBC News' reputation is damaged, said veteran news executive Shelley Ross.

NBC's defenders note that it's more important to get the decision right than done quickly.

The latest in a series of anonymously sourced stories about outcomes, from CNN on Sunday, stressed the possibility that executives are considering other things for Williams to do at NBC besides anchoring "Nightly News." It's not clear what that would be; Williams' previous attempt to anchor a newsmagazine was bounced around NBC's schedule without finding an audience. Ross suggested Williams could be given an hour on the low-rated MSNBC.

APACHE

From 1A

newly created position of senior region vice president, Houston Region and will be based in Apache's Houston headquarters.

■ Egypt, North Sea and Gulf of Mexico regions will be consolidated into the International and Offshore Region.

Thomas E. Voytovich will assume the role of executive vice president, International and Offshore Region and Exploration and Production Technology. He currently manages Apache's operations in Egypt, the North Sea and the Gulf of Mexico and also will oversee the Exploration and Production Technology and Engineering Technology service teams. He will remain at the Houston headquarters.

■ Timothy J. Sullivan has been appointed to the newly created role of senior vice president, Operations Support based in Houston.

In this role, he will support the CEO in operational strategy, capital allocation, market intelligence and marketing.

WEST NILE VIRUS

From 1A

have tremendous breeding capacity."

But the entire set of circumstances that enabled the virus to become such an epidemic in the state still baffles health officials.

"I wish we knew," Waldrup said. "There's a lot of speculation about that, but we honestly don't know."

"Generally, you'll find positive mosquitoes for West Nile two to three weeks before you start getting human cases, and 2012 fit right in that target," he said. "In 2013 we actually had many more positive mosquito pools from around the state. We were sitting on pins and needles waiting for the dam to break, and it didn't. We had fewer cases in 2013 than we expected."

The disease, which certain breeds of mosquitoes contract from birds, is carried by migratory birds from region to region. The disease is then spread by the transmitting breeds of mosquitoes that prefer feeding off avian hosts rather than humans, according to Waldrup. Areas where the virus is spreading will usually see bird mortalities before human cases.

"With regard to West Nile, we consider horses and humans to be what we call 'spillover hosts.' The mosquitoes — particularly the Culex — prefer birds, but they'll bite humans," Waldrup said. "The birds and mosquitoes actually have a cycle of their own, and then either a human is unlucky enough to be bitten by an infected mosquito, or you start getting (a large number of) infected mosquitoes in the population out there."

There is no one factor for predicting the intensity of an upcoming West Nile season. But health officials maintain that the simple act of draining standing water is an effective defense against the pests.

"There's not going to be one predictive factor in determining the West Nile season we'll have, but it's probably the combination of all different factors," said Christine Mann, spokeswoman for the Texas Department of State Health Services.

SALES

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was region 5, which is 31 counties in the Gulf Coast - Brazos Bottom and includes Houston. The average price per acre was $9,167 in 2014, a slight decrease from 2013 but still constituting the highest price per acre in Texas.

Region 1 is the northernmost region in the state and includes the metropolitan areas for Amarillo, Lubbock, Midland and Odessa. It encompasses 41 counties.

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Texas Region 1 statistics

Weighted average index price per acre over last decade

Year	Price per acre (percentage change)
2004	$593 (+13.54)
2005	$663 (+11.71)
2006	$641 (-3.23)
2007	$863 (+34.49)
2008	$1,162 (+34.64)
2009	$1,000 (-13.90)
2010	$1,000 (0.00)
2011	$1,400 (+40.00)
2012	$1,507 (+7.63)
2013	$1,674 (+11.09)
2014	$1,880 (+12.32)

WATER

From 1A

which should pay dividends during future periods of wet weather. It is important to increase the moisture of the soil, he said, so "the rain will run off and not just soak the land."

"We are seeing soil moisture established, especially around Spence and Ivie," Grant said.

Grant is optimistic about what the current El Nino conditions mean for the CRMWD's lakes and reservoirs. He quoted the Climate Prediction Center, saying there is an 80 to 90 chance that El Nino will "stay with us through the end of this year."

The Climate Prediction Center lists a 30 percent to 40 percent chance of above-average rainfall for the Permian Basin and a large chunk of West Texas on its three-month forecasts through the end of the year. The CPC also calls for a 33 to 40 percent chance of below-average temperatures.

Grant said Spence and Ivie are not out of the drought yet. He said he would like those water sources to reach at least 25 to 35 percent full.

"They need more water to say we have turned the corner in those reservoirs," Grant said.

When Thomas topped 70 percent full, CRMWD officials said it was the lake's highest elevation in more than 50 years. Still, Grant said Monday, there is plenty of room as Thomas is 7 1/2 feet from being 100 percent full.

Lindsey Graham, who sees a world of peril, opens 2016 bid

By Bill Barrow
Associated Press

CENTRAL, S.C. — South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham opened his campaign for the Republican presidential nomination Monday with a grim accounting of radical Islam "running wild" in a world imperiled also by Iran's nuclear ambitions.

He dedicated himself to defeating U.S. adversaries — a commitment that would place thousands of troops back in Iraq, essentially re-engaging in a war launched in 2003.

"I've got one simple message," he told supporters in the small town where he grew up. "I have more experience with our national security than any other candidate in this race. That includes you, Hillary."

In that fashion, he took on Democratic candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton — the former secretary of state — as well as non-interventionists in his own party and rivals with little to no foreign policy experience.

Graham, 59, becomes the first candidate in either party to hail from one of the first four states that cast presidential primary ballots. Iowa and New Hampshire lead the process, followed by South Carolina and Nevada.

Having won his third term in November, Graham is a prominent Senate voice in seeking a more muscular foreign policy and one who casts the threats facing the United States in particularly dark terms.

"Simply put, radical Islam is running wild," he said. "They have more safe havens, more money, more weapons and more capability to strike our homeland than any time since 9/11. They are large, they are rich, and they're entrenched."

He said as president, he'd "make them small, poor and on the run."

"I'm afraid some Americans have grown tired of fighting them," he said. "I have bad news to share with you — the radical Islamists are not tired of fighting you."

Despite his focus on Islamic State militants with footholds in those two nations, Graham said Iran poses the gravest threat.

If the U.S. does not head off a nuclear capability in Iran, Graham said, "Iran will trigger a nuclear arms race in the least stable region on Earth, and make it more likely that people who aspire to genocide will have the most effective means to commit it."

He said recently there is no avoiding the reality that more Americans will have to fight and die to defend the country.

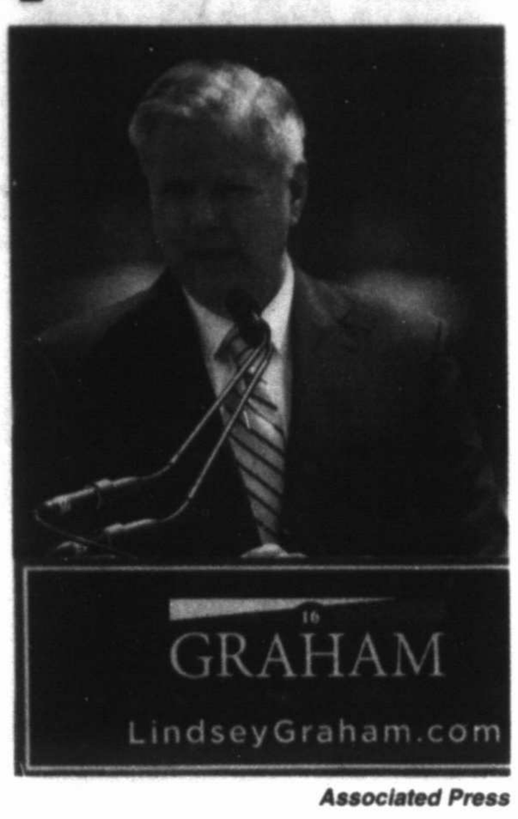
His approach contrasts with that of fellow senator and presidential candidate, Kentucky's Rand Paul, who favors less military intervention. And his blunt talk about more troops and casualties stands out even among other Republican contenders who promise to quash Islamic State militants, but sidestep details.

Polls suggest a majority of American adults support military action against the group commonly called ISIS. But support drops when respondents are asked specifically about a ground war.

Graham came to Congress an outspoken member of the conservative freshman class that brought Republicans a majority in 1994. Yet he's since joined with Democrats on some contentious votes.

He backed a 2012 immigration overhaul and voted to end a 2013 partial government shutdown, for example. He also backed President Barack Obama's two Supreme Court nominees.

That earned Graham enmity among some Republicans, but he said Monday his willingness to "work with anybody" is necessary. Graham said wealthier members of his generation will have to take fewer Social Security and Medicare benefits, while younger workers may have to work longer and pay more.



Associated Press

Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., speaks to supporters after announcing his bid for presidential election Monday in Central, S.C.

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OPINION

Don't believe early primary horse race hype

■ Five things to keep in mind about an otherwise meaningless early GOP race



CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

It's started again, the quadrennial obsession of presidential campaigns, news organizations and, indeed, the entire political punditocracy with polls, especially those in the crucial early voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina.

Just recently, we learned in one survey that Jeb Bush has dropped into the single digits among "likely" Iowa caucus goers, an almost impossible category to gauge at this stage, but leads Hillary Clinton among registered New Hampshire voters.

Jim Messina, fresh from a double triumph of masterminding President Barack Obama's re-election in 2012 and British Prime Minister David Cameron's in 2015, might have overstated the case on MSNBC when he said "most public polling is garbage." But he probably provided an apt assessment of most surveys taken this far from any real decisions by voters.

Messina might have been inordinately influenced by the failure of many polls in both countries to predict the scale of the Obama and Cameron victories. But their predictive value at this point is sufficiently minimal that readers can save a lot of time by disregarding much of what will be breathlessly reported in the next eight months.

In 2011, transient GOP national poll leaders (setting aside ultimate nominee Mitt Romney) included eventual also-rans such as former Texas Gov. Rick Perry, former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum, real estate mogul Donald Trump and Atlanta businessman Herman Cain.

Unfortunately, national poll numbers are being used to determine participants in the initial Republican debates. That seems unfair to those whose current low poll numbers — unlike in the middle of a general election campaign — reflect name identification or prominence far more than political potential.

But if the polls are pretty worthless, these other aspects of primary campaigns are worth watching. Here are five things to keep in mind:

Televised debates, however participants are determined, will likely be significant. They can establish or destroy the standing of candidates, especially those only superficially known. Just ask Perry, whose 2012 campaign never recovered from his failure in a debate to name the three Cabinet jobs he proposed to abolish. Many believe Hillary Clinton's 2008 downfall began with her fumbling response to a debate question about driver's licenses for illegal immigrants.

Iowa campaign developments between Christmas and the currently scheduled caucus date of next Feb. 1 might have greater impact than most of what happens before. Obama's 2008 Iowa campaign was dead in the water until the Illinois senator's bravura performance at a party dinner less than two months out. Underfunded GOP candidates Mike Huckabee and Rick Santorum emerged as potential winners only in the weeks before the 2008 and 2012 Iowa caucuses.

New Hampshire's pre-Iowa pecking order will likely change dramatically in the eight days between the Feb. 1 Iowa caucuses and the Granite State's Feb. 9 primary. The classic example occurred a generation ago, when Democrat Gary Hart converted his distant second in Iowa and a strong New Hampshire organization into an upset victory over frontrunner Walter Mondale. Hillary Clinton's victory over Obama only developed in the final 48 hours before the 2008 primary.

Straw polls are even less valuable than early public opinion polls. Last weekend, a poll at the Southern Republican Leadership Conference showed Dr. Ben Carson in first place. He has a definite following, but only slightly more chance of being nominated than Sarah Palin. A generation ago, straw polls often reflected genuine political strength, but more recently they've mainly reflected which campaign bought the most tickets. Decisions by Huckabee and Jeb Bush to bypass next August's Iowa straw poll are hopeful signs. The Democrats had the good sense to ban them three decades ago.

None of the first four tests — Iowa, New Hampshire, South Carolina and Nevada — has a perfect record in predicting GOP nominees. South Carolina had one until Gingrich upset Romney in 2012. While Iowa and New Hampshire can't determine a winner, they can — and usually do — narrow the field.

To be fair about it, poll questions about voters' attitudes are more valuable than the headlines about their candidate preferences. And they're not going away. After all, it's eight months until Iowans cast the first real ballots that will ultimately determine the 45th president.

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OUR VIEW

Republican primary could require debate roll call

On Thursday, former Texas Gov. Rick Perry is likely to add his name to the list of Republicans seeking their party's nomination for president of the United States.

Our feelings about a Perry bid haven't changed in the last few months. His time has come and gone. Should he run, we wish him the best but are prepared for the worst.

Still, Republicans have a much bigger problem than Perry entering the field. Their problem is about a lineup that requires a program to check out the contenders and a roll call to make sure all will be accounted for at the first debate.

The Republican primary will hold a significant place in the minds of many Midlanders, probably more so than any other community in the state. Midlanders will vote at least 75 percent for the Republican nominee in the general election. It's been that way going back to at least 1992. No other larger metropolitan community voters Republican more than Midland.

No one can anticipate what's going to happen in the GOP primary or with the debates. Republicans have a problem because you can't possibly debate with a candidate lineup approaching, and probably surpassing, double digits.

Debates have to be meaningful, and the more wannabes there are on stage looking for their chance to deliver a one-liner, the more likely that serious business is put on hold.

Sadly, Americans don't have the attention span for the five-hour forum needed to give everyone equal time on all issues — thanks to our cable news culture and the 140-character style of communication.

Maybe the party is three steps ahead on this. Maybe there is a way in which the American people can get the substance they need even when you have enough candidates to start going two-deep on a political football team. Maybe this puts the premium on real grass-roots campaigning and success in getting a message across.

We know Texas will be a player in deciding who the Republicans' nominee will be. There's nothing wrong with that. However, we would appreciate a whittled-down list of potential nominees by the time the circus comes to our state.

Gov. Perry, you can start the process Thursday with three little words: "I'm not running."

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Some bills doomed from the start

■ Here's a look at what legislation made it through the meat grinder



KEN HERMAN
Austin American-Statesman

The good Lord willin' and even if the creeks do rise some more, sometime Monday the gala 84th biennial gathering of the Texas Legislature will go what's known as *sine die*, which means it will be *sine* dead, which, in Latin, means "out of your face."

As they return to live amongst us, let's check the fate of some bills I told you about as the legislative meat grinder was grinding meat.

FYI, through Friday, 1,195 bills had been approved. Most will become law. Learn them, live them.

So far, rookie Gov. Greg Abbott has issued one veto, snuffing out House Concurrent Resolution 84, which, among other things, said "Good mental health is essential to one's overall health and well-being." At the Texas Capitol, that's a debatable notion.

Abbott said he vetoed HCR 84, which directed state agencies to use specified mental health diagnostic manuals, because it "goes beyond the proper bounds of a concurrent resolution."

HCRs often designate something. This year's HCR 35 designated the cowboy hat as the official State Hat of Texas, narrowly defeating the weathered NRA gimme cap, which continues as De Facto Official State Hat of Texas.

Now, let's check the outcome of some bills I told you about.

Before the session, I wrote about Hillister GOP Rep. James White's effort to approve a constitutional amendment to change how we approve constitutional amendments. It now takes a two-thirds vote in each chamber and a majority vote statewide. White, eager to boost rural clout, wanted to change it to require majority voter approval in at least half of Texas' 254 counties.

Interesting idea. Never got a committee hearing.

Next, potentially good news for you bullionaires.

In January, I wrote about a bill by Rep. Giovanni Capriglione, R-Southlake, to have Giovanni Capriglione declared the most fabulous ever name for a legislator. Just kidding. But he did have a bill, HB 483, to let Texas designate places to store its gold bullion, as well as that of gold bullion-bearing Texans.

Odd, right? To you, maybe. Not to your lawmakers. Final approval was expected Sunday.

In February I carped about HB 347, Houston Rep. Harold Dutton's plan to let home-school kids participate in interscholastic competitions on teams at the local schools they don't attend. The bill was DOA, dumb on arrival. Never got a committee hearing.

Later in February we had a good laugh about SB 191 by Sen. Donna Campbell, R-New Braunfels, who wanted to ban the sale of the Alamo to foreigners. This one got a Senate committee hearing but was never heard from again, so look for the Chinese to close on their purchase of the Alamo next week.

In March we guffawed about SB 534 by Sen. Kirk Watson, D-Austin, an optimist who believes legislation can accomplish the impossible. The bill would update the lawyer oath to include swearing to "conduct oneself with integrity and civility."

The bill won unanimous approval. Abbott signed it, and it takes effect Sept. 1. New lawyers uncomfortable with swearing to integrity and civility might want to swear in pre-Sept 1.

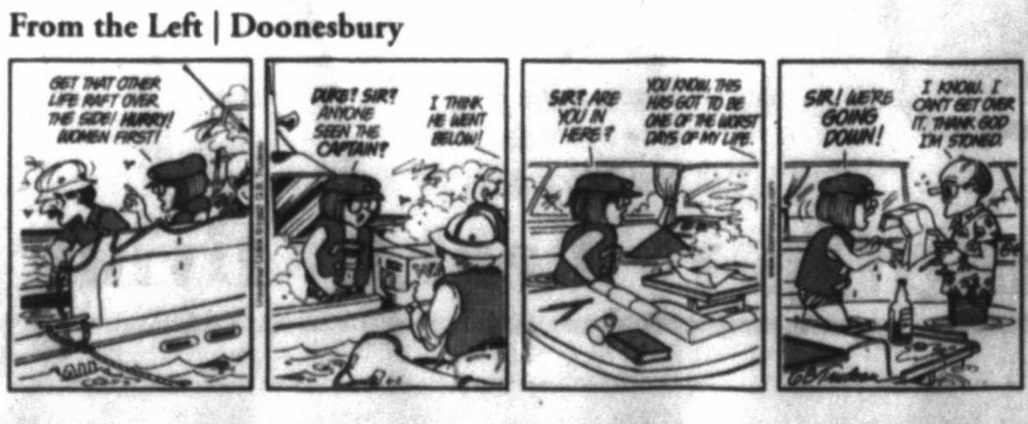
Also in March, I told you about a committee hearing on HB 493 by Rep. Terry Canales, D-Edinburg, who wanted to bar poor folks from using food stamps (now the SNAP program) to buy high-caffeine energy drinks. He drew opposition from people who said poor folks should be able to buy the same dumb stuff that unpoor folks buy. What we heard at the committee hearing was the last we ever heard on this idea.

And, as expected, Austin eighth-grader Jacob Hale's good idea to do away with Confederate Heroes Day and replace it with Civil War Remembrance Day died after a House committee hearing.

We probably should have figured this one was doomed from the start in a Capitol in which Jefferson Davis' portrait hangs at the front of the Senate chamber.

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WASHINGTON

Justices boost workplace religious protections

The Supreme Court strengthened civil rights protections Monday for employees and job applicants who need special treatment in the workplace because of their religious beliefs.

The justices sided with a Muslim woman who did not get hired after she showed up to a job interview with clothing retailer Abercrombie & Fitch wearing a black headscarf.

The headscarf, or hijab, violated the company's strict dress code, since changed, for employees who work in its retail stores.

Employers generally have to accommodate job applicants and employees with religious needs if the employer at least has an idea that such accommodation is necessary, Justice Antonin Scalia said in his opinion for the court.

Job applicant Samantha Elauf did not tell her interviewer she was Muslim. But Scalia said that Abercrombie "at least suspected" that Elauf wore a headscarf for religious reasons. "That is enough," Scalia said in an opinion for seven justices.

Federal civil rights law gives religious practices "favored treatment" that forbids employers from firing or not hiring people based on their observance of religion, Scalia said.

WASHINGTON

High court throws out conviction for Facebook threats

The Supreme Court on Monday threw out the conviction of a Pennsylvania man prosecuted for making threats on Facebook, but dodged the free-speech issues that had made the case intriguing to First Amendment advocates.

Chief Justice John Roberts said it was not enough for prosecutors to show that the comments of Anthony Elonis about killing his ex-wife and harming others would make a reasonable person feel threatened. But the high court sent the case back to the lower court without clarifying exactly what the standard of proof should be.

The ruling was a narrow victory for civil liberties groups that had urged the court to make it tougher to convict people who make crude comments on social media that might be viewed as threatening.

Yet the high court declined to lay out broad constitutional protections for such comments. "It is not necessary to consider any First Amendment issues," Roberts wrote.

WASHINGTON

High court: Bankrupt homeowners can't void second mortgage

A unanimous Supreme Court ruled Monday that homeowners who declare bankruptcy can't void a second mortgage even if the home isn't worth what they owe on the primary mortgage.

The justices ruled in two Florida cases that bankrupt homeowners can't "strip off" a second loan even if they are underwater on the first loan.

Both cases involved property owners who were allowed by lower courts to nullify second loans held by Bank of America. The Atlanta-based 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed both cases, but Bank of America said the rulings conflicted with Supreme Court precedent.

The company argued that even if the primary mortgage is underwater, that should not affect the lien securing the second loan. The bank said the second loan might be repaid eventually if the property's value rises in the future.

The homeowners said the second loans were worthless.

PHOENIX

Supreme Court dismantles Arizona immigration law

The U.S. Supreme Court landed the final blow against an Arizona law that denied bail to immigrants who are in the country illegally and are charged with certain felonies, marking the latest in a series of state immigration policies that have since been thrown out by the courts.

The nation's highest court on Monday rejected a bid from metro Phoenix's top prosecutor and sheriff to reinstate the 2006 law after a lower appeals court concluded late last year that it violated civil rights by imposing punishment before trial.

WASHINGTON

High court: Officials immune in suit over inmate suicide

The Supreme Court says former Delaware prison administrators are immune from a lawsuit over a 2004 inmate suicide.

The justices on Monday ruled against the family of Christopher Barkes, who hanged himself just hours after being arrested for violating probation.

A federal appeals court ruled last year that the family could pursue claims that the prison violated Barkes' constitutional rights by failing to conduct a proper suicide prevention screening.

But the justices in an unsigned opinion said there was no clearly established law at the time giving inmates a right to adequate suicide prevention protocols.

WASHINGTON

Justices reverse deportation of man over minor drug crime

The Supreme Court has overturned the deportation of a Tunisian man whose crime was possessing drug paraphernalia.

Mones Mellouli was deported after he pleaded guilty to the minor drug crime in Kansas state court. The item in question was a sock that contained four pills of the stimulant Adderall.

Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg wrote for the court Monday that federal law does not authorize deportation for such a minor offense.

Justices Samuel Alito and Clarence Thomas dissented.

Either way, no more NSA collection of US phone records

By Ken Dilanian
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — However Congress resolves its impasse over government surveillance, this much is clear: The National Security Agency will ultimately be out of the business of collecting and storing Americans' calling records.

Aiming for passage this afternoon, the Senate on Monday prepared to make modest changes to a House bill that would end the collection while preserving other surveillance authorities. But while Congress debated, the law authorizing the collection expired at midnight Sunday.

The NSA had stopped gathering the records from phone companies hours before the deadline. And other post-9/11 surveillance provisions considered more effective than the phone-call collection program also lapsed, leading intelligence officials to warn of critical gaps.

The legislation now before the Senate, known as the USA Freedom Act, would reauthorize the surveillance but would phase out NSA phone records collection over time. It passed the House overwhelmingly and is backed by President Barack Obama. Sen. Rand Paul, who doesn't believe it goes far enough in restricting the government, objected anew on Monday, but he can't stop a vote to end debate scheduled for Tuesday morning.

If the bill becomes law over the next few days, the NSA will resume gathering the phone records but only for a transition period of six months, in the House version, or a year in the Senate version.

If the bill fails amid congressional politics, the collection cannot resume, period.

The turn of events is a victory for Edward Snowden, the former NSA contractor who disclosed the phone records collection in 2013.

Senators on the intelligence committee had been issuing veiled and vague warnings about the program for years, saying if Americans only knew how the Patriot Act was being interpreted they would be outraged.

But it was Snowden who revealed the details.

Because of Snowden, "people have some more insight into exactly how they are being spied upon and how the law has been twisted to authorize mass surveillance of people who have no connection to a crime or terrorism," said Harley Geiger, senior counsel with the Center for Democracy and Technology, an advocacy group that supports the USA Freedom Act.

Still, the current legislation would hardly count as a defeat for the NSA, Snowden's former employer. Agency officials, including former Director Keith Alexander, have long said they had no problem with ending their collection of phone records, as long as they could continue to search the data held by the phone companies, which the legislation allows them to do.

The USA Freedom Act doesn't address the vast majority of Snowden revelations, which concern NSA mass surveillance of global Internet traffic that often sweeps in American communication.

If the legislation fails and the surveillance provisions expire, that would be a blow to U.S. intelligence and law enforcement agencies. Besides the phone-records provision, expiration of the Patriot Act has meant a halt in the FBI's authority to gather business records in terrorism and espionage investigations, and to more easily eavesdrop on suspects who are discarding cellphones to avoid surveillance.

"There are specific tools that our national security professionals have previously used ... that they can as of today no longer use because of the partisan dysfunction in the United States Senate," White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday.

The amendments proposed by Sen. Richard Burr, the North Carolina Republican who chairs the intelligence committee, were designed, he said, to win quick House approval. One requires the director of national intelligence to certify that the NSA can effectively search records held by the phone companies in terrorism investigations. Another would require the phone companies to notify the government if they change their policy on how long they held the records.

A third, to extend the transition from six months to 12 months, promises to be somewhat controversial. But lawmakers may face a choice between controversy and the continued expiration of laws used to hunt spies and terrorists.

On Monday afternoon, House backers of the USA Freedom Act denounced the Senate's plan to amend it.

"These amendments only serve to weaken the House-passed bill and postpone timely enactment of legislation that responsibly protects national security while enhancing civil liberty protections," said a statement by Republican Bob Goodlatte of Virginia, who chairs the Judiciary Committee, and three other members.

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Airlines try to save time with speedier boarding process

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Airlines are trying to save time by speeding up a part of flying that creates delays even before the plane leaves the gate: the boarding process.

This summer travel season, Delta plans to preload carry-on bags above passengers' seats on some flights. Southwest wants to get families seated together more quickly.

Airlines have tinkered with different boarding systems almost since the days of Orville and Wilbur Wright, who tossed a coin to decide who would fly first aboard their biplane. Plenty of people have offered ideas for improvement, but no perfect method has ever emerged.

Most airlines let first-class and other elite customers board first. After that, some carriers fill the rear rows and work toward the front. Others fill window seats and work toward the aisle. Some use a combination of the two. Airlines have also tried other tricks, such as letting people board early if they do not have aisle-clogging carry-on bags.

It's not trivial stuff. With many flights full, anxious passengers know that boarding late means there might not be any room left in the overhead bin.

And it matters to the airlines. Slow boarding creates delays, which mean missed connections, unhappy customers and extra costs.

Researchers from Northern Illinois University once figured that every extra minute that a plane stands idle at the gate adds $30 in costs. About 1 in 4 U.S. flights runs at least 15 minutes late. Multiply that by thousands of flights each day, and it quickly adds up for the industry.

Delta's Early Valet service will offer to have airline employees take carry-on bags at the gate and put them in the bins above assigned seats. The airline wants to see if its own workers can load the bins faster than passengers.

The service began Monday on about two dozen flights, and that number is expected to rise steadily during June, Delta spokeswoman Morgan Durrant said.

Early Valet will be offered through August on some departures from Delta's busiest airports — Atlanta, New York, Los Angeles, Detroit, Minneapolis, Salt Lake City and Seattle.

It will be available only on flights that typically have a high number of vacationers. Presumably, business travelers know how to board a plane efficiently. Specially tagged bags will be stowed on the plane before boarding begins, Durrant said.

Delta tested the process last summer in Atlanta and Los Angeles and saw some reduction in boarding time, Durrant said.

Gary Leff, co-founder of frequent-flier website MilePoint, said the service will be the biggest help to passengers in the final boarding groups — the ones most likely to find the overhead bins full. Their bags will go in the cabin instead of being gate-checked as cargo.

"This has the potential to come across as a nice, high-end service," Leff said, "but I'm skeptical that it will go mainstream" because of labor costs.

Southwest Airlines wants to reduce complaints that families can't find seats together because flights are so crowded.

Unlike most airlines, Southwest does not offer assigned seats. Instead, passengers line up at the gate by group — first "A," then "B" and finally "C" — and pick their seat once they are on the plane. The system lets families board together after the "A" group, but only with children up to 4. Some families pay extra for priority boarding to improve their odds.

Flight attendants often have to ask other passengers to move to accommodate older children or families that don't get to the gate on time. That usually works, said Teresa Laraba, a senior vice president who oversees customer service, but Southwest recently tested expanding family boarding to include children up to 6, 8 or 11.

"We've always tried to finesse it," Laraba said, but the test is designed to see "if there is a tweak that would improve the overall experience for everyone."

The airline is now surveying customers and expects to make a decision in a few weeks, she said.

Microsoft Windows 10 set to arrive in July

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Microsoft will roll out the latest version of its Windows operating system July 29.

The company said Monday that Windows 10 is designed with mobile computing in mind, allowing users to switch seamlessly between personal computers, tablets, smartphones and other gadgets. The operating system is intended to give apps a similar feel on all devices and comes with a new Web browser integrated with Cortana, the company's voice-activated personal assistant.

Microsoft said Windows 10 will be available as a free upgrade for anyone currently running Windows 8.1 or 7, the two previous versions of the software.

