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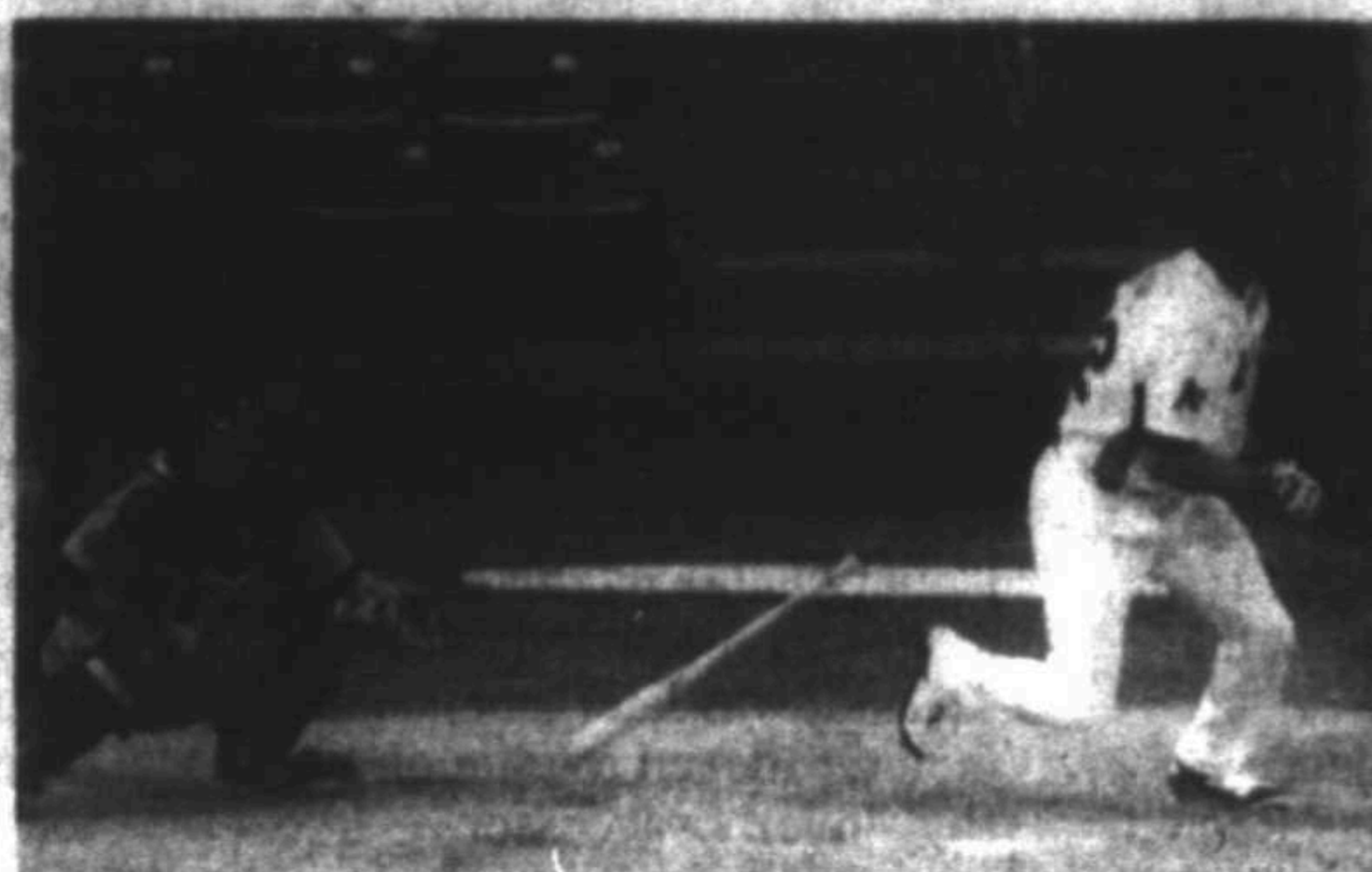
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BUDGET VOTES

City passes first vote for new tax rate, \$105 million budget.

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RUNS GALORE

Kent Matthes helped push the RockHounds to a 15-2 drubbing over Corpus Christi on Tuesday night at Security Bank Ballpark. Read all about it in today's Sports section.

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Perry booked on abuse of power charges

Defiant before and after, Perry gets ice cream cone following booking

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry was defiant Tuesday as he was booked on abuse of power charges, telling dozens of cheering supporters outside a Texas courthouse that he would “fight this injustice with every fiber of my being.”

Showing no hint of worry on his face, Perry flashed a thin, confident grin beneath

perfect hair in his mug shot — then headed to a nearby Austin eatery for vanilla ice cream, even gleefully documenting his excursion via Twitter.

The Republican, who is mulling a second presidential run in 2016, was indicted after carrying out a threat to veto funding for state public corruption prosecutors. He has dismissed the case a political ploy, and supporters chanting his last name and

holding signs — some declaring “Stop Democrat Games” and “Rick is Right” — greeted him upon arriving at a Travis County Courthouse in Austin.

“I’m going to fight this injustice with every fiber of my being. And we will prevail,” Perry said before walking inside the building, where he set off a metal



Gov. Rick Perry, seen here in this mugshot, booked at the Blackwell-Thurman Criminal Justice Center in Austin for two felony indictments of abuse of power on Tuesday in Austin. Afterwards, Perry went to Sandy's Hamburgers in downtown Austin for ice cream.

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MIDLAND MEETS MIKE



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Jersey Mike's sub shop opens today. The fast-casual restaurant, 4400 N. Midland Drive, opens with free sub fundraiser benefiting Midland Soup Kitchen if customers present the proper coupon and make a \$1 donation

Sandwich shop offers taste of Atlantic boardwalk

By Rachael Gleason
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Jersey Mike's opens today in north-west Midland with a menu full of submarine sandwiches featuring freshly sliced meats and special sauces.

Started in 1956 as a mom-and-pop shop in Point Pleasant, New Jersey, the fast-casual restaurant brings a taste of Atlantic boardwalk culture to the corner of North Midland Drive and Loop 250.

“Sandwiches are made-to-order. We slice high-quality meats in front of the customer, and our cheesesteaks are grilled fresh,” said franchise owner

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Mario Betancourt, who now owns three Jersey Mike's locations in West Texas.

In honor of its grand opening, a free sub fundraiser takes place today through Sunday. Customers who received one of

10,000 coupons circulated around the community this week can redeem a free regular sub for a minimum \$1 contribution to the Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry, Betancourt said.

“One of the more basic things you can do for a human being is to provide food when they are hungry,” he said. “One out of seven Americans today rely on assistance from food banks and/or soup kitchens. We have a responsibility as a business member of this community to give back to those less fortunate. We are very proud to partner with the Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry and help those

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Davis recounts past efforts to help rape survivors

■ Gubernatorial candidate compares work on fighting sexual assault to her opponent's decisions

By Joseph Basco
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With less than three months before election day, Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis made a second campaign stop in Odessa to compare her past efforts to curb sexual assault with past decisions of her opponent, Republican candidate Greg Abbott.

Davis spoke at a press conference at the Odessa Crisis Center, focusing on past legislation she worked on that helped reduce the 18,500 backlogged and untested rape test kits, provide more funding for the testing, ensure sexual assault survivors can be treated at almost every hospital emergency room in Texas and set standards for avoiding future backlogs.

“It's not easy to pass a landmark bill across the aisle in the state of Texas, but Wendy has done it three times,” said Karen Hildebrand, the executive director of Odessa Crisis Center who introduced Davis at the press conference. “I am so proud that she fought for these laws to help sexual assault survivors in Texas.”

Davis' visit in Odessa was part of the new direction her campaign has taken since releasing on Aug. 7 a television advertisement that directly attacks Abbott. The one-minute ad explains how Abbott — when he was on the Texas Supreme Court — sided with a vacuum cleaner distributor rather than a rape survivor in a case involving a salesman and a mother in Seguin.

Davis continued on the offensive in

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The big number

An ex-West Texas sheriff received 39 days of jail time for misdemeanor official oppression. Page 2A

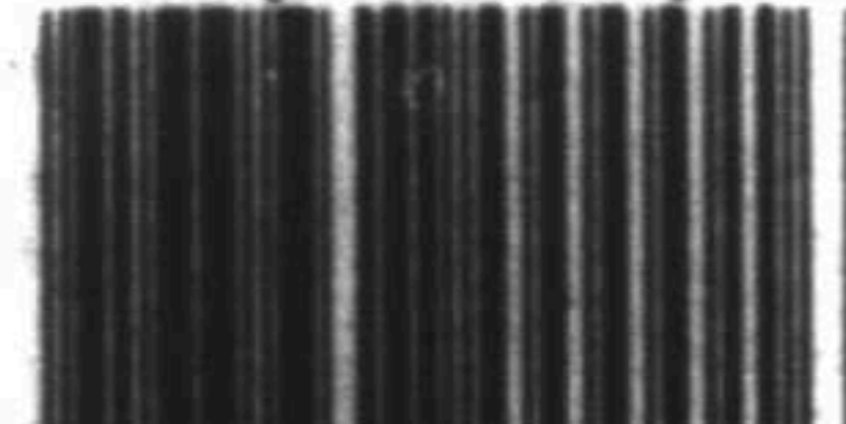
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Teachers go shopping for classroom supplies. Page 1B

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Ex-West Texas sheriff gets 30 days for oppression

Associated Press

CANYON — A former West Texas sheriff accused of making improper advances to a female county worker must serve 30 days in jail for misdemeanor official oppression.

Ex-Swisher County Sheriff Emmett Benavidez of Tulia pleaded guilty Monday in Canyon, about 25 miles south of Amarillo. Benavidez, 65, will be allowed to serve the Randall County jail term on weekends, starting Friday, as part of the plea agreement.

Prosecutors say Benavidez in 2011 sexually harassed a former Swisher County worker while he was on official business in neigh-



Benavidez

oring Randall County. He resigned amid the investigation. Randall County District Attorney James Farren said Tuesday that the woman videotaped the incident with her phone. He said it happened during daylight hours in a vehicle and that his office was able to verify the offense took place in Randall County by identifying landmarks that appeared in the video's background.

"We had a lot of evidence for the event that occurred in Randall

County," Farren said. "That's pretty stout."

Benavidez also was sentenced to a year of probation, fined \$500 and must complete 30 hours of community service. He's also required to attend a course on making rational decisions.

In February, the worker and another former Swisher County female employee reached a settlement with Benavidez over sexual harassment. The civil suit alleged that Benavidez fondled himself in front of them and that a Swisher County judge retaliated against them for reporting the incidents.

The suit was later amended to include alleged retaliation by Benavidez's successor.

Benavidez, his successor and the judge denied the allegations. The \$300,000 settlement dismissed all claims against the successor and judge, the women's attorney, Rob Hogan, told the Amarillo Globe-News at the time.

Tulia, about 75 miles north of Lubbock, was the site of scores of arrests during drug busts in 1999 that gained international attention. The undercover drug agent who built cases against the 46 people who mostly were black was discredited and sentenced to probation for 10 years after a jury found he falsely testified in a hearing.

In 2003, Gov. Rick Perry pardoned 35 of 38 who went to trial or accepted plea agreements.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

RAYMONDVILLE
2 acres of marijuana seized in South Texas

Federal officials say they have seized two acres of marijuana plants growing in South Texas.

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement said Tuesday that Homeland Security Investigations agents and the Border Patrol discovered the crop on Aug. 7 in fields 10 minutes outside Raymondville. It took agents two days to pluck the 11,500 plants from the soil, netting more than 4 1/2 tons of marijuana.

In a statement, Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent in Charge Janice Ayala said it was the largest marijuana

field seized in the area. Large growing operations are rare in South Texas, where tons of marijuana cross the border from Mexico regularly. ICE said the investigation is ongoing.

DENTON
Jury finds man guilty of plot to kill wife

A North Texas jury has found a man guilty of attempted capital murder for hiring someone to kill his wife.

Denton County prosecutors say 54-year-old John Franklin Howard wanted to have Nancy Howard killed so that he could be with his mistress. A police affidavit filed shortly after Nancy Howard was shot in August

2012 said her husband paid a man \$20,000 to kill her. The shooter was arrested. Nancy Howard survived.

a gunshot wound to the face at the couple's Carrollton home, but lost her left eye. Jurors found John How-

ard guilty Tuesday following a trial that lasted about two weeks. They then began deliberating his punishment.

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The Midland County Hospital District conducted public hearings on August 13, 2014 and August 20, 2014 on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the Midland County Hospital District from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 4.09 percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$0.12570 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$23,811,037.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$0.11830 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$24,617,169.

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The Board of Directors of Midland County Hospital District is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 28, 2014 at the Midland Memorial Hospital Board Room, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas at 11:45 a.m.

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City Council makes first round of votes on \$105 million general fund budget

By Joseph Basco
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City Council made the first of two approvals for a 39.389-cent-per-\$100-valuation tax rate and a \$105 million general fund budget for fiscal year 2015 on Tuesday morning.

The proposed tax rate is a slight decrease from the originally proposed \$0.4198 per \$100 valuation rate, as the abolishment of the downtown Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone was considered in the new rate. Property tax revenue that would have normally went into the TIRZ fund will be added to the city's general fund instead.

Both the original rate and the new rate are calculated to be the effective rate plus 3 percent. The new effective rate, or tax rate that achieves an equal amount of revenue in fiscal years 2014 and 2015, is \$0.38242 per \$100 valuation.

The increase is estimated to bring in an additional \$2.5 million in revenue for the city of Midland's FY 2015 general fund.

"That will be enough dollars to fund and balance the

general fund budget," City Manager Courtney Sharp said.

The city aims to spend \$105.4 million in FY 2015, 64 percent of which is for personnel services. The next largest segment of the budget is 23 percent for contractual services.

"Going into this budget, I was very concerned with the growing community, how to keep the city services up with the demand and pay for all of it," Mayor Jerry Morales said. "As we saw the new property valuations come in, that sure helped with the budget, and sales tax receipts (percentage increases) are in the double digits. So, overall, it's great for the taxpayer and the community to show that we are sustainable and able to keep the tax rate low and still provide the services that are needed."

District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy proposed two amendments to the budget that were passed. The first was the removal of a \$17,000 request from the hotel and motel tax fund by Susie's South Forty for an advertising billboard on Interstate 20.

Lacy said he did not want to set precedence by

providing hotel and motel funds for a for-profit business.

"I can understand the reasoning behind the request, but I don't feel comfortable voting to do that for a for-profit, with all the other requests being from nonprofits," Lacy said.

The request removal passed 5-1, with District 2 Councilman John Love making the dissenting vote.

"There may be a situation where for-profit companies may want to come and do marketing and promotion for the city of Midland, the (Midland Chamber of Commerce's) Convention and Visitors Bureau, or whatever the case may be," Love said. "And, in that sense, I think it would make sense that the city of Midland uses hotel and motel taxes for that purpose."

The second amendment Lacy proposed was an additional \$6,216 dollars to the Petroleum Museum's hotel and motel tax fund request, making the new allocation amount \$27,216. The item passed unanimously.

The second and final round of votes on the budget and tax rate will take place at the Aug. 25 City Council meeting.

Mike's

From 1A

who are hungry."

Jersey Mike's, open every day from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., is located in the Cornerstone shopping center at 4400 N. Midland Drive.

"It's a fantastic location," Betancourt said. "We're right in the heart of Midland."

The menu features wraps, salads and hot and cold subs with prices ranging from \$5.25 for the 5-inch

mini up to \$11.95 for the 15-inch giant. Meats and cheeses are sliced in front of the customer.

Subs ordered "Mike's Way" are prepared with onions, lettuce, tomatoes, spices and what Betancourt calls the secret weapon of submarine sandwiches: a mixture of red wine vinegar and olive oil called "The Juice."

There's room for 44 diners inside and 20 outside, and Betancourt

said customers can "skip the line, order online" at www.jerseymikes.com. Large-party catering is also available online.

"Midland is one of the fastest-growing economies in the United States, and we are fortunate to be in such a vibrant market," Betancourt said. "However, if we don't make an awesome sandwich with knock-your-socks-off service, then it doesn't matter what the economy is like."

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Livestrong \$50M gift biggest since Armstrong exit

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Lance Armstrong's former charity made the largest investment in its history Tuesday by giving \$50 million to the University of Texas, marking the group's biggest splash since severing ties with the disgraced cyclist as it pushes to restore momentum and influence after a tumultuous two years.

The money will launch the Livestrong Cancer Institutes at a new medical school breaking ground on the university's 50,000-student Austin campus. Armstrong didn't attend the announcement in his hometown, and his absence was noticeable.

Livestrong President Doug Ulman said Livestrong has been immersed in "pretty deep"

strategic planning and charting a new path since 2012, when Armstrong left the foundation — shortly before he admitted using performance-enhancing drugs after years of defiant denials. Armstrong created Livestrong in 1997, while being treated for cancer.

"Our organization has always said we're so appreciative of everything he did to get us to the point. Now the mission needs to live on," Ulman said.

Among the lowest points for Livestrong was when Nike cut ties with the foundation last summer — ending a partnership that built the cancer charity into a global brand and introduced yellow wristbands that became an international symbol for cancer survivors.

The relationship with

Nike had generated more than \$100 million of the roughly \$500 million raised by Livestrong since its inception.

Now more than a year later, Livestrong is trying to send a clear signal that the foundation still packs financial wherewithal and relevance. The new cancer institute will focus on educating cancer patients and help them get access to treatment and resources.

"Looking forward, it's time for the Livestrong Foundation to embrace an even bigger mission," said Jeff Garvey, chairman of the foundation's board.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

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■ **Magic show with Harlin**, 2 p.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, www.co.midland.tx.us.

■ **"Galactic Golf"** at the Freddie Turner Durham Children's Museum, museumev.org.

Support groups today

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

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

Midland County Fair

The fifth-annual Midland County Fair is Thursday through Sunday at the Horseshoe, 2514 Arena Trail. The fair will include a carnival; bull riding, barrel racing and team roping events; petting zoo; tractor pull; creative art competitions; monster truck rides; and performances by local entertainers.

Admission tickets are \$5. Hours are 5 to 11 p.m. Thursday, 5 p.m. to midnight Friday, 10 a.m. to midnight Saturday and 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Thursday is Back to School and Senior Citizens' night, with family carnival discounts and free admission for fairgoers age 80 and over.

For more information and a full schedule of events, visit www.midland-colair.com.

MFD boot camp

Midland Fire Department's annual Kids Boot Camp is planned for 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Sept. 6, at Grande Communications Stadium.

Activities will include tug-of-war, obstacle courses, calisthenics and relays, and there will be a "smoke house" activity that allows kids to practice confidence escaping a house full of smoke.

Activities for parents include a boot camp-style work out, blood pressure screening and creating identity packs that can help law enforcement agencies locate their child in emergency situations.

Events are focused on children 4-12. Participants should wear athletic attire with tennis shoes and to bring a refillable water bottle. Gatorade and water will be provided.

Register at Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St., or at www.midland-texas.gov (click on the "Documents and Forms" tab.)

For more information, call MFD Capt. Aaron Cox at 685-7341.

Mensa test

Permian Basin Mensa is offering membership testing at 10 a.m. Sept. 6 at the office of Dr. Ed Rowland, 3953 E. 42nd St. in Odessa. The fee is \$40. The test is open to anyone 14 and older. Parental consent is required for youth between the ages of 14 and 17.

For more information, call 889-6858.

Former president of Mexico to speak at MC

Vicente Fox, the former president of Mexico, and his wife, Maria, will be the guests for Midland College's Distinguished Lecture Series. The lecture will be moderated by Ruben Navarrete Jr., whose nationally syndicated column is published in the Reporter-Telegram.

The event is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Sept. 16 at Chaparral Center. For more information, call 685-4526.

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DAVIS

From 1A

Odessa, saying Abbott's decision in that case is one of a series of decisions that reflect "a disturbing pattern of choosing insiders at the expense of hard-working people in this state."

"From choosing his donors over cancer survivors at the Cancer Prevention and Research Institute (of Texas), to helping his donors in the predatory payday lending industry, rather than the military service members and teachers they victimize, to siding against a sexual assault survivor, he chooses insiders repeatedly," Davis said.

She said that Abbott's decision to side with the vacuum cleaner distributor rather than the rape survivor is "the most heinous betrayal of duty we have seen from him thus far."

Accusations of a candidate choosing insiders over the average citizen is an often repeated attack both

Davis and Abbott have made against one another on the campaign trail. One of Abbott's online advertisements, which was released on Aug. 5, is titled, "A Political Insider Not Working For You: Wendy Davis' Story."

In response to Davis' Odessa visit, the deputy communications director for Abbott's campaign released a statement and referenced past statements the Republican gubernatorial candidate has made to address the rape kit backlog.

"Victims of sexual assault in Texas have no greater advocate than Greg Abbott, who as attorney general has spearheaded the arrests of over 4,500 sex offenders and awarded over \$1 billion to victims of crimes like sexual assault and domestic violence," said Amelia Chase, deputy communications director for Texans for Greg Abbott.

Abbott's Securing Texas

Plan, released in February, outlines the candidate's plan for sexual assault cases, including prioritizing rape kits over less serious property crimes until the backlog is depleted, funding local crime labs at the same amount as it would to outsource the DNA testing, and expedite testing by hiring additional criminologists using state funds instead of waiting for federal funding.

After her speech, Davis fielded questions from reporters, one of which regarded Gov. Rick Perry's indictment on Friday by a Travis County grand jury for alleged abuse of official capacity and coercion of a public servant.

"Gov. Perry's indictment is one that carries some very serious charges," Davis said. "I am an attorney. I understand and respect the justice system and I will await any comment on that while the justice system continues to do its work."



A Governor Who Fights For ALL Texans

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Wendy Davis, candidate for Texas governor, speaks Tuesday at a press conference at the Odessa Crisis Center.

Prosecutor: Killing an 'execution'

Associated Press

ANGLETON — A drunk driver did not deserve "execution" by a Texas father accused of taking the law into his own hands in a fit of rage over the killing of his two sons in a wreck, a prosecutor told jurors on Tuesday.