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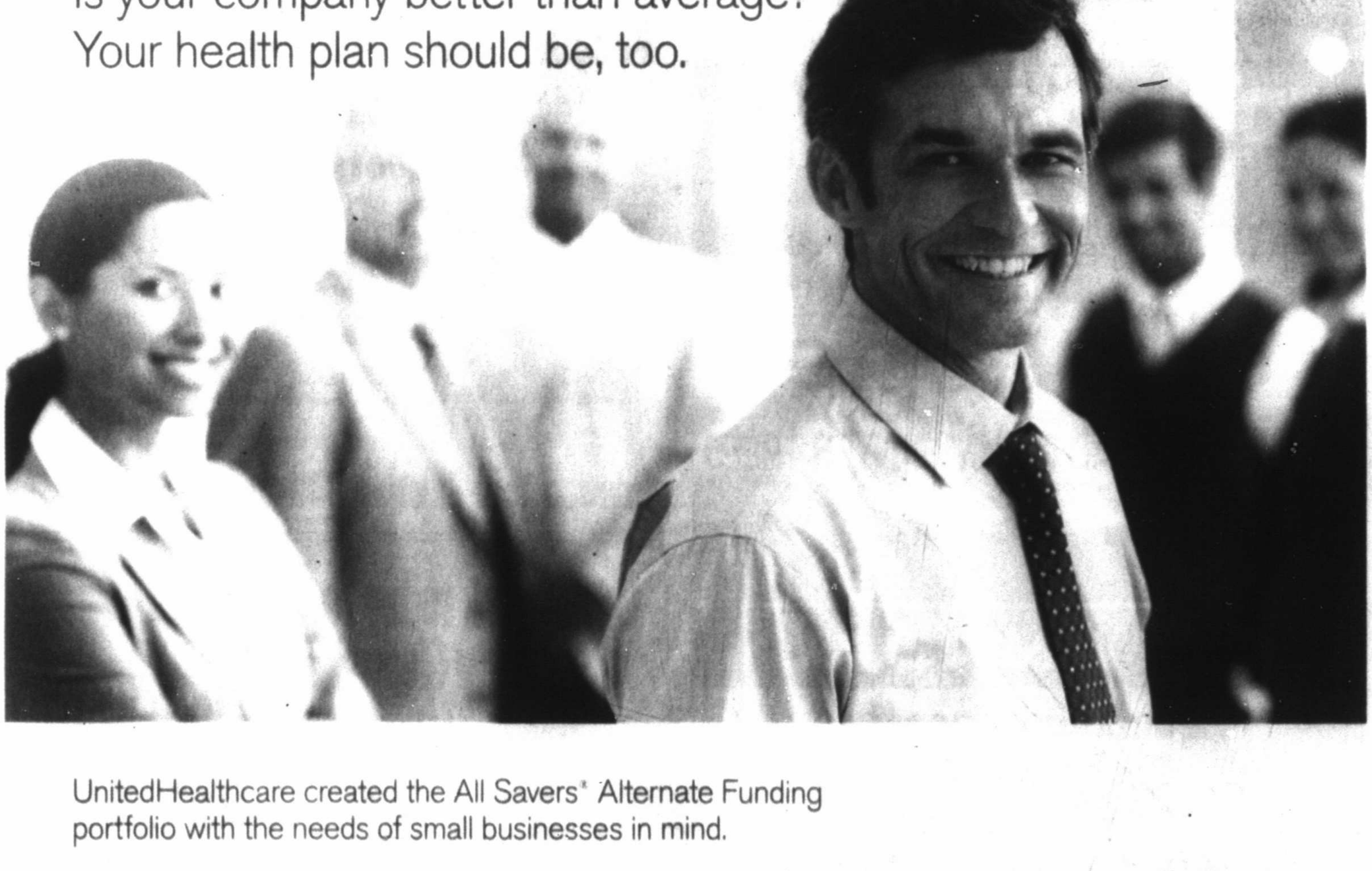
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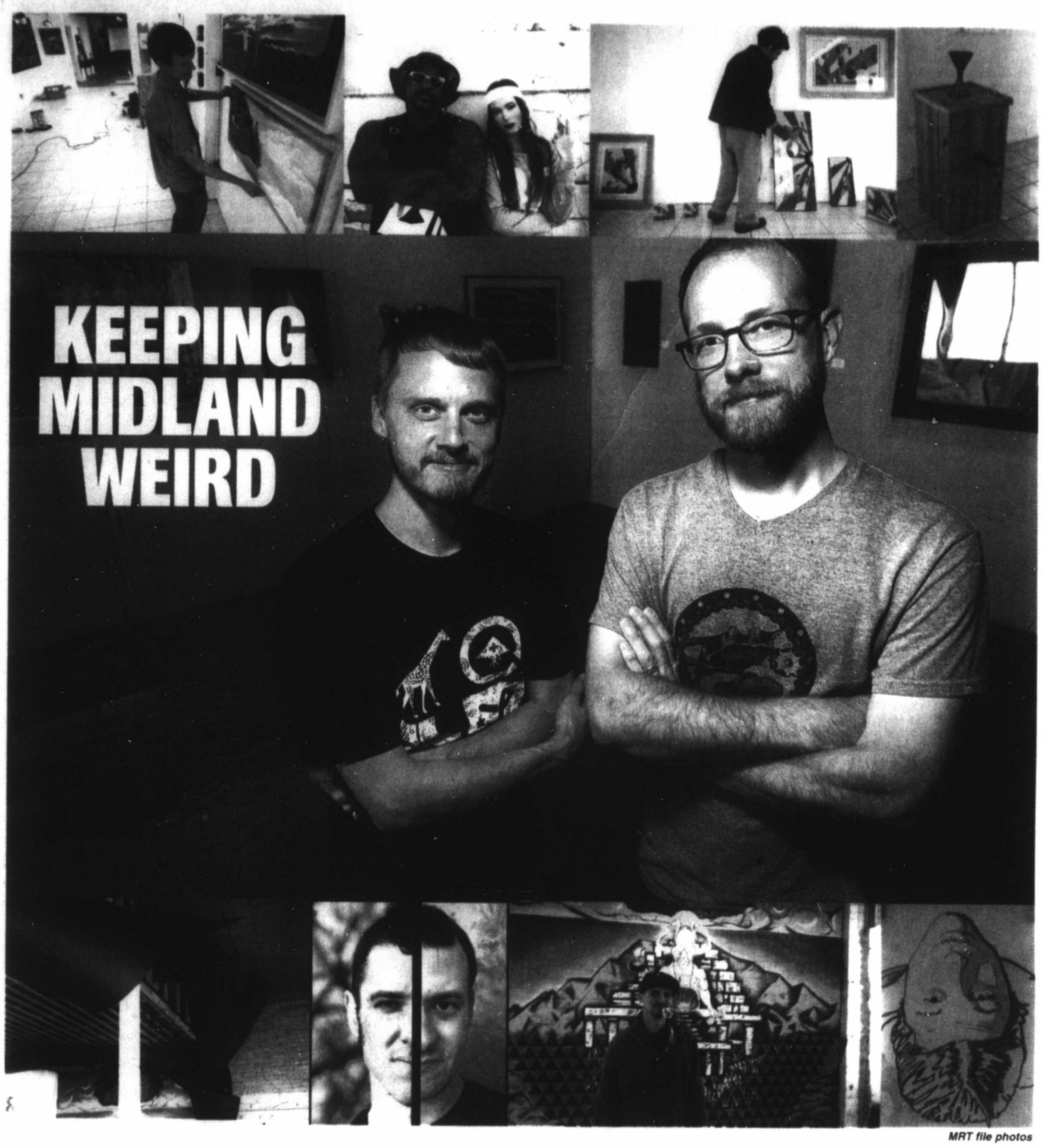
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Scott and Elliott Lunson pose for a photo June 10, 2014, in the Kamiposi Gallery. A collage of artists, artwork and musicians who have appeared at the venue is shown above and below the portrait of the brothers.

Kamiposi celebrates one year as arts alternative

By Rich Lopez
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On Friday, the contemporary art gallery Kamiposi (it rhymes with "kamikaze") will mark its one-year anniversary since opening at the corner of New York Avenue and Big Spring Street. In short time, the venue became the go-to for artists and musicians whose works might not be a fit anywhere else in Midland.

Since its opening, the venue has produced 13 art shows, more than 30 live music performances and varied offerings such as ArtPush's "Losing It" cabaret and dance party, as well as comedy and open mic nights, a vendor market and even classes in dance and art.

"I feel really great for sure, and I can't believe we been open for a year," Scott Lunson said. "I have to say I feel really accomplished with Kamiposi. That's the word for it."

Scott Lunson runs the day-to-day affairs, as well as books shows and handles the financials. But to say it's a one-man show or even a two-man show with his brother, Elliott, would be incorrect.

Kamiposi has certainly been a family affair.

"My wife, Kasie, puts in so much work and is always there for the openings and doing the email lists and the do432 stuff. And Elliott and (wife) Amanda and my mom (Jane Becker) are always a big help," Lunson said.

Kasie Lunson has begun do432 as a portal of social media for things to do in Midland and Odessa — most notably on Instagram. Many of Kamiposi's events are posted there. It also doesn't hurt that Elliott and Amanda Lunson and Becker are all art teachers.

"They know everybody," Scott Lunson added.

In the beginning, both brothers were pulling together to open the gallery and venue and with big intentions. Not only did they want to create a space for modern art, but to add to the texture of Midland's art scene. Or some might say, go against the grain of it.

Kamiposi's offerings aren't often considered the norm with art that features controversial imagery and music that is anything but country or folk.

"I think we've given people who wouldn't have a place to show their art and Scott's brought in bands from all

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Memorial Day trip to D.C. is life-changing experience

■ Mother, sister of Midland soldier who died in Iraq bond with family

Editor's note: U.S. Army veteran Angel Munoz and her mother, Sylvia Macias, of Midland visited Washington, D.C., over Memorial Day weekend. The trip was sponsored by Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation.

By Angel Munoz

The journey from tragedy to blessings is a long road. It has taken me 11 long years to get to the point where I am now. When my brother, Robert Arsiaga, left for Iraq, I never imagined him not coming home. I can remember the last time I saw him. I just sat there staring, trying to remember every little detail of him. I did not know why I was doing this — it bothered me, but I know now. Not too long after that came the knock on the door. At that moment we could not have possibly foreseen the greatness of God and the blessings that were down the road.

Flash forward 11 years. With the encouragement of my mother, I wrote about the true meaning of Memorial Day and how my brother's sacrifice affected our lives. My blog was selected to be used on the Army MWR (Morale, Welfare and Recreation) website, and in turn I was invited to Washington, D.C., and the experience of a lifetime. There is no way I can fully do the trip justice in just a few words. There were so many things that were exceptional, so many people we met, and so many stories to tell.

On the first day we had a dinner to get to know the other families and to meet the staff. There was an instant bond between us all. On Saturday (May 23), we went to the wreath-laying at the Navy Memorial and on a tour of Mount Vernon.

Sunday was pretty amazing. We went to the Pentagon to watch Rolling Thunder as the motorcyclists left to ride out to the Vietnam Memorial. It was said that more than 900,000 riders paid tribute to the fallen. We were all invited to the National Memorial Day concert on the West Lawn of the Capital. The concert, which airs on the PBS channel every year, was an emotional tribute to a fallen father of two young children and two injured veterans.

On Monday, Memorial Day, we were invited to the president's National Observance of Memorial Day speech at an amphitheater in Arlington



Courtesy photo

Angel Munoz, right, and her mother, Sylvia Macias, pose with Chet Edwards, former U.S. representative and senator from Texas at the Memorial Day concert.

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Rebuilt and restored, Dallas' original Pegasus flies again

By Michael Granberry
Dallas Morning News

DALLAS — Jeremy McKane had never thought much about Pegasus, Dallas' flying red horse, until art connoisseur June Mattingly sat him down in early 2011 and told him a story.

Like a grandma sharing a favorite memory, she told McKane how the Texlite sign company, owned by her father, H. Harold Wineburgh, had built the original flying red horse, which took its place atop the 29-story Magnolia Building in 1934.

For years, it remained the highest point in the Dallas skyline, visible from miles away, a rotating, enduring red icon of porcelain and neon.

Pegasus stayed there until 1999,

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Tom Fox/Dallas Morning News

Starlite Sign installers Brach Daniel, left, and Ray Allen wire the original red Pegasus horse sitting atop a miniature oil derrick in front of the Omni Dallas in on May 6 in Dallas. Measuring 42 feet wide and 40 feet high, the restored Pegasus will rise 40 feet upward from the base of a 22-foot-high platform.

when, rusted and decrepit, it was taken down. A new Pegasus, costing $600,000, took its place and was fully illuminated at the stroke of midnight on Jan. 1, 2000.

But like a grandson whose grandma's stories inspire more questions than answers, McKane could not help wondering: What happened to the original Pegasus?

Eleven years later, no one seemed to know. Thus began a mystery, an odyssey McKane likens to an Indiana Jones adventure. He and others completed the trek by finding the original Pegasus and restoring it for $200,000.

Its happy ending culminated Wednesday when Mayor Mike Rawlings relit the original flying red horse. The symbol of all things Dallas, it will once again shine brightly, this time on a makeshift oil derrick in front of the Omni hotel.

Getting to that point will give McKane a story he can tell his grandchildren.

First of all, he can tell them what Pegasus means and has meant for thousands of people.

For those who grew up in Dallas, Pegasus has long been our beacon, our emotional bond to the city we know as home, a link to the memories of a bygone time. Pegasus is our Gateway Arch, our Statue of Liberty.

It was conceived as the symbol of Magnolia Oil, which in 1959 was folded into Mobil. Pegasus also appeared on Magnolia and later Mobil signs at filling stations.

The comeback of Pegasus No. 1 is due in no small part to McKane's conversation with Mattingly.

McKane, 38, and Mattingly, 82, first crossed paths in 2011, when she curated his art exhibition at McKinney Avenue Contemporary. In November 2011, the Omni opened in downtown Dallas, its more than 6,000 artworks by 145 artists having been commissioned in part by McKane, who carried out the task for Matthews Southwest, which built the Omni.

The late Jeff West, a vice president at Matthews Southwest, had recruited McKane to help with the Omni artwork, having no idea that their biggest venture lay ahead.

As soon as Mattingly finished her story of the history of the horse, McKane longed to know where and how to find it.

"I think they moved it over to Farmers Market," Mattingly said. "But I really don't know. You know, Jeremy, I think we ought to find that horse."

Thus ensued a feeling of exhilaration, mixed with skepticism. "I figured it had to be in this big crate, locked away," he said, "Indiana Jones-style."

In April 2011, McKane shared with West his passion for wanting to find the missing horse. West did him one better, becoming a man on a mission, demanding daily from McKane the latest on the missing Pegasus. "He was determined," McKane said, "to give Dallas back a missing piece of its history."

The search began at Farmers Market, which turned up nothing, except for the clue that Pegasus had been there briefly, soon after leaving the Magnolia. McKane next went to Kay Kallos, public art coordinator for the city's Office of Cultural Affairs.

Despite the lack of a paper trail, Kallos concluded Pegasus might be in a city-owned shed near White Rock Lake. As best anyone could tell, Pegasus had been moved to Farmers Market temporarily, then stored at Fair Park temporarily, then moved to the shed near White Rock.

On April 27, 2012, McKane and crew went to the shed near White Rock and slowly opened its garage-like doors. The interior of the shed was, he said, dusty and musty to the max.

"We open this first crate," he said excitedly, "and then we see these neon tubes."

John Dennis, a conservator with the Dallas Museum of Art, had accompanied McKane and Co. He saw only the tubes and said, "What happened? Did somebody steal it?"

"You hear this groaning," McKane said, "like, 'Oh, no!'" But then they opened another crate and found most of the pieces.

"We really did feel like adventurers," McKane said. "We felt like we had found the idol. What's the one thing that is Dallas? It's Pegasus! It's right here. And we found it."

MUNOZ

From 1B

National Cemetery. This was an incredible honor. The cemetery is an incredible place of such sadness and beauty all mixed up in one.

Before departing on Tuesday (May 26) we had a tour of the capital building, which was so educational. We had hopes of meeting our congressmen, but they were in recess and had gone home to their respective districts, but we still got to meet their staff. I actually sat at Congressman Mike Conaway's desk. I hope they don't tell him.

One of the experiences that touched my heart was meeting Brenda and Pauline Shams from Kuwait on our tour of Mount Vernon. They became curious when they saw the shirts we were wearing in my brother's memory. They stopped and asked us who he was and what happened. As my mother, Sylvia Macias, finished our story, they began to tell us theirs. They told us how they were only 14 and 9 during Desert Storm and how thankful they were to my brother and others like him for their sacrifice. They told us of not having electricity or food at times, how a box of Raisin Bran brought them such joy when it was given to them by an American soldier. It was our men and women then that brought them hope and courage to flee a country for fear of death or worse things for young women in their country. The sacrifice of so many men and women came full circle in that moment. I realized what I knew all along — my brother's death and the sacrifice of so many others were not in vain. The sisters gave our family a priceless gift by telling us that story.

I was always well aware of the significance of the Arlington National Cemetery. As a soldier I learned an appreciation for the sacrifice made by so many men and women. There is an enormous number of fallen buried there, and there is one section dedicated to the most current casualties. That is section 60. It became even more personal when I learned that Sgt. Y.L. "Eddie" Chen was buried on those hallowed grounds. He was the first casualty of the battle that claimed eight lives, including that of my brother. It had become a personal goal to pay my respects to this man I never knew in life but grew to love in death. As we approached his name, I was overcome with grief and my heart was broken. I found myself so honored to be in the presence of another young and brave man. A promise kept to someone who became my brother. I will never forget the moment I laid down eight roses for the eight lives lost on that day in April 2004. I will grieve their memories for the rest of my life. I hope I also bring honor to their memories by always telling their stories.

I walked away from this experience with new family. A bond forged from unbearable tragedy. This became the most rewarding experience of the trip. I am thankful for the Kramers from Utah, especially Brandon, whose twin brother, Aaron, was killed in Afghanistan. Brandon had the duty and honor of escorting his brother's body home. I will hold a special place in my heart for Matt Bridges, who lost his son, Dougie. Then there was Maj. Marissa Alexander, who lost her husband and high school sweetheart, Leroy, in 2005. He left behind twins who are now 10 years old and never met their father. Who can forget the Funkhousers, Jennifer and her girls. They lost their father and husband in an attack on Memorial Day 2006 in Baghdad. We were honored to have as guests, Jo Douglas and Agatha Brolan from the UK, whose fathers were the sound and camera traveling with Capt. James Funkhouser when they were attacked.

I am blessed and honored to have been part of this experience. I will never forget what I saw, what I learned and the bond that is unbreakable when you are a part of the Gold Star Family. I will carry this with me forever.

A special thanks to the staff of Survivor Outreach Services and the Army Morale, Welfare and Recreation. Without you all, I would not have been a part of an experience that changed my heart and life.

KAMIPOSI

From 1B

over the country and even beyond," Elliott Lunson said. "I think it's enriched the art culture so much but also given people a hope or a goal that they can be heard, too, here."

For Scott Lunson, Kamiposi goes beyond just being a gallery or venue or even a space for the art he likes.

Kamiposi is a concept. "We were risking everything to make Kamiposi because we need music and art as any city does. It's good for our soul," he said. "But we're open to anything at the gallery. We have complete openness to the community whether they are artists or visitors. People can express themselves here without any sort of censorship."

As for the future, Scott Lunson is working on the venue's official website, has plans for some building modifications and even an art magazine.

But for now, come Friday night, which is also Kamiposi's monthly First Fridays, the new show will open with works by both Lunson brothers, Becker, Daiken Asakawa, Mike Richardson and Dagan Sherman — and perhaps a cake with a lone candle on it.

WANT TO GO?

First Friday One Year Anniversary Bash at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. 6 p.m. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Obituaries

Billy Bradford

Billy Bradford, 77, of Andrews, passed away early Sunday morning, May 31, 2015 at his home in Andrews.

Visitation will be Tuesday, June 2, 2015 from 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home in Andrews.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews. Pastor Less Hall will officiate.

Graveside services will be 3:00 p.m. Thursday, June 4, 2015 at Johnson Cemetery in Munday, Texas.

Billy was born July 19, 2015 at Vera, Texas. He moved to Andrews from Mustang, Oklahoma in 1986. He was a longtime member of Means Memorial United Methodist Church in Andrews. He retired from Redman in 2008. Billy loved his family and when his girls were young, they took many fishing and camping trips together. His grandchildren were his world, they meant everything to him. Billy loved to give to children's and veterans charities and he was very patriotic. He enjoyed wood working as well. He was a member of the Masonic lodge. He was kind to a fault and he was very family oriented and he loved God.

Billy was preceded in death by his wife, Billie Jean Branford in 1992; a daughter Cara, in 2006; his parents, Allan Monroe and Maudie Bell Bradford; and siblings, Louise Campbell, his twin, Betty Faye Landrum, Joy King, Donnie Bradford, and Charles Bradford.

He is survived by his daughters, Cliffa Pool of Andrews and Cecila Acuff of the Woodlands, Texas; brothers, Travis Bradford of Wichita Falls, Texas and Garland Bradford of Louisiana; and by three grandchildren, Cole Pool of Andrews, and Chase and Logan Acuff of the Woodlands, Texas.



Calvin David Neatherlin, Sr.

Calvin David Neatherlin, Sr., 67, born December 17, 1947, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at his home.

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Maureen "Mo" Neatherlin; his parents, Ben and Leona Neatherlin; and his sister, Nancy Anding Briggs.

The family will be accepting friends at the home of Jenifer Neatherlin on Tuesday evening, June 2, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Crestview Baptist Church on Wednesday, June 3, 2015, at 10:00 a.m., with interment following at Serenity Memorial Gardens. Dr. John Gerlach will be officiating the services.

Calvin attended Midland High School and served honorably as a Specialist 4 in Company B, Special Troops, in United States Army. He served from February of 1968 to February of 1970. He was Soldier of the Month in Vietnam in June of 1969. He was also awarded the Good Conduct Medal in February of 1970.

Calvin was a true enterpriser. He was a jack of all trades; he started a multitude of businesses working as a truck driver, horse trainer and racer, car salesman, wholesale salesman, construction, you name it. He loved change and had big ideas as he was a dreamer and a believer in the American dream.

Calvin, "Pops," was a vibrant, larger than life man. He was intelligent and had a persona that welcomed everyone with his bright smile. He had a zest for life and you can't forget his big belly laugh. He didn't know a stranger and lit up any room he entered.

He came from a very large family and was always doing his part to help in hard times. He was a protector and provider for all of his family, as well as his country.

He loved his family, horse racing, golf, the Dallas Cowboys, and was undoubtedly a super-fan of the Midland High Bulldogs. He thoroughly enjoyed sharing his opinion and felt obligated to share that opinion with the umpires.

As one of his nephews said, "If you didn't love Calvin Neatherlin, you didn't love anyone." That is the impact that Calvin left on everyone. You were better off for having known him.

Calvin is survived by his son, Cal Neatherlin, Jr. and his wife, Kim Neatherlin of San Antonio; daughter, Jeni Neatherlin of Midland; and grandchildren, Shianne Elliott, Shelby Neatherlin, Michael Elliott, Karsen Neatherlin, Christian Hancock, Seth Neatherlin, and Trinity Neatherlin.

He is also survived by his brother, Ben Neatherlin and wife, Louise of Midland; brother, Bill Neatherlin and wife, Billie of Midland; sister, Judy Wynn and husband, Terry Wynn of Colorado City; brother, Brad Neatherlin of Midland; brother, Mike Neatherlin of Brock; and his sister, Paula Kruse of Colorado City. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews and family near and far.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to VA Hospital in Big Spring, Texas or the March of Dimes.

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



Jimmy Dwian Ward

Jimmy Dwian Ward, 79, of Midland, Texas, went to his eternal home in Heaven on May 28, 2015.

Dwian was born in the Doss family farmhouse in Brown County, Texas, on December 22, 1935, to Myrtle Mary Doss and Virgil Dean Ward. He graduated from Bangs High School in 1955. He later studied welding at Midland College. Dwian was married to Patsy Ellisworth on September 28, 1968; they were married for 46 years.

After almost 30 years, Dwian retired as a measurement technician from Enron. He was a loving father, husband, and grandfather who enjoyed spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed following his children in the Lee High School band. He was a deacon at Bellview Baptist Church and taught Sunday school for many years.

Dwian is preceded in death by his parents, and his brother, Billy Ward.

Dwian is survived by his wife, Patsy; his children, Jimmy Lynn Ward and wife Traci, Doss Ellsworth Ward and wife Tara, and Sheila Ward Smith and husband John; his grandchildren, Brayden Ward, Mattie Smith, Devon Rose, Mason Smith, Alexander Ward, and Sophia Ward; his brother, Norris Dean Ward and wife Ann; and by numerous nieces and nephews and many cousins.

Visitation will be held from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at Ellis Funeral Home. The funeral service will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at Bellview Baptist Church, with Reverend Aaron Wills officiating, assisted by Reverend Myron Unruh. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Death Notices

Andrew Maeweather

Funeral services for Andrew Maeweather 37, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home. Andrew died May 29, 2015, in Odessa, Texas.

Dora M. Saldivar

Dora M. Saldivar, 85, of Big Spring, died Saturday, May 30, 2015. Rosary will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Holy Trinity Catholic Parish. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dora is survived by sons, Tony Saldivar, Jaime Saldivar, Ramon Saldivar and Johnny Saldivar; and daughters, Tia Del Toro, Bertha Miranda, Elizabeth Porras and Denise Garcia.

Mark Christley

Mark Christley, 53, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, May 31, 2015. The family will be accepting guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home on Sunday, June 7, 2015, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Funeral services will be at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel on Monday, June 8, 2015, at 1:00 p.m., with a reception following.

Mark is survived by his wife, Jacquelyn Christley; and two daughters, Cebrina Christley and Cekinah Christley.

Freddie Ramos

Freddie Ramos of Big Spring, Texas, passed away on May 27, 2015.

Funeral services will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Stanton, Texas on June 2, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. Burial will be held at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery immediately following the services.

Freddie is survived by his wife, Ashley Ramos; his mother, Maria Ramos; daughters Mary Ramos, Ruby Ramos, and Andrea Ramos; and two sisters.

Conference to raise awareness on elder abuse

From staff reports

Purple balloons will fill the sky over the CEED Building on Thursday when St. Joseph's Home Health Care hosts its sixth annual Elder Abuse Conference. Participants are asked to wear purple in honor of elder abuse awareness. Balloons will be released at 10:15 a.m. in memory of those who have died because of elder abuse or neglect.

The conference aims to increase awareness of seniors in situations of elder abuse and neglect, including self-neglect. Speakers will include representatives from Adult Protective Services, Alzheimer's Association, MCH Pharmacy, Texas Tech physicians and a veterans service officer. The conference is free to attend. Midland College will offer continuing education credits (CEUs) for the conference. Cost for CEUs is $15. Registration starts at 8 a.m., and lunch is included.

Speakers and topics include

- Virginia Quinn of APS on "Red Flags: Spotting the Signs of Financial Exploitation;"
- Janet Cross of Alzheimer's Association;
- Joe R. Rickey, veterans service officer, on veterans benefits specifically to those 60 and older;
- Shelley Blancett on "Mental Health Issues in Aging;"
- Josh Ward, clinical pharmacy specialist, on geriatric pharmacy issues; and
- Dr. Liliana Andrade on "Differentiating Normal Aging from Signs of Physical or Sexual Abuse."

For more information on the conference, call 684-5858 or email linda@stjoshh.com.

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		G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Fresh Off the Boat	Black-ish	Extreme Weight Loss "Josh and Kelli" (N)				KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
	KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Kill the Messenger"		NCIS: New Or "It Happened Last Night"		48 Hours		CBS 7 News	(:35) Mental. "Nothing Gold Can Stay"		(:35) J.Corden
	KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Fugitive Fraulein"		McCloud
	KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Smarter-5th Grader (N)		Hell's Kitchen "Four Chefs Compete" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
	KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	Mission: M25	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
	KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		America's Got Talent "Audition 2" The auditions continue in front of the judges. (N)				I Can Do That! (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
	KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		American Experience "Last Days in Vietnam"				America's Wildest Refuge		Charlie Rose (N)		Tavis Smiley (N)	Global 3000
	KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Lo imperdonable		Que te perdone Dios... Yo no		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
	KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Million..	Law:CI "Zoonotic"		Law & Order: C.I.		My News	Million..	Anger M.	M&M	Office	Access H
PREMIUM	FLIX	340	65		165		(5:05) Mindhunters		★★ Scanners ('80, Hor) Jennifer O'Neill.						★★ Maximum Overdrive		(:40) ★★ The Brood	
	HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:45) Dawn of the Planet of the Apes				Game of Thrones				FirstLook	(:45) Veep	(:15) Vice	(:45) Real Sports	Movie
	HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:10) Draft Day				The Good Lie ('12, Thril) Thomas Dekker.				LastWeek	Bill Maher	Lion	★ Enemy of the S..
	HBOS	304	70	16	102		(4:25) Contact		Vice	Veep (N)	★★ The Break Up Vince Vaughn.						★★ The Heat ('13, Com) Sandra Bullock.	
	MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:25) Blended Adam Sandler.			(:25)	★★ Blades of Glory				★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley		Femme	Femme
	MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	(:25) ★ As Above, So Below			★★ Hulk ('03, Act) Nick Nolte, Eric Bana.				(:20) Guide	(:50) Guide	(:20) ★ Calvary	
	PLEX			96			(5:15) Earth Girls ...		★★★★ Places in the Heart Sally Field.						(:55) ★★ Married Life		★ Bait Shop Bill Engvall.	
	SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(:35) ★★ Mission: Impossible III				Nurse J.	HAPPYish	Penny Dreadful		Comedy	HAPPYish	Nurse J.	Comedy
	TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:35) Next Day Air		★ Fruitvale Station				★ Blue Caprice		(:05) ★ Blood Out Luke Goss.			Movie
CABLE	A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Married at First Sight "Intimacy"		Married:LoveUnlocked "Way of Life" (N)		Married "Last Chance for Romance" (N)		Married "Last Chance for Romance"		Married at First Sight "Intimacy"		Married:LoveUnlocked "Way of Life"	
	AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Lara Croft T...		★★★ The Adjustment Bureau Matt Damon.						★★★ Insidious ('10, Hor) Rose Byrne, Patrick Wilson.			
	BET	58	26		40		(5:50) Nelly	(:55) Nellyville "Homecoming"			Nellyville (N)		Nellyville		Single Ladies		Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO	65	63		41		Wives "Family Matters"		New York Social (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Secrets Wives (P) (N)		Real Housewives		Southern Charm	
	CNBC	46	45		39	72	Profit "Tonnie's Minis"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
	DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Sons of Winter (N)		D. Catch "Zero Hour"		Sons of Winter	
	DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	(5:40) Tinker Bell ...		Jessie "G.I. Jessie"		KC Under Girl		Austin	Liv/Mad	I Didn't	Dog Blog	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	Grantland Basketball		NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)					SportsCenter			SportsCenter	
	ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	30 for 30 "Brothers in Exile"			30Shorts	Grantland B-ball		Baseball Tonight (L)		Grantland B-ball		Baseball Tonight (L)	
	FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Stitchers (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Stitchers	
	FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The Kelly File		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	Under the Lights	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Insider (N)	WPT Poker Five Diamond Classic	
	FX	31	31	59	64	69	M&M	M&M	★★★ The Bourne Legacy ('12, Act) Rachel Weisz, Jeremy Renner.						★★★ The Bourne Legacy Jeremy Renner.			
	HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Conflict"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Flip (N)	Flip (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
	HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Lost in Transmission		Transmi. "The Thing"		(:05) Lost in Transmi.		(:05) Lost in Transmi.		Lost in Transmission	
	LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★★ While You Were Sleeping		★ The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe ('15, Bio) Susan Sarandon. 1/2 cont'd next						★ The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe ('15, Bio) Kelli Garner, Susan Sarandon. 2/2		★ The Secret Life of Marilyn Monroe 1/2	
	MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN	38	39				To Be Announced				To Be Announced						To Be Announced	
	NICK	55	34	39	34	37	H.Danger	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Younger	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	FreshP	FreshP
	SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	★★ Constantine ('05, Sci-Fi) Rachel Weisz, Keanu Reeves.						★★ The Punisher ('04, Act) John Travolta, Thomas Jane					
	SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	(5:00) ★★ Paul		★★ Ultraviolet ('06, Act) Nick Chinlund.				Troy: St. Magic (N)		Troy: Magic (5F) (N)		Wizard Wars	
	TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Your Family (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Family Presents	Conan
	TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Miracle in ...		★★ The Hunters ('58, War) Richard Egan.				★★★ The Enemy Below			(:45) ★★★ Split Second		
	TELE	20	8	10	20		★ Gato con botas ('11, Animated)		★ RED ('10, Act) Helen Mirren, Bruce Willis.				El señor		Al rojo	Antesala	FIFA Futbol	
	TLC	51	33	32	38	52	The Little Couple "Bill's Surgery"		The Little Couple "Lift Off!" (N)		The Little Couple "A Little Holiday Spirit"		The Willis Family		The Little Couple "A Little Holiday Spirit"		The Willis Family	
	TNT	24	23	43	26	50	Castle "Like Father, Like Daughter"		Castle "A Murder Is Forever"		Castle "Disciple"		Castle "The Good, the Bad and the Baby"		CSI: NY "Who's There?"		CSI: NY "Brooklyn Til I Die"	
	TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Reba	Reba	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger (N)		Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
	USA	26	30	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows (N)	Royal Pains "Rebound" (SP) (N)		(:05) Modern	(:35) Modern	(:05) Chrisley	(:35) Chrisley
	WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		★★★ The Sixth Sense A child psychologist tries to help a young boy who is haunted by ghosts.						Salem "Wages of Sin"	Mother "Swarley"	Rules of Engage	Rules of Engage

Graduates' recipe for happiness includes naps, doing what you love, ignoring hassles

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller



Every once in a while, I'm asked to be the speaker at a high school graduation. I love doing that because I've seen some colorful and different events. The graduates are always in a good mood and make a terrific audience.

Borden County High School in Gail asked me to speak at a baccalaureate service, something I had never done before. Baccalaureate is defined as a sermon to a graduating class. The word sermon sort of scared me. Then I looked up that word. A sermon is defined as a religious discourse or a speech on conduct or duty. That made me breathe a little easier.

When I posted on my Facebook page that I was going to be speaking at a religious service, I received a note from someone telling me they could not make the baccalaureate service but wanted to know if I was going to be preaching the following Sunday.

I delivered the speech to the receptive 14 graduates, their families and friends, who were there to let the youngsters know they are appreciated. The class of 2015 at Borden County High School has helped fill the already crowded trophy cases with awards in academics, the arts, athletics and agriculture. It was an honor to speak to such an accomplished class. The school campus is impressive.

I told the group to depend on divine guidance in some of their big decisions and to listen to the still small voices that come to us in strange times and places. I mentioned some of my own experiences in getting an education and heading out on life's journey.

Each graduate was given a large envelope containing my latest CD and a list of things that make for a successful life titled "Tumbleweed's Recipe for Happiness." Here are some of them: Be a friend; help somebody; do what you love; don't be greedy; live in a place where you feel good; don't forget God; be thankful; whistle; smile; phone home; attend your high school reunions; make no small plans; ignore hassles and disappointments; listen; think; read; learn; be open to possibilities; concentrate on leaving a legacy of accomplishment; enjoy the view; learn another language; see as much of the world as you can; look at the big picture; meet as many people as you can; respect the rights and beliefs of others; take care of your teeth; don't interrupt; wave at children on school buses; keep your promises; guard your reputation; marry only for love; be community minded; be silly sometimes; don't be bashful; sing in the shower; be generous; don't gossip; don't expect money to make you happy; be forgiving; say thank you and please; dress nicely; stop blaming others; never give anyone a fruitcake; do nice things anonymously; vote; remember that peace, health and love are the real signs of success; be an example; be truthful and caring; enjoy homemade cookies; take a nap; show up; laugh.

The graduating class of 2015 at Borden County High School in Gail is extremely talented and intelligent. Most of them are entering college as sophomores.

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'Fifty Shades of Grey' sequel to be published June 18

Associated Press

NEW YORK — E L James is back for more.

A fourth novel in the British author's multimillion-selling "Fifty Shades of Grey" erotic series will be released June 18 by Vintage Books, the publisher announced Monday. The new book is called "Grey," told from the point of view of billionaire Christian Grey, whose explicit romance with young Anastasia Steele became an international obsession. As with the "Fifty Shades" books, "Grey" will be published as an e-book and a paperback original.

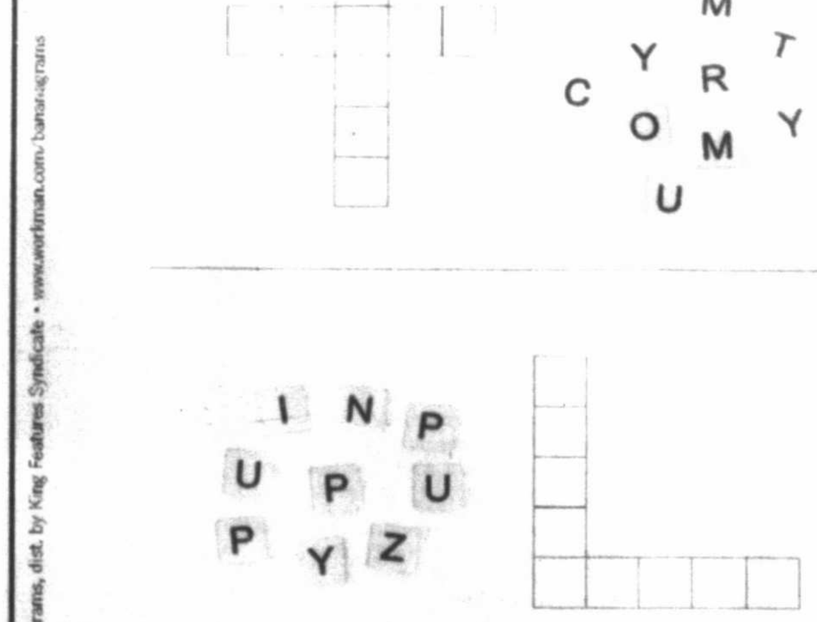
In a statement issued through Vintage, a paperback imprint of Penguin Random House, James said she was dedicating the new book to readers who had "asked ... and asked ... and asked ... asked" for a novel narrated by Christian.

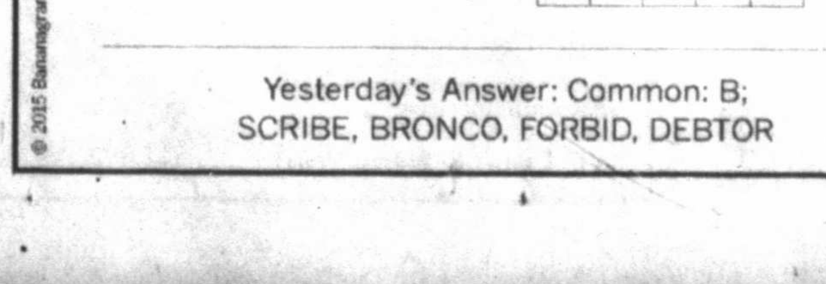
"Christian is a complex character and readers have always been fascinated by his desires and motivations, and his troubled past," she said. "Also, as anyone who has ever been in a relationship knows, there are two sides to every story."

BANANAGRAMS!

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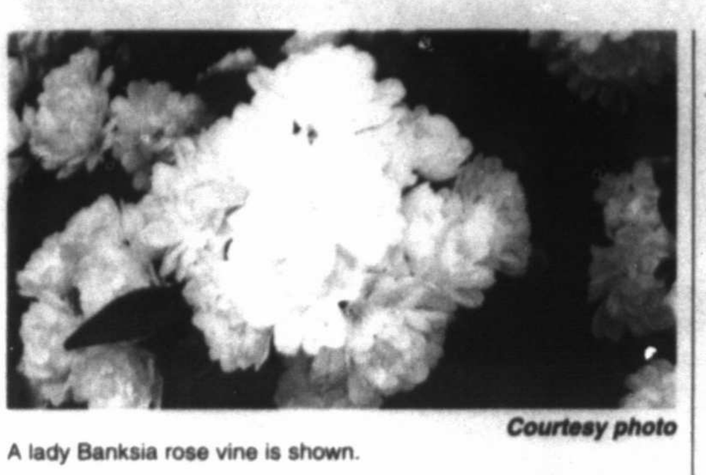




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Yesterday's Answer: Common: B; SCRIBE, BRONCO, FORBID, DEBTOR

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Courtesy photo

A lady Banksia rose vine is shown.

NEIL SPERRY



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Homeowner wants to replace lost vine

Dear Neil: When we purchased our home in 1972, there was a mesquite tree that was covered with a vine. The vine sported many tiny pale yellow blooms that looked like little roses. I believe they even smelled like roses, but it only bloomed in the spring. But this vine grew to the top of the 25-foot tree. It also didn't have any thorns. When the mesquite was removed, the vine was lost. Do you have any idea what it might have been? I'd like to get another one.

Answer: That was almost assuredly Lady Banksia rose. It matches up with every part of your descriptions except that it's not fragrant. It's readily available in the Texas nursery trade. It's eager to grow, but it does need stout support. Great plant.

Dear Neil: I have brackish water from an 80-foot well I have used for irrigation. I have been using it for four years and I haven't seen any negative effects. Last year I treated the yard with gypsum to counter-act any problems that might eventually crop up. Is that the right thing?

Answer: Yes. It is one of the options. I just did a Web search of the words "university gypsum high sodium soils" and got scores of good matches. There is extremely detailed information on amounts to apply and techniques of application. A soil test from a recognized university lab such as the Texas A&M Soil Testing Lab could also be of great starting point. Don't be afraid to ask their advice as you submit your sample. I suppose you could also have them do a well-water test at the same time to see how bad the source really is. Again, ask them to interpret their findings in plain English (as opposed to just parts-per-million).

Dear Neil: How universally adapted are fescue, zoysia and hybrid bermudagrass to Texas conditions? Much of the information I have found seems to be for other areas.

Answer: Fescues are cool-season grasses, meaning that they do most of their vigorous growing in fall and spring, and that they stay green during the winter. Their biggest struggle comes in summer, and it's especially bad where nights stay warm. Fescues are best adapted to the Texas Panhandle and not so much in East or South Texas. Fescue does, however, require more water than other grasses.

Zoysias are well adapted to all of Texas. They have a somewhat longer dormant season than other warm-season grasses, but they do quite well across the state. Lots of research and development work is being done for zoysias in Texas.

Hybrid bermudas are just as well adapted as common bermuda. They all do well in all of the state except the northern Panhandle. If you're talking about the dwarf hybrids that are used on athletic fields and golf courses, those are started vegetatively (plugs, sod or by hydromulching sprigs). If you're talking about the seed-grown hybrids, those are probably superior to common bermuda, but they are hard to tell apart from common.

Dear Neil: Every year I have this yellowing in my bermuda lawn. I use a southern blend of fertilizer early each spring. I have applied a fungicide. I've treated for grubs. What do you think it might be?

Answer: I sent your photo and question to a plant pathologist friend of mine who works in the field of turf diseases, specifically Take All Root Rot in St. Augustine. He confirms this is probably the same organism, but he says it's more difficult to control in bermuda than in St. Augustine, because bermuda has rhizomes (below-ground stems) as well as stolons (above-ground runners). That's important, because the disease is favored in alkaline soils, hence his treatment is to apply sphagnum peat moss one inch deep to reduce the pH of the soil interface around the St. Augustine runners. It sounds unusual, but I have personally seen it work on my own lawn. But with bermuda rhizomes buried in the soil, the peat would not have the same degree of benefit. He said he felt the abundant rainfall in much of Texas would also have added to this problem. He advised that you may have to consider reworking the soil in the dead areas and replanting with healthy grass dug from elsewhere in your yard. This particular pathogen is especially troublesome.

Dear Neil: Are those ugly galls on my peach tree harmful? What can I use to treat them?

Answer: That's peach leaf curl. It's a bacterial infection that actually overwinters on the tree's twigs, then infects the new growth in the spring. It doesn't do a lot of damage, but if you want to try to reduce its impact, apply a copper-based fungicide soon after all the leaves have fallen in autumn. The curled leaves on your peaches will be dropping soon, if they haven't already.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST



Courtesy photo

A swallowtail caterpillar. Many gardeners establish plant species to attract and feed caterpillars so they can enjoy up close and personal butterfly interactions.

There's a worm for every plant occasion. Most of these worms transform into a variety of butterflies, which is nothing short of a miracle. Others might be trying to rob you of your fruit and color.

Many gardeners establish plant species to attract and feed caterpillars so they can enjoy up close and personal butterfly interactions. Plant Passion Vine to attract gulf fritillary caterpillars, fennel for swallowtails and butterfly weed for monarchs. But then there are times when caterpillar feeding may have a destructive impact on your garden.

If gulf fritillary caterpillars are eating your Passion Vine to the ground, you may need to invest in another vine. Plants that may take a dive because of caterpillar feeding include Texas mountain laurel, Spanish broom, tomato plants, salvia, coreopsis and lantana.

For large worms that are easily seen, like those on the first three plant species mentioned, hand picking is an excellent method of control. Hand picking is easy, safe and can be therapeutic if you can get past the "squish" part. If you can't get past the "squish," prepare a small bucket with soapy water to drop them into.

For smaller worm species, such as bud worms, tomato pin worms and such, treatment may be necessary. Bacillus thuringiensis, commonly referred to as Bt is a good, safe solution. Bt is a naturally occurring bacterial disease that affects only the immature forms of moths and butterflies and is considered safe to people and non-target species. Some formulations are labeled for use on edible plants. Bt is available in a dust or liquid and could be applied to the leaves of plants needing intervention. Bt breaks down quickly so re-application may be necessary if damage continues to occur.

Spinosad is another product that will control many caterpillars as well as thrips, leafminers, spider mites, mosquitoes, ants, fruit flies and other insects. It is a natural substance made by a soil bacterium that makes the target critters sick. It is a mixture of two chemicals called spinosyn A and spinosyn D. It is also labeled for some vegetables and edibles. It is a little harder to find, but definitely worth the search if you have a worm battle on your hands.

It is never a good idea to do blanket treatments, even with these safer products. Target the plants that are being damaged and leave the other plants alone. Many caterpillars are host plant specific and don't get on other plants.

Find garden re-leaf by taking a close look at what's happening. There may be an army of worms chowing down on your garden.

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Foods high in water content help with hydration during summer

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Water is critical to our overall health. It is widely accepted that humans can survive for more than a month without food, but only a few days without water.

Water transports glucose, oxygen and fat to working muscles. It also transports waste products away from working muscles and out of the body. Water helps us digest our food and lubricates our joints, organs and tissues.

A little known fact about water is we get it from more than just fluids — it is a major component of many foods. In fact, meal consumption is very important in ensuring full hydration on a day-to-day basis.

Eating foods with high water content adds volume but minimal calories to the diet. Foods with high water content promote a feeling of fullness. Fruits and vegetables are two food groups that have generally high water content.

Fruits that are high in water content include watermelon, citrus fruits, grapes, apples, papaya and strawberries. Vegetables high in water content include carrots, bell peppers, lettuce, tomato, cucumber, squash and broccoli.

During the summer months, it is especially important to keep hydrated, especially for young children and older adults.

You, or someone you know, might avoid water because it has no taste.

There are ways to flavor your water, without adding sugar. Mixing fruits like watermelon, peaches, oranges and strawberries in a pitcher of water can make for a flavorful and colorful drink. Mint leaves and cucumber are also popular additions to a glass of water.

Kids can be allowed to choose fruits and vegetables to flavor water or a smoothie to increase their hydration.

Yogurt Parfait

From cookingmatter.org
Serves: 6
(1 parfait per serving)

4 cups fresh or thawed frozen fruit, such as bananas, strawberries, peaches or mango
3 cups nonfat plain yogurt
1 1/2 cups granola
2 Tablespoons sliced almonds (optional)

If using fresh fruit, rinse, peel and/or trim as needed. If using thawed frozen fruit, drain any excess juices. Cut fruit into 1/4-inch thick slices. There should be about 3 cups total.

Layer 1/4 cup yogurt into each of 6 cups or bowls. Top with 1/4 cup sliced fruit and 2 Tablespoons granola.

Repeat layers one more time, ending with a layer of granola.

If using, top with sliced almonds.

Chef's notes:

- Layer parfait just before serving to keep granola crunchy.
- Use any high-fiber cereal you like instead of granola.
- Try topping with rinsed, chopped fresh mint leaves for extra flavor and color.
- To save money, use fresh fruits that are in season. When seasonal fruits are hard to find, use thawed frozen fruit.

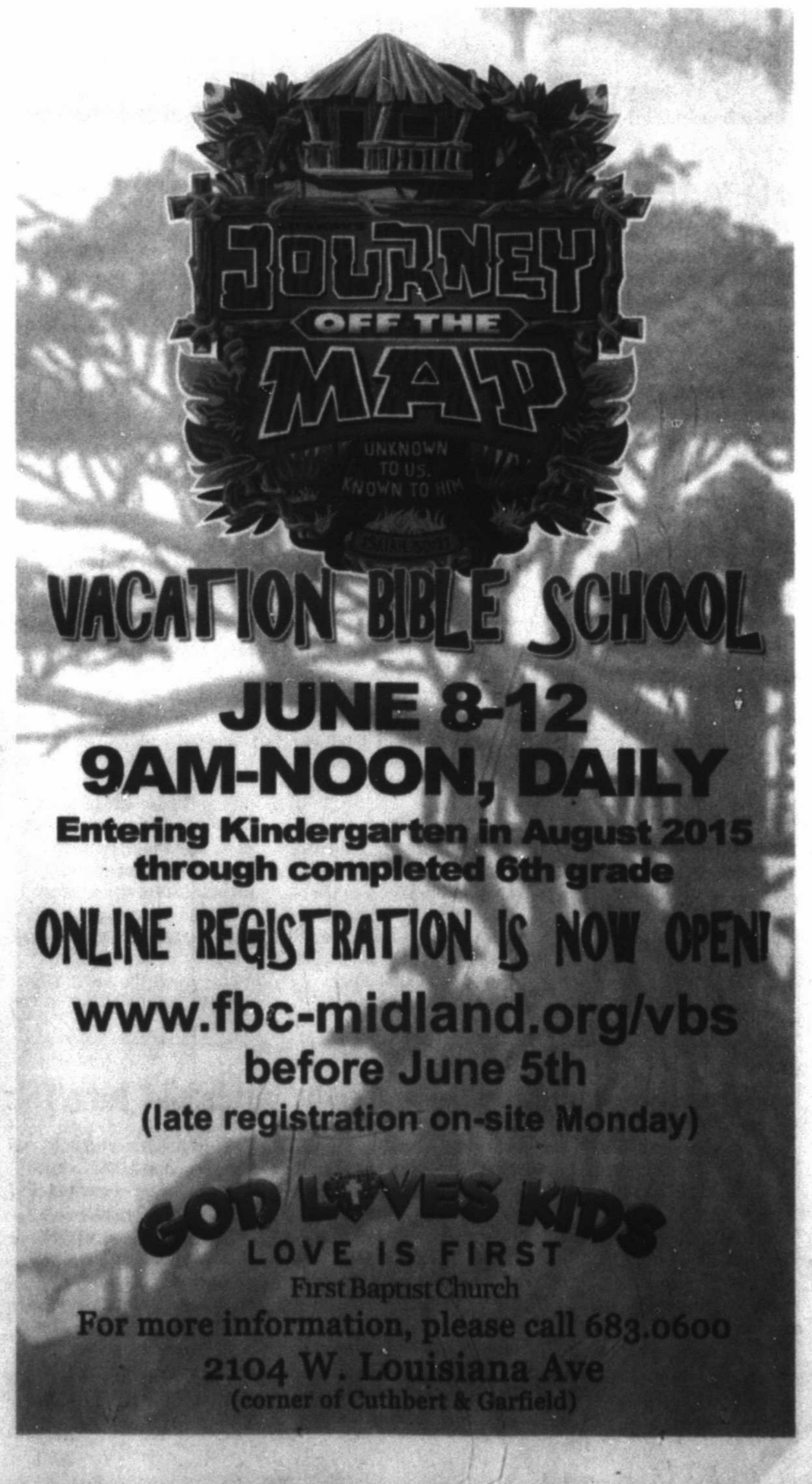
Source: Iowa State University Extension and Outreach http://cookingmatters.org/recipes/yogurt-parfait

VOLUNTEER FOR THE SUMMER... GAIN VALUABLE WORK EXPERIENCE
Midland Memorial Hospital Auxiliary Needs Junior Volunteers
Orientations
All Meetings Held On Main Campus
ORIENTATION
June 1, June 8, June 15, June 22, 2015
1 p.m.
Conference Center
Junior Volunteers Are Ages 14-18.
Shifts are 4 hours.
Cost is $25 for a uniform
Many Areas To Choose From. Make The Most Of Your Summer And Give Back To Your Community.
IT'S FUN. IT IS A LEARNING EXPERIENCE.
230-3459 FOR ADDITIONAL INFO.
OR EMAIL kim.modisett@midland-memorial.com
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Nicolas "Nick" Marquez
June 2, 1989 – August 2, 2008
Happy 26th birthday
We wish you were here today even for just a little while so we could say Happy Birthday and see your beautiful smile.
The only gifts today will be the gifts you left behind; The laughter, joy and happiness... precious memories...the best kind.
Today we will do our very best to try and find a happy place... struggling to hide our heavy hearts and the tears on our face.
We will sit quietly and look at your picture thinking of you with love; hoping you're doing okay in Heaven up above.
May the angels hold you close and sing Happy Birthday to you and we will be sending wishes to you today and all year long.
WE Love & Miss You!





TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 68

WEDNESDAY: Sunny High: 97 Low: 69

THURSDAY: Sunny High: 95 Low: 69

FRIDAY: Sunny High: 94 Low: 67

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 94 Low: 68

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 95 Low: 69

Local forecast

A small chance of showers (10 percent) is in the National Weather Service forecast today. Otherwise, expect dry conditions through Monday.

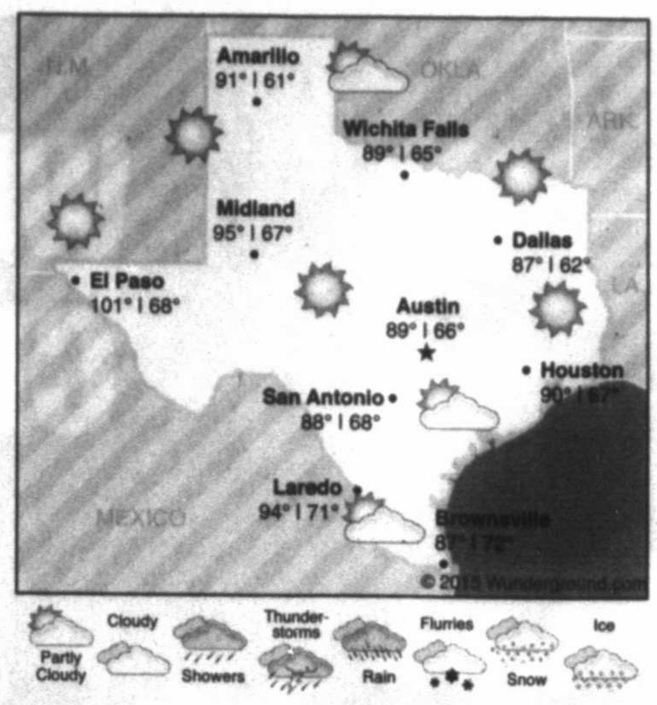
The forecast calls for above-average high temperatures this week, including the warmest day of the year so far today and Wednesday.

The record high for June 1 is 107 set in 1998. The record low is 47 set in 1983.

Weather why

Q: Texas has had one storm after another recently. Which state has the most thunderstorms?

The answer is Florida, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. Florida has all of the right ingredients for thunderstorms — especially warm, humid air and heat. "Because of its large coastline and its high temperatures, Florida has more thunderstorms than any other state," McRoberts explained. "In fact, Florida has the top four thunderstorm cities: Tampa, Orlando, Miami and Jacksonville. National Weather Service data shows parts of Florida have more than 100 thunderstorm days each year, the most in the United States. It is also one of the most frequent places for lightning strikes in the world."



Precipitation

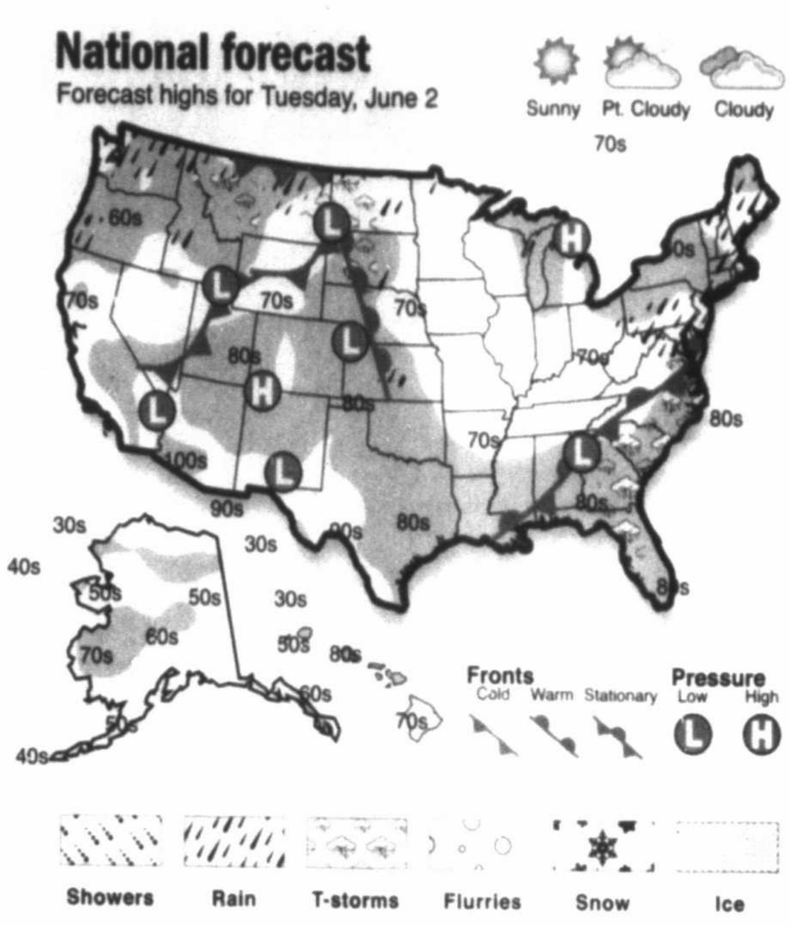
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	8.99 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.33 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	91
Low	62
Normal high	91
Normal low	64
Sunrise	6:43 a.m.
Sunset	8:50 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, June 2



Parents welcome daughters' boyfriend into family

DEAR ABBY



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

DEAR ABBY: We have two lovely daughters in their 20s. The older one lives with her boyfriend. They are expecting a baby soon. Our younger daughter lives with us, and she's planning on moving in with her boyfriend.

We're an old married couple, and we're not sure how to treat our daughters' boyfriends. However, "Gerald" is the father of our new grandchild, and we think of him as family. "Joel" is a great guy who is in love with our younger daughter and vice versa, so we think of him as family, too.

We stumbled through the holidays not knowing if we should get gifts for them. Joel is having a birthday soon. Should we get him a gift? We want to bring the boyfriends into our family and treat them like our children, but we don't know if we're overstepping our bounds. Can we start treating them like sons and wait for them to correct us? — STUMBLING IN NEW ENGLAND

DEAR STUMBLING: Stop stumbling. I can't think of a better way to draw your daughters' significant others into your family than to open your hearts, let them know they are welcome and treat them that way.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 17 and will start my senior year of high school next fall. Recently, I started talking to this boy in my cooking class named "Ethan." He's a year older, but I decided to make the first move. We went on a few dates and he was quiet, reserved and respectful. Overall, he's a nice guy.

At first, the fact that he's only an inch taller than I am bothered me. But then he told me about a foot deformity he has. He said two of his toes on each foot are attached and he calls them "webbed." When he sent me a photo one day to prove it, I realized his toes were almost entirely attached and I freaked out. I don't know how to feel. Am I being shallow? — NERVOUS IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR NERVOUS: No, I think you're being foolish. Ethan's toes are HIS issue, and you appear to be making it yours. You say he's a nice guy. Try to remember you are not dating his feet, you are dating the person to which they are appended, and a person's toes are not the measure of his character.

P.S. This is an excellent example of why it's unwise to send photos of one's anatomy.

DEAR ABBY: My daughter is being married for the second time. Some of the guests were invited to her first wedding and will be invited to her second one, as well.