David Barajas is accused of fatally shooting Jose Banda in December 2012, minutes after Banda plowed into a pickup truck that Barajas and his two sons had been pushing on a rural road. Twelve-year-old David Jr. died at the scene and 11-year-old Caleb died at a hospital.

Barajas' truck had run out of gas about 100 yards from the family's home.

Barajas' attorney told jurors his client did not kill Banda and was focused only on saving his sons.

In opening statements Tuesday in Barajas' murder trial, prosecutor Brian Hrach told jurors Banda made a horrible decision by drinking and driving.

"He deserved severe legal punishment, but he did not deserve a public execution," Hrach said.

Barajas allegedly left the scene of the accident, retrieved a gun from his home and returned to kill Banda.

Sam Cammack, Barajas' attorney, told jurors Barajas never left the crash site. Cammack portrayed Barajas as a father who was desperate to help his sons and was covered with their blood after he tried to perform CPR on the boys.

"When police get there my client is doing what he was doing the whole time, trying to save his children's lives," Cammack said.

Dashcam video of the crash scene played for jurors Tuesday after testimony had begun brought many in the courtroom to tears. Barajas kept his head down as the video was played.

On the video, Barajas can be seen kneeling on the ground near a roadside ditch where the body of his son David Jr. had landed. A woman can be heard screaming, "My babies. Why? Oh my God, please help them." David Barajas' wife, Cindy, and their infant son and 8-year-old daughter had also been in the truck. They were not seriously hurt.

Legal experts said the case will be difficult to prosecute given the lack of hard evidence: no weapon was recovered, no witnesses identified Barajas as the shooter and gunshot residue tests done on Barajas

came back negative.

An even greater challenge for prosecutors could be overcoming sympathy for the father. Many people in the town of Angleton where the tragedy occurred, 30 miles southeast of Houston, have supported Barajas. Some have said they might have done the same thing in a similar situation. The trial is in the county seat of Angleton, Texas.

Hrach tried to minimize the absence of a murder weapon, saying a bullet fragment from a .357 caliber weapon was found at the murder scene and an open box with .357 caliber ammunition was found in Barajas' home.

Witnesses will testify that they saw Barajas leave the scene and then come back and approach Banda's vehicle, going up against the car, appearing to be hiding something, Hrach said.

When 911 calls were played for jurors during testimony Tuesday, Cammack tried to suggest Barajas would not have had enough time to shoot Banda.

On one call, screaming can be heard in the background as an unidentified caller told a dispatcher a boy is "bleeding badly ... he's in half. It's bad."

On another call, an unidentified caller said, "There is a guy shooting at people." The person who was shooting was not identified.

Cammack highlighted for jurors the timeline, while questioning dispatcher Grace Gambino. The first 911 call came in at 11:33 p.m., a child was reported dead at 11:34 p.m., gunshots were heard at 11:35 p.m. and police had arrived at the scene and cleared it for EMS to come in at 11:40 p.m.

If convicted, Barajas faces up to life in prison.

Testimony was to resume Wednesday. At least 25 family members and friends of Barajas were in the courtroom, wearing buttons that said, "Forever in our hearts, David and Caleb Barajas" and with a picture of the two boys. At least 20 relatives and friends of Banda were also in the courtroom.

Before opening statements, Judge Terri Holder asked that family members take off the buttons, saying she did not want anything to influence the jury.

"This is a difficult case for everyone involved. Everyone in here has lost somebody they loved," she said.



Courtesy photo

The Llano Estacado Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists hosts a hummingbird workshop Saturday at Sibley Nature Sibley. Guest speaker Mark Klym is the coauthor of "Hummingbirds of Texas with their New Mexico and Arizona Ranges."

Master Naturalists to host hummingbird workshop

By Rachael Gleason
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If you go

When: Saturday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
 Where: Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.

Fast and feisty hummingbirds are the subject of a Saturday workshop at Sibley Nature Center.

The free public event — sponsored by the Llano Estacado Chapter of the Texas Master Naturalists — takes place from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 1307 E. Wadley Ave.

Mark Klym, coordinator of the TexasWildscapes

program at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, will discuss habitat, seasons and preferred food plants of hummingbirds.

Texas is home to 18 species of the little birds

— which are hard to distinguish from each other, especially during early migration — according to Kathy Lupardus, president of the local Master Naturalists chapter.

Participants will have the chance to view both classic and field shots of the hummingbirds during the workshop, Lupardus said.

Contact Lupardus at 770-4135 or llanoestacado@mrt.com for more information.

Dallas police officials address officer shootings

Associated Press

DALLAS — Three top Dallas County law enforcement leaders answered residents' questions and heard their concerns in a town hall meeting this week about recent officer-involved shootings.

Dallas Police Chief David Brown, Dallas County District Attorney Craig Watkins and Sheriff Lupe Valdez attended the Monday night meeting inside a downtown Dallas church.

The district attorney announced last week that he will create a unit to independently investigate police shootings. Watkins said he has been working on establishing the unit for two years before national attention shifted recently to Ferguson, Missouri, where an unarmed black man's fatal shooting by a police officer has prompted protests.

Watkins told the crowd inside of St. Paul United Methodist Church that "we're not Missouri."

"We need to restore the public trust and to do that we believe we need an independent voice from an independent agency," he said. Watkins said he hoped his unit would be able to accelerate the pace of investi-

gations.

One audience member criticized Watkins for not winning more indictments against police. The Dallas Morning News reported, Collette Flanagan's son was fatally shot by a Dallas officer. The officer, who was cleared by a grand jury, had said her son was choking him until he could not breathe.

Watkins replied to Flanagan he cannot indict anyone and that it is up to a grand jury to do so.

The Dallas police chief said he support Watkins' plan to create the investigative unit. He also said the department has 200 cameras that police officers can wear that are on the way to help document officers' and suspects' actions.

"You can't have enough oversight when it comes to police-officer-involved shootings in any city," Brown said.

The Dallas Police Association said earlier Monday that it wants the district attorney's investigators to collaborate with the Dallas Police Department's Special Investigative Unit on reviews of all officer-involved shootings. It previously opposed the entire plan.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Man urinates off balcony, exposes himself to children

A Midland man was arrested Monday for urinating off his balcony and exposing himself to several children, according to court documents.

Ram Za Thang, 20, was being held Tuesday on a \$50,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by exposure and a class C misdemeanor charge of public intoxication.

A Midland police officer responded to the disturbance at about 7:50 p.m. Monday at the Ashton

Way Apartments, 2613 N. Midland Drive.

Several witnesses, including a 7-year-old boy, told police that Thang was

urinating off his balcony toward the boy. Thang then said he would make the boy his boyfriend while exposing himself to the boy, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Thang faces up to 10 years in prison.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Carlos Acuna-Polins, 23, of Midland was charged Monday with forgery of a financial instrument.

Jesus M. Calderon Jr., 19, of Midland was charged Monday with theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

Richard E. Denzer, 53, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram in a drug-free zone.

Sharon L. Grogan, 47, of Willis was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Manuel Hernandez III, 26, of Odessa was charged Monday with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Melissa A. Joseph, 40, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation and possession of a controlled substance less than 1 gram.

Joseph P. Martinez, 26, of Midland was charged Monday with injury to a child, elderly or disabled person with intent to sustain bodily injury.

Jesus R. Robledo, 19, of Midland was charged Monday with theft between \$1,500 and \$20,000.

Bergio A. Rodriguez, 40, of Midland was charged Monday with driving while intoxicated three or more times.

Ivan Sanchez, 24, of Midland was charged Monday with possession of marijuana between 4 ounces and 5 pounds.

Curly W. Teer, 53, of Midland was charged Monday with writ of habeas corpus, assault on a family or household member by impeding breathing, assault on a family or household member with a previous conviction and failure to comply with sex offender registration duties.

Ram Z. Thang, 20, of Midland was charged Monday with indecency with a child by exposure.

Bertnell M. Walker Jr., 18, of Midland was charged Monday with violation of probation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

STATE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS 8 finalists named for State Fair honors

A broad mix of culinary creations, from fried Sriracha balls to chicken fried loaded baked potato, has made the cut as finalists for the State Fair of Texas Big Tex Choice Awards.

Fair officials in Dallas on Monday announced eight finalists for Best Taste and Most Creative new foods at the expo.

The competition will be held on Labor Day, Sept. 1. All finalists will be for sale during the State Fair of Texas, which runs from Sept. 26 to Oct. 19.

The Sriracha balls include shredded chicken and green chilies, while the fried potato will have "generous" amounts of butter, bacon and cheddar cheese.

Other finalists include the deep fried Texas bluebonnet (with blueberry muffin), fried Gulf shrimp boil and a state fair brew tasting of funnel cake.

SAN ANTONIO Woman charged with killing husband gets insurance

A judge has awarded the payout of trucking magnate Bill Hall Jr.'s life insurance policy to Hall's widow, who's charged with murdering her husband.

Bexar County Probate Judge Tom Rickhoff has ordered that Frances A. Hall receive about \$310,000 from the policy. The San Antonio Express-News reported Rickhoff's decision came after the Halls' two adult children said they wanted their mother to receive the benefits.

Frances Hall was charged with murder after her husband died in the crash of his motorcycle on Loop 1604 in San Antonio, near his Bill Hall Jr. Trucking offices. Police said the 51-year-old chased her 50-year-old husband in a sport utility vehicle and ran him off the road after learning that he was seeing another woman. She's also accused of ramming the girlfriend's SUV.

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Honduran foreign minister visits US-Mexico border

Associated Press

McALLEN — The foreign minister of Honduras said Tuesday on a visit to the Texas-Mexico border that she was pleased to see the flow of unaccompanied child immigrants has slowed after efforts in her country to dissuade citizens from embarking on the dangerous journey to the United States.

There is no clear explanation for the drop, which could be attributed to a number of factors including seasonal variation, increased border enforcement and an international messaging campaign, but the number of unaccompanied children arrested in July was about half of those in the previous two months.

"We have sent a strong message to the families and others for the children to stay at home and not take that horrific journey," said Foreign Minister Mireya Aguero de Corrales in McAllen.

Honduras and its neighbors, Guatemala and El Salvador, have all been ravaged by gang violence and face intense poverty. Aguero said their geography, square dense drug producers and drug consumers, has forced them to divert much needed resources from health and education programs to security.

Aguero, who was visiting with U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar, a Laredo Democrat, said the U.S. needs to develop an aid program for those



Associated Press

Honduran Foreign Minister Mireya Aguero de Corrales talks to the media with U.S. Rep. Henry Cuellar about the current state of illegal immigration during a news conference Tuesday at the McAllen City Hall in McAllen.

countries that went beyond security cooperation to address issues tied to poverty.

Honduras has stepped up programs aimed at helping those deported from the U.S. to reintegrate at home. They receive preferential treatment in finding homes, jobs and returning to school, she said.

From October to July, about 63,000 unaccompanied children were arrested after entering the U.S. illegally, double the number from the same period a year earlier. Another 63,000 families — mothers or fathers with young children — were arrested during that period.

Those arrests have

slowed, however. Arrests of children traveling alone and children and parents traveling together dropped

by about half in July from the previous month.

The number of Honduran children entering the U.S.

illegally without a parent or guardian soared this year. With two months to go in the fiscal year, more than 17,500 Honduran children had been arrested after arriving alone by the end of July. For all of the previous fiscal year there were 6,747, which was already a significant jump from fewer than 3,000 in 2012.

Honduras has the world's highest homicide rate for a nation that is not at war. Drug trafficking and pervasive gang violence have led thousands of families to decide the dangerous journey north is a better option than staying put.

Many who leave sell all of their belongings, sometimes giving up their homes, to pay for the trip.

Women with young children sent back to San Pedro Sula last month were given a day's worth of groceries, water and about \$25 in the local currency.

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Call 680-4635 for information and application or email gabriela_williams@co.midland.tx.us (applications must be turned in no later than noon on Thursday, Sept. 4th, 2014)

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Today's governor scandals hide in plain sight

How is it that the chief executives operate possibly inappropriately — with such little coverage

The laboratories of democracy are blowing up. A rash of relatively convoluted, thoroughly unsexy political scandals involving governors is moving through the country. So many of them involve Republican presidential hopefuls that conspiracy theorists could argue they must be manufactured, or at least overhyped, by wily Democratic strategists. At least one Democratic governor has also been implicated, though.

Most of the scandals (or, to be fair, sometimes pseudo-scandals) are pretty hard to follow unless you're paying really close attention. Which most Americans are not. So here's an overview:

Most recently Rick Perry, Texas governor and presumed 2016 Republican presidential candidate, was indicted for abuse of power and coercion.

The background: A district attorney in Texas pleaded guilty to drunken driving and was jailed. She also happens to run the state's Public Integrity Unit, which investigates ethics violations by elected officials. Perry threatened to veto funding for the unit if the district attorney didn't resign. She refused, so Perry carried out his threat.

Pressuring a convicted lawbreaker to leave office probably sounds legitimate.

CATHERINE RAMPPELL

Washington Post Writers Group

Problem is, that Public Integrity Unit was investigating a cancer research institute that was one of Perry's pet projects. (One of its former high-ranking officials now faces a felony corruption charge.) If the district attorney had stepped down before she was up for re-election, Perry would have picked her replacement, who could then presumably have quashed the investigation. Whether his actions rose to the level of criminality is a matter of debate even among his critics.

Likely Republican presidential hopeful and scandal-ensconced governor No. 2 is Chris Christie. By now you might know about the "time for some traffic problems in Fort Lee" incident, which has cost New Jersey taxpayers \$6.52 million this year in bills from Christie's attorneys alone. Other embarrassments seem to be bubbling up, too, including Christie's own Solyndra-style debacle: the closure of Atlantic City's glittering Revel Casino Hotel, which opened just over two years ago, thanks in part to \$260 million in tax breaks offered by the Christie administration. There's

also the matter of another possible bridge scandal, this one involving securities law violations because of the source of the funding to repair the Pulaski Skyway.

On to Scott Walker, Wisconsin governor and possible presidential contender, who has been implicated in an allegedly illegal coordination scheme between his campaign and third-party conservative groups. A special prosecutor recently released a statement saying he has not yet drawn any conclusions from the available evidence about whether to file charges against Walker.

Need more? Robert McDonnell, the former governor of Virginia and one-time rising star of the Republican Party, is on trial over gifts and cash he and his wife allegedly received while in office. Florida's Rick Scott, a tea party darling once considered a possible future presidential contender, faces accusations involving personal financial interests in a rail project and a natural gas pipeline.

As for the lone Democrat among the bunch, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo allegedly hobbled an anti-corruption commission he created, steering the commission away from investigating his allies and a media-buying company that had worked on his campaign. He ultimately disbanded the commission altogether.

How could all of this be going on without anybody noticing?

I have one theory. Facing severe challenges to their business models, lots of mid-size newspapers have decided to go

"hyperlocal," thinning out their coverage of state-level issues and officials in the process. A recent Pew report, for example, found that the number of full-time state-house reporters fell by 35 percent between 2003 and 2014. So perhaps governors got accustomed to the luxury of operating with little scrutiny from the Fourth Estate. Some of these imbrogios were first uncovered or pursued not by journalists, by the way, but by government investigators or an outside watchdog group.

Simultaneously, Americans are increasingly turning to comedy and entertainment sources for their news. Unfortunately, most of these newsworthy gubernatorial disgraces and boondoggles involve complex legal issues. Without lurid sexts or colorful femme fatales, they don't especially lend themselves to late-night comedy material, or even a particularly pithy portmanteau (with the exception, of course, of Christie's "Bridgegate"). There are a couple of stellar comedians, such as HBO's John Oliver, who have actively tried to comedify serious but technical topics, but they are unusual.

The takeaway for politicians: If you're going to engage in dubiously ethical endeavors, make sure they're shrouded in complicated, confusing statutes like securities law. Good old-fashioned sex scandals may sound like more fun, but they're intelligible enough to hold the attention of comedians, and voters, for longer than you might like.

OUR VIEW

School districts, college continue unopposed elections trend

We read that 10 members of the boards for Midland ISD, Greenwood ISD and Midland College all will hold on to their respective seats because none drew an opponent for the upcoming November election.

On the one hand, the lack of opposition for the incumbents speaks volumes for what a community thinks about board leadership. If a community likes what is going on at a school district or community college, why change?

On the other hand, it is a wasted opportunity. We have long stated that elections are necessary to provide an opportunity for the discussion of issues. We can't remember a time when education — especially at the elementary and secondary levels — was as important as it is now. So, yes, we would like to see a discussion take place.

There is still one more chance for a competitive election. There is a special election for MISD District 4 scheduled for November. The deadline to file is 5 p.m. Thursday. No candidates have filed with the district at this time, according to MISD officials. We anticipate at least one person plans to file by the Thursday deadline, but could there be two? Or are we destined to see three entities go a collective 0-for-11 when it comes to competitive local elections this November? Remember, there will not be a competitive county election this November.

Oh, how we long for the next round of city elections.

Midland's airport report is significant for community

The city of Midland Airports department reported that the number of passengers departing Midland International Airport in a single month surpassed the 50,000 mark for the first time since 1996.

This is huge for a community, and backs up what we have said for a while now. This is a community on the rise, and that point is being seen in the number of people using the airport. What we appreciated most from the airport report is that American Eagle increased the number of seats available in the market; the number of seats more than doubled year over year. That is a win for Midlanders looking for traveling opportunities and for airport officials hoping to set Midland apart as a dominant regional airport. Airport officials told the Reporter-Telegram they hoped airport boards (or enplanements) would surpass 500,000 this fiscal year. That looks like a certainty now, and that is great news for Midland.

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Come on Texans, free Rick Perry

Time for the state to use some integrity when dealing with its Public Integrity Unit

RICH LOWRY

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It tells you much about the laughable indictment of Texas Gov. Rick Perry that it has made him a figure of bipartisan sympathy.

Perry was indicted last week for the offense of vetoing an appropriations bill. Not vetoing an appropriations bill in exchange for a bribe. Not vetoing an appropriations bill as a favor to a donor. Not vetoing an appropriations bill in excess of his lawful authority. But simply vetoing an appropriations bill.

That Perry could, in theory, face more than 100 years in prison stemming from this veto is so mind-bogglingly stupid that even Democrats and mainstream journalists have been taken aback.

The whole matter has its roots in the drunken-driving arrest last year of Travis County District Attorney Rosemary Lehmborg, a Democrat. Police pulled her over for driving erratically. Video of the stop shows Lehmborg failing all manner of roadside tests, and nearly tipping over as the polite officers try to keep her upright.

By the time she's at the jail, she's a parody of an entitled public figure. She blusters. She whines. She belittles. She threatens. She kicks and bangs. Her behavior is so outrageous that she has to be restrained like Hannibal Lecter in "The Silence of the Lambs."

Her blood alcohol level was about three times the legal limit, and she ended up pleading guilty and serving jail time. Gov. Perry thought, not unreasonably, that Lehmborg should resign. Her office houses the state's Public Integrity Unit, and she no longer seemed a fit leader of it, for obvious reasons.

Lehmborg disagreed. This created what is known in America and other free societies as a political dispute. They happen all the time. Lehmborg exercised her power to stay in her position, and Perry exercised his power to veto funding for her Public Integrity Office as long as she did. You can disagree with one or both of them, but no one was committing a crime.

It was left to a special prosecutor of the very same Travis County District Attorney's Office to concoct one, and manage to get a grand jury to fall

for it. The indictment — running barely two pages long — is as substantive as a fifth-grader's book report, and about as legally sophisticated.

The two counts against Perry are that he "misused government property" and engaged in the "coercion" of a public servant. This makes it sound like he used the \$7.5 million of vetoed funds to buy a vacation house, and blackmailed Lehmborg into indicting people on his whim.

He, of course, did nothing of the kind. The indictment collapses under the slightest scrutiny. As legal blogger Eugene Volokh points out of the first count, Texas laws require that the official be in possession of the misused funds. Perry never controlled the funds he vetoed. As for the second count, Volokh points to an appeals-court decision that held that "coercion of a lawful act by a threat of lawful action is protected free expression."

The Travis County special prosecutor must think he's witnessing the political equivalent of an episode of "The Sopranos" every time he hears news that the president of the United States has made a "veto threat."

It's hard to believe that anyone thinks that these charges will stand up in court. But that's not the point. The indictment is an undisguised attempt to wound Perry, to create bad headlines, to distract him. On cue, Texas Democrats absurdly called on Perry to resign. The indictment itself is, in short, a naked abuse of power.

The Travis County District Attorney's Office is infamous for this kind of thing. Lehmborg's predecessor, Ronnie Earle, launched failed prosecutions of Republicans Kay Bailey Hutchison and Tom DeLay. These acts were as blatantly partisan and as audaciously substanceless as the indictment of Rick Perry.

Forget vetoing funding for this office. If there were any justice, it would be shuttered and razed to the ground.

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detector but didn't break stride, heading straight to a first-floor office to have his fingerprints taken and stand for the mug shot. In it he's wearing a blue tie but shed the glasses that have become something of his trademark in recent months.

The longest-serving governor in Texas history was indicted last week for coercion and official oppression for publicly promising to veto \$7.5 million for the state public integrity unit, which investigates wrongdoing by elected officials and is run by the Travis County district attorney's office. Perry threatened the veto if the county's Democratic district attorney, Rosemary Lehmborg, stayed in office after a drunken driving conviction.

Lehmborg refused to resign and Perry carried out the veto, drawing an ethics complaint from a left-leaning government watchdog group.

Perry was indicted by a grand jury in Austin, a liberal bastion in otherwise mostly fiercely conservative Texas.

"I'm going to enter this courthouse with my head held high knowing the actions I took were not only lawful and legal, but right," Perry told supporters before heading inside the building located just steps from the governor's mansion.

In less than 10 minutes, the governor was outside

again, telling those assembled that he was confident in the rule of law.

"We don't resolve political disputes or policy differences by indictments," he said. "We don't criminalize policy disagreements. We will prevail. We will prevail."

The atmosphere all around him felt less like an undignified perp walk and more like a full-throated campaign rally. Retired Coast Guard officer Dave Jimenez, 70, said he was standing with Perry despite being critical of his efforts to secure the Texas-Mexico border.

"He let me down back then," Jimenez said. "But this is an attack on the political system. I'm just soured by it."

Perry's detractors also waited to relish a glimpse of him walking into court to face processing. Among them was an attorney who is defending more than a dozen Texas abortion clinics set to close this month under a tough anti-abortion bill signed by Perry last year.

"It's not about politics. It's about the governor's abuse of power," said attorney Jan Soifer, who's also a Democratic Party leader in Austin.

The governor, meanwhile, isn't letting the case keep him from a packed travel schedule that will take him to the early-voting states of Iowa, New Hampshire and South Carolina over the next two weeks. After his 2012 presidential campaign flamed

out, the Republican opted not to seek re-election as governor in November — leaving him more time to focus on rehabilitating his image nationally.

If convicted on both counts, Perry could face a maximum 109 years in prison — though legal experts across the political spectrum have said the case against him may be a tough sell to a jury. No one disputes that Perry has the right to veto any measures passed by the state Legislature, including any parts of the state budget.

But the complaint against Perry alleges that by publicly threatening a veto and trying to force Lehmborg to resign, he coerced her. The Republican judge assigned to the case has assigned a San Antonio-based special prosecutor who insists the case is stronger than it may outwardly appear.

The governor has hired a team of high-powered attorneys, who are being paid with state funds to defend him.

Perry is the first Texas governor to be indicted since 1917. Top Republicans have been especially quick to defend him, though, since a jail video following Lehmborg's April 2013 arrest showed the district attorney badly slurring her words, shouting at staffers to call the sheriff, kicking the door of her cell, and sticking her tongue out. Her blood alcohol level was also three times the legal limit for driving.

Defiant Perry coming to New Hampshire

Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — The last time voters in New Hampshire saw Rick Perry, the Texas governor's 2012 presidential bid had fallen apart after a series of gaffes punctuated by a much-maligned stumble during a televised debate.

When he visits the key early-voting state this weekend, he'll have a new hurdle — his indictment on abuse-of-power charges — and much to prove to Republicans watching his handling of the matter for clues to his 2016 presidential prospects.

"I don't think (Republicans) will take the indictment so seriously, but they want to see if this Rick Perry is able to contend with adversity the way the other Rick Perry was unable to," said Dante Scala, a political science professor at the University of New Hampshire. "The last

time they saw him, he was stumbling around."

Others who agree with Perry that the indictment is politically motivated and without substance say his record in office will be their focus.

"People are going to want to see what he's saying about immigration because that's an issue that's certainly going to come up in the November elections," said state senator and former Congressman Jeb Bradley. "They're also going to want to hear why is the Texas economy one of the best in the nation and what can we learn about it here in New Hampshire."

The visit comes after a grand jury handed up the indictment Friday, charging Perry with carrying out a threat to veto \$7.5 million in funding for the state's public integrity unit after Travis County District Attorney Rosemary

Lehmborg, a Democrat, refused to resign following a well-publicized drunken driving arrest. Perry faces charges that carry a maximum sentence of 109 years in prison.

The extent to which Perry can take command of his press coverage in the politically important state will be considered by some a measure of his viability in the presidential arena.

Aides have said Perry plans to maintain his public schedule, in which he'll make a half-dozen stops in New Hampshire and later visit the key battleground states of Iowa and South Carolina.

Arizona Sen. John McCain scoffed at Perry's indictment.

McCain knows New Hampshire's voters. He captured the state's presidential primary in 2000 and 2008 and campaigned Monday for Senate hopeful Scott Brown.

Perry's day: A mug shot, then ice cream

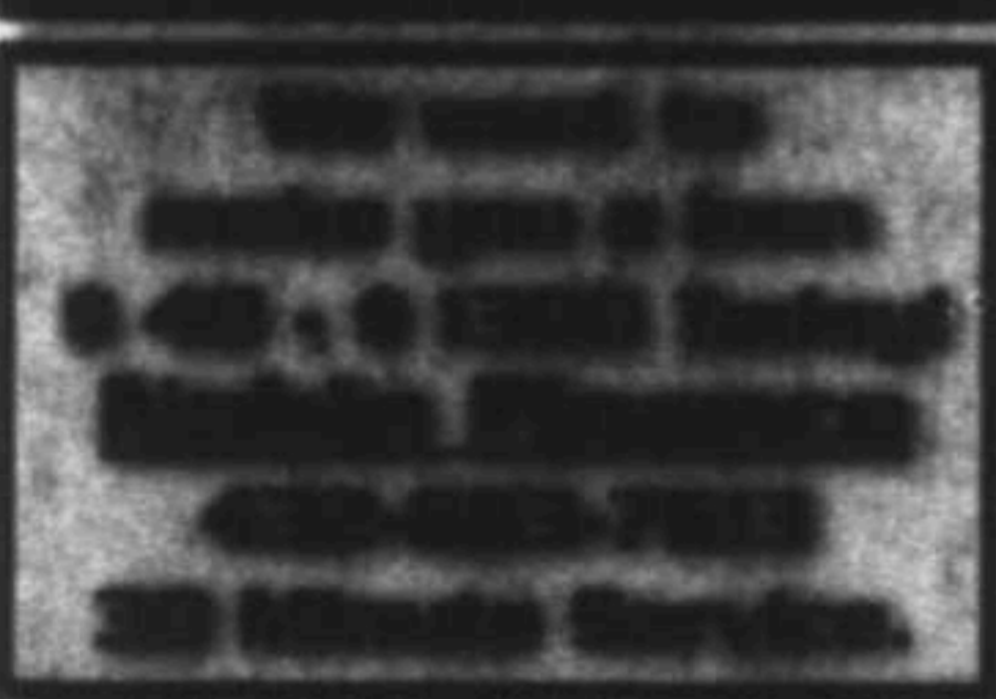
Associated Press

AUSTIN — What's a governor to do after getting booked on felony charges? Go for ice cream.

Minutes after he was fingerprinted at the Travis County Courthouse, Texas Gov. Rick Perry posted a photo Tuesday from his official Twitter account of him outside Sandy's Hamburgers in downtown Austin.

The photo shows Perry holding an ice cream cone, with his arm around an unidentified woman. His attorneys, David Botsford and Tony Buzbee, are standing nearby with their own ice cream cones.

Perry was defiant before and after being booked on two felony charges accusing him of abusing power when he vetoed money for a Travis County prosecutors' unit investigating public corruption.



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Notice of Tax Revenue Increase

The City of Midland City Council conducted public hearings on August 5, 2014, and August 12, 2014, on a proposal to increase the total tax revenues of the City of Midland from properties on the tax roll in the preceding year by 7.28% percent.

The total tax revenue raised last year at last year's tax rate of \$.431927 for each \$100 of taxable value was \$37,538,912.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.419800 for each \$100 of taxable value, excluding tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$40,272,857.

The total tax revenue proposed to be raised this year at the proposed tax rate of \$.419800 for each \$100 of taxable value, including tax revenue to be raised from new property added to the tax roll this year, is \$41,738,235.

The City of Midland City Council is scheduled to vote on the tax rate that will result in that tax increase at a public meeting to be held on August 19, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Midland City Hall, City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine, and August 25, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. at Midland City Hall, City Council Chamber, 300 N. Loraine.

Holder brings his civil rights push to Ferguson

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Eric Holder talks about the nation's civil rights struggles in a way no previous U.S. attorney general could — by telling his own family story.

As he increasingly pushes his Justice Department to protect voting rights and end unfair prison sentences and police brutality, Holder has drawn on personal history to make the case that the nation has much work to do to achieve justice for all. It's a legacy he'll likely draw on when he travels today to Ferguson, Missouri, to supervise the federal investigation of the fatal shooting of a black 18-year-old by a white police officer.

Holder tells how his father, an immigrant from Barbados proudly wearing his World War II uniform, was ejected from a whites-only train car. How his future sister-in-law, escorted by U.S. marshals, integrated the University of Alabama in spite of a governor who stood in the schoolhouse door to block her. How as a college student, he was twice pulled over, his car searched, even though he wasn't speeding.

And Holder recalls that the slaying of black teen Trayvon Martin in 2012 prompted him to sit down with his own 15-year-old son for a talk about the way a young black male must act and speak if confronted by police — the same talk his father had given him decades earlier.

"I had to do this to protect my boy," the nation's

first black attorney general said at an NAACP convention last year.

President Barack Obama is sending Holder to Ferguson to bring the full weight of the federal government into the investigation of the death of another young black man, Michael Brown, who was unarmed when a white police officer shot him multiple times Aug. 9. Daily and nightly protests, sometimes marred by rioting and looting and met with tear gas and rubber-coated bullets from police, have rocked the suburban St. Louis community since.

Holder has led an unusually fast and aggressive Justice Department response to the local case, sending teams of prosecutors and dozens of FBI agents to investigate and arranging a federal autopsy on top of one by local authorities.

Still, protesters in the streets say they aren't convinced justice will be done. Holder's record on civil

rights and personal commitment may help reassure the community when he visits.

"It's a powerful message," said William Yeomans, a law school fellow at American University who worked in the Justice Department's Civil Rights Division for more than two decades. "He's the embodiment of law enforcement, and the positive contribution he can make here is to assure the community that the federal government is taking very seriously the quest for justice in this incident."

Holder reinvigorated a civil rights force at Justice, Yeomans said, that had been scaled back and demoralized during President George W. Bush's administration.

Holder's department has been especially strong in going after police misconduct, both through criminal civil rights cases and lawsuits against police departments, Yeomans said.

His civil rights push got off to a difficult start, however.

Shortly after taking office in February 2009, Holder called the United States "a nation of cowards" when it comes to talking about race in a Black History Month speech. Conservative backlash was swift. Holder quickly toned down his rhetoric while quietly rebuilding the division.

For much of Holder's early tenure, his public profile was shaped by battles over how to prosecute terror cases, the use of armed drones to kill terror suspects overseas and his handling of various Obama administration controversies. A 2012 vote in the Republican-controlled House made Holder the

first sitting Cabinet member ever held in contempt of Congress over his refusal to hand over without preconditions documents involving the Fast and Furious gun investigation.

More than a dozen Republican lawmakers have called for his impeachment for not prosecuting anyone in the Internal Revenue Service for targeting conservative groups and for his department's probes of journalists linked to news leaks.

But over the last three years, civil rights has moved to the forefront, starting with Holder's opposition to state voter ID laws that make it harder for the poor to cast ballots. He compared Texas' voter ID law to a poll tax, the now-

illegal fees imposed across the South for decades to block African-Americans from voting. The Justice Department is now suing Texas and North Carolina over their voting restrictions.

"Over the past three years, the department's Civil Rights Division has filed more criminal civil rights cases than during any other period in its history — including record numbers of hate-crimes cases," Holder noted in April.

Holder has indicated he's unlikely to stay on as attorney general through the end of Obama's second term but says he has more to accomplish before departing. That may partly explain his accelerated push for equal treatment under the law.

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EDUCATION

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Greenwood ISD meets state standards Superintendent Elliott says system still focuses too much on test

By Tessa Duvall
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In his first year as superintendent of Greenwood ISD, Ariel Elliott said he's pleased to see all three district schools rated as "met standard" in the Texas Education Agency's accountability ratings.

But, that's not nearly as crucial as focusing on what students actually are learning day in and day out in the classroom, he said.

"We will look at numbers and try to improve where we are weakest," he said. "It's a never-ending circle where you're trying to get everything that the kids need done every year. That's more important to me than the 'met standard' part."

GISD was one of 1,106 districts or charter districts the TEA rated as satisfying state standards in its annual ac-

countability ratings released earlier this month. This year marks the second year for the new rating system, which analyzes districts and campuses on four different indexes: student achievement, student progress, closing performance gaps and postsecondary readiness.

GISD has met standard both years, but because the way each index is measured has changed and because the student groups tested aren't identical from year-to-year, Elliott said the ratings don't offer a good comparison just yet.

"I anticipate that from this year to next year the system will be more routine and we will gain more ability to be able to compare that, apples to apples," he said.

According to the TEA summary, GISD exceeded the student achievement target by 20 points and the student progress target by 22 points.

GISD schools did not earn any distinction designa-

tions, which means the schools were not among the top 25 percent of performers from a group of 40 campuses of similar type, size and student demographics.

Going forward, Elliott said the district will strive to improve in all indexes. There will be an increased focus on reading skills, especially at the elementary level.

"I think reading is the key to almost everything they're testing," he said.

A significant portion of accountability is decided by STAAR results, which can be impacted by kids or teachers having bad days, a student not having breakfast or a lack of sleep, Elliott said. While this new system is better, it still focuses too much on the test, he said.

"We've got some great kids here, and some of them can't pass the test," Elliott said. "They're still great kids."

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'TEACHER'S PET'



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Allison Dyer, left, a Junior League member, shops with Chelsea Carwile, right, a first-year physical education teacher at Travis Elementary on Tuesday at Mardel Christian and Education Supply. The Junior League of Midland gave nine first-year teachers \$200 each to go shopping for classroom decorations.

Junior League gives money to help decorate classrooms

By Tessa Duvall
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When first-year teacher Leah Daniel looked at the items she needed for her classroom and the money it would cost her, she had what she described as an "Oh goodness!" moment of shock.

So it was a relief for Daniel to learn that Junior League of Midland would provide her and eight of her fellow first-year colleagues at Travis Elementary School \$200 each to spend at Mardel Christian & Education Store.

"I've been very impressed with all the organizations in Midland that helped the school district in general," said Daniel at the shopping outing on Tuesday.

Jessica Louder, chair of volunteers in

Midland for Junior League, said the idea for the service project, called "Teacher's Pet," came from an organization member who is also a teacher at Travis. In addition to the \$200 for supplies, the nine teachers will receive four hours of help decorating and organizing their classrooms Monday, Louder said.

Daniel, a pre-kindergarten teacher, said she's already spent about 15 hours organizing her classroom and has yet to begin decorating. The Junior League's support provides much-needed help at an already stressful time of the school year, she said.

Louder said "Teacher's Pet" aims to lift the spirits of new teachers, in addition to saving their pocketbooks some pain. Providing classroom decorations

and supplies will help provide a positive, comfortable learning space for students, she said.

"Some classrooms are bright and cheery and wonderful, and some teachers can't afford that," she said.

Reagan Hughes, a new kindergarten teacher, came prepared with a list of supplies she still needs for her classroom, even after already spending \$400.

"This is a much-needed, weight-off-the-shoulders type of deal," she said.

Hughes, who recently relocated from Dallas to take her teaching position, said community organizations' support for teachers is a "blessing."

"The first year is the roughest year," she said. "It makes it easier for us when everyone is behind us."

UTPB doctor of education proposal going to regents

By Tessa Duvall
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The University of Texas of the Permian Basin could be one step closer to offering its own doctor of education in educational leadership following the University of Texas System Board of Regents meetings this week.

UTPB is seeking preliminary authority from regents to offer the degree, which will be taught completely online and geared toward education professionals who work full-time while enrolling in the doctoral program on a part-time basis, according to agenda materials.

UTPB President David Watts said if the board grants authority, the university will then prepare a proposal that will first go to Pedro Reyes, UT System executive vice chancellor for Academic Affairs, and then to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board, pending Reyes' approval.

UTPB's program could be operating this time next year, but possibly later, Watts said.

Doctor of education classes have been offered at UTPB for the last four years through a collaboration with the University of Texas at San Antonio. Watts said at least three West Texas educators have earned their degrees through this program. While classes are available at UTPB, UTSA had the degree-granting authority.

"The purpose of the collaborative was to help UTPB achieve the level of professional excellence that is required by a faculty to be able to offer a doctoral program," Watts said. "Last year, San Antonio notified us that they had completed the time period for their collaborative and that in their opinion, we were ready to proceed forward with our own proposal."

While UTPB's program goes through the approval process, UTSA will work with UTPB's current doctor of education students so they can continue coursework uninterrupted, Watts said.

West Texas has the smallest proportion of doctorally qualified administrators and teachers of any region of Texas, he said.

"That's a serious statement," Watts said. "If someone wanted to get a doctorate, they either have to

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UTPB STEM Academy teachers train in new methods

By Tessa Duvall
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ODESSA — It was an "aggravating" process for University of Texas of the Permian Basin STEM Academy teacher Jeff Vann to gain understanding of the school's project-based learning teaching methods.

But it's not because Vann, a sixth-grade teacher, dislikes the new teaching method he spent four weeks this summer learning and practicing.

Instead, he wanted to know as much as possible about it right away.

"I've been in standard education where they come in and start with the answer, and then tell us how to get there," he said. "Instead, they're wanted us to find those answers (on our own), so they're modeling what we're going to do with the kids."

Vann and his 13 fellow teach-

Inside

Eather J. Cepeda: STEM teachers require specialized training.

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ers were trained by staff from the University of Texas at Tyler and its Innovation Academy in preparation for the STEM Academy's first year of classes, which kicks off Monday. UT Tyler trainers assigned the UTPB academy teachers homework every night, just like their students will have, and teachers then presented what they worked on each night, said academy Principal Jennifer Seybert.

The charter school will meet for about four hours every weekday morning when students will work on projects designed by teachers, then the remainder of the day — about three

hours — will be spent working with a parent or another adult on virtual projects, with the goal of preparing students for the next day's class work.

Vann, who is entering his 11th year as an educator, said he prefers this teaching style.

"I really feel that I'm getting back to what I felt was the way to teach kids to begin with," he said. "I felt with the public school system we had gotten away from that. (This is) letting the kids out of the box to explore the creative, natural learning that they want to do anyway."

Seybert said projects will play on every student's individual strengths and encourage them, instead of stifling them.

"The creativity in the classroom is gone, so what we're able to do is bring that back," she said.



Courtesy art

Artwork and teaching plan methods are shown on a bulletin board at the STEM Academy workshop taught by University of Texas Tyler teachers.

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Longtime 'SNL' announcer Don Pardo dies at 96

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Few would recognize his face, but most knew his voice: the booming baritone that for nearly four decades heralded "Saturday Night Live."

Don Pardo, the eraspanning radio and TV announcer whose resonant voice-over style was celebrated for its majesty and power, died Monday in Arizona at the age of 96.

"He became our link to the beginnings of television on NBC — and radio," said Lorne Michaels, who, as creator of "SNL" (and who remains its executive producer) hired Pardo.

Pardo's strong jaw and leading-man smile were seldom on display, but for more than 60 years his elegant pipes graced newscasts, game shows (during the original run of "Jeopardy!," its emcee ritually called on him to "Tell 'em what they've won, Don Pardo") and especially "SNL," where he played an integral role through last season, heralding the lineup, like always, as recently as the May finale.

"There was no greater thrill than hearing Don Pardo bellow your name for the first time in the opening credits of 'Saturday Night Live,'" said longtime cast member Tina Fey. "It meant you were officially on television."

Fey described Pardo as "a sweet, sweet man," adding, "Late night will never sound as cool again."

"My whole life changed once Don Pardo said my name," echoed Amy Poehler, a fellow "SNL" alum. "I will really miss that kind and talented man."

His was no ordinary voice and he guarded it closely, with cough drops always at the ready.

"My voice is my Achilles' heel," Pardo said in a 1985 interview with The Associated Press. "When I get sick, it's always my voice." But it served him well from a tender age.

Dominick George Pardo was born in Westfield,



AP file photo

Announcer Don Pardo works March 14, 1992, on the set of "Saturday Night Live." Pardo, the durable television and radio announcer whose resonant voice-over style was widely imitated and became the standard in the field, died Monday in Arizona. He was 96.

Massachusetts, on Feb. 22, 1918, and grew up in Norwich, Connecticut.

One of his first jobs was that of ticket-taker at a local movie theater; even then, his voice was commanding.

"I'd go out there with a cape and say: 'Standing room only in the mezzanine. Immediate seating in the balcony.'"

His father, Dominick, owned a small bakery and had wanted his son to join the business. But young Pardo followed his own dream. After graduating from Boston's Emerson College in 1942, he began his vocal career at radio station WJAR in Providence, Rhode Island.

Two years later, he was hired by a supervisor at NBC immediately upon hearing his voice. He moved to NBC's New York affiliate, and never left the network.

Pardo made his mark quickly, reading news dispatches on the radio filed from the front lines

during World War II. After the war, he was the announcer for such shows as the "Arthur Murray Party," "Colgate Comedy Hour" and "Your Show of Shows."

In 1954, he was brought in to announce "Winner Takes All," beginning a long run in game shows. He was heard forcefully on the original "The Price is Right" (1956-63) and the original "Jeopardy!" (1964-75), hosted by Art Fleming.

When NBC launched the radical, cutting-edge "Saturday Night Live" in 1975 with Pardo as its charmingly old-school patriarch, he was discovered by a new generation — although, on opening night, he made a rare stumble, botching one of the credits. Instead of saying "The Not Ready for Prime Time Players," Pardo introduced the show's new comedy troupe as "The Not for Ready Prime Time Players."

Aside from Season 7, when he was rudely dis-

placed, Pardo remained an "SNL" mainstay.

Between working on shows, Pardo often spent several hours a day in an NBC sound studio as one of the last network "booth announcers" working a regular daily shift.

And every weekday afternoon for several years in the 1980s, Pardo would quickly clad himself in a tie and blazer to step on camera long enough to announce the local New York station's "Live at Five" newscast — although Pardo's vocal alchemy rendered it as "Liitiiiiive at Fiitiiiiive!"

Pardo retired from NBC in 2004. "But Lorne Michaels called me soon after and asked if I would continue for three more weeks, so I did," Pardo told the AP in 2010. "Then he called and asked if I would do five more, and so on. I never really left."

For several years, Pardo commuted from Tucson each week the show

aired. He arrived to open the show in Rockefeller Center's fabled Studio 8H and then caught a returning flight. At the end of the show on Feb. 23, 2008, he was brought on camera to blow out the candles of a birthday cake in honor of his 90th birthday.

In later years, he more often recorded his introductions from home, where he died peacefully Monday afternoon, said his daughter Dona Pardo.