As her mother, I don't feel right about expecting certain guests who have already given her one wedding gift to give her another at the second wedding. How would you suggest we convey to this "select group" that a gift is not expected from them? Would it be proper to state something such as "Your presence is our present"? — MOTHER OF THE BRIDE, AGAIN

DEAR MOTHER OF THE BRIDE: NO mention of gifts should be made in your daughter's wedding invitation. I agree that guests who gave your daughter gifts for her first wedding should not feel compelled to buy her anything more than a token gift for this one. This goes for ANY guest who attended the first wedding, not just "select" guests, whatever that means. Any discussion regarding gifts should be done verbally by you if you are hosting the wedding.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

On second thought

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♣ K 5 4

WEST
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EAST
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♡ 10 7 6 3
♢ 7 5
♣ A 8 6

SOUTH
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The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
3	All pass		

Opening lead: Three of ♣

Oddly enough, the lower range for a non-jump no-trump overcall is about the same at the one, two, and three levels — roughly a good 15 points. The upper range varies a bit, especially for a three no-trump overcall, but the low range is consistent. West considered overcalling three no-trump on today's deal, but his minimum point count and flat shape caused him to go quietly. That decision would get a lot of expert support, despite the fact that three no-trump would probably have made for East-West. Note, however, that a four heart contract would almost certainly have failed. Could they defeat three diamonds?

West chose the normal lead of a low club, going to East's ace. East returned a club and South's jack was covered by the queen and king. From this point, declarer was able to hold his losses to two trumps and a heart — making three.

We can't fault West for leading a club, but the defense could have prevailed anyway. Can you spot how? East, rather than playing his ace of clubs at trick one, could have inserted his eight! At some point, South would have to play clubs himself, losing two club tricks to go with two diamonds and a heart — down one.

How could East find that play? Assuming that West, from the lead of the three, cannot hold more than five clubs, how can it cost? It breaks even most of the time, wins against this combination, and never loses.

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, June 2, 2015:

This year you often see both sides of an issue. You might find yourself caught in the middle of a debate. You don't need to play devil's advocate. You have a very easy time convincing the majority of people of the rightness of your ideas. If you are single, your popularity is undeniable. Few can say "no" to you. You'll need to figure out what type of bond you want before you get involved with anyone. If you are attached, the two of you enjoy each other's company more and more. You allow yourselves to disagree by respecting a difference of opinion. SAGITTARIUS knows how to test your patience.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Take a risk, now that you can see the big picture. Clear up any confusion by having a brainstorming session. You easily could have a misunderstanding arise from out of the blue. Give some extra time and attention to a key person. Tonight: Respond to an inquiry.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Make an extra effort toward key people in your life. How you see a situation is likely to change as a result. You genuinely will feel more upbeat than you have in quite a while. Avoid overspending if possible. Tonight: Be with a favorite person.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Try to tame your challenging ways in order to get past a problem that keeps reappearing. You might want to let go of an interaction that is most uncomfortable. You could find yourself in a squabble before you realize it. Proceed with care. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Much is going on in your mind, and you could be going over the same scenario over and over again. Do whatever works in order to let go of this mental rehearsal that keeps replaying, and you will feel much better. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You'll discover the pros and cons of a situation by tapping into your ingenuity. An argument could ensue from out of nowhere. Don't let a misunderstanding develop into anything more; the other party probably has been under a lot of pressure. Tonight: Keep the peace.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ The instinct to stay close to home or to cocoon in some way might not be a bad thing. You have personal matters to handle, and you likely will have to deal with someone who has become quite difficult. Step back and get out of the line of fire. Tonight: Make it easy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Understand that you can say what you think, but you can't control others' reactions. Honor a change in upcoming plans, or perhaps you will want to take the time to make plans for a long-desired getaway. Tonight: Keep a conversation as nonjudgmental as possible.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You might want to try a different approach or a new way of handling a problem. You could be quite exhausted by recent events. Remember that just because someone doesn't agree with you, it doesn't mean you are wrong. Tonight: Make it your treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Go after what you want, but expect to get some flak from a loved one. This person simply does not agree with you right now. Take an overview, and you might be able to present the issue in a way that this person can understand. Tonight: Stay on top of a problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ A discussion will allow others to express their feelings and support. You might need to have a brainstorming session with someone who likes to play devil's advocate. Understand what is going on in your immediate circle. Tonight: Take a night off from everything.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You could be dragged down by a situation that becomes difficult, as someone might want to express his or her views and get your approval. You'll be able to prevent a volatile interaction if you choose to. Allow a sense of humor to come into play. Tonight: Hang with friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You'll greet someone with a great deal of deference. You might be ready to move in a new direction, but someone is likely to disagree with your choice. You will hear about it in no uncertain terms. You both see the matter in a different light. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

BORN TODAY

Philosopher Marquis de Sade (1740), drummer Charlie Watts (1941), actor Dana Carvey (1955)

DAILY CROSSWORD

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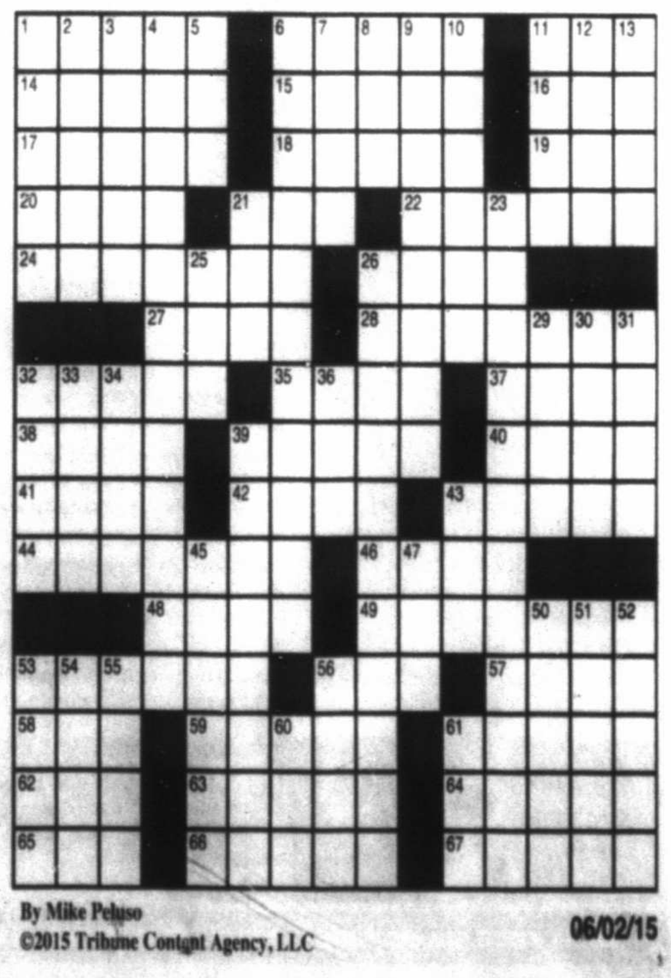
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4 *Round before the Elite Eight
5 Biblical mount
6 *Ball carrier's maneuver depicted by the Heisman Trophy
7 Martha of "Some Came Running"
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SOUND BITES

Reviews of recent releases

WILLIE NELSON & MERLE HAGGARD
"Django & Jimmie"



In the middle of their third album together as a duo, Willie Nelson and Merle Haggard confess, "We'd have taken better care of ourselves, if we'd have known we were gonna live this long." Actually, the two long-in-the-tooth legends are in pretty fine shape, physically and creatively, and "Django and Jimmie" offers further evidence.

The title track refers to the two men's primary musical influences — jazz guitarist Django Reinhardt for Nelson, 82, and country pioneer Jimmie Rodgers for Haggard, 78. It's not the only self-referential number. Others include the clever and catchy "It's All Going to Pot" and "Missing Ol' Johnny Cash." The vibe throughout is easygoing. Two old friends have fun together on a set that ranges from quiet ballads to the lively country rocker "It's Only Money."

Nick Cristiano
Philadelphia Inquirer

FLORENCE + THE MACHINE
"How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful"



"How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful" counts as scaling back for Florence & the Machine. It's a little less big (there is more breathing room here than on 2009's "Lungs" or 2011's "Ceremonials," although the tone, with many brassy fanfares, is still triumphant) and a little less blue (aside from the terrific "Ship to Wreck," Florence Welch mostly resists her impulse to inundate the songs with water imagery). But it's a little more beautiful. "Various Storms & Saints" and "St. Jude" contain Welch's most introspective and restrained performances.

"How Big" may be Florence & the Machine's most cohesive album, but the highs aren't quite as high or as ubiquitous as they were on Lungs and Ceremonials.

— Steve Klinge

GLORIANA
"Three"



Despite plenty of vocal talent, Gloriana has struggled to establish an identity in the ultra-competitive country radio world. The trio's third album once again shows off sterling harmonies and crafty arrangements — but leaves little emotional substance for fans to connect with.

The problem may be the production of pop mastermind Matt Serletic, who has guided the band from the beginning. His busy arrangements, while clever, leave little room for the singers — brothers Mike and Tom Gossin and Rachel Reinert — to convey much warmth or personality. The result is an overly processed sound focused on lightweight material about relationships.

Michael McCall/AP



The Killers' Brandon Flowers aims deep in solo album

By Mikael Wood
Los Angeles Times

Here's one way to win Brandon Flowers' confidence: Tell him you like a song of his that nobody else likes.

That's what Ariel Rechtshaid did when the Killers frontman, on the hunt for a producer for his second solo album, played Rechtshaid a demo of "Still Want You," which Flowers had originally written for his main band's 2012 record "Battle Born."

"I was kind of reluctant to play it," the singer recalled recently, adding that "Still Want You" — a deeply earnest tune about holding on to love in the face of "climate change" and "nuclear distress" — had been received less than warmly by those who'd heard it, including his Killers bandmates. "But Ariel loved it right away."

For Flowers, 33, that was a sign that the producer known for his inventive work with Vampire Weekend and the Los Angeles sister trio Haim was the right guy to partner with for his new album, "The Desired Effect," no small thing given that Rechtshaid came from outside Flowers' trusted circle. With the Killers and on his 2010 solo debut, "Flamingo," the singer has collaborated with the likes of Daniel Lanois, Flood and Steve Lillywhite, all high-profile veterans of U2's late-'80s/early-'90s era.

The change in personnel inspired a welcome creative shift: Rather than build on Flowers' reputation for sweeping, ultra-dramatic arena rock, "The Desired Effect" goes smaller and more personal, with weirder, funkier arrangements and lyrics that reflect his upbringing as a Mormon in Las Vegas and his life as the married father of three young children.

"I think Brandon had reached a natural arc in what he was doing and needed something different," said Rechtshaid. "My deal was, 'Let's try to make the world know who you really are.'"

Over a tight groove punctuated by horns in opener "Dreams Come True," Flowers describes being tantalized as a kid by "promises and visions of a country unseen." The winsome "Lonely Town" considers "life without you around." And then there's "The Way It's Always Been," in which the singer ponders the constant churn of renewal that defines his hometown as a minimal machine beat keeping time.

"It's not as grandiose as some of the stuff I've gone for before," the singer said in West Hollywood before an appearance on "The Late Late Show With James Corden." Which isn't to say that he and Rechtshaid, who split recording sessions between L.A. and Las Vegas, resisted the urge to follow their impulses.

Among the musicians featured on the album are Kenny Aronoff, known for his drumming on John Mellencamp's early-'80s hits, and pianist Bruce Hornsby, who lends his signature sound to two tracks.

In the studio, Rechtshaid said, he and Flowers found themselves "going for a Hornsby vibe" but they couldn't quite get there on their own. "So we were like, 'Why not just reach out to him?'"

"In my experience it's pretty bulletproof, just calling people," said Flowers, who added that he employed the same approach to get Neil Tennant of the Pet Shop Boys to appear on "I Can Change." "You don't think they're going to say yes. Ever. But I think they appreciate that there are people who admire their work."

Record-nerd catnip though they may be, these cameos weren't about exploiting name brands, Rechtshaid insisted, but attaining a level of sonic legitimacy to match the "realness" of Flowers' lyrics. "I didn't want an imitation," said the producer, and indeed there's a specificity to many of the sounds on "The Desired Effect," that elevates the music above the shallow '80s-pop pastiche it might've been.

When Hornsby's distinctive piano ripples through "Between Me and You," which also features Tony Levin on the bass-like Chapman stick, it's not taking you out of the moment; it's boosting the emotion of a song about a family man's struggle to stay connected.

One part of that struggle of course is the touring commitments that will keep Flowers away from home until the fall. "Flamingo" performed less successfully than many expected, as did the Killers' "Battle Born," which might be why Flowers seems to be stepping on the gas behind "The Desired Effect." "I feel like I'm going for it a little bit more," he said, citing a promotional push that helped drive the album to the top 10 of the iTunes chart this week.

For an artist famous for conveying a larger-than-life aesthetic, Flowers is remarkably unruffled by the challenge of adapting the album's relatively intimate songs to the stage.

"A good song is a good song, and a small song can become a big song," he said. "I'm so used to having these giant choruses and kind of going for it. But I feel like something like 'Lonely Town' could translate in a big arena."

Then again, the Brandon Flowers road show is considerably more compact than the Killers'. In recent years the band has played Staples Center and the Hollywood Bowl, but when Flowers' solo tour reaches L.A. in September, he'll be at the Wiltern.

"Yeah, that's hard on my ego," he said with a laugh. "No, it's fine. It wasn't that long ago that the Killers were in clubs. I like big stages, it's true — I like to spread my wings.

"But it's cool," he added. "I mean, these shows aren't that small."

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This week's releases


Willie Nelson & Merle Haggard 'Django & Jimmie'


Florence + The Machine 'How Big, How Blue, How Beautiful'


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JUNE

2 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
3 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
4 **Jason Eddy** @ Basin Burger House
4 **Steve Miller Band, Justin Langston, Joseph Wooten** @ Wagner Noel
4 **Johnny and Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club
4 **Tyler and the Tribe** @ Rockon Rodeo
4 **Austin Meade** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **In the Whale, Continental, Everymen** @ Blue Max
5 **Texas Gypsies** @ Noel Heritage Park
5 **Mark McKinney** @ Lone Star Bar
5 **Hogg Maulies** @ Redneck's
5 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Abuslo's
5 **Midnight Express** @ The Detour
5 **Jack Nelson Band** @ 10 Sports Bar
5 **David Lee Garza y Los Musicales, Ruben Ramos, Juan P. Moreno** @ Mex-Tex Family Fiesta
5-6 **Santa Fe Band featuring Wilvis** @ Your Place
5-6 **Freeride** @ The Bar
6 **Bolle Plain Revival** @ Sugar's Bar
6 **Kumbia Kings, Elida Reyna y Avante, Javier Galvan, Los Desperados, Cacy Savala y Fuerzzo** @ Mex-Tex Family Fiesta
6 **Mayeux & Broussard** @ Lone Star Bar
6 **Dovetail** @ Basin Burger House
6 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ American Legion
6 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Riley's
7 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ Music City Mall
9 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
10 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
10 **Cognitive, Screamin' Jay & His Rebel Yell, The Heroine** @ Blue Max
11 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
11 **Micky and the Motorcars** @ Rockin Rodeo
12 **Cleto Cordero** @ Basin Burger House
12 **E-40, Stevie Stone, Cool Nutz, NessaSary** @ Graham Central Station
12 **Koe Wetzel and the Konvicts, Ryan Wilcox** @ Redneck's
12 **Forgotten Road** @ The Detour
12 **Hey, Girl** @ Noel Heritage Park
12 **Gary Gorence** @ Polo Park Estates (1 p.m.)
12 **Gary Gorence** @ The Wine Rack (6 p.m.)
12 **Julion Alvarez, Conjunto Primavera, Los Vendavales** @ Hacienda
12 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
12-13 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
12-13 **Groove Twenty4 7** @ The Bar
13 **Calamity James** @ Basin Burger House
13 **Silence The Khaos, The Hive Mind, Seeking Irony** @ Blue Max
13 **Austin English Band** @ Redneck's
13 **Chillfactor, Who'z Drivin** @ The Eagles Lodge
14 **Ese** @ Blue Max
15 **Showdown** @ Andrews Senior Center
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16 **Adipocere, Disentomb, Delusional Parasitosis, Iniquitous Dead** @ Renedy's
17 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
18 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
18 **If Birds Could Fly** @ Basin Burger House
18 **Gary Allan** @ Hacienda
18 **JB and the Moonshine Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
19 **Texas Outlaws** @ The Detour
19 **Element A440** @ Blue Max
19 **Kirk Baxley** @ 10 Sports Bar
19 **Zac Wilkerson** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **Unsweet Ts** @ Basin Burger House
19 **Rankin Twins** @ Noel Heritage Park
19 **Forgotten Road** @ Redneck's
19-20 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
19-20 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
20 **Terry Hendrix and Lloyd Maines** @ ArtiZen
20 **Seth Walker** @ Basin Burger House
20 **Beau Taylor & Spur 644** @ Hacienda
20 **Back of a Car** @ Kamiposi
20 **Cami Maki** @ Redneck's

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

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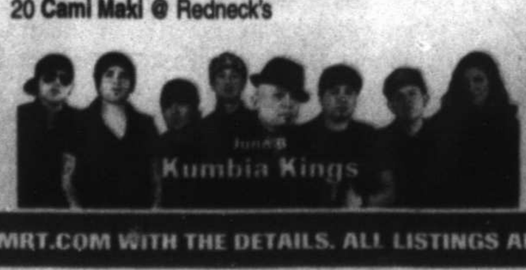
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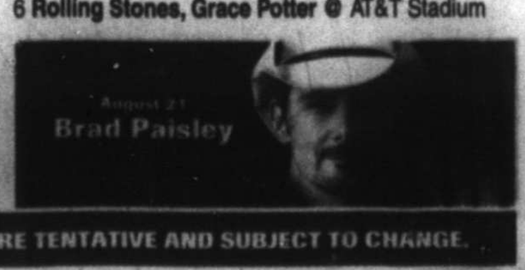
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JUNE

5 **Clap Your Hands Say Yeah, Teen Men** @ Dada Dallas
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6 **Rolling Stones, Grace Potter** @ AT&T Stadium







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Top prospect Gallo headed to Rangers for injured Beltre

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — The Texas Rangers will get top prospect Joey Gallo some major league experience while third baseman Adrian Beltre is on the disabled list.

Beltre was placed on the 15-day DL on Monday with a sprained left thumb, and the Rangers will purchase Gallo's contract from Double-A Frisco today before their series opener at home against the Chicago White Sox.

"He'll be in the lineup a majority of the time he's here," general manager Jon Daniels said.

The 21-year-old Gallo is hitting .314 with nine homers and 31 RBIs in 34 games for Frisco. All nine of his homers have come in the past 23 games .The Rangers had planned to promote him Monday to Triple-A Round Rock, which is where Daniels expects Gallo to go when Beltre comes off the disabled list.

Beltre, a four-time All-Star, will miss at least two weeks after spraining and cutting his left thumb while sliding into second base Sunday.

After hitting 40 homers combined in rookie ball and Low-A in 2013, Gallo set a Rangers minor league record with 42 last year between High-A Myrtle Beach and Frisco. He was the first player since Chicago White Sox prospect Ron Kittle in 1981-82 with consecutive 40-homer season in the minors.

Gallo was a supplemental pick, 39th overall, in the June 2012 amateur draft.

"We've got somewhat of a defined period with Adrian coming back. ... Clearly a guy that's coming back, he's going to be our third baseman, get his job back," Daniels said. "There's not going to be any quarterback controversy, so it's a little bit of a lower-pressure spot."

Aggies are movin' on



Associated Press

Texas A&M head coach Rob Childress (29) talks with the team after defeating California at the College Station Regional baseball tournament in College Station on Monday. Texas A&M defeated California 3-1.

A&M wins regional after beating California

Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Texas A&M advanced to its first NCAA tournament super regional in four years after defeating California 3-1 in a regional final on Monday night.

Starting pitcher Matt Kent allowed a lone Golden Bears run over seven innings on two days rest after also throwing seven innings on Friday in the Aggies' 5-0 opening-round victory over Texas Southern.

A&M (49-12) scored its first two runs on sacrifice flies by Mike Barash in the second inning and Blake Allemand in the seventh. That was all they'd need against Cal (36-21), in its first NCAA tournament since 2011. The Aggies added a run in the eighth on an RBI single by Hunter Melton.

A&M reliever Kyle Simonds closed out the game with two hitless innings.

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Check out a glance of the NCAA Division I baseball regional tournament.

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Dallas Baptist can't hold off VCU

DALLAS — Virginia Commonwealth's Sean Thompson and Matt Lees held host Dallas Baptist to four hits in a 3-1 victory to take the Dallas regional championship on Monday.

VCU (39-23) advanced to a super regional against Miami or Columbia.

The Rams won three of four regional games, allowing only six runs.

Lees earned his third save, pitching 3 1/3 innings after relieving Thompson (6-3) in the sixth.

Joseph Shaw (10-5) lost to VCU for the second time in the tournament. He left in the second inning after forcing in a run by hitting James Bunn with a pitch and giving up another when Cody Acker grounded out.

Jimmy Kerrigan led off the sixth with a double, stole third base and scored on another groundout by Acker.

Plate umpire Barry Chambers was hit in the chest by a pitched ball, and was replaced in the seventh inning.

Dallas Baptist (46-15) had forced an extra game by edging VCU 2-1 earlier Monday. Closer Brandon Koch (3-2) pitched a season-high 4 2/3 innings, allowing two hits and striking out seven.

Daniel Sweet and Chane Lynch each singled to drive in a first-inning run. The loss ended the Rams' 13-game winning streak. But they won the deciding game.

TCU makes big comeback to win

FORT WORTH — Pinch-hitter Elliott Barzilli had an RBI single in the bottom of the 10th inning after TCU rallied from a late seven-run deficit in a 9-8 win over North Carolina State on Monday night to advance to the NCAA super regionals.

Evan Williams led off the 10th for TCU (47-12) with a pinch-hit single, advanced on an errant pickoff attempt by Curt Britt (3-1) and Jeremie Fagnan's sacrifice bunt before Barzilli's clean grounder through the right side of the infield.

N.C. State (36-23) had an 8-1 lead in the eighth after Jake Fincher had a two-run single off TCU closer Riley Ferrell, a likely high pick in next week's amateur baseball draft, and two more runs scored on wild pitches by reliever Preston Guillory.

TCU scored six unearned runs in the bottom half, including runs on a bases-loaded walk, a balk and a passed ball, after second baseman Ryne Willard's error to start the eighth.

Rice falls to Lafayette

HOUSTON — Evan Powell's two-run single lifted Louisiana-Lafayette to the Super Regionals with a 5-2 victory over Rice on Monday.

Powell's single to left-center field added to RBI singles in the fourth by Tyler Girouard and fifth by Kyle Clement to open up a four-run lead. Louisiana-Lafayette (42-21) will face LSU in the Super Regionals in Baton Rouge.

Evan Guillory (5-0) got the win. He allowed two runs and six hits in five innings. Freshman Dylan Moore pitched three shutout innings in relief to earn his 13th save.

Grayson Lewis provided a lift for Rice (37-22) in the bottom half of the fifth with a two-run double to cut the lead to 4-2.

Rice threatened in the seventh with the bases loaded and no outs, but Moore came on in relief to retire three straight; including a force out at home, to end the threat. The freshman worked his way out of trouble again in the eighth getting back-to-back groundouts to strand runners at second and third.

Dylan Butler was 2 for 3 and added an insurance run with a sacrifice fly in the eighth.

Fielder, Hamilton give Rangers life in May

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

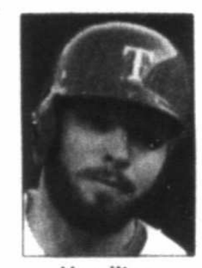
ARLINGTON — With Prince Fielder leading the league in hitting and former MVP Josh Hamilton already having an impact in his Texas reunion, the Rangers have a winning record for the first time in nearly a year.

The Rangers capped a magnificent month with Hamilton's game-ending two-run, two-out double as a pinch-hitter after starting May with a loss for a 7-15 record that was the worst in the American League.

"Felt like in April, we had water in the gas tank," first-year manager Jeff Banister said. "Stopped the car, it kept running ... when you went to start it and push on the gas, it (sputtered). We had to get a tuneup, and we had some guys that really have found that rhythm."



Fielder



Hamilton

At 26-25 to open June, the Rangers are above .500 for the first time since being 31-30 last June 6 in a season that ended with an AL-worst 95 losses.

Credit the offense for the turnaround from April, along with some shuffling in the bullpen.

Texas hit a majors-worst .210 the first month, and scored only 75 runs.

The Rangers scored more than twice as many runs in May, when .359 hitter Fielder started going deep again (nine homers after only one before that), Shin-Soo Choo batted .295 for the month (after .096 to start the season), rookie Delino DeShields had an AL-high 10 stolen bases and Hamilton rejoined the team a week ago.

"Talent-wise, we have such amazing guys, and we're just going to get better," shortstop Elvis Andrus said. "We have to maintain what we've got right now, and just build on it."

The Rangers, with Monday off to start June after only one off day in May, have won 19 of their last 29 games and four series in a row. They took three of four games from Boston over the weekend for their first series win at home.

Hamilton, who homered twice Saturday and didn't start Sunday for the first time in his seven games since getting back, delivered the game-winner in a 4-3 win to wrap up his first home series for Texas since 2012.

"You never know what can happen, and that's what Ranger baseball is all about," Hamilton said on the field postgame, after he and Fox Sports Southwest field reporter Emily Jones were doused by the contents of two water coolers.

In the clubhouse a few minutes later, Hamilton said he was reminded of "some good times for the Rangers."

Hamilton was the 2010 AL MVP, a

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Big 7th inning helps Astros rally past Orioles for home win

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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HOUSTON — Evan Gattis drove in two runs in a four-run seventh inning and the Houston Astros continued their late-inning magic as they rallied for a 5-2 victory over the Baltimore Orioles on Monday night.

The Astros have scored a major league-leading 94 runs in the seventh inning or later this season.

They trailed by one entering the seventh before a leadoff single by Chris Carter knocked starter Ubaldo Jimenez out of the game. He was replaced by Brad Brach (3-1), who walked Luis Valbuena before a single by pinch-hitter Hank Conger loaded the bases.

George Springer singled to tie it up with one out before Jose Altuve's sacrifice fly put Houston on top. Gattis drove in two more to make it 5-2.

Will Harris (2-0) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings for the win and Luke Gregerson struck out two in a perfect ninth for his 14th save.

Valbuena hit his 11th homer in the fifth inning to give the Astros their first run.

Chris Davis and Ryan Flaherty drove in a run apiece for the Orioles, who were playing outside of the Eastern time zone for the first time this season.

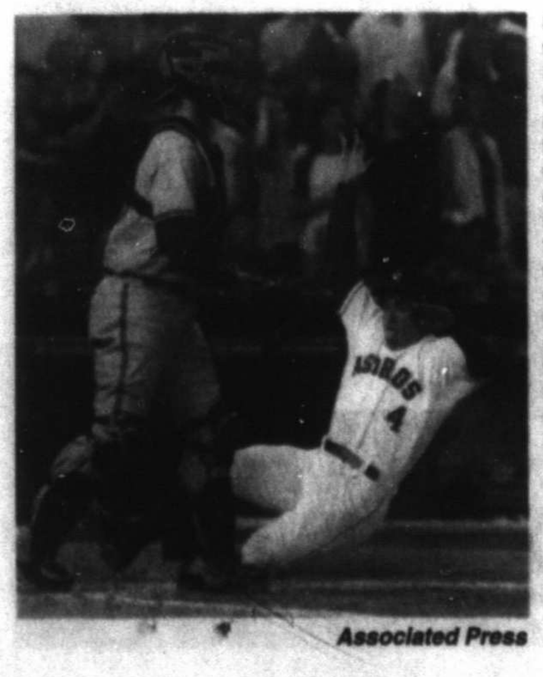
Jimenez yielded four hits and two runs with eight strikeouts in six-plus innings. It was his second straight start against the Astros after throwing seven innings, but not factoring in the decision in Baltimore's 5-4 win on Wednesday.

Houston starter Brett Oberholtzer was activated from his second stint on the disabled list with a blister on his left index finger before the game to make his second start of the season. He allowed seven hits with two runs and two walks in 5 1/3 innings.

Davis put Baltimore on top 2-1 with a double with one out in the sixth inning to chase Oberholtzer.

He was replaced by Harris, who retired the next two batters to end the threat.

Steve Pearce walked to start the fifth inning and scored on a one-out triple by Flaherty to make it 1-0. That ball landed deep in center field and rolled up Tal's Hill and away from center fielder Colby Rasmus.



Associated Press

Houston Astros' George Springer (4) slides in to home plate in front of Baltimore Orioles catcher Caleb Joseph to score from second base on a Evan Gattis two-run single in the seventh inning Monday in Houston.

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ON TV TODAY

COLLEGE SOFTBALL
ESPN — World Series, finals, Game 2, Florida vs. Michigan, at Oklahoma City, 7 p.m.

GOLF
TGC — NCAA, Division I, Men's Championship, match play, quarterfinals, at Bradenton, Fla., 9:30 a.m.
TGC — NCAA, Division I, Men's Championship, match play, semifinals, at Bradenton, Fla., 2:30 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
MLB — Regional coverage, Chicago Cubs at Miami or Toronto at Washington, 6 p.m.
MLB — Regional coverage, N.Y. Mets at San Diego or Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 9 p.m.

SOCCER
ESPN2 — Soccer, exhibition, Cuba vs. New York Cosmos, at Havana, 5 p.m.
FS1 — Youth, FIFA, U-20 World Cup, Mexico vs. Uruguay, at Dunedin, New Zealand, 11 a.m.
FS1 — Youth, FIFA, U-20 World Cup, Senegal vs. Colombia, at Hamilton, New Zealand, 2 a.m.