Pardo appeared in several movies, mostly as himself or an announcer like himself, including Woody Allen's "Radio Days," an homage to the Golden Age of broadcasting. He also made a guest appearance on Frank Zappa's 1978 album, "Zappa in New York," and "Weird Al" Yankovic's 1984 album, "In 3-D."

In 2010, he was inducted into the Academy of Television Arts and Sciences' Hall of Fame.

Pardo is survived by five children.

Obituaries



William Eugene Perry Jr.

William Eugene Perry Jr., born November 22, 1953, passed away on August 12, 2014 in Houston, Texas.

He was preceded in death by his parents, William E. Perry Sr. and Norma R. Perry.

He is survived by his brother, Bob Perry and his wife Kelly.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to a charity of your choice.

Death Notices

Bobby J. Collins

Bobby J. Collins, 75, of Midland, Texas, passed away August 18, 2014.

The family will greet guests on Wednesday, August 20, 2014, at Ellis Funeral Home from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Services for Bobby will be Thursday, August 21, 2014, at Crestview Baptist Church. A burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

E. D. "Wimp" Holcomb

E. D. "Wimp" Holcomb, 81, of Big Spring, died Monday, August 18, 2014, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Friday, August 22, 2014, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday evening at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He is survived by his wife, Evelyn Holcomb; one daughter, Beth Phinney; and two brothers.

Kathy Diane Shirley

Kathy Diane Shirley, 64, of Midland, Texas, passed away at her residence in Midland on August 18, 2014.

Visitation will be on Thursday, August 21, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral Services are at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, August 22, 2014, at The Northside Baptist Church.

Kathy is survived by her husband, Kendall Shirley; daughters, Lori Becker, Kristi Seybert, and Kim DeMoss; one brother; and one sister.

MC OKs budget, proposes tax rate

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland College's board of trustees approved the college's budget for the upcoming year at its meeting Tuesday afternoon.

The \$61.232 million total budget — which includes all funds — is a 2.8 percent increase from last year.

All full-time employees will get a 5 percent increase in base pay, and pay for adjunct and overload courses will increase by 3 percent, according to board materials.

A preliminary version of the budget gained board approval in June.

Trustees also proposed a total tax rate of \$0.12439 per \$100 valuation. The maintenance and operations tax rate is proposed at \$0.1097, and the debt service rate is proposed at \$0.01469, according to board materials.

The 2013-14 total rate was \$0.13316 per \$100 valuation, making the proposed 2014-15 rate 6.59 percent less than last year, but 3.12 percent above the effective rate, according to board materials.

The board approved public hearings on Sept. 2 and Sept. 9; the vote to adopt a tax rate is set for Sept. 16. All three meetings will be at 4 p.m.

GISD

From 1B

and they're going to be great employees, they're going to be great husbands and fathers and wives and mothers, but you put so much pressure on these kids who have failed tests over and over and over, (and) I think that's a bad plan. Growing up, the school never told me I was dumb or that I couldn't do something, and I almost feel like with these scores, we're telling the kids, 'You're not good enough. You can't be a banker or a lawyer.'"

"So I think that's a bad system." The accountability system is moving in the right direction and needs to continue to do so, he said.

"Ultimately, we're here for kids, not test scores," Elliott said. "If they'll make decisions in Austin based on what's best for kids and not worry about the lobbyists, I think we'll be fine."

STEM

From 1B

Third-grade teacher Erin Culpepper said project-based learning will revive classrooms.

"The classroom has been so flat and stale for so long that this is bringing it back to life," the 15-year teacher said. "It's more interactive, it demands more participating from the kids and it forces them out of their shell. They have to be engaged."

Donna Wise, director of professional development for the Ingenuity Center at UT Tyler, said project-based learning is about letting kids have a voice and a choice in what they learn.

"People who don't understand it think it's chaos, but

teachers are 100 percent in control," she said.

There's a misconception about project-based learning that teachers don't do anything since students work to find answers on their own, but if teachers aren't involved it all falls apart, Wise said. When done right, project-based learning may give the appearance the teacher isn't doing anything, when in reality they are actively prompting and guiding students, just not necessarily from a desk or the front of the class, she said.

Linda Stearns, STEM grants director for the Ingenuity Center at UT Tyler, said projects must be connected to students' lives for them to be interested and

engaged. Wise said well-designed projects won't leave students wondering "When am I ever going to use this?" because they will be able to see that they are already using it.

Seybert said teachers constructed their first projects while at training. Projects begin with state standards — the same standards traditional public schools use — and build up from there to ensure students will be able to master the standard by the time the project is done, she said.

For Vann's first project, his sixth-graders will learn about the population boom in the Midland-Odessa area. Vann created a video to introduce the problem, students will brainstorm

solutions, research them and then pick one area where they develop a plan to improve the situation.

Vann said projects and the school day's flexible schedule allows teachers to accommodate the kids who need extra help while also challenging the kids who are excelling.

The flexibility is part of what's so appealing about the academy, Culpepper said.

"We've been forced to fit this one-size-fits-all-plan for so many years in the traditional classroom and now we're able to fit the needs of our students better," she said.

Juli Rathel, UTPB associate vice president of research and dean of gradu-

ate studies, said it is likely the school will host classes in UTPB's gym for the first week while the installation of the portables is completed. This may actually be a benefit to teachers and students, she said, as this will allow everyone to get out of the mindset that comes from being in a traditional classroom.

All eight elementary classrooms will be equipped with Smart Boards, and students will be able to wirelessly project onto the boards from their iPads, Rathel said.

The school aims to eventually install a playground between the two classroom buildings, but first must raise funds for it, she said.

GISD scorecard

Greenwood ISD performance index report

Index 1 - Student achievement
Target score: 55
GISD score: 75

Index 2 - Student progress
Target score: 16
GISD score: 38

Index 3 - Closing performance gaps
Target score: 28
GISD score: 33

Index 4 - Postsecondary readiness
Target score: 57
GISD score: 62

Source: TEA

What do the indexes mean?

■ Index 1 - Student Achievement: Provides a snapshot of performance across subjects, on both general and alternative assessments, at the satisfactory performance standard. In 2014, index 1 is based

on the STAAR results at the phase-in 1 Level II passing standard.

■ Index 2 — Student Progress: Provides a measure of student progress by subject and student group independent of overall student achievement levels. In 2014 growth is evaluated by subject (reading and mathematics, where available) and student group (All Students, African American, American Indian, Asian, Hispanic, Pacific Islander, White, Two or More Races, Special Education, and ELLs).

■ Index 3 — Closing Performance Gaps: Emphasizes advanced academic achievement of the economically disadvantaged student group and the lowest performing race/ethnicity student groups at each campus or district.

■ Index 4 — Postsecondary Readiness: Emphasizes the importance that students be prepared for success in college, the workforce, job training programs, or the military. For high schools, this means achieving a high graduation rate and high performance on other postsecondary readiness measure. For elementary and middle schools this means preparing students for the rigors of high school.

Source: TEA

UTPB

From 1B

move to Lubbock, El Paso or one of the cities along I-35 and farther east.

There are no other schools that offer a doctoral-level education. It shows in the availability of doctorally qualified people leading — not just the two major school districts, Midland

and Ector County — but the smaller school districts throughout Region 18.

"If any area of the state needs a doctor of education, it's this area of Texas."

The proposal will go before the Academic Affairs Committee this afternoon, and if ap-

proved, will go before the full board on Thursday.

Watts said regents will also consider about \$1 million in library, equipment, repair and rehabilitation money and about \$644,000 for the tuition offset program for UTPB.

"What (the tuition offset money) means is, instead of having a tuition

increase, we're going to be allowed to keep more of our money — \$644,000 worth — that we would have otherwise sent to the system," Watts said.

"That's important to us. That's about one-third more than what we had requested if we had been permitted to raise tuition. We're pleased to see an

increase in our expendable funds without raising tuition on any of our students."

A semester of a full-time load of 15 hours will continue to cost an undergraduate student about \$3,000, Watts said, and tuition for graduate students will actually decrease as a result.

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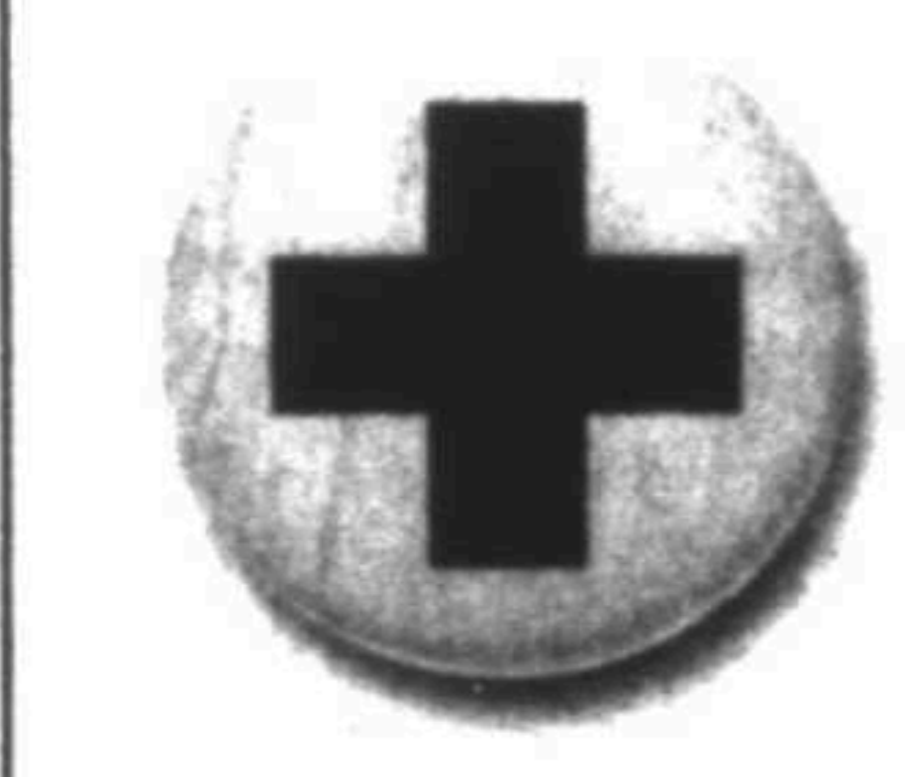
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STEM teachers require specialized professional training

Changing the way information is presented could encourage more students to take math, science classes

Every once in a while, research quantifies the effects of certain education policies on students. Then, the results are often shelved in favor of the prevailing "common sense" — as in: If you want more scientists, mandate more science courses in school.

Let's hope this fate doesn't happen with "Missing the Mark," a report by the ACT college readiness test's Research and Policy division. Authors Richard Buddin and Michelle Croft studied the high school graduating classes of 2005 through 2013 in Illinois, not including Chicago, that were affected by a state law mandating a minimum of three years of math and two years of science to graduate.

Before the reform, about 23 percent of Illinois school districts required three years of math, while about 75 percent required two years of science. Researchers were able to compare districts affected by the new law to those that had already had such requirements.

By 2013, Buddin and Croft found that the law narrowed the science course-taking gap by 30 percent. But it had little effect on trends in math course-taking. And the requirements also had little impact across the board

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for student achievement on the ACT college readiness exam for both math and science.

While students in the bottom half of their classes did take more science this did not move the needle on college enrollment.

"The results suggest that more advanced coursework alone is not enough to improve student learning or college-going," said Scott Montgomery, ACT vice president of policy, advocacy and government relations. "A majority of students will require more intensive preparation for advanced coursework or coursework that is better adapted to their learning needs."

As always, there's more to the story. One of the caveats of the research is that it looked only at results based on the changes in the numbers of courses taken. No measure of the quality of or content within courses before or after enactment of the law was assessed — an important variable that deserves its own appraisal in the still-evolving equation for getting students on STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) career paths.

"Obviously, Illinois is well-intentioned in the process of increasing benchmarks, rigor and courses as an approach to getting students to choose math and science careers," said Christopher Emdin, a professor at Teachers College of Columbia University and the author of "Urban Science Education for the Hip-Hop Generation."

"But we fundamentally know that more courses being taught the same exact way as they always have will not increase persistence or affect career choice," Emdin told me. "There is a gap in the nature of the instructor and not in the availability of the course."

Emdin believes that existing STEM teachers and teachers-in-training need specialized professional coaching and mentoring in order to teach for motivation and understanding instead of just for the grade.

He said that because students are more likely to persist in courses related to the arts, this approach opens up an opportunity for the complexities of science of math to be understood through a focus on art and creativity, communication and scientific sensibility rather than simply content knowledge.

"If we are effective in the delivery of the content in basic classes, you would more likely be successful in getting students to voluntarily take advanced math and science courses and even motivate them to see these as career tracks that are open to them," Emdin said. "As it is, kids who are already college-bound jump through the extra hoops but don't go into STEM fields. Worse, for the ones who stand to be the first in their family to go to college, [the higher standards put] more obstacles in their way, hampering their progress and creating heightened alienation from the disciplines."

There will always be students who "get" math and science and don't need special classes to develop self-identification with the disciplines. For the rest, a retooling of teaching methods that instills the wonder, beauty and practicality of math and science is in order if we want more kids to successfully pursue STEM careers.

BANANAGRAMS!

For each of the word groups below, change one letter in the top word to one of the letters that appears in the bottom word, then rearrange the tiles as needed to form a new common word. Do the same with each new word until you arrive at the bottom word. For example, one path from BARK to PLUM is BARK, MARK, RAMP, RUMP, PLUM.

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Lee band to receive Rose Parade flag

In preparation for Lee High School band's performance at the 126th annual Rose Parade on New Year's Day, 2015 Tournament of Roses President Richard L. Chinen will be presenting a Rose Parade flag to the band. The presentation will be at the band's summer concert, which is 10 a.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

Chinen also will be a guest at a reception set for 7 p.m. Friday at the Lee courtyard.

MISD educators assume roles with TCTA

Two Midland ISD educators recently assumed roles with the Texas Classroom Teachers Association.

Terrill Q. Littlejohn, a fourth-grade science, social studies and reading teacher at Lamar Elementary took office as president, and Melissa Wright, a sophomore teacher at Early College High School at Midland College, began a two-year term as district director.

EDUCATION IN BRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

"I am very excited about serving as TCTA state president in the coming school year," Littlejohn, who has been a member for 13 years, said. "I very much want to be a positive reflection of TCTA and of the many dedicated professionals who are part of our great organization."

He is a former president of Midland CTA, the association's local affiliate.

For the next two years, Wright will represent TCTA members from District 18 — a 19-county area that includes Midland, Greenwood and Odessa — on the TCTA Directors' Council, which sets policy for the statewide association. She will assist leaders of TCTA local affiliates in her district.

"I am excited about my new role with TCTA, and I encourage all teachers to become informed of the new legislation and policy changes coming out of Austin," Wright, who has been a member for 17 years, said.

In 2011-12, she was recognized as TCTA's Faculty Representative of the Year.

TCTA is a non-union professional association for

teachers, librarians, counselors and other classroom professionals.

MC technical programs to hold open house

Midland College is to host an open house of its dual credit career/technical programs 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Midland College Advanced Technology Center, 3200 W. Cuthbert Ave.

"MC offers many of our technical programs to high school students. Students receive both high school and college credit and obtain valuable skills using high-tech equipment," said Curt Pervier, dean of Applied Technology. "As a result, they are more marketable once they join the workforce."

He said the purpose of the open house is to acquaint high school students and their parents with the various options in career/technical dual enrollment.

For more information, call the Applied Technology Division at 685-4674.

Scharbauer closes to new student enrollment

Because of enrollment influx, Scharbauer Elementary School, 2115 Hereford Blvd., is closed to new enrollment for the 2014-15 school year.

New students to the Scharbauer Elementary attendance zone will be offered an alternate campus to attend.

Parents/guardians should contact the MISD Student Services Office at 689-1026 (or 240-1520) to determine their child's campus.

Orientation set for new MC students

An orientation for new Midland College students is set for Thursday. Orientation begins with a presentation at 9:30 a.m. at Chaparral Center and continues with breakout sessions at Fasken Learning Resource Center at 11:15 a.m.

Students who attend orientation will receive a 10 percent discount on one non-textbook item at the bookstore on Thursday and will be entered into a drawing for one of four \$250 book vouchers.

THE REV. MIKE HUNTER
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Technology, pay raises not enough to help teachers ride the storm

I remember the first time I entered the classroom from the teaching perspective as one of the formative moments that helped shape my life's calling. As a music education major I was required to split my student teaching between secondary and elementary schools.

The secondary phase had been a joke. Perhaps the experience was shaped only by timing; the high school choir program that spring was in the final weeks of a huge fundraising project. The director used me to total up the orders and process packages. It was a total waste of time.

But during the second phase — in a Plainview elementary school classroom — my eyes were opened, and the events affected one career I would choose and another I wouldn't.

From almost the first day, under her mentoring eye, Maxey turned over the classroom to me. I was thrown into the deep end of elementary music and fine arts. I knew the content, I could teach the songs and engage the elements, but I was not prepared for teaching.

I remember the day a student interrupted the song cycle to politely raise his hand to tell me and his entire class that his parents were getting a divorce. Another day, a child appeared in my classroom with physical signals that she had been abused. In every class, more than 10 percent of students were underfed and undercared for. The cultural and contextual real-life situations overwhelmed the content that I was supposed

to teach. By the end of the first week, Maxey had her first evaluation with me. How do you do this? I asked her. Simultaneously she smiled and a tear ran down her cheek. And I'll never forget her answer.

You don't by yourself. Maxey went on to tell me about her faith and what she did outside the classroom for her mental and spiritual health to balance the storm she rode every day in the classroom.

For some, she was the source of their Christmas. For others, she wept when they grew up and were lost to bad choices. But she kept coming, year after year, into the classroom, because she was not alone.

This week, as our teachers go back into that storm, I'm thinking of them. I know the local media is talking about new technology and pay raises as if that assuages the storm.

I know it does not. I've asked the administration what they're doing to assist in teachers' spiritual and mental well-being. The early answers are: not much.

I simply want to say, teachers, I'm not in your league. I learned in Maxey's classroom that I did not have what it takes to ride in that storm. While there are moments in my calling that resemble yours, mine is a momentary bump in what you experience every day.

You have my prayers and my utmost respect. I will keep poking those who hire you, pay you and put you in the storm to do more to take care of you.

PTA wants Midlanders to 'Back the Future'

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland Council PTA is encouraging the community to "Back the Future" as a part of the Texas PTA initiative to increase awareness and membership in the organization.

Council President Dee Dee Caputo said the campaign aims to encourage Texans, whether they have children in school or not, to be members of PTA.

"We're trying to help the community realize that by joining PTA, what you're saying is that you back the future, you support education and you're letting the legislators in the Capitol know how im-

portant education is to our state," Caputo said. "The membership numbers for PTA have dropped every year and it gets lower and lower."

Caputo said PTA membership is on pace to drop below 500,000 members statewide. Locally, Midland schools' PTAs collectively have nearly 6,000 members, she said.

The citywide Council PTA wants to double its membership for the upcoming year, which Caputo said she considers possible given that Midland ISD has a student body of more than 23,000 and growing. PTAs in MISD grew by a total of 100 members from 2012-13 to 2013-14, she said.

which means there's room for improvement.

Midland Council PTA is partnering with Ector County's council to raise awareness throughout the Permian Basin, Caputo said. The two councils will hold a joint press conference at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center at 10 a.m. Aug. 28 in order to increase awareness of the "Back the Future" campaign.

Each individual school's PTA sets the dues for its organization, but most are between \$7 and \$10, Caputo said. PTAs generally meet once a month. Every MISD school has a PTA except for Burnet Elementary School, but Caputo hopes to help parents

launch one.

Joining PTA doesn't have to be a major time commitment, Caputo said. Volunteers can give as much time as they choose and if and when they choose to do so.

Caputo also announced the campaign at MISD's new teacher orientation on Aug. 11, encouraging teachers to ask parents to get involved in their classrooms. She suggested having sign-up sheets with information about volunteer opportunities and recruiting at back-to-school or meet-the-teacher events.

Vista Academy to host uniform buyback event

From staff reports

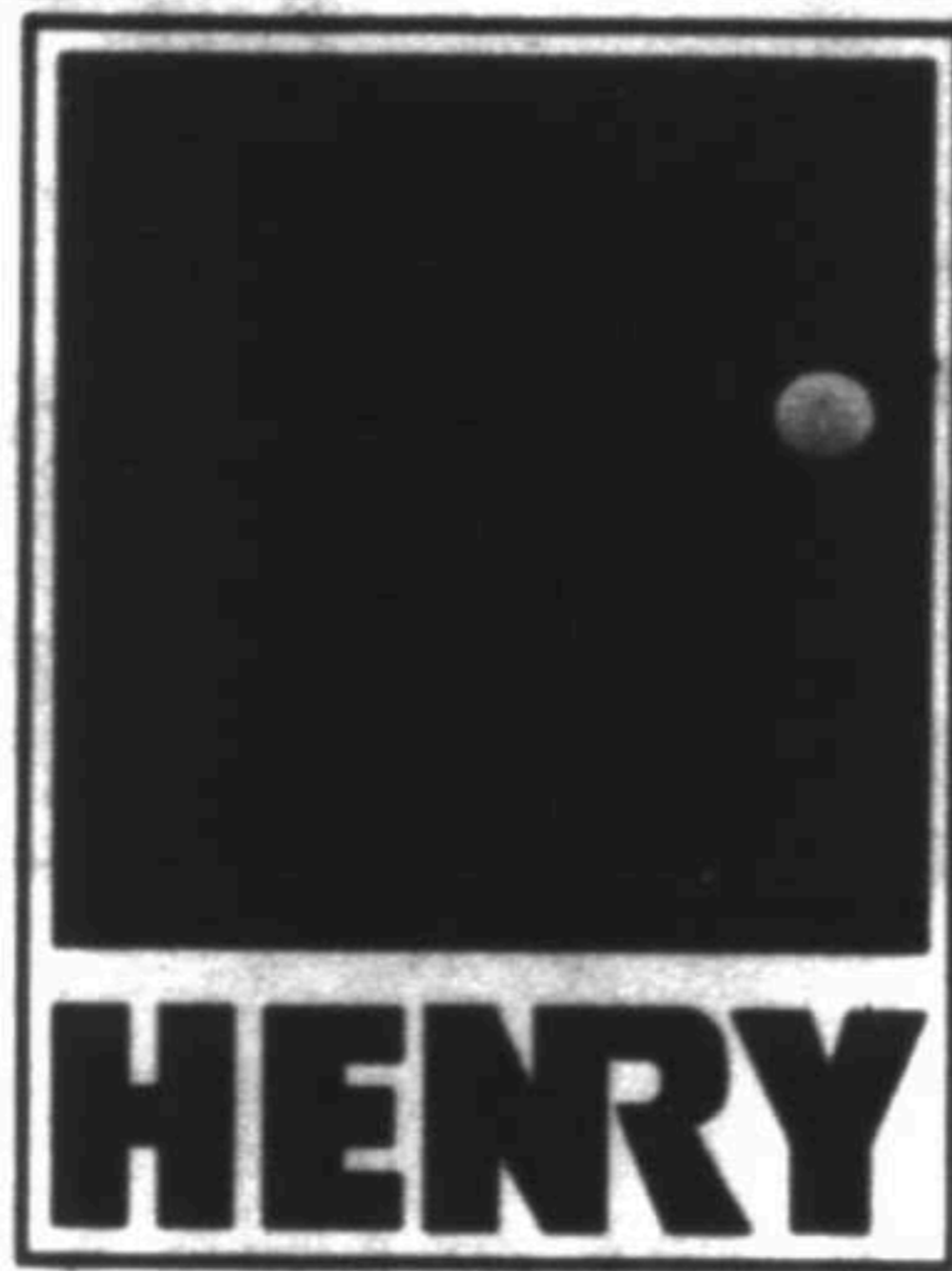
Vista Academy of Midland announced Tuesday evening on Facebook it will host school uniform buyback days on Thursday from noon until 6 p.m. and again on Friday from 8 a.m. until noon.

The post, attributed to the academy's staff, tells parents to bring the uniforms and original receipt to the buyback event at the school's campus.

Staff will provide parents with a receipt for the returned uniforms and refund checks will be mailed following the conclusion of the buyback event, according to the post.

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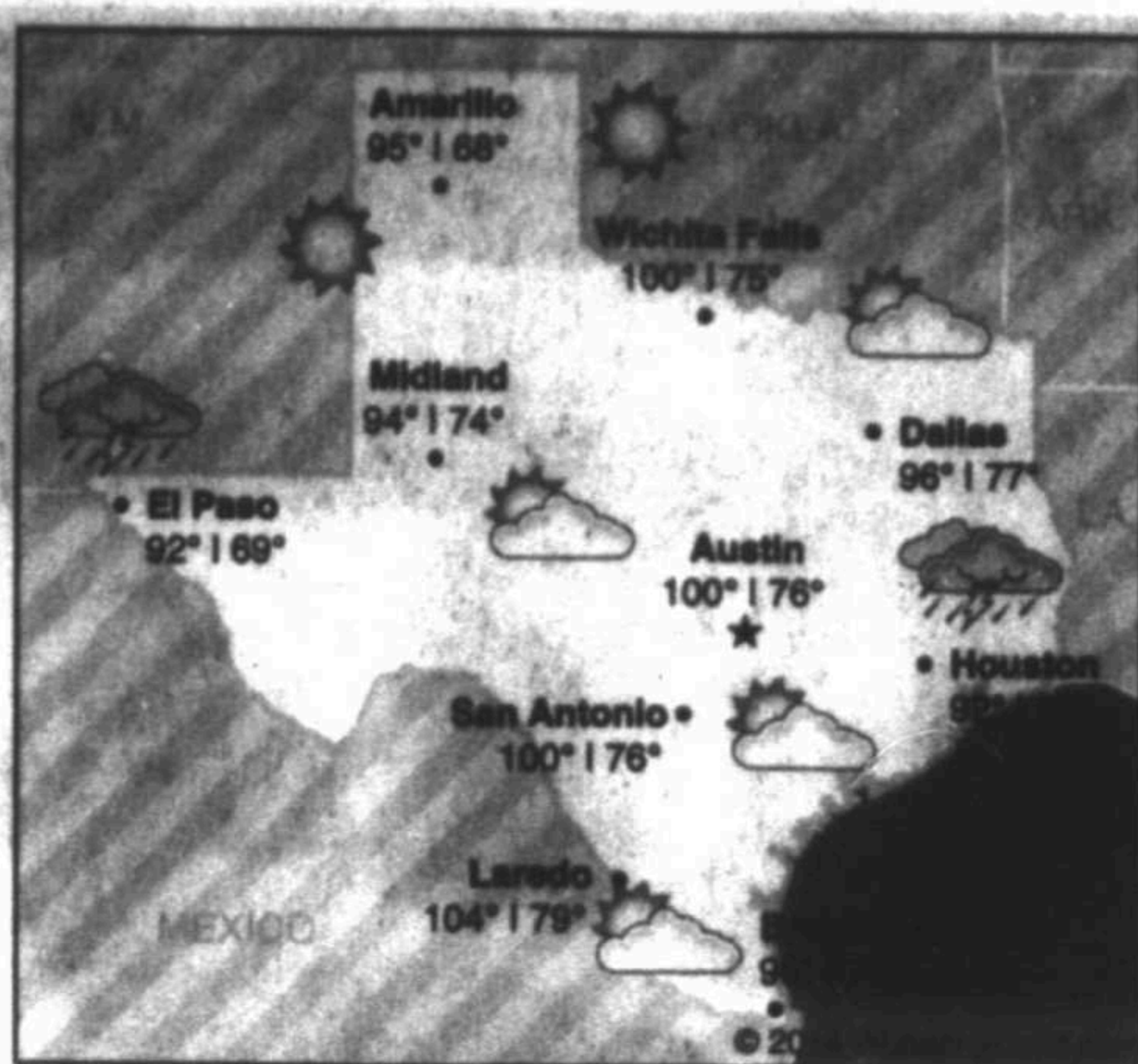
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Local forecast

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 96 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. The high on Tuesday reached 93, while the low dropped to 68. The record high for Aug. 19 is 103 set in 1977 and 1994. The record low is 60 set in 1950.

Weather why

We know it's not possible to rain cats and dogs, but sometimes you hear about frogs and other animals coming down from the sky. Is this possible? It is, and it's happened many times throughout history, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "There are reports of it raining frogs, fishes and even snakes going back almost 2,000 years," McRoberts said. "In the past 300 years, many of these have been carefully documented and witnessed by hundreds of people. Most of these have involved frogs and fish, but others have seen such things as corn, snakes, flowers and other materials. In 1873, it was reported that parts of Kansas City were covered with frogs that had dropped from the sky."



Precipitation	Tuesday's temperatures
Monday 0.00 in.	High 93
Tuesday 0.00 in.	Low 68
Month total 0.32 in.	Normal high 94
Year total 4.29 in.	Normal low 69
Normal total (year to date) 8.94 in.	Sunrise 7:17 a.m.
	Sunset 8:27 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, Aug. 20



Husband who relives his past should focus on his present

DEAR ABBY: I'm married to the love of my life. I can't imagine loving a man more than I love "Wayne," and I know he feels the same about me. The problem is, he's always telling stories about things he has done, including past relationships, in graphic detail.

I have heard all of them repeatedly, and I'm sick of them. When I tell him this he says, "Fine! I won't talk to you anymore." Wayne never talks about OUR past, present or future. How can I get him to stop reliving "the good ol' days" and start focusing on our life together? — **CURRENT EVENT IN KENTUCKY**

DEAR CURRENT EVENT: Wayne may react defensively when you say you're "sick" of his stories because he feels you are criticizing him. Perhaps if you told him that hearing him dwell on past relationships is hurtful, he might be willing to enlarge his repertoire.

If that doesn't help, it's possible your husband feels his best years are behind him. Past conquests and adventures can be more fun to dwell on than the new lawnmower, the plumbing that needs replacement, which friends are sick and the most recent one who died. Things might improve if you work together to create activities that will spice up your lives and give him some

new material. Try it. It might benefit you both.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a relationship with "Bob" for 12 years. He doesn't work and doesn't take care of our children because he says it's "not his responsibility." I have supported him all this time, yet nothing is good enough.

He has cheated on me several times. During his third affair, he had two kids with the other woman. He doesn't understand why I don't trust him and why I insist on seeing his cellphone. The last time I was able to get ahold of it, he broke down the bathroom door trying to get it back.

He threatens to move out, and if he does, that will be "the last I hear from him." I would be relieved if he went. I have so much anger toward him. I love him, but at this point love doesn't have anything to do with it.

I have asked him several times to leave, but he just keeps saying he'll be leaving on his own terms. I can't

continue like this anymore. He brings out the worst in me and I hate it. What do I do? — **HAD IT IN PHOENIX**

DEAR HAD IT: That you have tolerated this behavior for 12 years boggles my mind. Because this philandering freeloader has resided with you for so long, you may have to go through formal eviction proceedings to get rid of him. You have given him a free ride, and you may need the services of a lawyer to pry him out of there. If you do, consider it money well spent.

DEAR ABBY: If a spouse keeps photos of a college sweetheart after 50 years, what does it mean? Does it mean he is still carrying a torch for that person and doesn't want to forget her? — **SUSPICIOUS IN HOUSTON**

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: I doubt it, but if you want to be sure, the person you should ask is your husband. After 50 years, the "torch" may be too heavy to carry — or completely out.

DEAR ABBY

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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Fred and Esther

Both vulnerable. South deals.

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The bidding:
SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST
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Opening lead: Ace of ♠

Esther was happy as a clam! Fred had asked her to play in the local duplicate again, and she always enjoyed playing with Fred. She just hoped that she could hold up her end of the table.

Esther would normally bid only three hearts with the South hand, but playing with Fred gave her confidence.

She took a deep breath and leaped to game. "This is exciting," she thought. "No wonder the good players bid aggressively."

West shifted to the 10 of diamonds and Esther called for a low diamond from dummy. She got a bit confused and accidentally played low from her hand as well! "Oh dear," she thought. "I hope Fred doesn't notice." Esther won her ace at trick two when West continued diamonds. Next came the ace and queen of hearts, drawing trumps, before starting to ruff her spade losers. She led the eight of spades from dummy, ruffing in hand, crossed back to the king of diamonds and led the queen of spades.

She was about to ruff it, when a scary thought struck her. "What if the queen of spades is high? If I ruff a good trick, Fred might never play with me again. Oh well, I may as well throw my low club. It's probably a loser anyway." West won this trick with the king, but he was employed — he had to yield a ruff-sluff or lead a club into Esther's ace-queen. Contract made! "Nicely played," said Fred. Esther was beaming.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Aug. 20, 2014:

This year you often see that it is better not to reveal your feelings. In general, you express yourself well. You will be entering the first year of a new 12-year luck cycle. Your optimism soars and opens up more opportunities for you. Make it a point to update your priorities. As you change, your goals change. If you are single, the likelihood of experiencing a major romance is extremely high. How this romance evolves will depend mainly on your age and on what you want from life. If you are attached, the two of you will start acting as if you had just met. Your bond becomes closer with increased romance. **CANCER** makes a great healer for you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Your intuitive voice often points you down an intriguing path. You will find that you are a lot better off than you might have anticipated. Keep your opinion to yourself for now. You won't want to influence others right now, as they could be touchy. Tonight: Head home early.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Friends might have a unique way of supporting you. You'll need to consider what will be the best way to share your feelings. Your creativity could be triggered by a new friend. Stay in contact with this person. Tonight: Make plans for the coming weekend.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Be aware of what is happening between you and someone else. A discussion might be in order. A family member could decide to take a stand. Having an important person on your side is likely to increase your security. Tonight: Treat a favorite person to dinner.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You are much more in your element than you realize. You seem to have pushed beyond your normal limits, and somehow you still might not get your desired results. Your personality will blossom with a new-found self-confidence. Tonight: As you like it.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Sit back and say little; you will learn a lot more by observing. Others initially might feel awkward, but you'll learn a lot more about the people who surround you. A bunch that involves money could pay off. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Don't question your direction today. Your present course will

lead you where you want to go. Remain sensitive to a loved one who seems to be wearing rose-colored glasses. You might need to help this person get in touch with reality. Tonight: Go with an imaginative idea.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Take a stand, but only if you must. Loved ones whom you rarely see but who play a key role in your daily life will appreciate your newfound curiosity. Listen to your inner voice when dealing with a boss or an important older relative. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Use your intellect, and mix it with a deep emotional resonance. As a result, you'll create a positive change in an area of your life that you already find richly rewarding. Open up to a loved one; it will be good for this person to see your thought process. Tonight: Break a pattern.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You might want to open up to a different way of proceeding, one that a partner seems to have an easy understanding of. You might be torn between following a long-desired dream and doing what is logical. Do not restrict yourself either way. Can you have both? Tonight: Dinner for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be pleased by a partner and his or her choices. This person might opt to draw you in closer by reaching out to you for help. As you fulfill this request, you also will be making yourself happy. You'll delight others with your spontaneity. Tonight: All smiles.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You might feel as if you are on a countdown to complete a project. Your ability to understand what others expect from you tends to put tremendous pressure on you. Let go of judgments, and you will be happier. Tonight: Head to the gym for some exercise.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Your mind could be fixated on a child or loved one. If someone else needs to have a serious conversation with you, you will be hard-pressed to be present in the moment with him or her. Your personal life is so much more exciting! Tonight: Let romance in.

BORN TODAY

Musician Robert Plant (1948), singer/songwriter Isaac Hayes (1942), former U.S. Representative Ron Paul (1935)

CAMP TIME

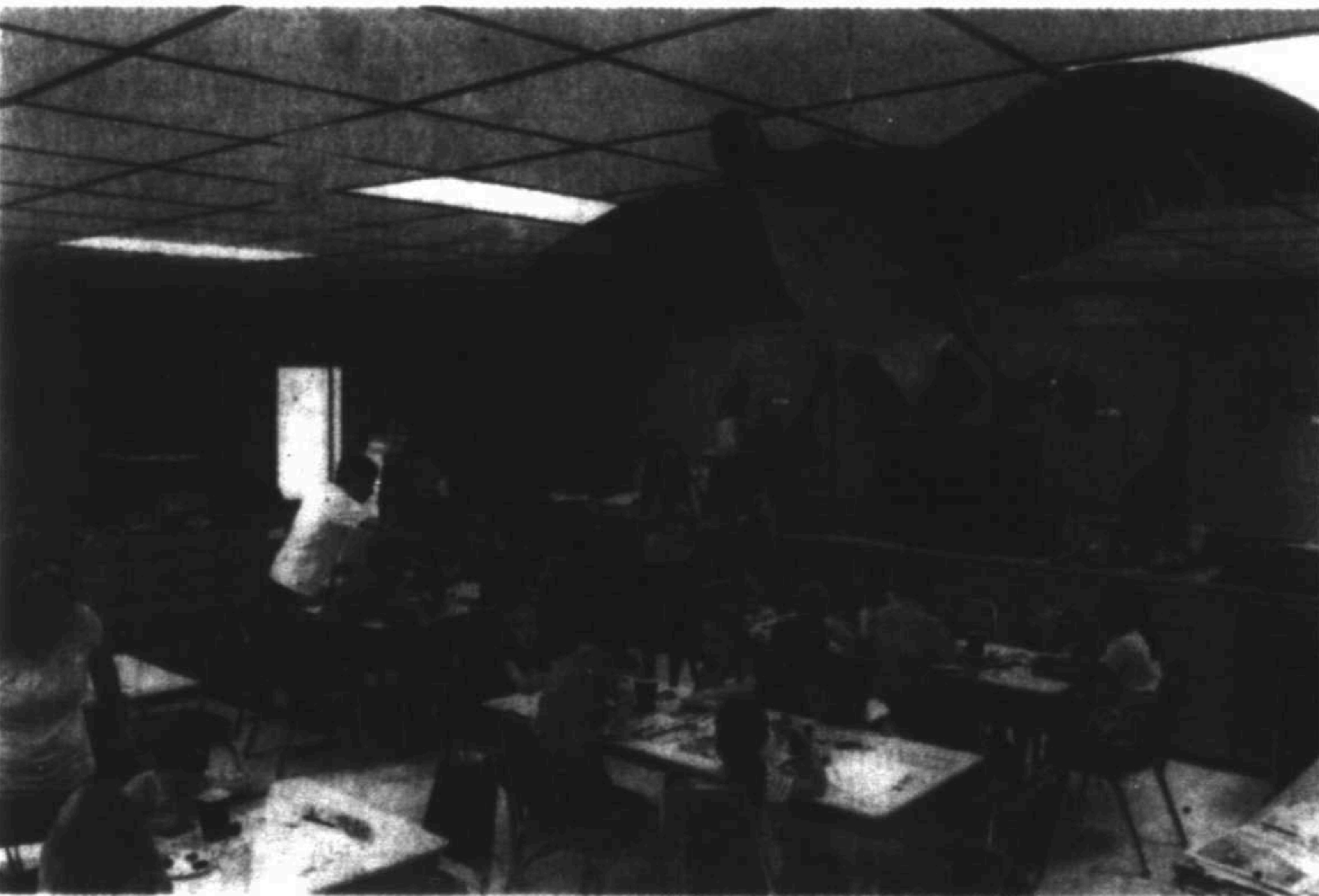
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BIZARRE BIRDS MINI CAMP

Children participate in activities to learn about birds during the Bizarre Birds Mini Day Camp on July 11 at the Sibley Nature Center.

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SPORTS

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Area teams prepare for fall scrimmages

By Len Hayward
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Mannix



Powell

Some names have changed and some key players have graduated, but it seems Midland Christian is still firing on all cylinders.

The Mustangs scrimmaged longtime foe Monahans on Friday in Monahans and Midland Christian outscored the Lobos five touchdowns to nothing when both team's first stringers were on the field.

"I thought it was a really solid night for the most part," Midland Christian coach Greg McClendon said. "When you go watch the film, you see a lot of things you need to get better at. But anytime you scrimmage Monahans and score five touchdowns and

hold them to none with their ones, you ought to walk away feeling pretty good about it."

McClendon said he hasn't made a decision on a starting quarterback yet, but said that both Garry Powell and McLane Mannix could see time this season under center. He said he was pleased with the play of both the junior Powell and the sophomore Mannix.

The completion percentage wasn't as high as he wanted, but McClendon said the two bring different skills to the game, which could possibly mean that both could be used in different situations this season.

"What I've realized is that Garry Powell has a skill set and does some things very well, and McLane Mannix brings a different set of skills,"

McClendon said. "It can be a headache for defensive coordinators and defenses to stop, and we are equally effective with them in there."

Midland Christian will take on Wall, a Class 2A Division 1 state finalist a year, at 7 p.m. Friday at Mustang Field.

Rangers get physical

The one area that Greenwood head coach Shad Hanna was most pleased with his team during last Friday's scrimmage against rival Andrews was how physical the Rangers were on defense.

"We were really fast, and played fast on defense," Hanna said. "Our kids were really physical and I was glad to see that out of our guys. That

was one of our goals was to be a lot better on defense and the defense played well. We tackled well and gang tackled."

Hanna said the Rangers had some mistakes on offense but he said that's expected considering how much the coaches are throwing at the players this time of year, but he expects it to get better. He said that the offensive line was possibly the best part of the scrimmage.

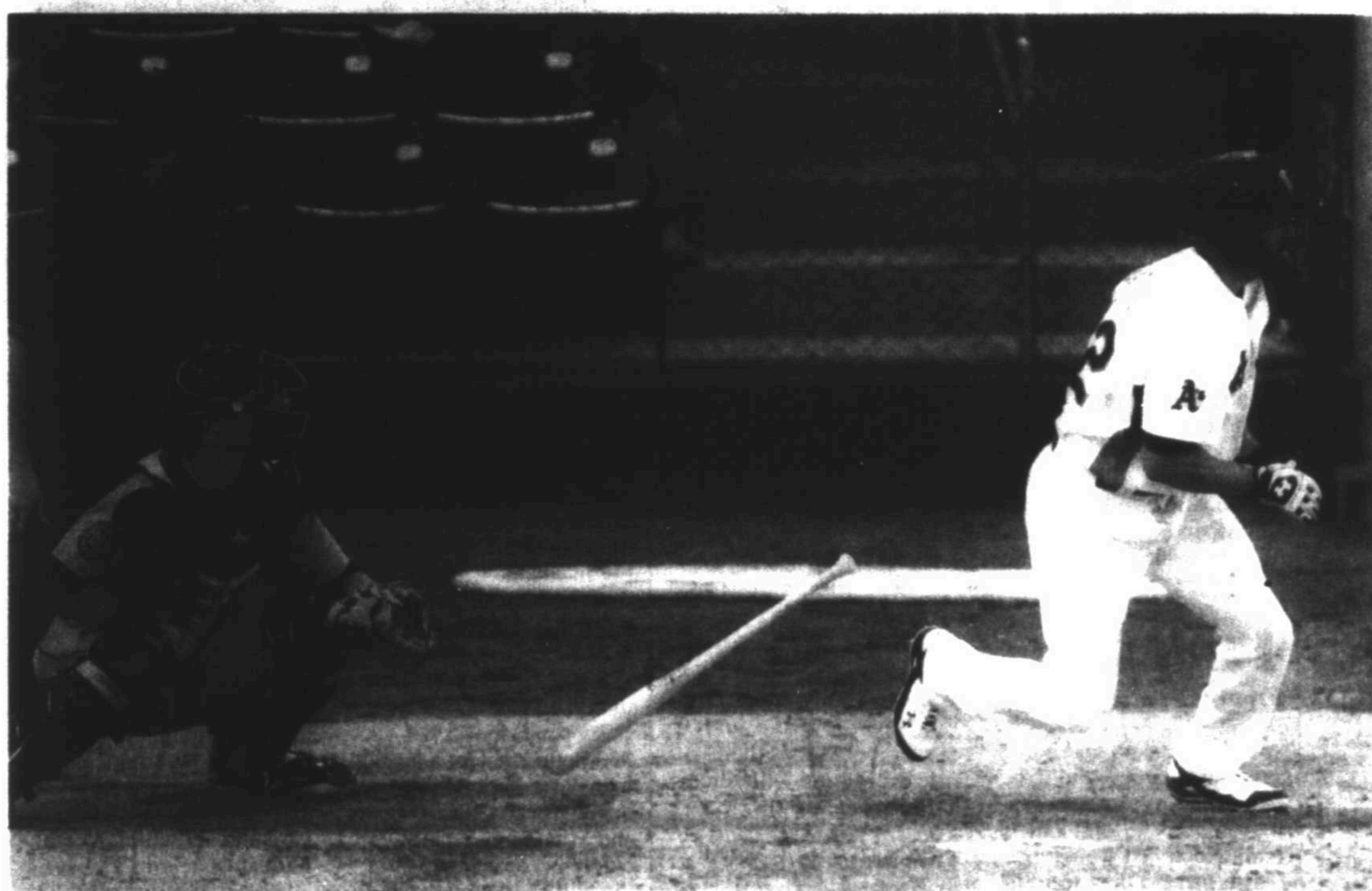
Greenwood will scrimmage Alpine on Thursday at 6:30 p.m. in Alpine.