TENNIS
ESPN2 — French Open, men's and women's quarterfinals, at Paris (same-day tape), Noon

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Selected the contract of LHP Edgar Ibarra from Salt Lake (PCL). Optioned OF Alfredo Marte to Salt Lake. Designated OF Gary Brown for assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Sent LHP Drew Pomeranz to Stockton (Cal) for a rehab assignment.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned SS Chris Taylor to Tacoma (PCL). Recalled RHP Mayckol Guaipe from Tacoma.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed 2B Tim Beckham on the 15-day DL.
TEXAS RANGERS — Purchased the contract of 3B Joey Gallo from Frisco (Texas). Placed 3B Adrian Beltre on the 15-day DL.
National League
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Jordan Lyles on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Tommy Kahnle from Albuquerque (PCL).
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Activated C Jonathan Lucroy from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Juan Centeno to Colorado Springs (PCL). Purchased the contract of RHP Tyler Cravy from Colorado Springs.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Assigned 1B OF Travis Ishikawa outright to Sacramento (PCL).
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled LHP Felipe Rivero from Syracuse (IL). Optioned LHP Matt Grace to Syracuse. Acquired RHP P.J. Walters from the Los Angeles Dodgers for cash considerations and assigned him to Syracuse.
American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released C Mike Leach.
GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Released C Ryan Gasporra.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released RHP Keith Pichl.
LAREDO LEMURS — Traded RHP Chad Povich to Bridgeport (Atlantic) for a player to be named. Traded INF A.J. Kirby-Jones to New Jersey (Can-Am) to complete an earlier trade.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Signed RHP Nathan Stewart. Released INF Tony Viger. Traded LHP Jordan Sechler and C Tyler Tewell to Gateway (Frontier) for two players to be named.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Named Oris Stuart chief diversity & inclusion officer.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ARIZONA CARDINALS — Signed OT D.J. Humphries.
DENVER BRONCOS — Signed LB Shane Ray to a four-year contract.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Claimed QB Jeff Tuel off waivers from Buffalo. Waived QB Jake Waters.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Jonathon Rumph.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Signed OT Donovan Smith.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Agreed to terms with WR Dorial Green-Beckham.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Patrick Hall.
HOCKEY
National Football League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Named John Chayka assistant general manager/analytics. Promoted Chris O'Hearn to assistant general manager/hockey operations. Announced senior vice president and assistant general manager Darcy Regier will serve as general manager of Springfield (AHL).
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS — Signed D Blake Siebenaler to a three-year, entry-level contract and D Dean Kukan to a two-year, entry-level contract.
NEW YORK RANGERS — Acquired a 2015 seventh-round draft pick from Tampa Bay for D Daniel Walcott.
American Hockey League
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Signed C Alexis Loiseau.
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Announced the resignation of president Stephen Ostaszewicz.
HORSE RACING
National Thoroughbred Racing Association
NTRA — Named Jeff Burch senior vice president of NTRA Advantage.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
SEATTLE SOUNDERS FC — Signed MF Thomas Jaguaribe Bedinelli.
COLLEGE
NEW ENGLAND FOOTBALL CONFERENCE — Named Gregg Kaye commissioner.
ARIZONA — Named Mark Phelps men's assistant basketball coach.
BERRY — Named Luke Syverson men's and women's track & field coach.
BRADLEY — Named Dustyn Yung director of women's basketball operations.
CREIGHTON — Named Preston Murphy men's assistant basketball coach.
HOFSTRA — Signed men's basketball coach Joe Mihalich to a contract extension.
KANSAS — Announced junior F Dwight Coleby has transferred from Mississippi.
MARY HARDIN-BAYLOR — Announced the retirement of offensive line coach Joe George.
MUHLENBERG — Named Jake Plunkett men's lacrosse coach.
NORTHWESTERN — Announced graduate student F Joey van Zegeren has transferred from Virginia Tech.
ST. SCHOLASTICA — Named Eric Anderson men's and women's golf coach.
TEXAS ARLINGTON — Named Sarah Bullock assistant volleyball coach.
UAB — Announced the return of the football program in 2016.

FISHING REPORT

PANHANDLE
GREENBELT: 35 feet low. No report available.
MACKENZIE: 77.37 feet low. No report available.
MEREDITH: 74.56 feet low. No report available.
PALO DURO: 54.71 feet low. No report available.

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 68.73 degrees; 0.4 feet high. Black bass are fair on flukes, Senkos and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse Wonder Worm-Glo nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 67.71 degrees; 0.25 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 22.27 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 66.71 degrees; 14.26 feet low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows in 2-8 feet. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 66.71 degrees; 26.06 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and chatterbaits on white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 67.72 degrees; 23.2 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, Texas rigs and split shot rigged flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse Wonder Worm-Glo nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 66.72 degrees; 44.31 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, weightless Grande Bass Rattlesnakes and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 66.72 degrees; 0.73 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, weightless Senkos and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 65.7 feet low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 7.99 feet low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water off color; 65.71 degrees; 28.07 feet low. No report available.
WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 66.71 degrees; 16.73 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water murky; 70.74 degrees; 28.68 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits, jerkbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Red Fins. White bass are fair on live minnows, jigging spoons, and small white crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are very good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.
BRAUNIG: Water stained. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair down rigging spoons near the dam and jetty. Hybrids are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp, cheesebait, and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.
CALAVERAS: Water stained. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Stripe bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
CHOKE CANYON: Water murky; 68.72 degrees; 24.50 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and Texas rigged soft plastic worms and lizards. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnow tipped jigs. Drum are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.
COLETO CREEK: Water murky; 75 degrees in main lake, offline at hot water discharge; 0.82 feet high. Black bass are fair on crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and green tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on perch and shrimp. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

All-District 4-4A teams loaded with Andrews, Greenwood players

From staff reports

A total of 15 players from the Greenwood and Andrews baseball teams were selected to the All-District 4-4A baseball teams just announced, with two of those players receiving superlative honors.

Andrews received six first team selections, while Greenwood received three.

Retiring Andrews head coach Rod Gardner and his staff, as well as Seminole head coach Mike Browning and his staff, earned Co-Coach of the Year honors.

Andrews junior Arturo Morales was named the district's MVP, while Andrews senior Aaron Marquez earned Co-Pitcher of the Year honors with Nathan Martinez of Pecos.

Greenwood senior Victor Urias was named a first team pitcher, while fellow senior and teammate Zach Redwine earned the district's first team catcher selection.

Andrews senior Jase Hammack was named the district's first team first basman and Andrews junior Lance Wasson is the first team second baseman.

Senior Marc Garcia, also of Andrews, is the district's first team third baseman.

Greenwood senior Javier Vizcaino and Andrews senior Caleb O'Connor earned spots in the first team outfield, while Andrews junior Chris Garcia was named as a first team utility player.

Andrews junior Sam Robertson earned first team designated hitter honors.

ALL-DISTRICT 4-4A BASEBALL TEAM
MVP: Arturo Morales, Jr., Andrews
Co-Pitchers of the Year: Aaron Marquez, Sr., Andrews; Nathan Martinez, Jr., Pecos
Offensive Player of the Year: Brennan Dominguez, Sr., Seminole
Defensive Player of the Year: Matthew Fabela, Sr., Fort Stockton
Newcomer of the Year: Christopher Henson, Fr., Pecos
Co-Coaches of the Year: Rod Gardner and staff, Andrews; Mike Browning and staff, Seminole

First Team
Pitchers: Victor Urias, Sr., Greenwood; Alec Arcides, Jr., Fort Stockton; Kevin Marler, Sr., Fort Stockton; Quentin Jones, Jr., Monahans
Catcher: Zach Redwine, Sr., Greenwood; Abe Harder, Sr., Seminole
First Base: Jase Hammack, Sr., Andrews; Jesse Alonzo, Sr., Seminole
Second Base: Royce Snethen, Jr., Seminole; Lance Wasson, Jr., Andrews
Shortstop: Justin Hernandez, Sr., Seminole
Third Base: Marc Garcia, Sr., Andrews
Outfield: Javier Vizcaino, Sr., Greenwood; Sabraun Adams, Sr., Seminole; Matt Flores, Sr., Seminole; Josiah Bechtel, Jr., Pecos; Korbin Layton, Jr., Monahans; Isaac Acosta, Sr., Fort Stockton; Caleb O'Connor, Sr., Andrews
Utility: Gavin Stroh, Jr., Monahans; Chris Garcia, Jr., Andrews
Designated Hitter: Sam Robertson, Jr., Andrews

Second Team
Pitchers: Tristan Williams, So., Andrews; Luis Dominguez, So., Fort Stockton; Brandon Long, Jr., Seminole; Kenny Bills, Sr., Andrews
Catcher: Nathan Granado, Sr., Fort Stockton; Ryan Stephens, Jr., Andrews
First Base: Gustavo Mendoza, Sr., Pecos; Austin Ulcak, Sr., Greenwood
Second Base: Jay Castro, Sr., Fort Stockton
Shortstop: Gilbert Mata, Sr., Fort Stockton; David Birdwell, Fr., Monahans
Third Base: Joe Villegas, Jr., Pecos; Auden Hernandez, So., Monahans
Outfield: Jacob Chapman, Jr., Andrews; Alonzo Corral, So., Fort Stockton; Tyler Jones, Sr., Monahans; J.P. Contreras, Sr., Greenwood; Jerry Dominguez, Jr., Pecos
Utility: Morabie Ramirez, So., Fort Stockton; Kevin Ramirez, So., Pecos
Designated Hitter: Andrew Acosta, Jr., Fort Stockton; Roman Casias, Sr., Fort Stockton

Honorable Mention: Nick Medrano, So., Greenwood



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On April 11, jockey Victor Espinoza poses with American Pharoah in the winners circle after winning the $1 million Arkansas Derby horse race at Oaklawn Park in Hot Springs, Ark.

Jockey Victor Espinoza taking 3rd aim at Triple Crown win

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

ARCADIA, Calif. — Victor Espinoza is oozing confidence a year after his hopes of riding a Triple Crown winner were dashed in the Belmont Stakes.

He is back with a record third chance at a Triple try, this time aboard American Pharoah, a colt many believe is poised to become the 12th Triple Crown winner and first since Affirmed in 1978.

"If he's 100 percent and he goes there and his energy is good, that's all it's going to take," Espinoza said on a recent morning at Santa Anita. "I'm positive and confident."

Espinoza's assurance stems from how American Pharoah has developed over the five-week Triple Crown campaign.

The colt rallied for a one-length victory in the Kentucky Derby and romped in the rain to a seven-length win in the Preakness. He has a solid pedigree — his grandsire Empire Maker won the 2003 Belmont to spoil Funny Cide's Triple Crown bid — and Espinoza, along with everyone else, is impressed by the colt's stride in which he nearly floats over the ground.

American Pharoah has left Espinoza with none of the questions he had about humbly bred California Chrome, whose bid ended with a fourth-place finish in the Belmont last June.

Or ornery War Emblem, a one-dimensional front-runner Espinoza first met on the morning of the 2002 Kentucky Derby. They teamed to win that day and at the Preakness, but the Bob Baffert-trained colt stumbled out of the starting gate in the Belmont and finished eighth.

By comparison, Espinoza has cultivated a solid relationship with good-natured and versatile American Pharoah, who he's ridden since last September. Together they are 6-0. Espinoza took over from Martin Garcia after the colt lost his first career race at Del Mar, although Garcia still exercises the colt in the mornings.

"Pharoah is just like pushing buttons, you just can do whatever you want," Garcia said. "He's a really talented horse."

Twice American Pharoah has won on wet tracks, including at the Preakness, where a deluge occurred just before the race began. Saturday's forecast calls for rain, which could turn Belmont Park's dirt into a creamy goo resembling peanut butter.

American Pharoah's ability to come from behind, as he did in the Derby, or run on or near the lead gives Espinoza options in the 1 ½-mile Belmont, the longest and most grueling of the Triple Crown races.

"Since the (first) day I rode him I had the confidence in him and I thought he was special," Espinoza said. "His talent, the way he runs and the way he hits the ground, the way he's all forward. He's not intimidated by nothing."

Neither is the 5-foot-2 jockey, who turned 43 after the Preakness.

Espinoza is one of just six jockeys to win consecutive Kentucky Derbies, and he's among seven riders to have won it three times. He has three Preakness victories, but has yet to win the Belmont in four previous tries. His best finish was second in 2001 with A P Valentine.

He is responsible for two of the biggest upsets in Breeders' Cup history. Last year, he won the Juvenile Fillies aboard 61-1 shot Take Charge Brandi for Hall of Fame trainer D. Wayne Lukas, and the 2000 Distaff on Spain at 55-1 odds.

Between Triple Crown races, Espinoza has stuck to his routine. He rides Thursdays through Sundays at Santa Anita, where he's winning at a 22 percent clip, third-highest among the track's jockeys.

He ranks second nationally in purse earnings this year with $7.01 million. Jockeys earn 10 percent of the purse, meaning he's made over $700,000 so far.

Espinoza has spread the wealth, too, donating a portion of his purse earnings to City of Hope in Duarte, California, a leading cancer research and treatment center.

Midland's Blair named TL Player of the Week

From staff reports

RockHounds catcher Carson Blair was named the Texas League's Player of the Week for the week of May 25-31.

Blair is the first RockHounds player to receive the honor this season.

For the week, Blair played in six games and went 7-for-20 with three doubles, two triples, 12 RBI and four runs scored. He also walked six times to just two strikeouts.

Blair, 25, who was a 35th round draft pick by the Boston Red Sox in 2008, drove in runs in five consecutive games last week and helped Midland to a 4-1 record in that span.

For the season, Blair is now hitting .310 and getting on base at a .436 clip, which leads the RockHounds. In 37 games so far, he has two home runs and 23 RBI.

Blair will look to continue his hot stretch when Midland embarks on a six-day road trip, beginning at 7:05 p.m. today in Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Massachusetts seeks financial review of Boston Olympic bid

Associated Press

BOSTON — The state's top political leaders have tapped a Cambridge-based firm to conduct an independent financial review of Boston's Olympic bid.

Gov. Charlie Baker announced Monday that the consulting firm The Brattle Group will review a proposal by Boston to host the 2024 Summer Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Baker said the firm will analyze and evaluate aspects of financing, infrastructure, economic impacts and state and taxpayer responsibilities related to Boston 2024's bid preparation.

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NFL NEWS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BRONCOS

Denver's 1st-round pick Shane Ray signs contract

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Shane Ray, Denver's first-round draft pick, has signed his rookie contract, worth approximately $9 million over four years. It includes a signing bonus of nearly $5 million.

Ray practiced with the Broncos for the first time Monday, taking part in on-field individual drills for the first time since sustaining a turf toe injury five months ago.

A linebacker from Missouri, Ray was considered a top-15 pick in the draft but slipped to No. 23 after being cited for marijuana possession that week.

Tight end Jeff Heuerman, a third-round pick from Ohio State, is the only unsigned member of the Broncos' draft class. He's recovering from an operation to repair a torn left ACL, which he suffered at the Broncos' rookie minicamp.

TITANS

Tennessee agrees to terms with Dorial Green-Beckham

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — The Tennessee Titans have agreed to terms on a contract with their second round draft selection, wide receiver Dorial Green-Beckham.

The Titans announced the deal Monday but did not release terms of the contract.

Off-field issues dropped the 6-foot-5, 237-pound Green-Beckham from a likely first-round selection down to No. 40 overall to Tennessee. He said the night he was drafted that he had been a young guy having fun in college and put that all in his past.

He spent last season at Oklahoma practicing with the Sooners but ineligible to play under NCAA transfer rules. The native of Springfield, Missouri, spent his first two seasons at Missouri where he caught 87 passes for 1,278 yards with 17 touchdowns before being dismissed in April 2014 after several run-ins with the police during his two years at the school.

His waiver to play immediately at Oklahoma was dismissed by the NCAA, though Green-Beckham stayed and practiced despite not being allowed to play.

In 2014, a police investigation of a suspected burglary involving Green-Beckham while he was at Missouri was closed without an arrest, primarily because of reluctant witnesses who feared retaliation and harassment for bringing a criminal complaint. He then was suspended by coach Gary Pinkel for an unspecified violation of team rules.

JAGUARS

Jacksonville awarded QB Jeff Tuel off waivers from Bills

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. — The Jacksonville Jaguars have a new quarterback, one familiar with offensive assistants Doug Marrone and Nathaniel Hackett.

The Jaguars were awarded Jeff Tuel off waivers from Buffalo on Monday, reuniting him with two of his former Bills coaches.

Jacksonville waived quarterback Jake Waters to make room for Tuel on the 90-man roster.

Tuel played in two games with one start for the Bills over two seasons. He spent his entire rookie year on the 53-man roster and made his only career start against Kansas City on Nov. 3, 2013. He spent most of last season on the practice squad, working under former Bills head coach Marrone and assistant Hackett.

Both joined Jacksonville this year, Marrone as offensive line coach and Hackett as quarterbacks coach.

CARDINALS

Phoenix sign 1st-round pick Humphries

TEMPE, Ariz. — The Arizona Cardinals have signed first-round draft pick D.J. Humphries to a four-year contract.

The deal completes the signings of all the Cardinals' seven picks this season.

Humphries, a 6-foot-5, 305-pound offensive tackle out of Florida, was the 24th overall pick in the draft.

Humphries played left tackle at Florida. But with Jared Veldheer firmly at that position for the Cardinals, Humphries will play the right side and must beat out starter Bobby Massie for the job.

DOLPHINS

Miami kicker Caleb Sturgis sidelined with leg injury

DAVIE, Fla. — Miami Dolphins kicker Caleb Sturgis is expected to miss the rest of the team's spring practices with a leg injury.

Sturgis was absent from Monday's workout and will likely sit out the eight remaining OTA and minicamp practices this month, coach Joe Philbin said.

The injury creates an opportunity for undrafted rookie Andrew Franks, the other placekicker on the roster.

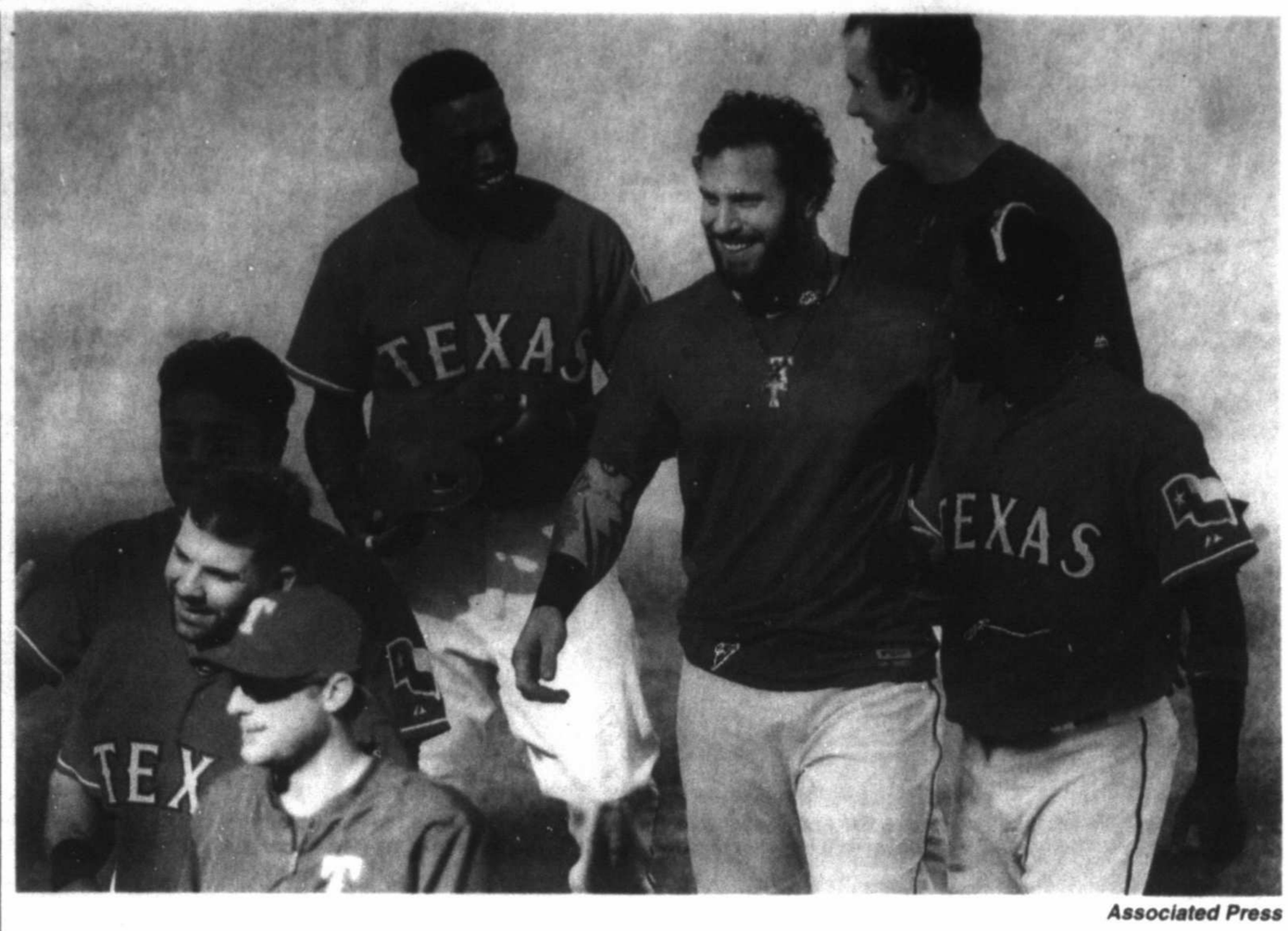
Even if healthy, Sturgis might be in danger of losing his job. The two-year veteran was slowed by a groin injury during the preseason last year, and he then went only 16 for 29 on field-goal attempts, which ranked 28th in the league.

COLTS

Mathis says he'll be ready for Sept. 13 season opener

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Colts defensive end Robert Mathis says his rehabilitation from a torn Achilles tendon is ahead of schedule and that he plans to be ready for the season opener in September.

Mathis injured his left leg while training in Atlanta last fall. The injury occurred while he was serving a four-game suspension for using a fertility drug.



Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton, center, is congratulated by teammates after pinch-hitting a two-run walkoff double during the ninth inning against the Boston Red Sox on Sunday in Arlington.

RANGERS

From 1C

five-time All-Star and part of their only two World Series appearances with Texas from 2008-12 before leaving in free agency to the AL West rival Los Angeles Angels. He was traded back to the Rangers on April 27, four weeks before his season debut.

"Whether or not it's coming back to a place of comfort where he's had success, he looks more sure of himself," Red Sox manager John Farrell said before Sunday's game. "I don't know that I saw the same type of swings at any time that he was elsewhere. ... He looks to be playing with a lot more confidence."

After World Series closer Neftali Feliz gave up three runs in the ninth inning of a 10-8 loss May 16, Banister said the next day there were no longer any set roles in a much-maligned bullpen. Since then, Shawn Tolleson has pitched in game-ending situations and converted all six of his save chances.

"Early on, we had some starts that we didn't take advantage of," Banister said. "We have the capability of taking advantage of some of the starts we're getting now."

For at least the next two weeks, though, the Rangers will be without Adrian Beltre. The third baseman sprained and cut his left thumb sliding into a base Sunday. Texas called up top prospect Joey Gallo, who is hitting .314 with nine homers and 31 RBIs in 34 games for Frisco. All nine of his homers have come in the past 23 games.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

National League

CUBS 5
MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Jason Hammel was coming out of the clubhouse shower when he happened to cross paths with manager Joe Maddon, who gave him a smack on the chest for a job well done.

It was the hardest Hammel got hit all night.

The right-hander had a career-high 11 strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings Monday night to help the Chicago Cubs beat the Miami Marlins 5-1.

With his start pushed back because of a cracked fingernail and a rainout, Hammel (4-2) pitched for the first time in eight days, and he seemed to benefit from the extra rest. He allowed one run, four hits and no walks.

"His stuff kept getting better as the game progressed," Maddon said. "He was outstanding."

Hammel threw 117 pitches, his highest total since 2009. All of his strikeouts were swinging.

"I'm not really trying to strike guys out," he said. "I didn't know I was striking that many out tonight. And I didn't know I had thrown that many pitches. I was just grooving."

Hammel began the year with a career ERA of 4.60. This season he's at 2.82, with 69 strikeouts and seven walks.

"When I'm missing, my misses are better," he said. "That's about it. When I've made mistakes this year, it hasn't hurt me."

Two relievers completed a six-hitter, and the Marlins struck out 13 times.

The Cubs, who had scored only 13 runs in their previous seven games, showed a little offensive life with eight hits. Starlin Castro hit his fourth homer, and Anthony Rizzo and Kris Bryant each had an RBI double.

Jose Urena (0-2), making his second major league start, improved on his rocky debut but allowed three runs in six innings. The Marlins fell to 4-10 under manager Dan Jennings.

The Cubs scored twice in the first, when their first three batters reached. Rizzo doubled home a run, and another scored on Jorge Soler's groundout.

Addison Russell's two-out RBI single in the fourth made it 3-0.

Sloppiness by the Cubs helped the Marlins score their only run in the fourth. Giancarlo Stanton singled, took second on a wild pitch, stole third and continued home when catcher Miguel Montero's errant throw sailed into left field.

Shortstop Castro made a diving catch to rob major league batting leader Dee Gordon of a hit. Gordon went 0 for 4, dropping his average to .370.

BREWERS 1
CARDINALS 0

ST. LOUIS — Mike Fiers and four relievers combined on an eight-hitter and Carlos Gomez had a first-inning RBI single in the Milwaukee Brewers' 1-0 victory over the St. Louis Cardinals on Monday night.

Fiers (2-5) allowed four hits in six innings, one shy of his season high, and won for the first time in six starts since May 2 at Chicago.

Johnathan Broxton, Neal Cotts, James Jeffress and Francisco Rodriguez combined to allow four hits without walking a batter in Milwaukee's fourth shutout of the season. Rodriguez finished for his ninth save.

The win comes a day after the Brewers beat Arizona in 17 innings.

Jaime Garcia (1-2) worked seven sterling innings and Kolten Wong and Mark Reynolds had two singles apiece for the Cardinals, shut out for the fifth time but first time at home where they're among the best in the league at 20-7.

Wong made an outstanding play at second base, leaping to snare a high chopper by Jason Rogers that skipped off the front of the mound and making the throw to end the ninth.

Jean Segura singled to open the game and scored on a two-out single by Gomez. The Brewers had two more runners in scoring position the rest of the way.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	26	25	.510	—
Tampa Bay	26	25	.510	—
Baltimore	23	27	.460	2½
Toronto	23	29	.442	3½
Boston	22	29	.431	4
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	30	19	.612	—
Kansas City	29	19	.604	½
Detroit	28	24	.538	3½
Cleveland	24	26	.480	6½
Chicago	23	26	.469	7
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	32	20	.615	—
Los Angeles	27	24	.529	4½
Texas	26	25	.510	5½
Seattle	24	26	.480	7
Oakland	20	33	.377	12½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	28	22	.560	—
New York	28	23	.549	½
Atlanta	25	25	.500	3
Miami	20	32	.385	9
Philadelphia	19	33	.365	10
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	33	18	.647	—
Chicago	27	22	.551	5
Pittsburgh	26	24	.520	6½
Cincinnati	22	27	.449	10
Milwaukee	18	34	.346	15½
West Division				
Los Angeles	29	20	.592	—
San Francisco	30	22	.577	—
San Diego	25	27	.481	5½
Arizona	23	26	.469	6
Colorado	22	26	.458	6½

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Toronto at Washington, ppd., rain
Minnesota at Boston, ppd., rain
Houston 5, Baltimore 2
Tampa Bay at L.A. Angels, late
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 5, Miami 1
Milwaukee 1, St. Louis 0
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, late
Atlanta at Arizona, late
N.Y. Mets at San Diego, late
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, late

INTERLEAGUE
Toronto at Washington, ppd., rain

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Oakland (Graveman 2-2) at Detroit (Simon 5-2), 6:08 p.m.
Minnesota (Pelfrey 4-1) at Boston (Buchholz 2-6), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 4-2) at Texas (Lewis 4-3), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (M.Wright 2-0) at Houston (McHugh 5-2), 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 6-4) at Kansas City (Guthrie 4-3), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 5-4) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 3-3), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 2-7) at Seattle (Montgomery 0-0), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers (Huff 0-0) at Colorado (J.De La Rosa 1-2), 2:10 p.m., 1st game
Cincinnati (Cueto 3-4) at Philadelphia (O.Sullivan 1-4), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hendricks 1-1) at Miami (Hand 0-1), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Crawy 0-0) at St. Louis (Lynn 3-4), 7:15 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 5-1) at Colorado (Hale 1-0), 7:40 p.m., 2nd game
Atlanta (S.Miller 5-2) at Arizona (Collmenter 3-5), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Syndergaard 2-2) at San Diego (Kennedy 2-5), 9:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Burnett 5-1) at San Francisco (Heston 5-3), 9:15 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Toronto (Dickey 2-5) at Washington (Zimmermann 4-2), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Toronto (Estrada 1-3) at Washington (Scherzer 6-3), 6:05 p.m., 2nd game

Texas box scores

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Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
MMchd 3b	4	0	0	0	Springr rf	3	1	1	1
Lough cf	4	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	3	0	1	1
A.Jones dh	3	1	0	0	Tucker lf	3	0	1	0
D'hng rf	4	0	2	0	Mrnick cf	0	0	0	0
C.Davis 1b	4	0	1	1	Gattis dh	4	0	1	2
Pearce lf	2	1	0	0	CRisms cf-lf	4	0	1	0
Clevngr ph	1	0	0	0	Carter 1b	2	0	1	0
Joseph c	3	0	1	0	Villar pr-ss	1	1	0	0
Pareds ph	1	0	0	0	Valuen 3b	3	2	2	1
Flahrty 2b	3	0	2	1	J.Castro c	1	0	0	0
ECarer ss	3	0	0	0	Conger ph-c	2	1	1	0
MGnzlz ss	1	0	0	0					
Totals	32	2	7	2	Totals	29	5	9	5

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Houston ..... 000 010 40x—5

DP—Houston 1. LOB—Baltimore 5, Houston 6. 2B—C.Davis (11), Tucker (8), 3B—Flaherty (1). HR—Valbuena (11), SB—Ma.Gonzalez (1), CS—Lough (1), SF—Altuve.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
U.Jimenez	6	4	2	2	2	8
Brach (L,3-1)	BS,1-2	2	3	3	2	1
Tom.Hunter	1⅓	1	0	0	0	1
Britton	⅔	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Oberholtzer	5⅓	1	1	1	2	3
W.Harris W,2-0	1 2/3	1	0	0	0	3
Neshek H,14	1	0	0	0	0	0
Gregerson S,14-15	1	1	1	0	0	1

U.Jimenez pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.
HBP—by U.Jimenez (J.Castro).
T—2:45. A—17,259 (41,574).

Linescores

NATIONAL LEAGUE
CUBS 5, MARLINS 1

Chicago ..... 200 100 110 —5 8 2
Miami ..... 000 100 000 —1 6 0

Hammel, J.Russell (7), Strop (8), T.Wood (9) and M.Montero; Urena, Mazzaro (7), Morris (8) and Realmuto. W—Hammel 4-2. L—Urena 0-2. HRs—Chicago, S.Castro (4).

BREWERS 1, CARDINALS 0

Milwaukee ..... 100 000 000 —1 6 0
St. Louis ..... 000 000 000 —0 8 1

Fiers, Broxton (7), Cotts (8), Jeffress (8), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Lucroy; Ja.Garcia, Choate (8), Belisle (8) and Molina. W—Fiers 2-5. L—Ja.Garcia 1-2. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (9).

NCAA BASEBALL

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Division I Baseball Regionals Glance

Double Elimination; x-if necessary

At Dick Howser Stadium
Tallahassee, Fla.

Friday
Col. of Charleston 7, Auburn 6, 11 innings
Florida State 5, Mercer 4, 10 innings

Saturday
Auburn 1, Mercer 0, Mercer eliminated
Florida State 3, College of Charleston 2

Sunday
College of Charleston 3, Auburn 2, Auburn eliminated

Monday
Florida State 8, College of Charleston 1, Florida State advances

At Alfred A. McKethan Stadium
Gainesville, Fla.

Friday
South Florida 5, FAU 3
Florida 19, Florida A&M 0

Saturday
FAU 8, Florida A&M 1, FAMU eliminated
Florida 8, South Florida 2

Sunday
FAU 6, South Florida 4, USF eliminated
Florida 2, FAU 1, Florida advances
At A-Rod Park at Mark Light Field
Coral Gables, Fla.

Friday
Columbia 6, East Carolina 3
Miami 6, FIU 2

Saturday
FIU 2, East Carolina 0, ECU eliminated
Miami 8, Columbia 3

Sunday
Columbia 4, FIU 3, FIU eliminated
Columbia 3, Miami 0

Monday
Miami 21, Columbia 3, Miami advances

At Jim Patterson Stadium
Louisville, Ky.

Friday
Michigan 10, Bradley 5
Louisville 7, Morehead State 2

Saturday
Bradley 9, Morehead State 4, Morehead State eliminated
Louisville 4, Michigan 3

Sunday
Michigan 4, Bradley 3, Bradley eliminated
Louisville 13, Michigan 4, Louisville advances

At Hawkins Field
Nashville, Tenn.

Friday
Indiana 7, Radford 1
Vanderbilt 9, Lipscomb 1

Saturday
Radford 5, Lipscomb 2, Lipscomb eliminated
Vanderbilt 6, Indiana 4

Sunday
Radford 5, Indiana 3, Indiana eliminated
Vanderbilt vs. Radford, ppd., rain

Monday
Vanderbilt 21, Radford 0, VU advances

At Illinois Field
Champaign, Ill.

Friday
Notre Dame 13, Wright State 7
Illinois 10, Ohio 5

Saturday
Wright State 5, Ohio 2, susp., 3rd inning, rain
Wright State 6, Ohio 3, comp. of susp. game, Ohio eliminated
Illinois 3, Notre Dame 0

Sunday
Wright State 4, Notre Dame 0, Notre Dame eliminated

Monday
Illinois 8, Wright State 4, Illinois advances

At Hammons Field
Springfield, Mo.

Friday
Iowa 3, Oregon 1
Missouri State vs. Canisius, ppd., rain

Saturday
Missouri State 14, Canisius 1
Oregon 12, Canisius 6, Canisius eliminated
Missouri State 5, Iowa 3

Sunday
Iowa 2, Oregon 1, 11 innings, Oregon eliminated
Missouri State 3, Iowa 2, Missouri State advances

At Alex Box Stadium
Baton Rouge, La.

Friday
LSU 10, Lehigh 3
UNC Wilmington 10, Tulane 1

Saturday
Tulane 15, Lehigh 3, Lehigh eliminated
LSU 2, UNC Wilmington 0

Sunday
UNC Wilmington 8, Tulane 2, Tulane eliminated

Monday
LSU 2, UNC Wilmington 0, LSU advances

At Allie P. Reynolds Stadium
Stillwater, Okla.

Friday
Arkansas 8, Oral Roberts 6
Oklahoma State 5, St. John's 4

Saturday
St. John's 10, Oral Roberts 4, ORU eliminated
Arkansas 7, Oklahoma State 5

Sunday
St. John's 2, Oklahoma State 1, OSU eliminated
Arkansas 4, St. John's 3, Arkansas advances

At Lupton Baseball Stadium
Fort Worth

Friday
N.C. State 3, Stony Brook 0
TCU 10, Sacred Heart 0

Saturday
Stony Brook 11, Sacred Heart 6, Sacred Heart eliminated
N.C. State 5, TCU 4

Sunday
TCU 8, Stony Brook 3, Stony Brook eliminated
TCU 8, N.C. State 2

Monday
TCU 9, N.C. State 8, 10 innings, TCU advances

At Horner Ballpark
Dallas

Friday
Oregon St. 5, Texas 4
VCU 7, Dallas Baptist 2

Saturday
Texas vs. Dallas Baptist, ppd., rain
Oregon State vs. VCU, ppd., rain

Sunday
Dallas Baptist 8, Texas 1, Texas eliminated
VCU 5, Oregon State 1
Dallas Baptist 7, Oregon State 1, Oregon State eliminated

Monday
Dallas Baptist 2, VCU 1
VCU 3, Dallas Baptist 1, VCU advances

At Olsen Field
College Station

Friday
California 9, Coastal Carolina 3
Texas A&M 5, Texas Southern 0

Saturday
Coastal Carolina 4, Texas Southern 1, TSU eliminated
California 2, Texas A&M 1, 14 innings

Sunday
Texas A&M 8, Coastal Carolina 1, CCU eliminated
Texas A&M 4, California 3, 12 innings

Monday
Texas A&M 3, California 1, Texas A&M advances

At Cougar Field
Houston

Friday
Louisiana-Lafayette 7, Rice 6
Houston 6, Houston Baptist 4

Saturday
Rice 1, Houston Baptist 0, susp., 4th inning, rain

Sunday
Rice 3, Houston Baptist 1, comp. of susp. game, HBU eliminated
Louisiana-Lafayette 2, Houston 1
Rice 3, Houston 2, 20 innings, Houston eliminated

Monday
Louisiana-Lafayette 5, Rice 2, ULL advances

At Jackie Robinson Stadium
Los Angeles

Friday
Maryland 3, Mississippi 1
UCLA 7, Cal State Bakersfield 2

Saturday
Cal State Bakersfield 2, Mississippi 1, Mississippi eliminated
Maryland 4, UCLA 1

Sunday
UCLA 9, Cal State Bakersfield 1, Cal State Bakersfield eliminated
UCLA 4, Maryland 2

Monday
Maryland (41-22) vs. UCLA (45-15), late

At Goodwin Field
Fullerton, Calif.

Friday
Arizona State 7, Clemson 4
Cal State Fullerton 9, Pepperdine 3

Saturday
Pepperdine 10, Clemson 8, Clemson eliminated
Cal State Fullerton 3, Arizona State 2, 14 innings

Sunday
Pepperdine 7, Arizona State 4
Cal State Fullerton 10, Pepperdine 1, Cal State Fullerton advances

At The Diamond
Lake Elsinore, Calif.

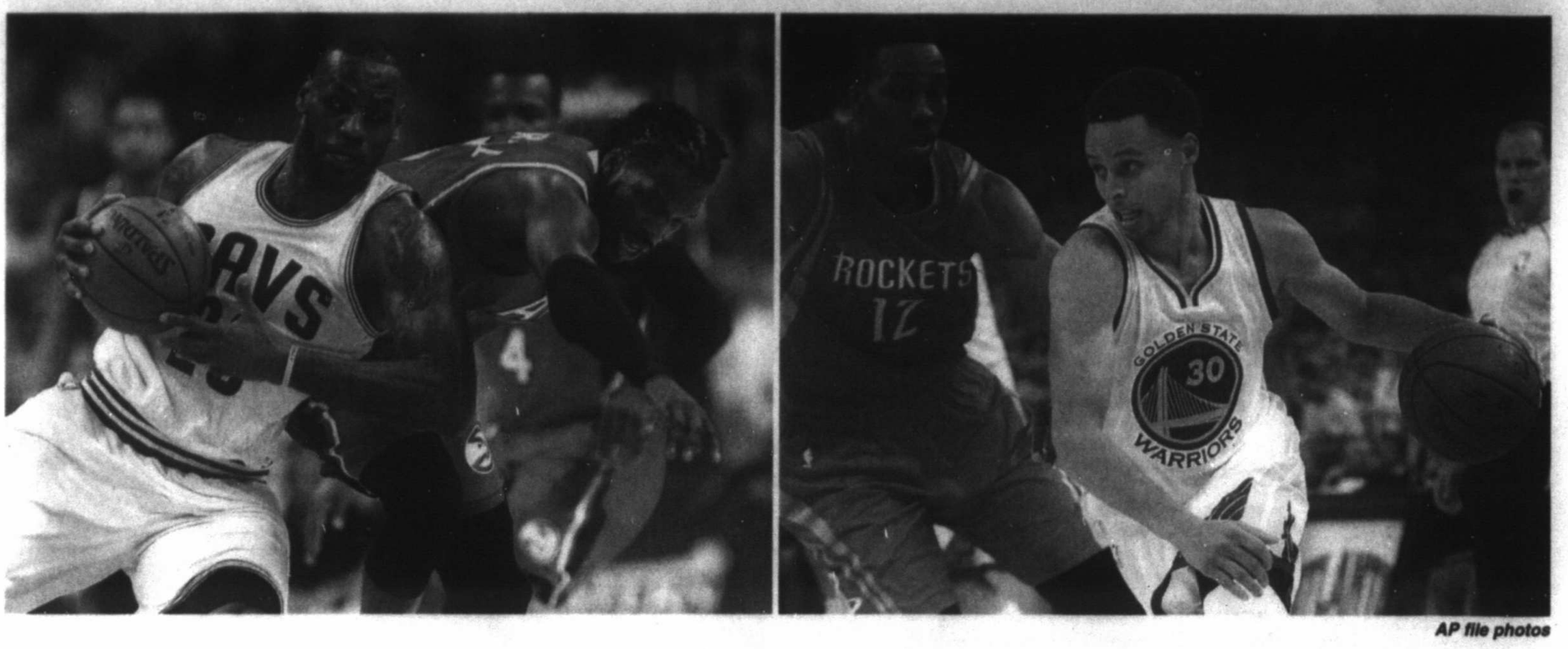
Friday
Virginia 6, Southern Cal 1
San Diego State 4, UC Santa Barbara 3

Saturday
Southern Cal 12, UC Santa Barbara 3, UC Santa Barbara eliminated
Virginia 3, San Diego State 1

Sunday
Southern Cal 12, San Diego State 11, San Diego State eliminated
Virginia 14, Southern Cal 10, 11 innings, Virginia advances

Super Regionals
June 5-8

Los Angeles champion vs. Virginia (37-22)
Arkansas (39-22) vs. Missouri State (48-10)
Miami (47-15) vs. VCU (40-23)
Florida State (44-19) vs. Florida (47-16)
LSU (51-10) vs. Louisiana-Lafayette (42-21)
Texas A&M (49-12) vs. Fort Worth champion
Illinois (50-8-1) vs. Vanderbilt (45-19)
Cal State Fullerton (37-22) vs. Louisville (46-16)



AP file photos

LEFT: Cleveland Cavaliers LeBron James, left, and Hawks DeMarre Carroll battle for a loose ball during game four of the Eastern Conference Finals on May 26 in Cleveland. RIGHT: Golden State Warriors guard Stephen Curry, right, dribbles against Houston Rockets center Dwight Howard during the second half of Game 2 of the Western Conference finals in Oakland, Calif., on May 21.

Superstars LeBron, Curry both born in Akron

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

AKRON — Welcome to the Rubber Capital, where car tires first rolled, the Goodyear Blimp took flight and two bouncing baby basketball prodigies were born less than four years apart in the 1980s.

LeBron James and Stephen Curry, the NBA's two biggest stars set to square off in the upcoming finals, are from the same city.

The prodigal son and the precision shooter. Talk about a long shot.

James re-signed as a free agent with the Cavaliers last summer, returning to his home after four years in Miami to chase an NBA title. And as fate would have it, Golden State's Curry will come back to his Ohio birthplace to pursue his dream.

"It's kind of ironic that he's going back to Cleveland, where he came into the world, to try and get the world championship," said his father, Dell Curry.

Wardell Stephen Curry was born on March 14, 1988, arriving while his daddy, traded by Utah to Cleveland before his second pro season, was playing in Madison Square Garden against the New York Knicks.

Curry made his world debut with almost the same speed in which he comes off a screen, catches the ball and drops one of his 3-pointers — lightning quick. His mom, Sonya, said her delivery was only about 2 1/2 hours, roughly the length of a pro game. Within two weeks, she took her boy to his first NBA game, and from the moment he neared the hardwood, she knew she and her husband had created another ballplayer.

"He was asleep," she said last week after the Warriors won the Western Conference title and advanced to their first finals in 40 years. "We walked in, and his eyes were wide open the whole game — the whole game — and then as soon as we left and went to the family room, he fell asleep.

"And so then we knew that he was in tune with that arena and basketball in every sense."

The Currys didn't spend much time in Ohio as Dell was selected by the Charlotte Hornets in the expansion draft and the family was uprooted again.

Until he left for Florida in 2010, Akron is the only place James ever knew and where the public first glimpsed his greatness as a high school star. He's defiantly proud of his city, often referring to his humble upbringing by saying he's "just a kid from Akron, Ohio."

The four-time MVP said he and the league's current MVP, who was also the top vote getter for this year's All-Star game, have not discussed their Akron bond.

"No, we never have," James said. "I don't think we'll talk too much about it, either, coming up."

James has been a fan of Curry's for years, first recognizing his potential when the Warriors' guard was at Davidson. James watched Curry play several times, once driving to Detroit to see him in the NCAA Tournament. James said he knew almost immediately that Curry was destined for stardom.

"I just thought he was special, a special kid," James said. "I'm very good at noticing talent and I thought he was special then and he still is."

James appreciates Curry's game, a blend of finesse, skill and drive.

"He has a great motor," James said. "I think a lot of people don't understand how great his motor is. He never stops moving. His ball-handling, his ability to shoot the ball off the dribble and off the catch. It's uncanny. I don't think there's ever been a guy in on league to shoot the ball the way he does off the dribble or off the catch, off the ball. He just creates so many matchup problems for your defense and you just always have to be aware."

The Akron boys aren't real tight. Curry was once a guest at James' home, but he's not that familiar with his actual hometown. Still, he and James have a unique connection.

"It's nice to have that in common," Curry said. "But he has more of a history with the city than I do. Maybe three or four years ago I went to his house in Akron and kind of took a lay-of-the-land kind of deal. But other than that, I'm from Akron, but Charlotte raised. So that's kind of where it ends."

James speaks with admiration of Curry, a player some believe is heir apparent to become the face of the league. If he wins a championship, Curry's ascension could happen quicker.

Perhaps because Curry comes from Akron, James, who has 'Akron' tattooed on his right shoulder and 'Est. 1984' tattooed on his left, has gone out of his way to help the 27-year-old.

"I've had an opportunity to speak to him a few times on the floor in the past. Just talk about the process of being a great basketball player, and being a leader and doing what it takes to get to this point," James said. "I don't know if he used it or not, but he's done great for himself. He has a great family. His dad comes from this pedigree. He's got so many great people around him, so he doesn't need nothing from me."

Cavs' Dellavedova sparks team with grit

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — The kid was fearless, relentless, a hustler.

Growing up in tiny Maryborough, Australia, Matthew Dellavedova tried every sport. And no matter if it was playing basketball, soccer, Aussie rules football, tennis, cricket or field hockey, the Cavaliers backup point guard went after the ball with disregard for his body.

Face first.

"He's always been that way," said his 77-year-old grandfather, Alan Dellavedova, who watches all of Cleveland's games in Australia. "He doesn't leave anything out there. What he has, he gives. And if he sees the ball, he wants it."

It's been that way in the NBA playoffs.

Dellavedova has become a cult hero in Cleveland, where his play has endeared "Delly" to teammates and fans, who relate to his approach and undrafted underdog story.

It's the exact opposite in Chicago and Atlanta, where he's a villain who crashes into players' knees and irritates opponents.

As he and his Cleveland teammates prepare for this week's NBA Finals against Golden State, the once obscure Dellavedova has been thrust into an unlikely spotlight. It's new territory for the easygoing 24-year-old, who has grown a scratchy beard during a postseason in which he's raised his game while All-Star Kyrie Irving battles knee and foot injuries.

In the closing moments of the Cavs' series-sweeping win over the Hawks, Dellavedova stepped to the foul line inside a rumbling Quicken Loans Arena and bathed in Cleveland's love as 20,000 fans chanted "Del-lee, Del-lee."

"I just wanted to knock the free throw down," Dellavedova said, smiling at his fresh memory of the ovation.

If not for Dellavedova's contributions, the Cavs may not have beaten the Bulls. With Irving on the bench in Game 6 with his knee wrapped, Dellavedova, scored 19 points to help Cleveland advance.

The points were a bonus from the 6-foot-4 Dellavedova, whose primary role is to provide defense and keep things going while Irving's off the floor.

Actually, Dellavedova's most impactful plays this postseason have come with him on the floor — down, on the floor.

Against Chicago, he skirmished with Bulls forward Taj Gibson, who angrily reacted to Dellavedova scissor-locking one of his legs and was ejected. In Cleveland's series against Atlanta, Dellavedova lunged for a loose ball, rolling over and injuring Hawks shooter Kyle Korver, who was knocked from the series and underwent surgery. He also tangled with Atlanta's Al Horford, who threw an elbow, got tossed and then accused Dellavedova of being dirty.

Atlanta's play-by-play announcer called him "Tonya Harding," referring to the Olympic ice skater whose ex-husband hired a goon squad to whack Nancy Kerrigan's knee.

Almost immediately, the Cavs came to Dellavedova's side with coach David Blatt insisting "he doesn't have an unsportsmanlike bone in his body."

Dellavedova said the outside comments stung, but he won't let them sink in.



AP file photo

Cleveland Cavaliers guard Matthew Dellavedova, front, tangles with the Atlanta Hawks' Kent Bazemore during the second half in Game 3 of the Eastern Conference finals May 24 in Cleveland.

NBA Finals schedule

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Golden State vs. Cleveland
Thursday, June 4: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 7: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 11: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 14: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, June 16: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Warriors quietly trying to finish one of NBA's best seasons

By Antonio Gonzalez
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Steve Kerr remembers coming into training camp with the Chicago Bulls before the 1995-96 season and sensing something different about the team.

After getting upset by Orlando in the Eastern Conference semifinals a few months earlier, Michael Jordan was motivated to redeem himself in his second year back in basketball and the Bulls were built for a championship run. Kerr, a reserve guard, noticed after just a few practices that season would be unlike any other.

"You could feel it right away. That was a special team," Kerr said.

The Bulls won an NBA-record 72 games in the regular season and lost only three times in the playoffs on the way to a title. They're considered one of the greatest teams ever and glorified in highlights each June.

While it's not nearly as noticeable now, Kerr's current club is quietly reaching a level only the Jordan-led Bulls have ever touched.

The Golden State Warriors — with a fictitious name on the map, a rookie coach in Kerr and a roster that lacks NBA Finals experience — have a chance to finish with the third-most wins in league history if they can get past LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers in the finals starting Thursday night.

"It's been a dream season. Things have fallen into place over and over again," Kerr said.

The Warriors rolled to a franchise-record 67 victories during the regular season. They have marched through the first three rounds of the playoffs with relative ease and stretched their win total to 79 in all.

Four more wins and the Warriors would trail only the 1995-96 Bulls (87) and the 1996-97 Bulls (84) for the most ever. They're already the 14th team to win at least 65 regular-season games and reach the NBA Finals. The other 13 all won the title.

Kerr, who played on both of those Chicago clubs, is not ready to acknowledge what could be but admits there are correlations between the Warriors and the all-time great teams — most notably a smothering defense and timely shooting.

Veteran leadership is key to young Lightning's success this season

Associated Press

TAMPA, Fla. — The Tampa Bay Lightning are hoping to rejoin hockey royalty after a decade-plus absence. The Chicago Blackhawks are chasing their third NHL title in six seasons.

While Steven Stamkos is downplaying the idea of youth versus experience for the Stanley Cup, the captain of the Lightning understands the challenge presented by the Blackhawks beginning with Game 1 on Wednesday night.

"You can see they've played together for a while," he said Monday. "That core bunch of guys, they know where they are on the ice all the time. They've proven they can win at this time of year. They're champions for a reason. It's going to be a big mountain for us to climb."

With Stamkos and the exciting young line of Tyler Johnson, Ondrej Palat and Nikita Kucherov leading the way, the Lightning led the league in scoring this season. But it is difficult to imagine them reaching the NHL final for the first time since 2004 without their strong veteran leadership.

The question is do they have enough to beat Chicago for their second Stanley Cup championship. Stamkos thinks so.

"They're a great team ... and they do have experience. That never hurts," he said. "But we've got some guys who have been in this situation, as well. Obviously not as many guys who have won a Cup. But you have to get to this point to gain experience."

"There were not a lot of guys who had Game 7 experience before, now everyone does. Not a lot of guys who had been to the conference finals and won, now we do," Stamkos added. "We have to build somewhere and start somewhere, and we're excited about this group. We realize the talent and experience over there is definitely in their favor, but we believe in ourselves."

Stamkos, 25, and defenseman Victor Hedman are the lone holdovers from four years ago, when Tampa Bay lost in Game 7 of the Eastern Conference finals.

After being swept by Montreal in the opening round of last season's playoffs, general manager Steve Yzerman bolstered the defense by signing Anton Stralman in free agency.

Another important acquisition was the signing of center Brian Boyle, who along with Stralman, appeared in the last year's Stanley Cup Final with the New York Rangers.

Stanley Cup Finals

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Tampa Bay vs. Chicago
Wednesday, June 3: Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 6: Chicago at Tampa Bay, 6:15 p.m.
Monday, June 8: Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Wednesday, June 10: Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Saturday, June 13: Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.
x-Monday, June 15: Tampa Bay at Chicago, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 17: Chicago at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

Benson in good spirits as trial vs. estranged heirs starts

By Brett Martel
Associated Press


Benson

NEW ORLEANS — Saints and Pelicans owner Tom Benson walked slowly toward a court room where a struggle for control of his pro sports teams is playing out.

Using a cane with his left hand while a young lawyer held the 87-year-old's right arm for support, Benson paused near several media members and quipped, "Y'all can report that I'm still walking — damn good."

"All I want is a good football team and a good basketball team," he added, before disappearing into the court room from which the public — including the media — has been barred.

Monday marked the opening of a civil trial in which Benson's disowned daughter, Renee, and her two children, Rita and Ryan LeBlanc, are contesting their ouster from ownership positions with New Orleans' NFL and NBA teams.

The estranged heirs contend Tom Benson was not of sound mind when he changed his succession plan to bequeath control of the Saints, Pelicans and other businesses to his third wife, Gayle, whom he married in 2004.

Benson announced the change in January, and his jilted heirs filed suit a day later, claiming that their patriarch is being manipulated by his wife in concert with top Saints executives, who are taking advantage of the Louisiana billionaire's frail mental and physical state.

The opening of trial also marked the first time Benson had been in the same room with his only living child and her two children since their stunning split.

Rita LeBlanc, who had been one of the primary public faces of the Saints since their return from Hurricane Katrina, and who often represented the Pelicans in a similar capacity after her grandfather bought the NBA club in 2012, did not comment. Neither did her mother or brother.

They deferred to attorney Randall A. Smith.

"We're here because we want the best for Tom Benson and his family and his employees and the Saints, the Pelicans, the city, the state — all of the stakeholders in this," Smith said. "This isn't easy for anybody, but we believe we're doing the right thing."

Lawyers said the trial is expected to last until Thursday or Friday, with the plaintiffs calling seven witnesses and Tom Benson's attorneys calling about five more.

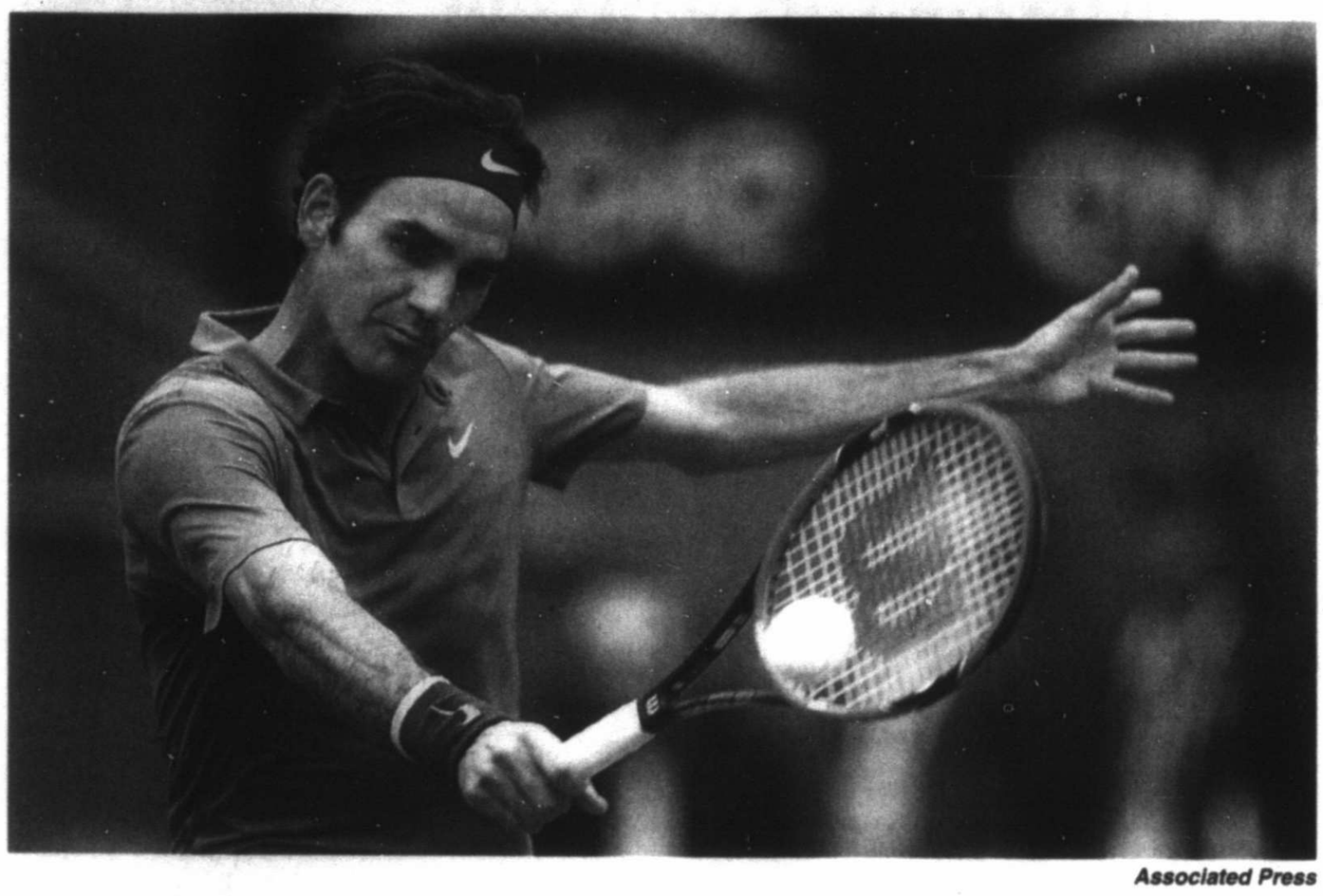
For his part, Tom Benson appeared to be in good spirits, except momentarily when asked in front of television cameras if he was competent to run his franchises. Frowning dismissively, he said, "I've been running them for 50 years, eh?"

Benson bought the Saints 30 years ago, in 1985, but began building a business empire that includes auto dealerships, a bank, television station and real estate holdings well before that.

After listening to more than five hours of testimony, Benson was asked how the trial was going as he made his way toward an elevator and responded, "Great."

Before being helped into a black Mercedes-Benz, Benson was reminded by attorney Phil Wittman that there is a gag order in place and said, "I can't talk about nothing. I just feel good."

The first two witnesses to appear in court were Tom Roddy, a former longtime Tom Benson business associate, and Takiyah Daniels, a nurse who formerly cared for Benson. A former house keeper also offered video testimony. All were called by the plaintiffs.


Associated Press

Switzerland's Roger Federer returns the ball to France's Gael Monfils during their fourth round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium Sunday. The match was suspended because of darkness Sunday and finished Monday, with Federer winning the match in four sets. Federer moves on to face fellow countryman Stan Wawrinka today in a quarterfinal match.

Federer to face Wawrinka today in quarterfinal

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press

PARIS — Swiss fans can rub their hands in delight: They're guaranteed to have a man in the semifinals at Roland Garros.

It will be either Roger Federer or Davis Cup teammate Stan Wawrinka, who are facing off in the French Open's quarterfinals today.

"It (will be) a special match," said Federer, the 2009 champion. "It is not a traditional match. There aren't too many Swiss players in the draw. It's always special to play each other."

It's been a good French Open for Swiss tennis so far, with 23rd-seeded Timea Bacsinszky also reaching the quarterfinals in the women's draw.

Federer and Wawrinka will be facing each other for the 19th time, with the 17-time Grand Slam winner having won 16 of their previous meetings. Federer has won all four of their matches at Grand Slam tournaments.

However, Wawrinka, the 2014 Australian champion, has solid credentials on clay. His two wins over Federer came on the slow surface, most recently in the Monte Carlo Masters final last year.