Trinity on the run

The goal for Antwan Alexander at Trinity this season on offense was to

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Complete domination



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The RockHounds' Kent Matthes puts the ball in play against Corpus Christi on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Matthes leads RockHounds in rout of Hooks

By Len Hayward
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Kent Matthes led an offensive outburst by the Midland RockHounds on Tuesday night that looked like a team taking out some recent frustration.

Matthes, who had two hits in the recent six-game road trip to Springfield and Tulsa, found his power stroke again, smacking two bases loaded hits to lead the RockHounds to a 15-2 rout of the Corpus Christi Hooks at Security Bank Ballpark.

Matthes wasn't the only RockHound to slap the ball around the yard on Tuesday, as six of Midland's nine hitters had multiple hits and three had multiple RBIs.

The RockHounds (31-25 in the second half) roughed up Corpus Christi pitching

RockHounds 15
Hooks 2

for 16 hits, and along with the 13 walks issued by the Hooks.

"It wasn't a very good road trip for us, and we weren't playing very good ball the way around, especially offensively," Matthes said. "Tonight it just kind of clicked. I think it was good to have the day off and kind of clear our heads."

Unfortunately for the RockHounds, they weren't able to gain any ground on Frisco in the Texas League South Division second half standings. The RoughRiders beat San Antonio 5-4 and remained two games ahead of Midland.

Matthes showed his prowess with the bases juiced twice to help break the contest open. Matthes, who is 8-for-14 with the bases loaded this season, hit a

three-run triple down the left field line in the second inning that turned a two-run Midland lead into a 5-0 lead.

Two innings later, Matthes smacked a two-run double to the same spot as part of a seven-run fifth inning that put the game out of reach.

Matthes was 3-for-6 with five RBIs on the night and finished a home run short of hitting for the cycle. Matthes, who was red hot in July, cooled off over the last few weeks, but he and the RockHounds finding their hitting stroke could be key in this home stand.

"I tell you what, man, if there is ever the bases loaded, that's the guy I want up at the plate," Midland manager Aaron Nieckula said. "I think he thrives in those RBIs, runner in scoring position

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Browns not ready to name starting quarterback

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — This summer saga, packed with drama, celebrity and clumsiness, isn't quite over for the Browns.

Hoyer vs. Manziel marches on. Cleveland first-year coach Mike Pettine still hasn't chosen his Week 1 starting quarterback, and that's not his fault.

Brian Hoyer and Johnny Manziel haven't convinced him — or anyone, really — that they deserve the job.

Pettine had been expected to announce during a teleconference on Tuesday whether Hoyer, the inexperienced veteran and hometown hero coming back from knee surgery, or Manziel, the hyped rookie and former Heisman Trophy winner, would start the Sept. 7 opener at Pittsburgh.

But the decision has been delayed and it could carry through Cleveland's third preseason game on Saturday.

Pettine said Cleveland's coaching staff will meet Wednesday night and could then choose a starter. Maybe.

"We're not in position to make it at this point in time," Pettine said of an announcement many Browns fans have been anxiously awaiting for months.

"We'll decide later if we're ready to name a starter. We could have one named, and I'm not ruling that out. That's something we're going to discuss. And if we do have to wait until after the next game, so be it."

"We're going to weigh everybody's opinion. I'm very clearly on record: I would like to make a decision, and that's still very much a possibility."

Pettine reiterated that "all options are on the table," meaning he could name Hoyer or Manziel or push a decision back until after the Browns host the St. Louis Rams in their third exhibition.

Pettine's choice grew much tougher after Hoyer and Manziel both played poorly in a 24-23 exhibition loss at Washington on Monday night.

Hoyer started and missed wide-open receivers and appeared to be buckling under the pressure of not being able to put an end to his competition with Manziel.

Hoyer finished 2 of 6 for 16 yards, hardly the numbers he needed to solidify starting.

"It was embarrassing," Hoyer said.

Manziel's most memorable moment may have been when he made an obscene gesture toward the Redskins' sideline, an act Pettine called "extremely disappointing" and will likely result in a fine from the NFL. When he was only using his right hand to throw, Manziel completed 7 of 16 passes for 65 yards one touchdown, which came against Washington's backups.

Pettine said the quarterbacks weren't the only ones who had unsatisfactory games.

"There were a lot of guys that had some plays they'd want to take back," he said. "I just think it was overall inconsistency on the offense. It's hard for a quarterback to look good when the guys around them aren't playing well."

As for Manziel getting caught on national TV flashing his middle finger at the Redskins, Pettine said that behavior — as well as the 21-year-old's other off-season conduct — will be factored into the decision on a starter.

"We'll take into account all things quarterbacks A to Z," Pettine said. "So it's body of work, it's everything from the time they set foot in the building back in

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Peyton Manning: 'Our offense stunk today'

By Arnie Stapleton
Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Peyton Manning was disgusted with the Denver Broncos offense after the first of three practices with the Houston Texans.

"I thought our offense stunk today," Manning said after Tuesday's two-hour practice in shells and shorts. "I thought their defense totally kicked our butt."

And when the five-time MVP isn't happy, nobody's happy.

"I don't feel like we had our best day as a group, especially on the offensive side of the ball," Demaryius

Thomas said. "There were a lot of penalties, not converting well. I don't think I had one of my best days."

Asked specifically what had set him off, Manning stared at a reporter like he had stoned receiver Bubba Caldwell after a poorly run route or two an hour earlier.

"When you watching?" Manning retorted.

What observers saw, actually, was a Broncos offense that produced its share of big plays in both 7-on-7 and team

drills against a Romeo Crennel-designed 3-4 defense led by J.J. Watt and Jadeveon Clowney but also some sloppy moments less than 48 hours after a chest-thumping 34-0 shutout of the San Francisco 49ers.

The Texans had an extra day's rest, having played Atlanta on Saturday night. "They executed better than we did," Manning said. "They just did their jobs a lot better."

Denver's starters have looked solid in preseason wins over Seattle and San Francisco, games in which Manning has completed 22 of 27 passes for 182 yards and a TD, leading some to suggest the Broncos are ready for the regular season right now.

"I think that story ought to die pretty quickly after today's performance out there," Manning said.

He said there was no ulterior motive to his harsh assessment, denying that he was just trying to light a fire under his team so it didn't start to feel like the next two weeks didn't matter.

"I kind of call it like I see it. When you have a pretty below-average practice, you've got to call it a below-average practice," Manning said. "So, I think this team does a pretty good job staying pretty even-keeled. I don't think anybody is overly excited about beating a San Francisco team that didn't have Justin Smith, Patrick Willis, that

didn't blitz us one time, playing kind of a pretty vanilla scheme. They will be a different animal when we play those guys in the regular season, trust me."

The Broncos will also see the Seahawks again in September, but after Saturday night's game against Houston, they won't see the Texans again this season unless they meet up in the playoffs.

Manning said he's thrilled to get three workouts in against the Texans and Crennel, who is in his first season as Texans defensive coordinator, having joined the staff after another former Bill Belichick disciple, Bill O'Brien, was named head coach.

"Romeo Crennel is one of the best coaches out there," Manning said. "Overall, it will be a good week for us. But we've got to do better than we did today on offense."

While the Texans, who went 2-14 last year, talked all about how beneficial it was facing the defending AFC champs, it was the Broncos who were talking up the Texans.

Thomas said the Texans had plenty to do with Denver's discombobulated performance that so upset Manning.

"They came in and did what they were supposed to do. They put pressure on us. They stopped us on a couple of third downs, fourth downs and two-minutes," Thomas said.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

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TUESDAY'S SCORE

Midland 15, Corpus Christi 2

TODAY'S GAME

Corpus Christi at Midland, Security Bank Ballpark

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Midland 32-25, Corpus Christi 26-31

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During that seven-run fifth inning, Jeffy Marte, Jeremy Barfield and Muncy all drew bases-loaded walks for RBI...

HOUNDS BITES: The RockHounds announced a change in their scheduled rotation on Tuesday. Midland moved Drew Granier to the bullpen...

TEAMS

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speed things up, and he said the Chargers did that in a four-way scrimmage with Veribest, Lohn and Paint Rock last week.

"It can be faster," Alexander said. "The good thing about it was it was almost like a horse that wants to go and the coaches have to pull back on their reigns a little bit."



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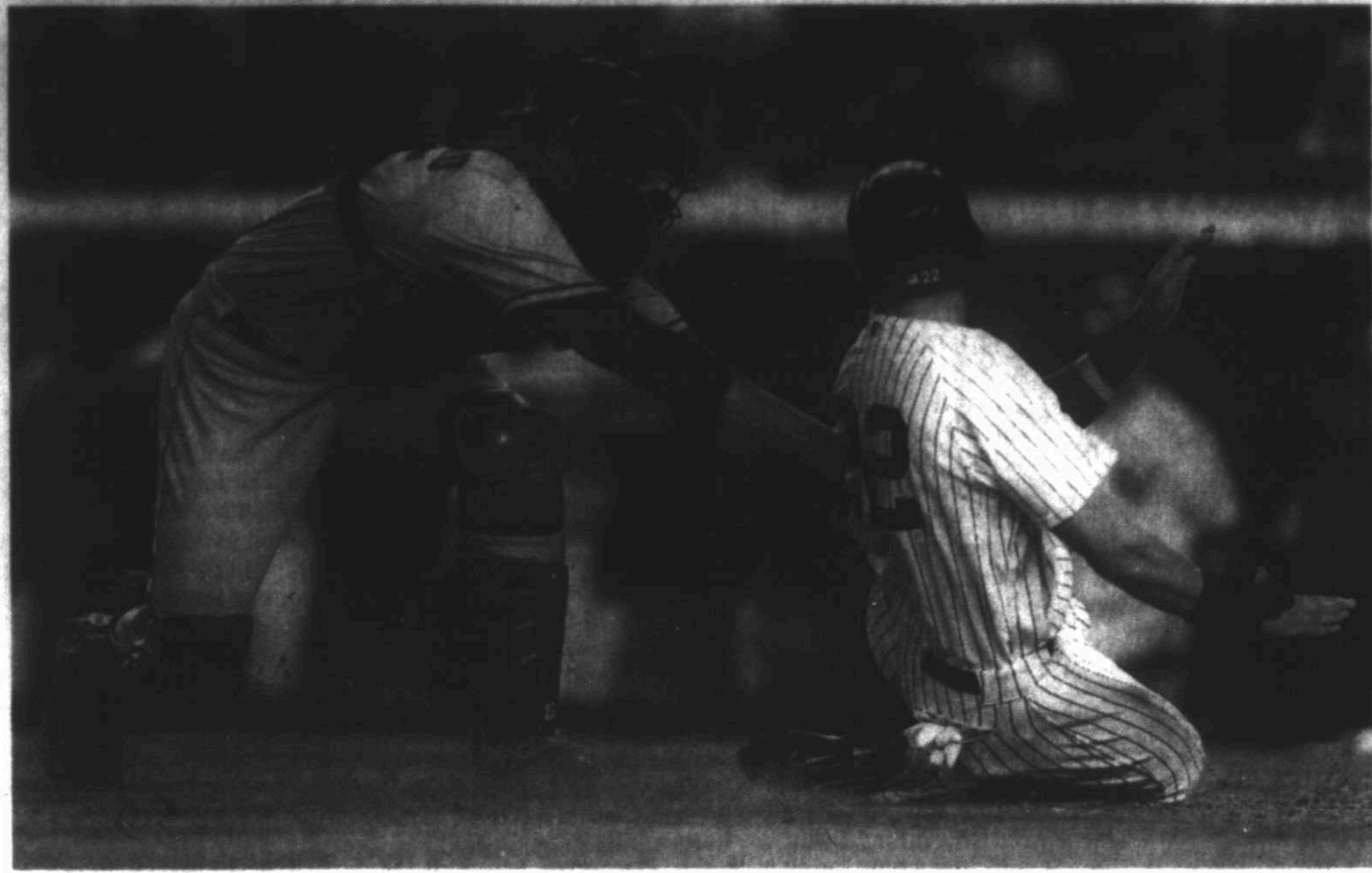
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Associated Press

Houston Astros catcher Jason Castro tags out the New York Yankees' Jacoby Ellsbury (22) at home plate during the eighth inning Tuesday in New York.

MLB ROUNDPUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ASTROS 7, YANKEES 4. NEW YORK — Chris Carter snapped a ninth-inning tie with a colossal three-run homer, extending his second-half power surge and sending the Houston Astros to a 7-4 victory over the New York Yankees on Tuesday night.

Marvin Gonzalez knocked in two runs with a pinch-hit single, and the fourth-place Astros (53-73) won for the third time in four meetings with the Yankees this season. Despite a \$154 million difference in opening-day payroll, Houston took two of three at home against New York to begin the season.

Brian McCann hit a two-run homer and Martin Prado had three hits for the Yankees, who wasted their first chance to make up ground in the standings during a six-game homestand against a pair of teams with losing records in the Astros and Chicago White Sox.

ANGELS 4, RED SOX 3

BOSTON — Chris Iannetta hit his second double of the game, a tiebreaking drive in the ninth inning off Red Sox closer Koji Uehara that sent the Los Angeles Angels over Boston 4-3 on Tuesday night.

Brennan Boesch had a ground-rule double with two outs off Uehara (5-3) for the Angels' first hit since the fourth. Iannetta then lined a double off the left-field wall, just above the leap of Daniel Nava.

Joe Smith (5-1) got the win for the AL West leaders and Huston Street recorded his 34th save.

Angels right fielder Kole Calhoun made a sensational, leaping catch to rob Brock Holt of a three-run homer in the second. Calhoun made the grab at the low fence in front of his team's bullpen to end the inning.

David Ortiz hit his 29th homer, a solo shot in the Boston first that increased his

major league-leading total to 91 RBIs. The Angels took a 3-1 lead in the third with four consecutive hits, starting with a double by Iannetta. The next three hits all drove in runs — a single by Calhoun, a triple by Mike Trout and a single by Albert Pujols.

ORIOLES 5, WHITE SOX 1

CHICAGO — Chris Tillman threw eight strong innings and the AL East-leading Baltimore Orioles won their third in a row, beating the Chicago White Sox 5-1 Tuesday night.

Nick Hundley homered. Chris Davis had a two-run double and Adam Jones and Delmon Young also drove in runs for the Orioles.

Tillman (10-5) matched a career high with nine strikeouts, giving up one run and three hits. He won for the third time this month as Baltimore improved to 38-26 away from Camden Yards.

Tillman's lone mistake came in the first when he allowed Jose Abreu's 32nd home run, tying the Orioles' Nelson Cruz and Miami's Giancarlo Stanton for the most in baseball. The homer was Abreu's first of the month.

INDIANS 7, TWINS 5

MINNEAPOLIS — Yan Gomes had three hits including a home run, rookie pinch-hitter Tyler Holt hit a go-ahead two-run double in the sixth inning, and the Cleveland Indians rallied to beat the Minnesota Twins 7-5 on Tuesday night.

Oswaldo Arcia homered in his third straight game for Minnesota, capping a five-run first where Joe Mauer and Kennys Vargas also drove in runs.

However, Indians starter Trevor Bauer settled down and retired the next 14 batters before coming out for Kyle Crockett (3-0), who got the final out in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Cody Allen — the last of seven Indians relievers to appear in the game — pitched the ninth for his 16th save in

National League

NATIONALS 8, DIAMONDBACKS 1

WASHINGTON — After three straight walk-offs, the Washington Nationals went for a cakewalk instead, scoring six runs in the third inning Tuesday night as they ran their winning streak to eight games with an 8-1 victory over the Arizona Diamondbacks.

Stephen Strasburg (10-10) allowed one run and three hits over a season-high eight innings, and Asdrubal Cabrera's bases-clearing double blew the game open to give the Nationals an overdue breather in what is now their longest winning streak since August 2012.

Success had come with suspense for the Nats: four consecutive one-run games, including the last three decided by the final at-bat, and the last two in the 11th inning.

Strasburg struck out four to give him an NL-leading 198 for the season, besting his previous single-season high of 197 in 2012 — the year he was shut down early after returning from elbow surgery. He did just what the Nationals needed him to do: eat up innings to give an overtaxed bullpen some rest.

BRAVES 11, PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH — Justin Upton smashed his 24th home run of the season to spoil Andrew McCutchen's return as the Atlanta Braves beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 11-3 on Tuesday night.

Upton's three-run homer off Francisco Lirio (3-10) in the third broke things open early. He added a two-run single off reliever Brandon Cumpton in the fifth as the Braves extended Pittsburgh's losing streak to a season-high seven games.

Jason Heyward went 2-for-5 with three RBI for the Braves while Evan Gattis hit his 19th homer. Atlanta has won five straight.

Aaron Harang (10-7) struck out four without a walk in 8 1-3 innings.

McCutchen went 0 for 4 in his first game back after missing two weeks with fractured cartilage in his ribs. The reigning National League MVP left the game after grounding into a double play in the bottom of the eighth.

Interleague

MARLINS 3, 10 INNINGS

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton hit an RBI single with two outs in the 10th inning and the Miami Marlins beat the Texas Rangers 4-3 Tuesday night for their third straight win.

Miami (63-62) surpassed last year's total of 62. The Marlins moved over .500 for the first time since June 20.

Jeff Baker reached with one out in the 10th on first baseman Mike Carp's error. Donovan Solano's infield single with two outs moved Baker to second.

Neftali Feliz relieved Neaj Cotts (2-7) to face Stanton, who singled to right field.

Sam Dyson (2-0) struck out the side in the 10th.

MARINERS 5, PHILLIES 2

PHILADELPHIA — Hisashi Iwakuma struck out a season-high 11 batters in eight scoreless innings and Kyle Seager homered to lead the Seattle Mariners to a 5-2 victory over the Philadelphia Phillies on Tuesday night.

Mike Zunino was 0-for-17 before getting two hits and driving in two runs. The Mariners have won 11 of their last 14.

Iwakuma (12-6) was masterful while allowing four hits and no walks. Since July 1, the right-hander is 7-2 with a 1.63 ERA, 65 strikeouts and four walks in 72 innings over 10 starts.

The Phillies, who have scored three runs or less 65 times this season, got just one batter to second base against Iwakuma.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES

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Bud Selig reiterates Athletics need a new ballpark

By Janie McCauley Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Bud Selig will likely leave his tenure as baseball commissioner early next year with one unsettled situation that has him "frustrated."

The Oakland Athletics still don't have the new ballpark he says he believes they desperately need.

Selig praised all parties after the A's recently reached a 10-year lease agreement with the Oakland-Alameda County Coliseum Authority to stay at the rundown Coliseum.

Whether the A's are able to one day build a new stadium at the current Coliseum site or elsewhere in Oakland, Selig will support the team's ideas.

"This is always something I wanted to get resolved before I leave office, which is another 5 1/2 or six months," Selig said Tuesday, citing litigation as the current snag. "I've always said the local club, they know their market best."

Sitting next to fraternity brother and longtime friend, A's owner Lew Wolff, Selig acknowledged the criticisms of Oakland's ballpark situation while saying, "It's complicated, it's very complicated."

Earlier this year, the City of San Jose appealed a judge's decision throwing out a key argument in its lawsuit against Major League Baseball over the A's plans to relocate to San Jose, where the San Francisco Giants hold territorial rights.

At the January 2012 owners' meetings, Selig said the Bay Area situation was on the "front burner." He appointed a committee in March 2009 to study the issues facing the teams, but never ruled on the matter.

"I know there's been criticism about the length

this has taken. I'm proud of everything we've done the last 22 years, but this is one of those things as I look back on it, however, it's complicated, it's very complicated," Selig said. "Now we have litigation, so everything is now on hold. That's just a fact of life once we get in litigation. But let me say at the outset, this team needs a new ballpark. ... Once the litigation's resolved, then we'll all proceed."

Rob Manfred will succeed the 80-year-old Selig on Jan. 25. Selig is making stops at all of the ballparks during his farewell tour. He said Manfred is up to speed on the challenges for the low-budget A's, who have won the past two AL West titles.

"They've done a remarkable job under the circumstances," Selig said. "One of the reasons for the resurgence of this sport, there are multiple reasons, are the new stadiums. ... I wish it had been resolved. I understand people's frustrations. I do understand. There's a lot of history here."

Selig met with club officials during his short visit. Oakland's Bob Melvin was eager to get some time with Selig, who helped the manager get a job with Milwaukee after his playing days. Melvin had quite a connection: His late great-aunt, Estie, played bridge with Selig's parents.

"It's quite the industry at this point now. He's made a lot of changes in his tenure, whether starting with interleague, the competitive balance now and the strides that they took getting it to this point, instant replay," Melvin said. "There's a lot of things he's done that for an old-school guy has really had an eye on some of the new-school things. It's been an incredible run."

Notre Dame rallying around loss of players

Associated Press

SOUTH BEND, Ind. — Quarterback Everett Golson said the adversity of abruptly losing four teammates while Notre Dame investigates whether they were involved in academic dishonesty is bringing the Fighting Irish together.