Here's a look at what else is happening at the French Open on today:

Nishikori's historic march

Playing in his first quarterfinal at the French Open, fifth-seeded Kei Nishikori is trying to emulate Jiro Satoh, the only Japanese man to reach the tournament's last four, all the way back in 1931 and 1933. Nishikori's opponent is Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, who made it to the semifinals in Paris two years ago. The last French man to win the trophy at Roland Garros was Yannick Noah, 32 years ago.

Tsonga's clay concerns

Bad news for Tsonga: Nishikori has won his past seven matches against French players in Grand Slam tournaments. Also, Nishikori has beaten Tsonga four of the previous five times they've played. And given Nishikori's current form, the fact that they never met on clay before is not even reassuring.

"He had very good results on clay. He won tournaments (on clay), which I didn't. Not even one time," Tsonga said. "He is a good player on clay. He is able to play on every surface."

Ivanovic looks to extend renaissance

Seventh-seeded Ana Ivanovic, the 2008 champion, will open play on center court against Elina Svitolina. Ivanovic is looking to return to her first semifinal at a major since her only Grand Slam title.

"That would be amazing, obviously," said Ivanovic, who is unbeaten is six matches against the 19th-seeded Ukrainian. "The exciting part that I feel is that I can still improve."

First meeting

Back on court a day after eliminating defending champion Maria Sharapova, 13th-seeded Lucie Safarova is up against Spanish rising star Garbine Muguruza in the other quarterfinal on the schedule.

Safarova and Muguruza have never met.

"Safarova plays so well at such a high level that she is impressive," said Muguruza, who played on Monday, too. "It's going to be a tough match."

French Open results

Monday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: $30.86 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Fourth Round

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Gael Monfils (13), France, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
David Ferrer (7), Spain, def. Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Rafael Nadal (6), Spain, def. Jack Sock, United States, 6-3, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Richard Gasquet (20), France, 6-1, 6-2, 6-3.

Women
Fourth Round

Garbine Muguruza (21), Spain, def. Flavia Pennetta (28), Italy, 6-3, 6-4.
Lucie Safarova (13), Czech Republic, def. Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Sara Errani (17), Italy, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-2, 6-2.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Sloane Stephens, United States, 1-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, def. Andreea Mitu, Romania, 6-1, 6-3.
Timea Bacsinszky (23), Switzerland, def. Petra Kvitova (4), Czech Republic, 2-6, 6-0, 6-3.

Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals

Simone Bolelli and Fabio Fognini (6), Italy, def. Radu Albot, Moldova, and Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2.
Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (3), Brazil, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (8), Brazil, 6-3, 7-6 (9).

Women
Third Round

Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, and Barbora Strycova (13), Czech Republic, def. Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Sam Stosur, Australia, 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Flavia Pennetta (4), Italy, def. Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and Paula Kania, Poland, 6-3, 7-5.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova (7), Czech Republic, def. Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, and Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.
Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, def. Anastasia and Arina Rodionova (15), Australia, 6-0, 3-6, 6-2.

Mixed
Quarterfinals

Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Horia Tecau, Romania, def. Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, and Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, 6-3, 6-2.
Zheng Jie, China, and Henri Kontinen, Finland, def. Chan Yung-jan, Taiwan, and John Peers, Australia, 6-4, 6-4.

Rampone looks back to 1999 — and forward to Canada

Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press


Rampone

U.S defender Christie Rampone has been to four World Cups, including the last time the Americans won in 1999.

She'll head to her fifth this week, joining a group of just four other women internationally who have appeared in as many.

She's seen the team through the elation of hoisting the trophy at the Rose Bowl those 16 years ago, to the disappointment of 2003, when the United States hastily hosted the event because of the SARS outbreak in China and finished third, and to the sting of 2011 when the team fell to Japan on penalty kicks in the final.

She would like nothing more than to bookend her career with another title.

Rampone will turn 40 during the World Cup in Canada, and it's abundantly clear why she made the team: She's been there before.

"When we get to Canada it's a whole other level," she said. "The preparation is the first phase of it. When we get there, with the pressure and media and the spotlight, the level raises. And each country brings a whole different presence. That's something we have to be ready for and embrace, then put our best soccer out there."

Rampone said the drought between World Cup titles — and the frustration that lingers from the runner-up finish in Germany four years ago — is driving this squad.

"This is my fifth World Cup and every World Cup has been hard. It hasn't been smooth sailing: We haven't gone in and won every game and it's been great," she said. "There will be bumps, it's just how we overcome those."

The 39-year-old Rampone has been with the U.S. women's team since 1997 and is the most capped active player in the world. Her international appearances fall second only to fellow American Kristine Lilly, who had 352 caps from 1987 to 2010.

Only four other women have played in five World Cups: Lilly, Brazil's Formiga, Germany's Birgit Prinz and Japan's Homare Sawa. Formiga and Sawa are expected to play in their sixth this year.

"I feel strong. I feel fast," she said. "I'm in a good place and I'm ready for this World Cup."

Rampone has played only sparingly in the lead-up to Canada after dealing with injuries. First it was some strained muscles in her lower back as the result of weight training earlier this year. Then she strained a ligament in her left knee.

The first action she has seen this season came on May 17 when she came in as a second-half sub in a 5-1 victory over Mexico, part of a three-match send-off tour before the World Cup opens on Saturday.

She realizes her primary role has been expanded to include guidance of the younger players who will eventually take her place — like Julie Johnston, who has blossomed while Rampone was injured and has won a starting nod.

"I'm constantly communicating on and off the field to make sure we're in a good place and peaking at the right time, and not doing too much but doing enough, and not letting the pressure get to us," Rampone said. "I think our team does well with pressure, and embracing that pressure rather than flinching away from it."

Coach Jill Ellis also sees Rampone's contribution as coming from her experience, calling her role "critical."

"Great leadership. Confidence," Ellis said in describing what Rampone brings to the team. "You know, I met individually with all the players and my message to her was that she's an integral part of our team's success this summer."

Rampone said there are distinct differences between the U.S. World Cup teams. Past squads — including that '99 team — were more defensive, while this team has more offensive threats.

Jim Kelly upbeat in return to host charitable golf tournament

By John Wawrow
Associated Press


Kelly

BATAVIA, N.Y. — Walking past a stationary football target positioned off a tee box at his own charitable golf tournament, Jim Kelly couldn't resist a chance to test his arm.

Swish! The Buffalo Bills Hall of Fame quarterback raised both hands in celebration after his spiral-perfect pass landed square in the mesh pocket from 10 yards out.

Even at 55, Kelly has still got it.

"I never lost it," he replied with a wide grin.

Kelly had many reasons to be upbeat on Monday. After all, he was back in his familiar place as host and master of ceremonies of the 29th Jim Kelly Celebrity Classic a year after a battle with cancer left him in a weakened state in a hospital bed.

"To be able to come back here and see how many people showed up, and how many people continue to rally ... it's so unbelievable," he said. "It's overwhelming."

The feeling was mutual among current and former NFL players, celebrities and fans who eagerly showed their support despite cloudy skies and a persistent drizzle that fell on the golf course about a 45-minute drive outside of Buffalo.

"Tremendous relief," said former Bills star linebacker Darryl Talley, a member of the Kelly-led teams that won four consecutive AFC championships in the early 1990s. "For him to still be here and doing what he's doing, it's truly, truly a remarkable thing."

Longtime rival and fellow Hall of Famer Dan Marino also made his usual appearance.

"For him not to be here last year was tough. But at the same time, a lot of us got to go over to the hospital and see him," the former Miami Dolphins quarterback said. "It puts things in perspective pretty quickly. And now that he's here, it makes it all worth it."

New Bills coach Rex Ryan thought the event was so important, he canceled practice and had his players and staff pack three busses to honor Kelly as part of an impromptu team-bonding experience.

"He's one of the toughest guys that you'll ever meet and obviously an inspiration to probably millions out there," Ryan said. "I know he inspires me, and I'm sure he inspires our team."

Beloved during his playing days, Kelly's status as a Bills icon has continued long after he retired following the 1996 season.

Maintaining his home in suburban Buffalo, the quarterback has raised millions of dollars through his Kelly for Kids charitable foundation. More recently, Kelly has become a source of inspiration for the perseverance he's shown during a public battle with two separate forms of cancer.

Two years ago, Kelly announced at his tournament he was going to have surgery to remove cancerous cells in his upper jaw. The cancer eventually spread to his sinus, forcing Kelly to undergo radiation and chemotherapy treatments last spring.

The good news finally came in September, when follow-up tests revealed Kelly showed no signs of cancer.

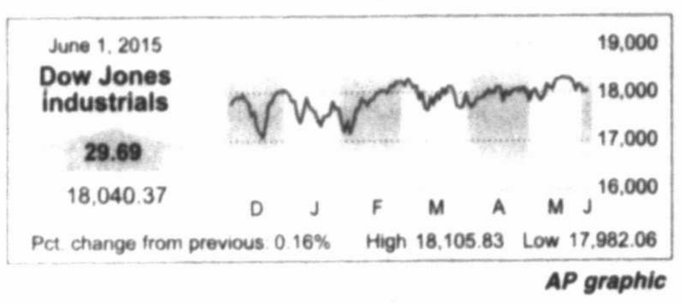
Kelly still has difficulty putting on weight, and his mouth tends to get dry after he had his jaw surgically reconstructed. He also acknowledged that there are days he doesn't feel well.

And yet, Kelly said he couldn't have succeeded in his battle without his family, friends and the large outpouring of support from fans. Now he wants to return that favor.

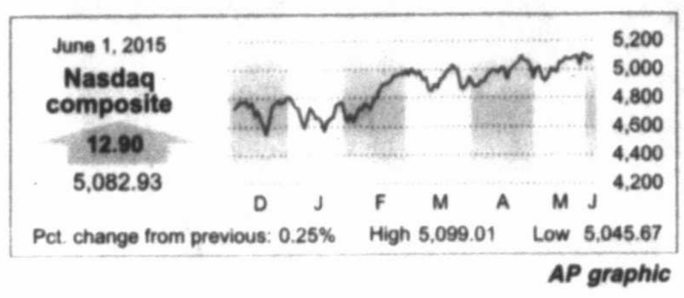
"Because of people that helped me get through my fight, it makes me want to continue that fight so I can inspire other people because I want people to understand how much it means to me," he said. "It makes you want to live harder and push to make a difference."

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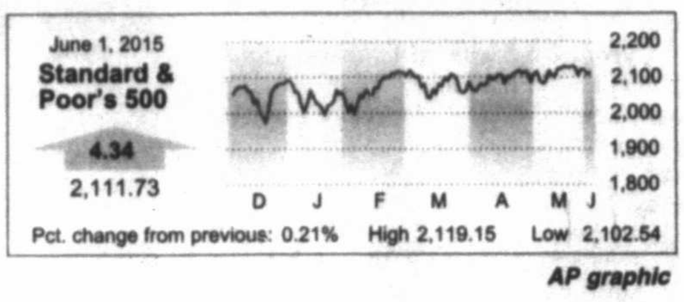
A DAY ON WALL STREET



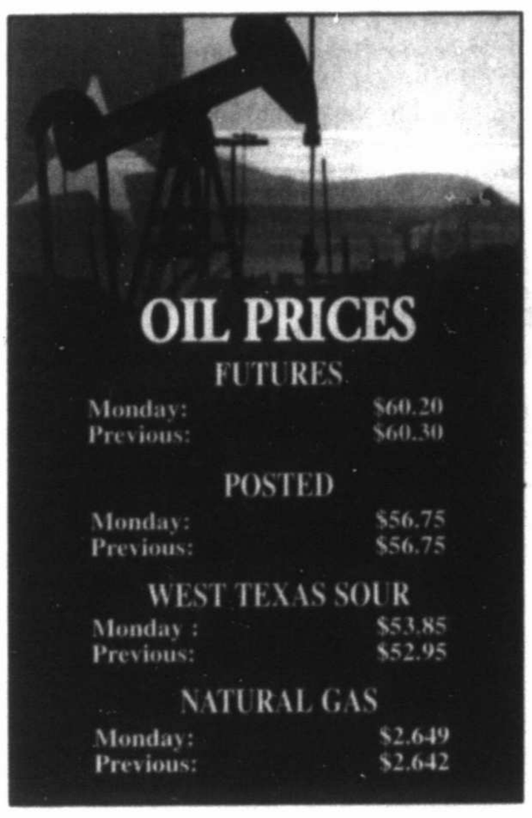
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Pioneer and Reliance selling Eagle Ford Shale Midstream

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pioneer Natural Resources Co. and India's Reliance Industries Ltd. have agreed to sell a pipeline and processing company to Enterprise Products Partners LP for $2.15 billion.

Irving-based Pioneer currently owns 50.1 percent of the Eagle Ford Shale Midstream business, while Reliance owns 49.9 percent of that business.

Enterprise Products is a gas and oil pipeline company based in Houston.

The Eagle Ford Shale Midstream business was formed in 2010 to construct facilities to provide gathering and handling services for condensate and gas produced from wells in the Eagle Ford Shale. The system currently consists of 10 central gathering plants and approximately 460 miles of pipelines.

In a statement, Pioneer said the companies will benefit from a reduction in their existing processing and transportation contracts with Enterprise in exchange for extending the contract term to 20 years. Pioneer expects the reduced fees to benefit the companies by about $200 million.

Proceeds from the sale and the reduced fees will give Pioneer additional capital for drilling activity.

In the statement, Scott Sheffield, Pioneer's chairman and chief executive officer, said, "The sale of EFS Midstream will further improve our already strong balance sheet and allow us to strategically redeploy capital to our core, oil-rich Spraberry/Wolfcamp asset in the Permian Basin of West Texas, which we have successfully transformed from a vertical play into a world-class horizontal play."

In his statement, Sheffield added, "I want to personally thank all of our EFS Midstream employees for the value that they have created for Pioneer shareholders in supporting our successful development of the Eagle Ford Shale. I am pleased that Enterprise will be working with us going forward to build on this success."

Upon closing of the transaction, Pioneer will no longer receive its share of the cash flow generated by the EFS Midstream business, which was forecasted to be more than $100 million in 2015. The loss of this cash flow will result in an increase to Pioneer's Eagle Ford Shale production costs of approximately $3 per barrel oil equivalent (BOE) and total corporate production costs of approximately 75 cents per BOE.

US stocks gain

Stocks rose on Monday after the release of some encouraging economic data and news of a big acquisition in the semiconductor industry.

The gains were modest, but broad. Eight of the 10 industry sectors in the Standard and Poor's 500 index ended higher, led by industrial stocks with a gain of 0.4 percent.

The biggest gainer in the S&P 500 was chip designer Altera, the target of a $17 billion cash offer by giant chip-maker Intel. Altera jumped $2.83 to $51.68, a 6 percent gain. Companies have been combining at a rapid clip, helping to boost stocks in the seventh year of the bull market.

The S&P 500 rose 4.34 points, or 0.2 percent, to 2,111.73. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 29.69 points, or 0.2 percent, to 18,040.37. The Nasdaq composite climbed 12.90 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,082.93.

In economic news, U.S. manufacturing growth accelerated in May for the first time in six months, propelled by more new orders and an increase in hiring, according to the Institute for Supply Management, a trade group. A separate report showed construction spending climbed in April to the highest level in more than six years.

Investors are anxious about U.S. growth following a series of weak data, capped by news Friday that the economy shrank in the first three months of the year.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	844154	211.57	+.43
BkofAm	616989	16.55	+.05
CSVLgCrde	514643	3.56	+.02
iSNEMkts	482068	40.96	+.16
B iPVixST	359761	18.84	-.18

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OM Group	34.04	+7.50	+28.3
ITT Ed	5.53	+1.16	+26.5
Tacmee	3.50	+.51	+17.1
DmRsBW	5.22	+.66	+14.5
TeekayTnk	7.63	+.88	+13.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PumaBiotc	169.97	-25.48	-13.0
VinaConc	37.48	-4.47	-10.7
CloudPeak	5.18	-.59	-10.2
EKodak wt	5.22	-.54	-9.4
DxRsaBll rs	25.59	-2.60	-9.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,656
Declined	1,460
Unchanged	119
Total issues	3,235
New Highs	71
New Lows	67
Volume	2,936,263,685

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	60998	2.22	-.43
IsoRay	27645	1.68	-.12
NwGold g	27187	3.21	+.03
BarcGSOil	25324	12.37	+.02
ActniumP	22831	3.20	-.74

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CorMedix	7.10	+1.01	+16.6
SynthBiol	2.16	+.26	+13.7
FlexSolu	2.49	+.24	+10.7
Conndus n	4.25	+.25	+6.3
OnionEngy	2.83	+.15	+5.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ActniumP	3.20	-.74	-18.8
Globalstar	2.22	-.43	-16.2
TelInstEl	4.87	-.63	-11.5
NvIestnSci	3.60	-.40	-10.0
KelsoTch g	3.11	-.32	-9.2

DIARY

Advanced	175
Declined	215
Unchanged	29
Total issues	419
New Highs	9
New Lows	10
Volume	78,087,314

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AlteraCp fl	629287	51.68	+2.83
Intel	456475	33.91	.56
Oncothyr	355158	3.96	+.54
Apple Inc s	302632	130.54	+.26
Broadcom	282586	55.47	-1.39

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ImunoGn	15.44	+6.46	+71.9
ACJanetSic h	2.60	+1.05	+67.7
Ignyta	14.90	+5.92	+65.9
HeronTher	24.37	+4.61	+23.3
Sina	50.21	+9.48	+23.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MiratiTher	26.87	-9.79	-26.7
Jiayuan	7.76	-1.52	-16.4
Caesars	7.86	-1.50	-16.0
Transgnc	2.25	-.38	-14.4
Zais Grp	8.80	-1.34	-13.2

DIARY

Advanced	1,359
Declined	1,368
Unchanged	179
Total issues	2,906
New Highs	106
New Lows	54
Volume	1,837,499,047

Various groups call for a halt to drilling in New Mexico

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Environmental groups on Monday renewed their call to end hydraulic fracturing in northwestern New Mexico as part of an ongoing battle over oil and natural gas development and the protection of cultural and archaeological sites.

The groups delivered a letter to the Bureau of Land Management in Farmington, saying increased development has led to more truck traffic and dozens of new well pads over the last year, and that is harming the region that includes Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

"It's time BLM stops rubber-stamping permits to drill and starts planning to protect these communities, their traditional culture and our climate," said Rebecca Sobel of WildEarth Guardians, one of the groups that signed the letter.

The letter follows a court filing last month that seeks to stop the BLM from approving permits to drill in the Mancos Shale formation.

According to the groups, the BLM's Farmington office has approved 265 permits since 2013 and more than 90 wells have already been drilled, fracked and flared. Fracking is the practice of high-pressure injection of water, sand and chemicals underground to free deposits of oil and gas.

The BLM declined to comment directly on the pending litigation but said it carefully reviews all permitted wells to ensure compliance with state and federal laws.

Agency spokeswoman Lisa Morrison said the BLM recognizes the importance of Chaco Canyon and has deferred all new leasing within a 10-mile radius of Chaco park until the management plan for the San Juan Basin is updated, likely in 2016.

The basin is one of the largest natural gas fields in the U.S. and has been in production for more than 60 years. BLM officials say that since the 1950s, fracking has been used with nearly every well in the basin.

The agency has been working on a new management plan in the face of an expected shale oil boom. The groups have been pushing the agency to stop approving new permits until the plan is in place.

The BLM in January did postpone an oil and gas lease sale for more than 4 square miles in northwestern New Mexico, saying more time was needed to review public comments that raised concerns about environmental justice and other issues.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $51.89 Up 0.25

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $120.26 Down 0.04

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.37 Down 0.04

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $78.96 Up 1.15

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $10.20 Up 0.16

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.90 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.21 Down 0.94

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.54 Up 0.06

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.31 Down 0.18

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.84 Up 0.29

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	31	34.35	-.19	+2.3
AbbVie	2.04f	60	66.93	+.34	+2.3
Abraxas	...	5	2.93	...	-3
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.27	**+.08**	**+4.3**
Alcoa	.12	20	12.42	-.08	-21.3
AlonUSA	.60f	19	17.32	-.31	+36.7
AlteraCp fl	.72	35	51.68	+2.83	+39.9
AmAirlines	.40	10	44.18	+1.81	-17.6
Amgen	**3.16**	**21**	**157.03**	**+.77**	**-1.4**
Anadarko	**1.08**	...	**83.84**	**+.23**	**+1.6**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**58.87**	**-.97**	**-6.1**
Apple Inc s	2.08f	16	130.54	+.26	+18.3
ApldMatl	**.40**	**20**	**20.31**	**+.18**	**-18.5**
ATMOS	**1.56**	**18**	**54.09**	**+.07**	**-3.0**
AutoData	1.96	29	85.30	-.21	+2.3
Avon	.24	...	6.68	-.04	-28.9
BP PLC	**2.40**	**45**	**40.95**	**-.51**	**+7.4**
BabsCClnv	1.20	...	15.93	+.05	+.2
BaskHg	.68	32	64.32	+.03	+14.7
BkofAm	.20	25	16.55	+.05	-7.5
B iPVixST			18.84	-.18	-40.2
BasicEnSv			8.59	-.12	+22.5
BerkHa A	**...**	**172154**	**00.00**	**+600.00**	**-4.7**
BkHillsCp	**1.62**	**17**	**48.00**	**+.22**	**-9.5**
BlackBerry	...	...	9.51	-.29	-13.4
BrMySq	**1.48**	**49**	**66.48**	**+1.88**	**+12.6**
Broadcom	.56	49	55.47	-1.39	+28.0
BrownFA	**1.26**	**34**	**106.15**	**+3.59**	**+21.0**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**30**	**93.63**	**-.32**	**+6.6**
CTI BioPh			2.17	+.23	-8.1
CVS Health	1.40	25	102.51	+.13	+6.4
Cameron		12	51.19	-.14	+2.5
Caterpillar	2.80	14	85.53	+.21	-6.6
Celestic g	...	16	12.81	+.01	+9.1
Cemex	.40t	...	9.18	-.12	-6.3
CntryLink	2.16	25	32.87	-.37	-17.0
ChesEng	.35	...	13.86	-.25	-29.2
Chevron	**4.28**	**11**	**102.63**	**-.37**	**-8.5**
Chicos	.31	38	16.64	+.03	+2.7
Cimarex	.64	...	115.11	-.40	+8.6
Cisco	.84	17	29.18	-.13	+5.6
Citigroup	.20f	22	54.45	+.37	+.6
ClayEng	**...**	**44**	**51.89**	**+.25**	**+18.7**
CocaCola	**1.32**	**26**	**40.94**	**-.02**	**-3.0**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ColgPalm	**1.52f**	**26**	**66.90**	**+.11**	**-3.3**
Comcast	1.00	18	58.78	+.32	+1.3
ConAgra	**1.00**	...	**38.87**	**+.26**	**+7.1**
ConchoRes	...	**30**	**120.26**	**-.04**	**+20.6**
ConocoPhill	**2.92**	**16**	**63.61**	**-.07**	**-7.9**
CrackerB	4.00	23	139.79	-1.29	-.7
CSVLgNGs			1.93	...	-51.5
CSVLgCrde			3.56	+.02	-27.2
CSVelIVST			45.61	+.42	+46.5
CrosTim	**2.24e**	**7**	**17.31**	**-.24**	**-.1**
DCP Mid	3.12	15	37.84	+.04	-16.7
DTE	2.76	16	79.26	+.03	-8.2
Dataram h	...	...	2.02	-.05	+18.8
DeltaAir	.36	15	44.35	+1.43	-9.8
DevonE	**.96**	...	**64.47**	**-.75**	**+5.3**
DxGldBull			10.90	-.10	-2.4
DrxSCBear			9.94	-.09	-17.2
Disney	**1.15f**	**24**	**110.96**	**+.59**	**+17.8**
DowChm	**1.68**	**16**	**52.26**	**+.19**	**+14.6**
eBay	...	27	62.56	+1.20	+11.5
EOG Resrc	**.67**	**17**	**88.76**	**+.07**	**-3.6**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**17**	**23.43**	**+.09**	**-21.2**
Energen	.08	41	69.99	+.79	+9.8
EngyTsfr	4.06f	72	55.96	-.27	-13.9
EnPro	**.80**	**83**	**60.31**	**-.17**	**-3.9**
EntPrdPt s	1.50f	23	32.14	-.28	-11.0
Ericsson	.39e	...	11.25	-.01	-7.0
ExterranH	**.60**	**24**	**33.52**	**+.46**	**+2.9**
ExxonMbl	**2.92f**	**13**	**85.13**	**-.07**	**-7.9**
Facebook	...	78	80.29	+1.10	+2.9
FifthThird	.52	12	20.07	-.18	-1.5
FordM	**.60**	**20**	**15.36**	**+.19**	**-.9**
FrptMcM	.20m	...	19.35	-.30	-17.2
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.08	-.07	-23.8
GATX	**1.52**	**11**	**55.85**	**+.14**	**-2.9**
GabMultT	**1.05e**	...	**9.53**	**+.02**	**-4.8**
GAInv	**3.50e**	...	**35.54**	**+.04**	**+1.5**
GenElec	**.92**	...	**27.28**	**+.01**	**+8.0**
GenMotors	1.44f	17	36.18	+.21	+3.6
GoPro n	...	51	58.52	+3.06	-7.4
GtPlainEn	**.98**	**17**	**25.92**	**-.15**	**-8.8**
HalconRes	...	...	1.07	+.02	-39.9
Halliburtn	**.72**	**16**	**45.24**	**+.02**	**+15.0**
HuntBncsh	.24	14	11.04	-.09	+4.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	32.49	+.22	-11.2
iShJapan	.15e	...	13.11	+.06	+16.6
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	49.30	+.54	+18.5
iShEMkts	.88e	...	40.96	-.16	+4.3
iSh20 yrT	3.10	...	121.13	-1.58	-3.8
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	66.46	-.18	+9.2
iShR2K	1.59e	...	124.28	+.39	+3.9
ImunoGn			15.44	+6.46	+153.1
IntegrysE	2.72	24	72.04	+.13	-7.5
Intel	**.96**	**14**	**33.91**	**-.56**	**-6.6**
InterDig	.80	...	60.47	+1.84	+14.3
ItauUnibH	.41e	...	10.69	...	-17.8
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	66.08	+.30	+6.3
JohnJn	**3.00f**	**18**	**100.04**	**-.10**	**-4.3**
KimbClk	**3.52**	**27**	**109.15**	**+.29**	**-5.5**
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	10.20	+.16	-10.8
LuByrs	...	...	**5.12**	**-.07**	**+12.5**
MktVGold	.12e	...	19.49	-.09	+6.0
MktVRus	.64e	...	18.37	-.58	+25.6
McDnlds	3.40	21	96.22	+.29	+2.7
Merck	1.80	16	60.75	-.14	+7.0
MeritMed	...	**35**	**20.75**	**+.19**	**+19.7**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.90	...	-9.8
MiKors	...	13	47.74	+1.24	-36.4
MicronT	...	9	28.42	+.49	-18.8
Microsoft	1.24	20	47.23	+.37	+1.7
Molycorp	...	...	.43	-.10	-51.1
Mondelez	.60	32	40.89	-.90	+12.0
Nabors	.24	12	14.45	-.30	+11.3
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**71.31**	**-.37**	**+.9**
NOilVarco	1.84	9	49.08	-.11	-25.1
NvMAd	**.79e**	...	**13.39**	**-.07**	**-2.0**
NvPMI	**.82e**	...	**13.22**	**+.04**	**-5.4**
NuvPI	**.82e**	...	**13.34**	**-.02**	**-3.8**
NSTFI3	**.59e**	...	**14.42**	**-.03**	**+1.3**
NTXQI	**.65e**	...	**13.94**	**+.04**	**-3.6**
OcciPet	**3.00f**	**20**	**78.89**	**+.70**	**-2.1**
Oncothyr	...	...	3.96	+.54	+108.4
PerTech	...	...	**4.01**	**-.06**	**-34.8**
ParkDri	...	**10**	**3.30**	**-.09**	**+7.5**
PetMUTI	**.40**	**22**	**20.00**	**-.20**	**+20.6**
PsabdyE	.01	...	3.10	-.28	-59.9
PennaRE	**.84**	...	**22.70**	**+.38**	**-3.2**
Prmian	.72e	10	8.36	+.07	-12.5
PetbrsA	...	...	7.77	+.04	+2.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Petrobras	...	...	8.37	+.02	+14.7
Pfizer	**1.12**	**24**	**34.58**	**-.19**	**+10.9**
PioNrtl	.08	30	149.77	+1.94	+.6
PlainsAAP	**2.74f**	**22**	**47.13**	**+.18**	**-8.2**
PwShs QQQ	1.49e	...	110.42	+.37	+6.9
Praxair	**2.86**	**22**	**122.46**	**-.40**	**-5.5**
PrmEgy	...	...	**57.53**	...	**-20.9**
PUVixST rs	...	...	39.70	-.82	-68.4
ProctGam	**2.65f**	**24**	**78.85**	**+.46**	**-13.4**
RangeRs	.16	22	54.97	-.44	+2.8
RegionsFn	.24f	14	9.98	-.11	-5.5
RiteAid	...	22	8.66	-.06	+15.2
Rowan	.40	...	21.10	-.38	-9.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	58.91	-.81	-12.0
SpdrDJIA	3.53e	...	180.40	+.29	+1.4
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	211.57	+.43	+2.9
SabnR	3.95e	10	39.23	-.25	+9.6
SanderFm	**.88e**	**6**	**80.28**	**-1.25**	**-4.5**
SandRidge	...	...	**1.24**	**+.02**	**-31.9**
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	90.65	+.38	+6.1
SigmaAld	**.92**	**33**	**139.15**	**-.15**	**+1.4**
Sina	...	20	50.21	+9.48	+34.2
SiriusXM	...	43	3.88	+.02	+10.9
Smucker	2.56	21	118.42	-.13	+17.3
SwstAirl	.30f	23	37.85	+.88	-10.6
SPDR Fncl	.41e	...	24.62	+.02	-.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Sunocol s	1.68f	...	39.49	-.11	-5.5
TelefEsp	**1.03e**	...	**14.08**	**-.07**	**-.8**
Tesoro	1.70	12	87.64	-.86	+17.9
3M Co	4.10	21	158.98	-.10	-3.2
Torchmrk s	**.54**	**14**	**56.94**	**-.13**	**+5.1**
TriContl	**.78e**	...	**21.98**	**+.03**	**+2.7**
21stCFoxA	.30	8	33.58	-.02	-12.6
TylerTech	...	**63**	**121.05**	**-.43**	**+10.6**
UBWV	**1.28**	**19**	**37.73**	**-.13**	**+.7**
US OilFd	...	...	20.36	+.05	...
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.29	-.01	-23.1
Vale SA pf	.60e	...	5.32	+.03	-26.7
ValeroE	1.60	8	58.76	-.46	+18.7
VangEmg	1.13e	...	42.31	-.03	+5.7
VangDivAp	2.20	22	49.22	-.22	+5.2
VulcanM	**.40**	**86**	**59.57**	**-.36**	**+36.3**
WalgBoots	1.35	34	85.98	+.14	+12.8
WellsFargo	1.50f	14	56.04	+.08	+2.2
WstnRefin	1.36f	7	43.04	-.94	+13.9
WhitingPet	...	14	32.48	-.51	-1.6
WmsCos	2.36f	93	51.32	+.22	+14.2
Windstrm rs	.60	...	8.00	-.14	-37.9
XcelEngy	**1.26**	**19**	**34.07**	**+.02**	**-5.2**
Xerox	**.28**	**15**	**11.46**	**+.04**	**-17.3**
Zynga	...	...	2.94	-.01	+10.5

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18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,040.37	+29.69	+.16	+1.22	+7.74
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,394.23	+94.48	+1.14	-8.16	+3.02
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	587.95	+.97	+.17	-4.87	+7.79
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,061.88	+5.38	+.05	+2.05	+2.69
5,119.85	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,082.93	+12.90	+.25	+7.32	+19.96
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,111.73	+4.34	+.21	+2.57	+9.70
1,545.79	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,526.90	+2.23	+.15	+5.13	+10.49
22,536.78	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,300.34	+40.64	+.18	+2.91	+9.52
1,278.63	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,249.82	+3.09	+.25	+3.73	+10.89

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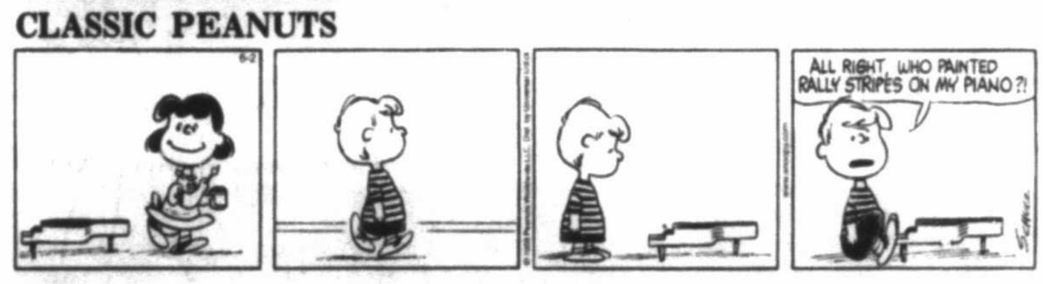
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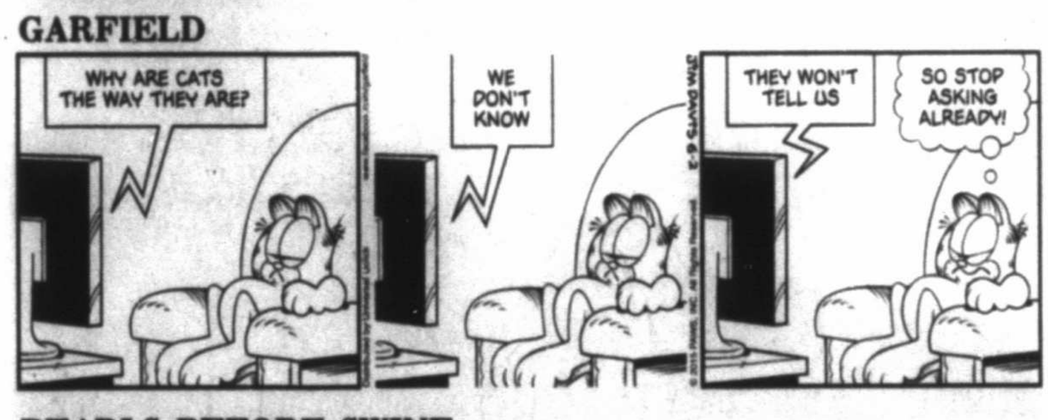
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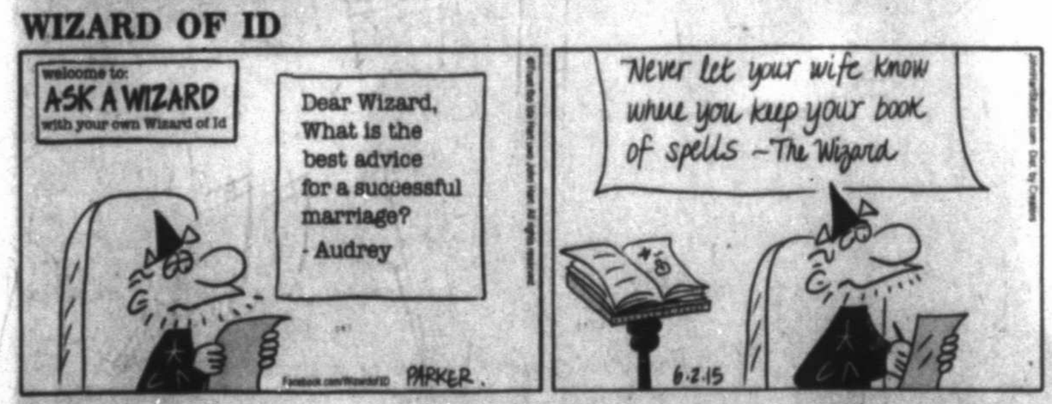
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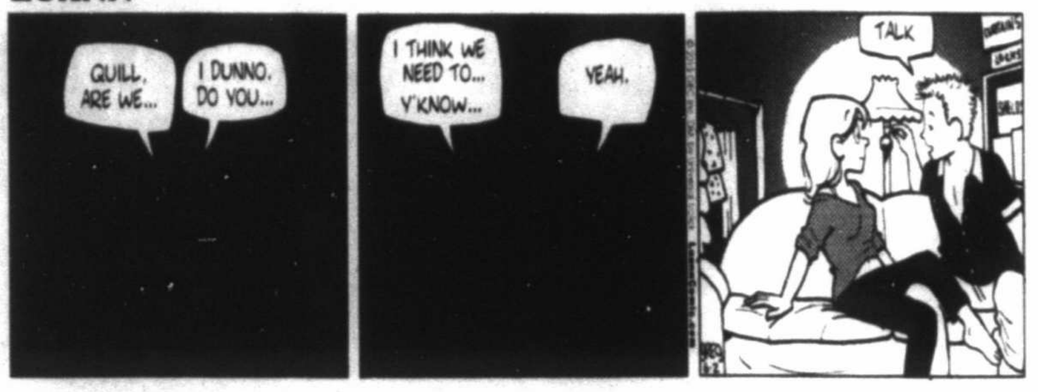
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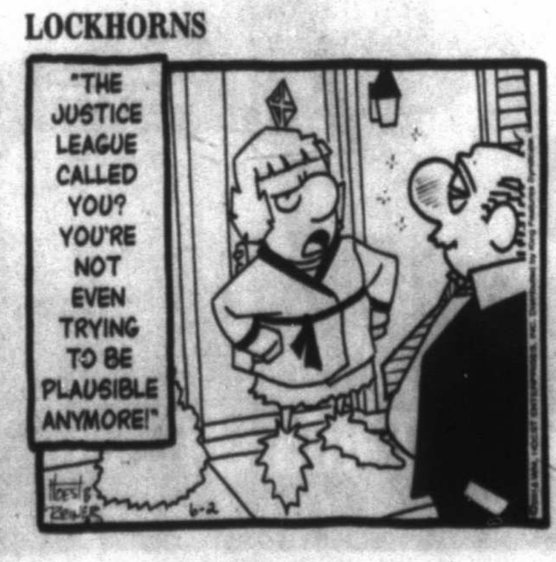
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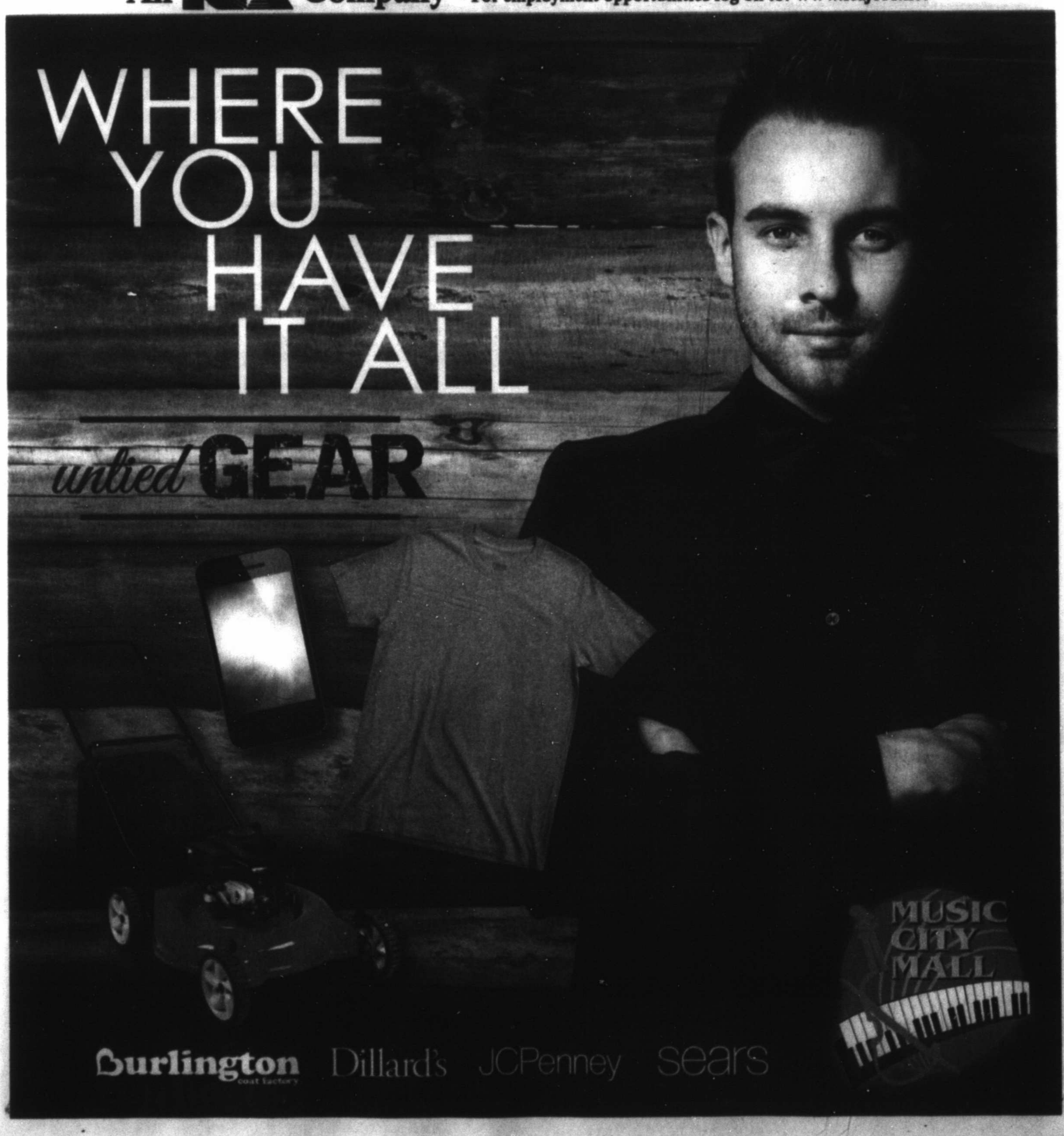
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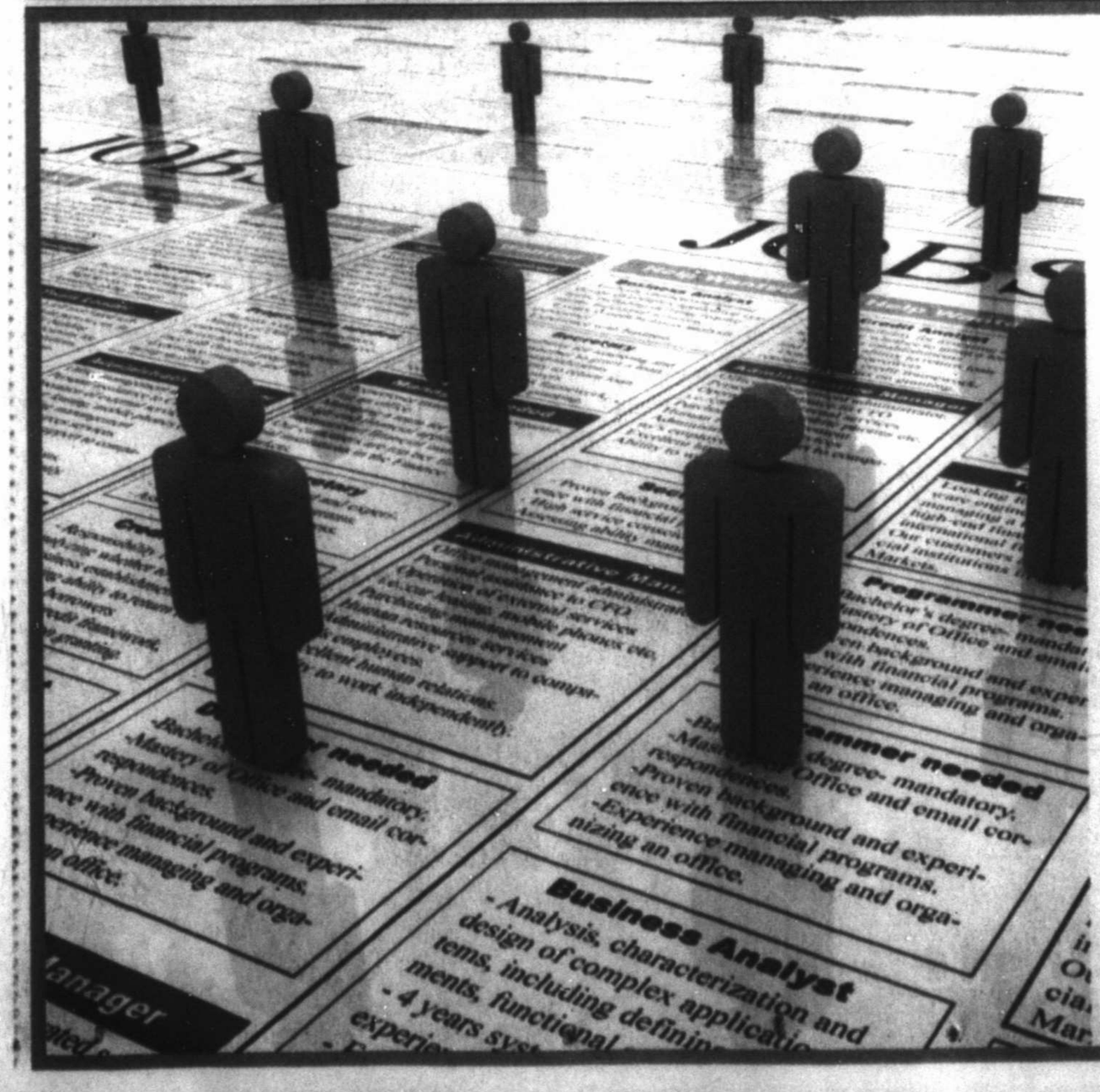
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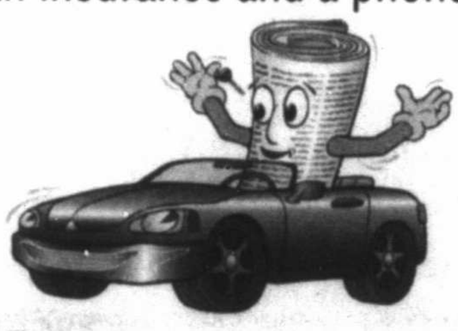
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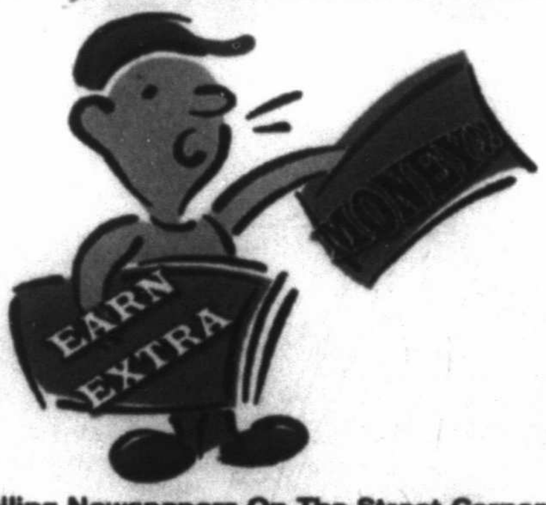


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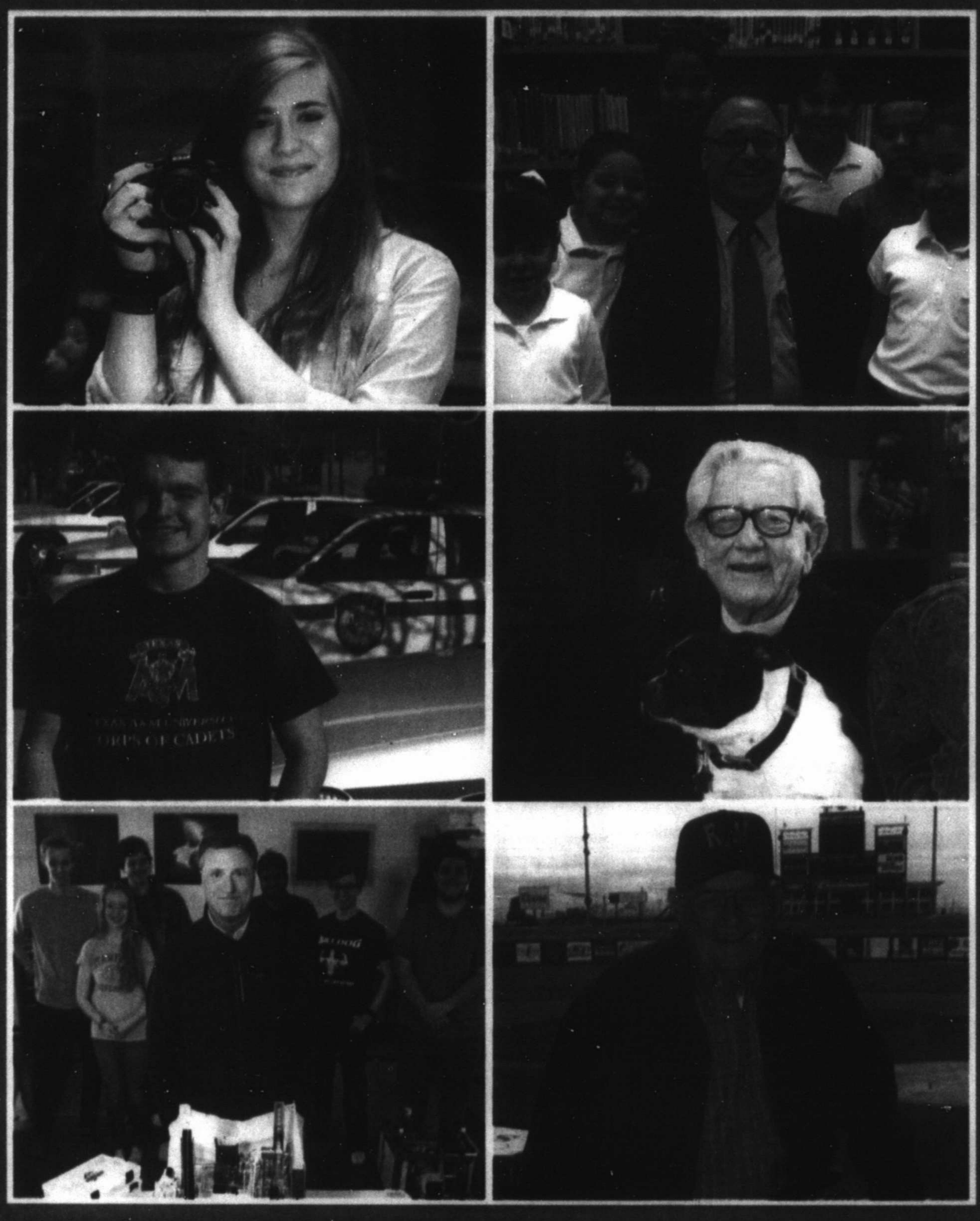
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In a 2005 photo, rescue personnel search from victims as they traverse the New Orleans 8th Ward in the flooded city of New Orleans after the onslaught of Hurricane Katrina. Cities like Tampa, Houston, Jacksonville and Daytona Beach historically get hit with major hurricanes every 20 to 40 years, according to meteorologists. But those same places have now gone at least 70 years, sometimes more than a century, without getting smacked by those monster storms, according to data analyses by an MIT hurricane professor and The Associated Press.

The flip side of years of no hurricanes: Good luck runs out

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

OCEAN CITY, Maryland — For millions of Americans living in the hurricane zones on the Gulf and East coasts, recent decades have been quiet — maybe too quiet.

Cities like Tampa, Houston, Jacksonville and Daytona Beach historically get hit with major hurricanes every 20 to 40 years, according to meteorologists. But those same places have now gone at least 70 years — sometimes more than a century — without getting smacked by those monster storms, according to data analyses by an MIT hurricane professor and The Associated Press.

These are places where people may think they know what to expect from a major hurricane —with more than 110 mph winds, such as Katrina or Andrew — but they really don't. They are cities where building construction has boomed but haven't been tested by nature at its strongest. In the Tampa region, an Andrew-sized storm could cause more than $200 billion in damage, according to a local government study in 2010.

Few of Tampa's current residents witnessed the last major hurricane that hit there in October 1921. Movies were silent, booze was illegal and Warren Harding was president. For northeast Florida and southern Georgia, the last major hurricane was sometime in the 19th century.

"We've been kind of lucky," said MIT meteorology professor Kerry Emanuel, who along with the AP crunched numbers on how often hurricanes have hit metro regions and compared them to when the last time they were hit.

This hurricane season, beginning Monday, doesn't look to be as busy as past ones. The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration forecasts a 70 percent chance of fewer than normal hurricanes, mostly because of an El Nino weather oscillation. But even a quiet season can have one devastating storm hit. That's what happened when Andrew smashed parts of Miami in 1992; it was the second costliest hurricane on record, in a below average year for overall hurricane activity.

Craig Fugate, administrator of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is preparing for the worst and worrying that other people aren't.

Inexperienced people "generally underestimate how bad it will be and made decisions about staying when they should be evacuating," Fugate said. "You have to accept the fact that every time a major storm threatens it's a new experience for 99 percent of the people involved."

And then there are the people who went through smaller storms and think that wasn't too bad and misjudge the bigger storm. In that type of situation, that thinking can "get you killed," Fugate said. "People don't always understand the threat."

Hurricane evacuation researcher Jay Baker, a retired Florida State University professor, said his studies and surveys show that people will still evacuate properly even if they don't have recent storm experience.

But it's not just people; it's the officials who have to make the tough decisions and tell people what to do. Only one hurricane-prone state, Louisiana, has a governor who was in office when a major hurricane hit. The FEMA top management is different than in 2005, when the last majors hit.

Standing desks are full of good advice

By Jennifer Jolly
N.Y. Times News Service

You might want to sit down for this. Or stand up. Better yet, do both.

A new batch of smart desks can monitor your movements, track your calories and even nudge you to stand up at various intervals throughout the day without interruption or loss of concentration.

Over the past three years, I have tested nearly a dozen of these desks, from the cheapest, build-it-yourself model for less than $100 to an exquisitely designed luxury desk that offers a Zen-like sit-stand experience for a little more than $4,000. I've used desks with smart screens, desks that adjust with the wave of a hand and even desks that include a treadmill (something I could never get used to, but more on that later).

The reason to buy a smart desk is because you, like most Americans, discover you are sitting your life away. Sitting for more than three hours a day can shave our life expectancy by two years — even if we exercise regularly.

One solution is to get up and move several times a day, and that's where a standing desk comes in. But shop wisely. About 70 percent of people who buy a traditional sit-stand desk don't move it out of the sitting position after the novelty wears off, typically in a few weeks, according to industry research. I learned that I was far more likely to take advantage of the standing feature if the desk automatically made me do it. (No manual hand crank for me.)

The best sit-stand experience by far was also the most expensive. The Stir Kinetic Desk F1 ($4,190) and the Stir M1 ($2,990) are the work of the former Apple designer JP Labrosse, who was part of the original iPod team. That pedigree shows. There is a 5-inch touch-screen built into the surface, Wi-Fi and Bluetooth connectivity, and a thermal sensor on the underside that tracks your activity.

As I tested the F1 one day, the touch-screen display showed 5 1/2 hours of standing, 3 1/2 hours of sitting and 359 calories burned. I exceeded my goal of standing half the time, and was on pace to burn the same number of calories in a week as I would running a marathon.

Based on your settings, the desktop rises about an inch, then settles back down a few times an hour. Stir calls this "whisper breath," a nudge that prompts you to change position without breaking your concentration.

The British-made TableAir ($2,300) and the Kickstarter-funded Autonomous Desk Smart Model (starting at $699) also offer high-end smart desks. To stand at the TableAir, press a button and hold out your arm — the desk automatically rises to the height of your hand. The Autonomous Desk, which begins shipping in July, promises a Siri-like voice-activated personal assistant and connects with other smart devices such as Nest or Philips Hue to turn up the heat or turn off the lights.

A budget-conscious option is the StandStand ($69), a portable wooden structure that turns any desk into a standing desk. The wood frame collapses to the size of a briefcase and can be quickly assembled and placed on the desktop at standing height. A similar product, the StorkStand ($199), attaches to an office chair. Portable models are affordable but not easily adjusted. They're also easy to ignore.

Some companies offer conversion kits that turn your regular desk into a sit-stand desk. A desk-mounted stand like the iSkelter Lift (starting at $298), or a desktop model from Varidesk (starting at $275) or Ergotron (starting around $250), sit on your desktop permanently and require manual adjustment as you sit and stand.

The Lift has a cup holder, and the Ergotron's mechanical arm accessories hold your gadgets while you work. Function is emphasized over form, and the need to adjust the desk height manually can be a drawback. Ultimately, an on-desk attachment is best suited to those who can't afford a pricier model or who work in an office where swapping furniture isn't an option.

There exists a darker side of the Internet most don't know

Dear PropellerHeads: OMG! I think I just accidentally bid on Olivia Pope on the Darknet and now terrorist organizations are expecting me to cough up over 2 billion dollars. Help!

My response can be best laid out in 3 parts:

1. I think you are under the impression that you are in a recent episode of Scandal.

2. My guess is it would be a little hard for you to accidentally stumble upon a terrorist's bidding war for a high profile U.S. citizen on the Darknet.

3. Since I am pretty sure my think-tank of nerdery can't really help you, I am just going to address the only part of your concern that is mildly relevant to the PropellerHeads — the Darknet.

So let's handle some vocabulary:

The Surface Web — This is the web you and I and everyone we know searches regularly. This includes really anything that is easily browsed or searchable using standard search engines like Google, Bing, and Yahoo.

The Deep Web — This is the web that is not easily searchable using standard search engines (the aforementioned, Google, Bing, Yahoo, etc.). The Deep Web does have some search engines like Freenet, TorSearch, and Deep Web Technologies, but it's really impossible to catalog all of the information on the Deep Web so many of these types of engines or projects tend to fold.

Ask the PropellerHeads

The Darknet — Or, "Dark Web" is a subsection of the Deep Web that is not easily cataloged or searchable, and has a certain amount of anonymity attached to it because of how your computer communicates with other computers (see Onion Network).

Onion Network — When doing traditional searching, your computer connects directly with a server to retrieve information. Using an Onion Network to search basically breaks that direct connection by bouncing it around to several sources before retrieving or relaying information. This, in turn, makes it impossible, or at least very difficult to track your moves.

There will be a test later, so work on the flashcards.

So why the Darknet and where did it come from? The U.S. military, duh. The U.S. Navy originally developed the technology and the military, governmental agencies, and law enforcement are still among its top users.

Who else uses the Darknet? Assuming you did really stumble into an episode of a TV show, you already know that criminals, sex traffickers, and terrorists are among the most publicized users. But journalists, whistle-blowers, activists, politicians, and many other groups with not-necessarily-as-seedy intentions take advantage of its veil of anonymity as well.

Perhaps you stumbled on this online bidding war by downloading Tor (torproject.org). An acronym for "The Onion Router" (refer back to your flashcards), this is a popular service that is downloadable and will help you surf the Darknet.

Tor may be the most popular Onion Network but not the only one; the Freenet Project (freenetproject.org) and I2P (geti2p.net) both have had some growing popularity.

So this all seems easy, right? Perhaps let's just take a poke around. A word of warning, although you may not need to be a techy to get in, there are a lot of people in this space that you may not want to run into. Beware of your clicks and where they might take you and who might be waiting to reply.

So why all this talk about the Darknet? My guess is it's showing up more and more in mainstream, non-techy media. For example, in the last couple of months I can cite three popular shows that featured the Darknet as a supporting cast member.

Starting in the second season (and carrying over into the third), "House of Cards" has a whole storyline about a hacker, a journalist, the Darknet, conspiracy and everything else you look for in a suspenseful series about political intrigue and with a techy bonus ... score.

Some nerds weren't completely convinced of its authenticity. Read their dissent at cnet.co/1HHoaoh.

Going sixteen seasons strong, Law and Order: SVU is still ripping things from the headlines and the Darknet was no exception. It was featured on a recent episode that also delved into sexism in the gaming world and Second Life-type gaming ... for real, I might need to sit down.

And let's not forget your original question and that our favorite gladiator was kidnapped and had the most brilliant idea to auction herself off to the highest international bidder, using the Darknet. I'm pretty sure it was handled, but you might want to change your name, find a remote island, and forget your old life ... B613 and all.

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