"I guess I can go back to my instance, where you really see who your true friends are," said Golson, who was suspended from school last fall for academic dishonesty. "You see your true brotherhood through adversity. I think we've definitely come together."

"I think we've done a great job of dealing with adversity and know everybody on the outside is going to talk. But we can only control what we can control and that's the mindset of our team. I think we've done a great job with that," he said. Linebacker Jaylon Smith echoed that sentiments.

"We're a family here. We've just got to bond together," he said.

Most of the other members of the 17th-ranked Fighting Irish who spoke during Tuesday's media day wouldn't comment about how the team was reacting to the losses of starting cornerback KeiVarae Russell, leading returning receiver DaVaris Daniels, defensive end Ishaq Williams and backup linebacker Kendall Moore. School officials have said they don't know how long the investigation will take.

Golson wouldn't talk specifically about the four players involved, saying he didn't know enough about what occurred, but he talked about what he went through when he was suspended and how embarrassing it was. "It hurt. I felt I had to feel the full brunt of that to self-evaluate myself and correct my mistakes. Be a better person. Be a better leader," he said.

LITTLE LEAGUE GLANCE

Table listing Little League events across various regions including United States, International, Asia-Pacific, and others.

Colleges adding luxury touches to new stadiums

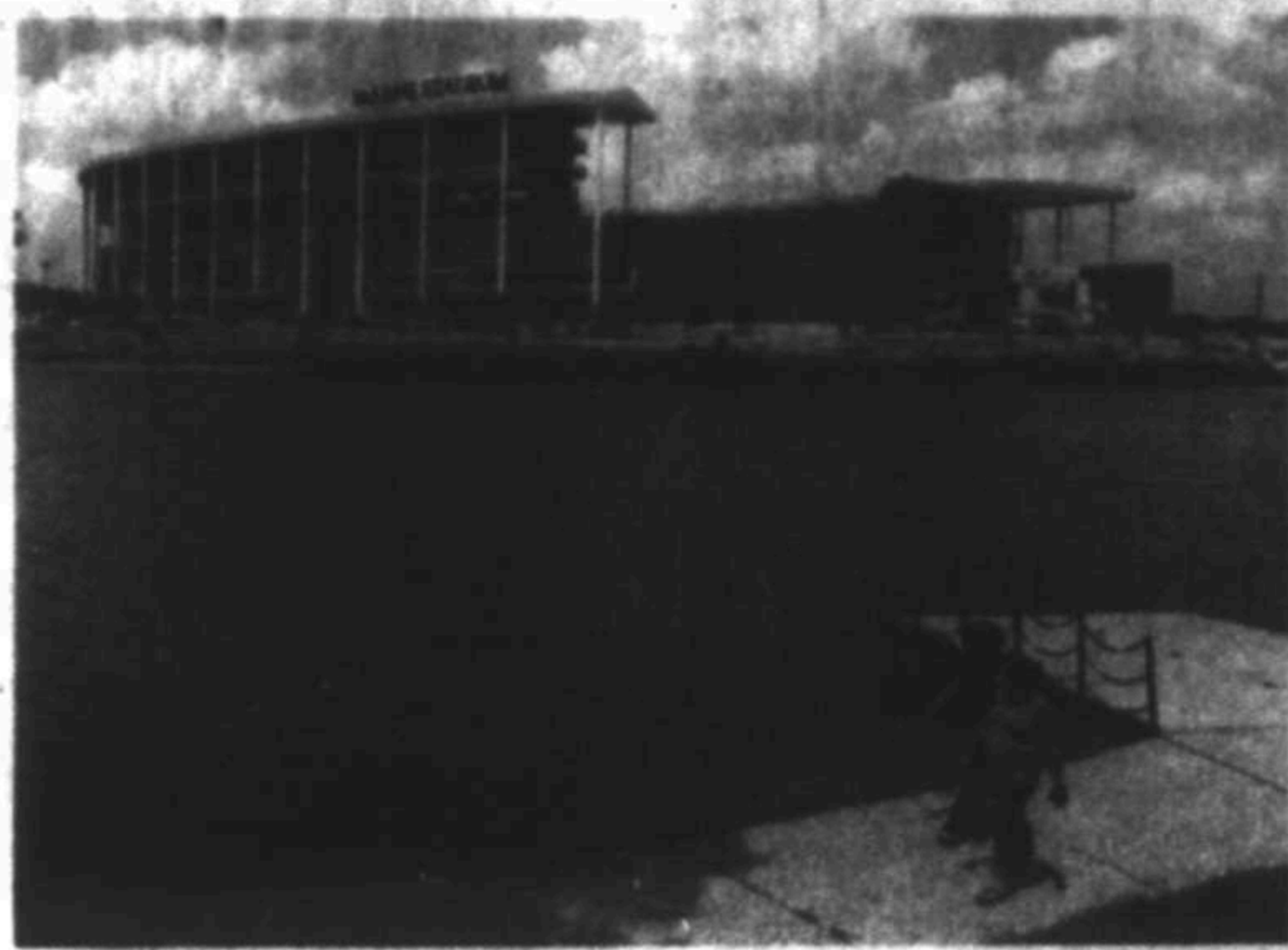
By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Lining the brightly lit hallways of Populous, one of the leading architectural firms behind college sports, there are hundreds of scale models and graphic renderings of college football stadiums in various stages of renovation and construction.

There are blueprints for Kyle Field at Texas A&M, in the midst of a \$420 million redevelopment. There's a model of TFC Bank Stadium at Minnesota, the recent replacement for the Metrodome as home of the Golden Gophers. And there are pictures of McClane Stadium, the glitzy new home for Baylor.

Each project showcases ways Populous is helping schools to lure fans to their next-generation stadiums in an era where good seats are not enough: enhanced Wi-Fi, better video boards and party decks for socializing. The results are twofold: The flashy facilities offer a better game-day experience while also generating more revenue than their predecessors.

"When you do a stadium, it's not a normal building. It's a building, but it has to wrap this big stage where all this athletic drama takes place," explained Jeff Spear, a senior architect at Populous who's been responsible for many of the projects, including the Baylor stadium. "What



AP file photo

People stroll along the river walk across from the new McClane Stadium at Baylor University in Waco on July 2. The on-campus facility is set to open this fall.

they want is a reflection of their university and a stadium that sells their brand."

When it comes to trends in stadium design, the folks at Populous are experts. The Kansas City-based company traces its roots back more than three decades, and has been responsible for everything from Reliant Stadium in Houston to the main Olympic stadiums in London and Sochi, Russia.

"The thing about college football is it's this big event where you're rooting for your alma mater," Spear said, "and now your alumni are returning to campus and spending money."

That's the hope, anyway. Flat-screen televisions have made the home viewing experience better than ever, and the rising costs of

tickets and travel have sent many fans to watch games from the comfort of their couch. It's a problem that has plagued professional sports for years but has trickled down to colleges, where the prevailing notion was that the alumni would always show.

At Tennessee, in the heart of the football-crazed SEC, attendance sagged for years before a modest bounce-back last season. Yet empty seats still abound at cavernous Neyland Stadium, even with recent improvements that reduced capacity, improved premium seating and offered other enhancements, such as LED signage, better restrooms and wider concourses.

In the Big Ten, eight schools showed a decline in average attendance last season.

No surprise here: Carl Edwards to Joe Gibbs racing

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

HUNTERSVILLE, N.C. — Carl Edwards scrolled across a stage at Joe Gibbs Racing and jokingly yelled, "Surprise!"

There was no surprise whatsoever about his formal introduction Tuesday as a fourth driver in the JGR Sprint Cup lineup. The move had been expected since at least May and intensified last month when Roush Fenway Racing said Edwards was not returning in 2015.

Edwards, who has driven for Roush for 12 years, will join a new fourth Toyota team for Gibbs next season. The No. 19 will be sponsored by Arris, a telecommunications company, in 17 of the races.

JGR has been at three cars since 2005 and has held off expanding to the NASCAR-maximum of four full-time entries.

"We felt like if we could get Carl, and we could get another sponsor, that this was the right time," Gibbs said.

Edwards had been through a high-profile free agency once before, in 2011 when he was in the thick of the championship hunt. He ultimately spurned JGR in that bidding process to sign an extension with Roush, and although the negotiations were never a distraction, Edwards lost the title that year to Tony Stewart on a tie-breaker.

Edwards hasn't been a title threat since. He went winless in 2012 and missed the Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, and although he made two trips to Victory Lane last season, he finished last in the 13-driver Chase field.

Edwards is currently ninth in the Cup standings with two wins. The Chase begins next month, and he said he's determined to close out his Roush tenure with a championship for the No. 99 team. But when the season is over, his focus will quickly turn to JGR, where he saw an opportunity for stability and consistency as a teammate to Kyle Busch, Denny Hamlin and Matt Kenseth. "Sometimes you've just

got to shake things up, you've got to do things differently," Edwards said. "When an opportunity like this comes up and the all the pieces come together this perfectly, for me, I didn't want to look back and wonder what that would have been like. I wanted to take the opportunity and go see what I could make of it."

Edwards will be reunited with Kenseth, who was his teammate at Roush for nine seasons and had a frosty relationship that went public in 2007 when Edwards confronted Kenseth after a race at Martinsville.

Kenseth moved to JGR last season, won a series-high seven races and finished second in the championship race. Gibbs said Kenseth is the first person the organization consulted when it entered the bidding for Edwards.

"Matt was awesome, he said, 'this guy, you get him over here, he's going to win races. He'll be a good teammate and he's really, really good with sponsors,'" Gibbs said.

BROWNS

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the spring up until today."

Manziel said he was taunted by Redskins players and he responded not realizing the world was watching. Following the game, Manziel acknowledged "I should've been smarter."

Pettine has preached to his players about staying poised and Manziel didn't show any in responding to the trash talk he was hearing from Washington's defenders and bench.

"We talk about 'Play like a Brown,'" Pettine said. "We want our guys to act like a Brown and we want this to be a first-class organization. We have hundreds, thousands of kids

come to our training camp practices and look up to our players and that type of behavior is unacceptable."

"It's something that's part of football that you have to maintain your poise and your composure, especially at that position and he should know better than anyone that all eyes are on him. I know it's something that will be addressed by the league and will be addressed internally."

Pettine, maybe more than anyone, wants the QB competition — and ceaseless discussion — to end. But he won't stop it until he's certain he's chosen the right quarterback to lead the Browns into Heinz Field in a few weeks. He

knows the longer it goes, the harder it will be for Cleveland's struggling offense to build momentum.

"We want to get the decision right so that might be the risk-reward with it," he said. "If we want to make sure that we are diligent with it and do the right thing, then I don't want to rush it and make it for the sake of making it. Then, you're risking the chemistry and the cohesion if you have the wrong guy there."

"There is a decent amount of time left still until Pittsburgh. These were under ideal circumstances that we could name this week, and again, I'm not ruling that out."

Ohio State: Injured QB Miller done for the season

By Rusty Miller
Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Ohio State star quarterback Braxton Miller will miss the 2014 season, dealing a severe blow to the fifth-ranked Buckeyes' national title hopes.



Miller

Ohio State confirmed late Tuesday afternoon that Miller injured his throwing shoulder and will need surgery. The two-time Big Ten player of the year left practice in pain Monday after making a short throw.

"My goal is to come back from this injury stronger and better than ever," Miller said in a statement.

It's a huge blow to a team considered to be one of the best in the Big Ten and the country, one which already has several major holes to fill on offense.

"My thoughts and prayers are with Braxton and his family," Ohio State head coach Urban Meyer

said. "This is an unfortunate injury to a young man who means so much to this program."

The senior and three-year starter partially tore the labrum in his right shoulder in a loss to Clemson at the Orange Bowl. He had surgery, did not face contact in spring practice and was held out of several practices this month due to soreness.

Redshirt freshman J.T. Barrett is Miller's top backup and will likely be the starter in the Aug. 30 opener against Navy in Baltimore.

Miller said he was on schedule to graduate with a degree in Communications in December and that he also wanted to attend graduate school, "and then return to lead the Buckeyes next season."

Miller's options would include taking a medical redshirt and returning to Ohio State for one more season in 2015, or rehabbing the injury and making himself available for the NFL draft in the spring. He toyed with the idea of turning pro last spring but decided against it because of the shoulder surgery might hurt him with pro

teams.

With a schedule that includes games at defending Big Ten champion Michigan State on Nov. 8, at Penn State on Oct. 25 and a Sept. 6 date at home against Virginia Tech, the Buckeyes are suddenly confronted by a lot of question marks.

Miller's injury in Monday's practice, first reported by The Columbus Dispatch, came on a routine, unrushed rollout pass. Miller reportedly left the field after screaming in pain but was upbeat later while getting his shoulder iced. He had his arm in a sling on Monday night.

Miller is one of the Big Ten's most decorated quarterbacks, and the falloff in experience compared to his backups is huge.

He has thrown 666 passes in his glittering three-year career, starting as a freshman. Barrett has never played in a game, and sophomore Cardale Jones threw his only two collegiate passes during a 56-0 rout of Purdue.

Miller has also run for 32 touchdowns and passed for 52, putting him in reach of many of Ohio State's career records at his position.

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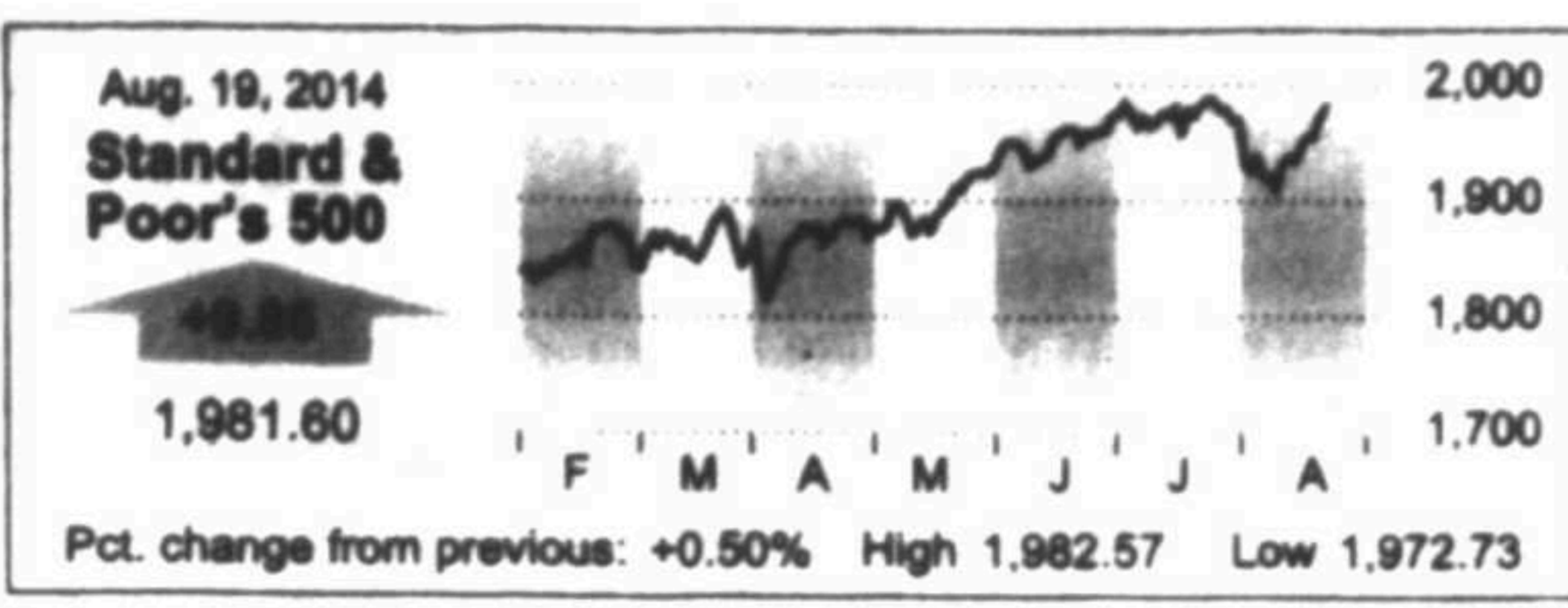
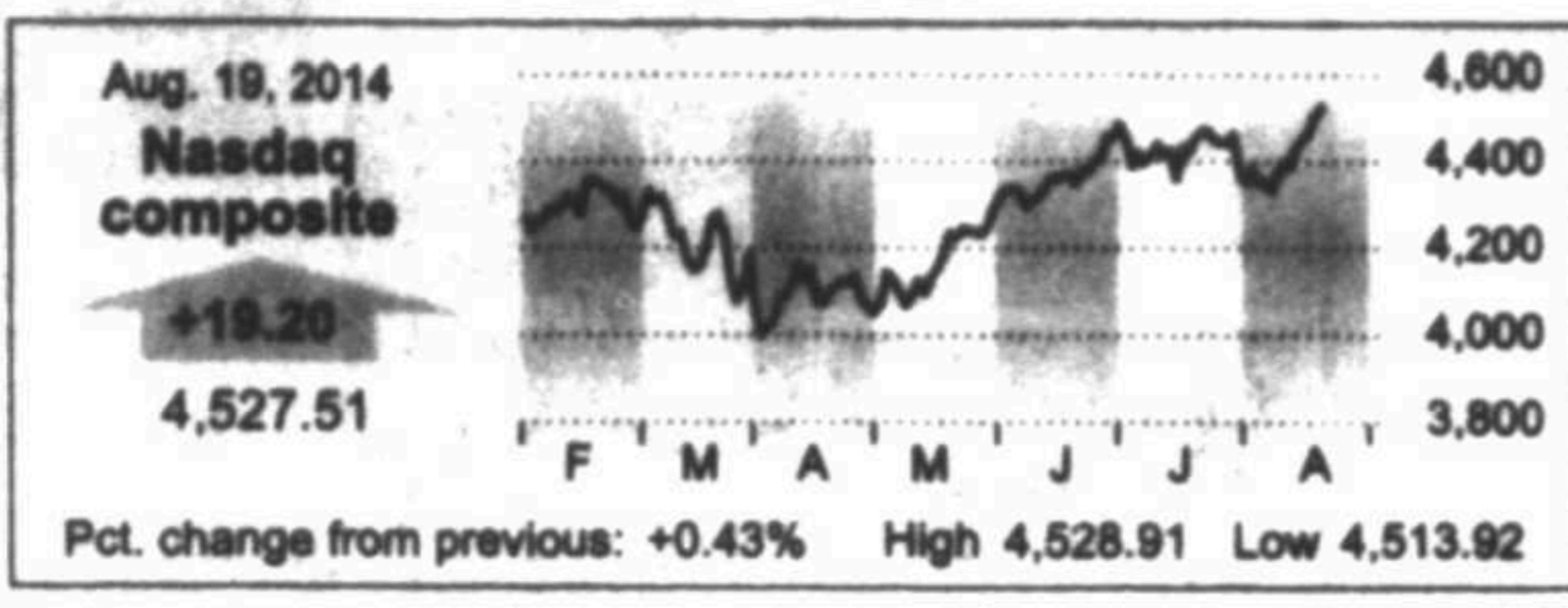
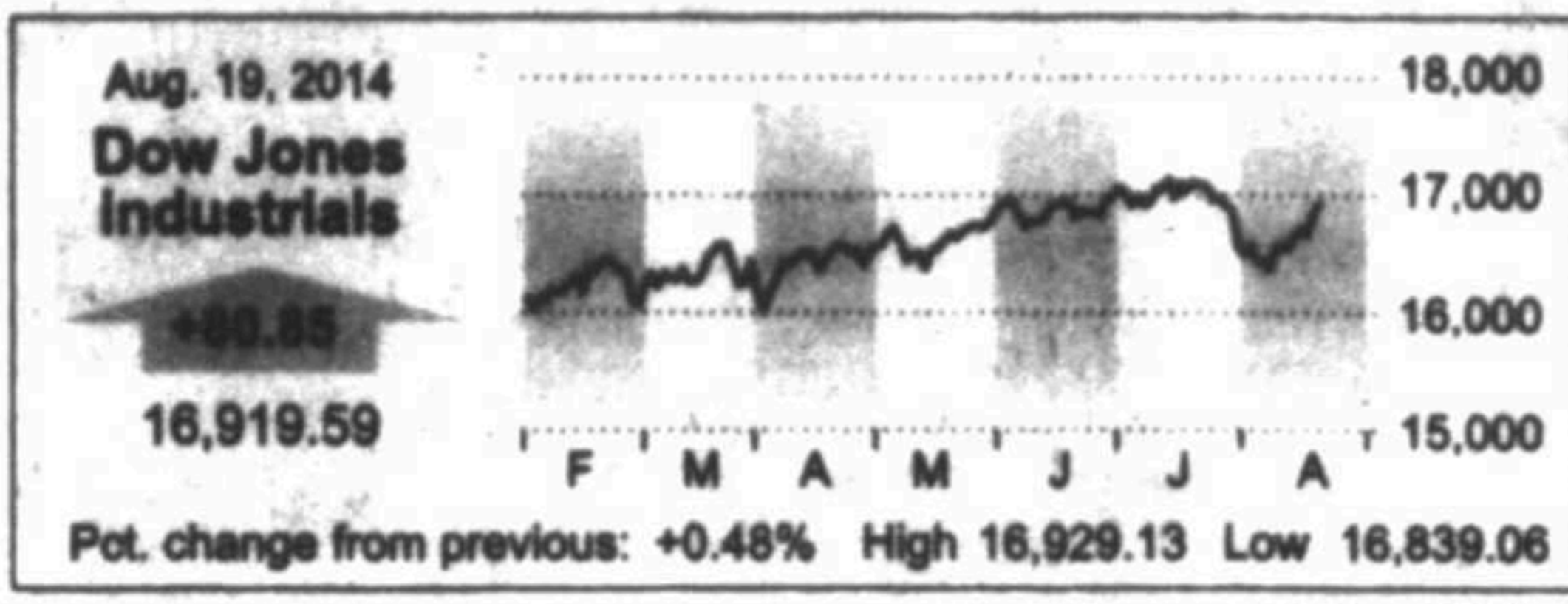
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Tuesday	894.48
Previous	896.41

POSTED

Tuesday	891.00
Previous	893.25

WEST TEXAS CRUDE

Tuesday	\$80.70
Previous	\$82.95

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday	\$3.77
Previous	\$3.72

US home construction jumps by 15.7 percent during July

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. home construction rebounded in July, rising to an eight-month high and offering hope that housing has regained momentum after two months of declines.

Construction increased 15.7 percent in July to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.09 million homes, the Commerce Department reported Tuesday. That was the fastest pace since November and followed declines of 4 percent in June and 7.4 percent in May.

Applications for building permits, considered a good sign of future activity, also showed strength in July, advancing 8.1 percent to an annual rate of 1.05 million, after declines of 3.1 percent in June and 5.1 percent in May.

The July rebound reflected strength in single-family home construction, which rose 8.3 percent, and in apartment construction, which was up 33 percent.

The strength in July was led by a 44 percent rise in construction starts in the Northeast. Housing construction was up 29 percent in the South, recovering from a 26.8 percent plunge the month before blamed in part on heavy rains in that part of the country. Sales rose 18.6 percent in the West but fell 24.8 percent in the Midwest.

Economists noted that the July performance was much better than expected, and June was revised significantly higher, both good signs for the future.

Sal Guatieri, senior economist at BMO Capital Markets, said solid job growth and a recent decline in mortgage rates were helping boost construction. But he said weak wage growth and tight lending standards were still depressing activity, especially among first-time buyers.

A report Monday indicated homebuilders

are feeling more confident about their sales prospects, a hopeful sign that home construction and sales of newly built homes could pick up after stalling in recent months.

The National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo builder sentiment index rose in August to 55, up two points from a revised 53 for July. That is the third straight monthly increase and put the index at its highest reading since January, when it was 56. Readings above 50 indicate more builders view sales conditions as good rather than poor.

Builders' views of current sales conditions for single-family homes, their outlook for sales over the next six months and traffic by prospective buyers all increased in August, brightening the outlook.

Sales of new homes are running behind last year's pace. They fell 8.1 percent in June to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 406,000.

A mix of rising home prices, higher mortgage rates and weak wage growth have made it more difficult for potential buyers to buy a newly built home. These factors have particularly depressed demand by first-time buyers.

But economists are still looking for a rebound, given the fact that the U.S. economy has been adding jobs at a healthy clip with gains topping 200,000 jobs for six straight months through July.

Housing, while still a long way from the boom of the last decade, has been recovering over the past two years. Though new homes represent only a fraction of the housing market, they have an outsized impact on the economy. Each home built creates an average of three jobs for a year and generates about \$90,000 in tax revenue, according to data from Home Builders.

Stocks rise

A summer swoon for the stock market appears to be over for now. The Standard & Poor's 500 index closed within six points of its all-time high Tuesday, less than two weeks after slumping on concerns about rising tensions in Iraq and Ukraine.

Investors were encouraged by economic reports that suggested growth may be poised to pick up, while inflation remains subdued. A pair of company earnings reports also hinted that consumers are getting more confident and spending more.

Home Depot, the nation's largest home improvement retailer, rose after raising its annual profit forecast following a strong spring selling season. TJX, the parent company of T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and other stores, climbed on strong earnings.

"The economic reports ... have been coming out better than expected," said Robert Pavlik, Chief Market Strategist at Banyan Partners. "There's been a shift in the focus of investors away from some of the geopolitical events."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index gained 9.86 points, or 0.5 percent, to 1,981.60. The index is up 1.4 percent for the week and is approaching its record close of 1,987.98 reached July 24. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 80.85 points, or 0.5 percent, to 16,919.59. The Nasdaq composite climbed 19.20 points, or 0.4 percent, to 4,527.51.

TJX, the parent company of T.J. Maxx, Marshalls and other stores, was the biggest gainer in the S&P 500 on Tuesday.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price \$117.06 Up 4.21

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price \$128.21 Down 1.07

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price \$23.11 Up 0.16

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price \$80.00 Up 0.22

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price \$30.50 Up 0.13

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price \$7.13 Up 0.06

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price \$29.16 Up 0.14

RSP Permian (RSP)
Closing Price \$26.51 Down 0.75

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price \$17.75 Down 0.25

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price \$32.84 Up 0.73

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE (31 on stock)	GAINERS (32 on stock)
Name Vol (00) Last Chg %Chg	Name Last Chg %Chg
S&P500ETF 22198.38 +1.03	SkidMore 7.37 +1.22 +19.8
NokiaCp 508812 8.02 +.20	AeroPostl 3.87 +.63 +19.4
Pennny 467841 10.25 +.38	EKodak wt 7.15 +1.10 +18.2
Sprint 438593 5.39 -.23	EKodak wA 5.50 +.69 +14.3
BldAm 413904 15.45	Mobileye n 36.80 +3.26 +9.8
LOSERS (32 on stock)	DIARY
Name Last Chg %Chg	Advanced 1.978
Jumel n 33.10 -4.00 -10.8	Declined 1.123
Lanett 36.37 -4.03 -10.0	Unchanged 130
Coupons n 13.23 -1.06 -7.4	Total issues 3,231
USEC Inc 5.04 -.39 -7.2	New Highs 190
CSVinWG 4.34 -.30 -6.5	New Lows 18
	Volume 2,596,186,722

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE (31 on stock)	GAINERS (32 on stock)
Name Vol (00) Last Chg %Chg	Name Last Chg %Chg
AmApparel 41298 1.02 +0.09	Belletrix g 8.03 +.78 +10.8
AmGold g 37486 6.38 +0.08	SynthBiol 2.00 +.17 +9.3
Globalstar 32825 4.14	AmBioPhm 7.54 +.40 +5.6
FlexSol 20240 1.72 +.18	GblScape 2.82 +.13 +5.2
Belletrix g 16808 8.03 +.78	Skylene 3.90 +.19 +5.1
LOSERS (32 on stock)	DIARY
Name Last Chg %Chg	Advanced 232
PacBldg g 4.06 -.46 -10.2	Declined 174
Enservco 3.01 -.15 -4.7	Unchanged 25
Intelchr n 4.82 -.20 -4.1	Total issues 431
TimeEntx n 4.11 -.16 -3.7	New Highs 9
Aerocryty 11.05 -.42 -3.7	New Lows 3
	Volume 79,248,259

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE (31 on stock)	GAINERS (32 on stock)
Name Vol (00) Last Chg %Chg	Name Last Chg %Chg
Apple Inc s 673108 100.53 +1.37	DigitalAlly 7.08 +3.43 +94.0
Zynga 307056 3.11 +0.03	ChinaHGS 5.30 +1.84 +53.2
Intel 287959 34.34 -.07	Aqualon 10.00 +2.00 +25.0
Microsoft 272428 45.33 +.50	AmWoodrk 36.88 +5.55 +17.7
Facebook 261044 75.29 +.70	SaltPhm 160.80 +21.63 +15.5
LOSERS (32 on stock)	DIARY
Name Last Chg %Chg	Advanced 1.446
ElzArden 15.05 -4.56 -23.3	Declined 1,225
Oncoflytr 2.30 -.46 -17.3	Unchanged 140
SignalG n 4.82 -.74 -13.4	Total issues 2,811
PerfectWd 20.18 -2.78 -12.1	New Highs 101
Quotint n 9.02 -1.08 -10.7	New Lows 34
	Volume 1,506,525,936

PetSmart to consider selling itself

Associated Press

Bowing to pressure from investors, PetSmart Inc. said Tuesday that it is considering putting itself up for sale.

The pet supply chain said it will weigh "strategic alternatives" after a board review that included conversations with shareholders.

Investment firm Longview Asset Management and hedge fund Jana Partners have both called on PetSmart to sell itself, a move they say would benefit shareholders. Longview has about a 9 percent stake in PetSmart, while Jana holds nearly 10 percent, according to FactSet.

The company also said it plans to cut costs. It said it will provide more details next quarter and expects to realize the savings by the end of its next fiscal year.

Its shares rose 3.4 percent to \$72.10 in after-hours trading. The stock has dropped 4 percent this year.

The Phoenix-based company in May cut its earnings outlook for the year, citing a challenging consumer environment and competition.

PetSmart said Tuesday that it is focusing on pet food, exclusive brands and services, online shoppers and a loyalty program. It also announced a \$130 million acquisition of online retailer Pet360, whose websites include Pet360.com, PetFoodDirect.com and petMD.com, to bolster its online business.

In the fiscal second quarter, PetSmart's earnings rose 5.1 percent to \$98.1 million, or 98 cents per share. Revenue in the quarter that ended on Aug. 3 rose 1.4 percent to \$1.73 billion.

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg	Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg						
AT&T Inc	1.84	10	34.48	-.17	-1.9	ColtPalm	1.44	27	64.26	-.36	-1.5	HomeOp	1.88	23	88.23	+4.64	+7.2	Petrobras	.46	...	17.46	+6.0	+26.7	Staples	.48	14	11.62	+0.9	+2.9
Abraxas	...	67	5.39	-.08	-65.3	ConAgra	1.00	44	31.89	...	-4.4	ISHBrazil	1.55e	...	50.96	+8.8	+14.1	Pfizer	1.04	16	28.94	+1.0	-8.5	Sunoco s	1.46f	35	48.80	-0.1	-28.8
AdamsEx	13.98	...	+6.8	ConchoRes	...	57	128.21	-1.07	+18.7	ISHain	...	...	16.15	+2.1	+12.0	PicNtrl	...	...	203.17	-.87	+10.4	TJX	70	20	58.56	+4.66	-8.1
AMD	...	43	4.27	+0.06	+10.3	ConocoPhill	2.82f	13	79.91	+5.7	+13.1	ISHChinaLC	...	...	41.43	+0.3	+8.0	PlainsAAP	2.58f	25	58.26	+4.7	+12.5	TeleEsp	1.05e	...	15.72	-0.1	-3.8
AeroPostl	3.87	...	+19.4	Corning	...	40	20.34	...	+14.1	ISHMkt	...	...	45.15	+2.1	+8.0	PlugPow h	...	...	5.86	...	-278.1	Tesoro	1.20f	20	64.26	+2.9	+9.8
Alcoa	...	12	39	16.43	+11	CrackerB	4.00f	19	99.61	+9.5	-9.5	ISHR2K	1.48e	...	115.44	+4.0	+1.1	PwShs QQQ1.34e	...	...	98.70	+5.5	+12.2	3M Co	3.42	20	144.25	+1.3	+2.9
AlonUSA	16.38	...	+1.0	CSWVST	...	...	44.37	+4.2	+29.1	IntegyE	2.72	19	67.02	+1.05	+23.2	Presair	2.60	22	130.99	...	+4	3M Co	3.42	20	144.25	+1.3	+2.9
AlphnRA	4.01	...	+43.8	CSWVST rs	...	...	2.62	...	-65.1	Intel	...	...	34.34	...	-32.3	PrmEGy	...	...	64.00	...	+26.7	ThContl	...	...	21.22	+0.9	+4.2
Ambr n	7.19	...	-2.2	CrooTim	2.73e	12	31.17	+1.6	+6.0	InterDig	...	...	43.20	+0.1	+46.5	ProctGam	2.57	21	82.89	+2.5	+1.8	Twitter n	...	...	45.09	-0.3	-29.2
AEagleOut	11.59	...	+19.5	DCP Mid	3.03f	...	54.71	+9.0	+8.7	IsuJnBH	...	...	16.55	+5.5	+34.3	RangeRS	1.6	50	77.08	+1.83	-8.6	TylerTech	...	...	91.83	+9.3	+10.4
Amgen	133.62	...	+16.6	DTE	2.78f	18	77.24	+9.4	+16.3	JDgm n	...	...	30.21	+1.7	+44.5	RegionsFn	20	13	9.88	-0.7	-1	USBWY	1.28	18	32.85	+1.6	+3.8
Anadarko	109.89	...	+10.4	Dtseram h	...	...	3.05	...	+17.3	Johnn	2.80	19	102.96	+2.6	+12.4	RlsAid	...	...	8.46	+1.6	+27.7	USNGas	...	...	21.31	+4.5	+3.0
Apeche	99.27	...	+19.5	Dvsn	...	...	23.11	...	-31.7	KindME	5.58f	40	98.47	+4.0	+22.1	Flon	...	...	29.72	+2.7	+16.0	Vale SA	...	...	13.86	+0.7	-9.0
Apple Inc s	100.53	...	+25.4	DvsnE	...	...	74.28	...	+20.1	KindMrg	1.72f	35	41.42	+2.8	+15.1	RoyDShA	3.76	20	80.87	+3.0	+13.5	ValeoE	1.10f	10	54.15	+8.3	+7.4
ApplMkt	22.08	...	+24.7	DynSCEar	...	...	14.72	...	-13.3	KindMrg	5.58f	64	100.80	+7.8	+33.0	S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	198.39	+1.03	+7.4	VerizonCm	2.12	11	48.70	-0.8	-9
ATROS	80.96	...	+11.3	DynSCEar	...	...	90.09	...	+12	KindMrg	5.58f	64	100.80	+7.8	+33.0	S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	198.39	+1.03	+7.4	Vringo	...	...	1.40	+2.2	-52.7
AutoData	83.43	...	+18	DynSCEar	...	...	90.09	...	+12	KindMrg	5.58f	64	100.80	+7.8	+33.0	S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	198.39	+1.03	+7.4	Vringo	...	...	1.40	+2.2	-52.7
BP PLC	48.30	...	-8	DynSCEar	...	...	90.09	...	+12	KindMrg	5.58f	64	100.80	+7.8	+33.0	S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	198.39	+1.03	+7.4	Vringo	...	...	1.40	+2.2	-52.7
BioCrn	15.82	...	+4.6	DynSCEar	...	...	90.09	...	+12	KindMrg	5.58f	64	100.80	+7.8	+33.0	S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	198.39	+1.03	+7.4	Vringo	...	...	1.40	+2.2	-52.7
BioPhm	68.82	...	+24.5	DynSCEar	...	...	90.09	...	+12	KindMrg	5.58f	64	100.80	+7.8	+33.0	S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	198.39	+1.03	+7.4	Vringo	...	...	1.40	+2.2	-52.7
BioAm	15.45	...	-8	DynSCEar	...	...	90.09	...	+12	KindMrg	5.58f	64	100.80	+7.8	+33.0	S&P500ETF	3.58e	...	198.39	+1.03	+7.4	Vringo	...	...	1.40		

**RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 29, 2014
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug. 19, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWRS7@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 08-028983
Status/Permit No. 843737

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC., [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the AMENDED NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 1, Blk. 36 T2S, T&P RR CO Survey, A-360, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, GLASSCOCK County, being 20.7 miles NW direction from GARDEN CITY, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848.

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, YOU MUST FILL OUT, SIGN AND MAIL, FAX, E-MAIL OR DELIVER TO THE AUSTIN OFFICE OF THE RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS THE ENCLOSED NOTICE OF INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST. A COPY OF THE INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST ALSO BE MAILED, DELIVERED, FAXED OR E-MAILED ON THE SAME DATE TO THE APPLICANT AT THE ADDRESS SHOWN ON THE SERVICE LIST. THIS INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE NO LATER THAN 5:00 PM ON:

Aug 18, 2014

IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	FOWLER 'A'
Lease/Unit Well No.	4
Lease/Unit Acres	320.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	810.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1179.0
Lease Lines	810.0 F North L, 810.0 F West L
Survey Lines	810.0 F North L, 810.0 F West L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, SHARON COOK, at (972) 969-5194.

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THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	TURNER H
Lease/Unit Well No.	3903H
Lease/Unit Acres	573.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	99.0
Lease Lines	373.0 F NORTH L, 575.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines	373.0 F NORTH L, 575.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 740.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 46
Survey: LEECH, L
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As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

IF COMPLETED IN THE SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD THE LEASE NAME WILL BE TURNER H, WELL NO. 3903H, ACRES 248.3, LOCATION:

Lease Lines	373.0 F NORTH L, 575.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines	373.0 F NORTH L, 575.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 740.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 46
Survey: LEECH, L
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Terminus Location
BH County: MIDLAND
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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) - R 40 EXC: Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGECOCK, at (972) 969-5194.

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08
DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 29, 2014
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Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P. O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWRS7@RRC.STATE.TX.US

Rule 38 Case No. 08-029034
Status/Permit No. 786519

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protester should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848.

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Aug 18, 2014

IMPORTANT: THE MAILBOX RULE DOES NOT APPLY. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY, TO BE EFFECTIVE THE DAY FOLLOWING THE TERMINATION OF SUCH 21 DAY PERIOD.

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	KING D
Lease/Unit Well No.	4901H
Lease/Unit Acres	894.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	92.0
Lease Lines	254.0 F South L, 765.0 F West L
Survey Lines	254.0 F South L, 765.0 F West L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 467.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 467.0 F WEST L, 100.0 F NORTH L, 467.0 F WEST L

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SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 80.0 acres.

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If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, SHARON COOK, at (972) 969-5194.

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OIL AND GAS DIVISION**

DISTRICT 08
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Rule 38 Case No. 08-029036
Status/Permit No. 786526

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name	KING D
Lease/Unit Well No.	4903H
Lease/Unit Acres	894.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	45.0
Lease Lines	254.0 F South L, 855.0 F West L
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Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location
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NO. P17891
ESTATE OF ELAINE ECKOLS DUNLAP IN THE COUNTY COURT OF
 DECEASED MIDLAND COUNTY, TEXAS

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that original letters testamentary for the Estate of Elaine Eckols Dunlap, deceased, were issued on June 3, 2014, under Docket No. P17891, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Eugene M. Eckols. Claims may be presented in care of the attorneys for the estate, addressed as follows:

Eugene M. Eckols
 c/o Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin, L.L.P.
 Attn: Taylor Spalla
 Post Office Box 3580
 Midland, Texas 79705

All persons having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. Dated this 14th day of July, 2014.

Eugene M. Eckols
 Independent Executor of the
 Estate of Elaine Eckols Dunlap, Deceased

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
 OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 38 Case No. 08-0290828
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 29, 2014 Status/Permit No. 709272
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug. 19, 2014

Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
 ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
 P. O. Box 12967
 Austin, Texas 78711-2967
 Fax: (512) 463-6790
 Email: SWR37@PRC.STATE.TX.US

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PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted WITHOUT A HEARING if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at (512) 463-6848.

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FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lessee/Unit Name	LLOYD
Lessee/Unit Well No.	6
Lessee/Unit Acres	480.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	633.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	1865.0
Lease Lines	1865.0 F SOUTH L, 633.0 F WEST L

Survey Lines: 1865.0 F SOUTH L, 1865.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 2 additional fields: (1) PAUL PAGE (ATOKA); (2) BERRYHILL (STRAWN). No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for these fields.

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 60.0 acres.
 PAUL PAGE (ATOKA): Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.
 BERRYHILL (STRAWN): Oil Statewide rules 467/1200, 40.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 11200 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
 OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 Rule 38 Case No. 08-0290835
 DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 29, 2014 Status/Permit No. 706520
 NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug. 19, 2014

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Lessee/Unit Name	KING D
Lessee/Unit Well No.	4902H
Lessee/Unit Acres	804.8
Nearest Lease Line (ft)	100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft)	45.0

Lease Lines: 254.0 F South L, 810.0 F West L
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Wellbore Profile(s): J. Horizontal

Latest: TH1
 Penetration Point Location
 Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L, 750.0 F WEST L

Terminus Location
 Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 750.0 F WEST L
 Survey Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L, 750.0 F WEST L

Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA): Special Rules 467/0, 60.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10000 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, SHARON COOK, at (972) 969-3154.

2011 JEEP Wrangler Unlimited Sport 4 Door, Freedom 4x4 running boards, 1 owner \$26,000 32k miles. Call 432-663-1875

BMW 2008 X5, Sports package, one owner, non-smoker, dealer maintained, black with black interior, new tires, sunroof, excellent condition, no accidents, 87,200 miles, \$18,000. Call 432-559-7810.

CADILLAC 2008 SRX 75440 miles, DVD, Very clean, \$12000 OBO Call 432-770-9919

CHEVROLET 2005 Suburban Z71, 4x4, black, fully loaded, leather, NAV, SAT radio, DVD & E pkg., Bose premium sound, low pkg. til/cruses, S-roc, running boards, luggage rack. Asking \$9K. 432-882-3147.

CHEVY 2011 SUV LT Z71, black with ebony leather, bucket seats, fully loaded, low package, navigation, DVD player, 61,000 miles, 1 owner, excellent condition, \$29,900. Call 432-816-6148.

GMC 2009 Yukon SLT 4 wheel drive, Diamond white, entertainment & navigation systems, 3rd row seats, sunroof, towing package, 68k miles, \$24,500. 432-687-4499 or nights 432-684-4544

JEEP 2009 Wrangler X 1 owner, garaged kept, not road driven, never titled, only 21K miles, heavy tires. Good top. Reduced \$15,000. 432-283-1141 or 432-284-9864.

TAHOE 2000 Z71, blue, 159K miles, \$3,500. 432-413-0501

TOYOTA 2012 Venza Crossover, 24,500 miles, great condition, with warranty. \$19,000. 432-349-9874

2000 31.5' Thor Four Winds Motorhome. Under 17k miles, generator, full bath, sleeps 6-8, lots of storage, \$23,500. 432-282-2214 leave message

2013 COLUMBUS, 36' 5th wheel, 4 slide outs, fully loaded. Washer & Dryer, previous owner didn't smoke or have any pets. Used once. Asking \$41,500. Call James 517-690-9752

2014 42' Salem Horse sphere Lite, Fiberglass turnhouse SR wheel 2 bed/2 bath, 2 ACs, Outdoor kitchen, sleeps 10. Loaded, many extras. Locally owned \$29,999 OBO. 727-642-2539

2014 TRAVEL trailer for sale. Lights weight 2002. Comes with 2000 leveler. Brand new tires. Only used twice. Asking \$13,000, will negotiate. Call or text for more details or photos. Sheila 432-816-7838

BIG HORN 2013 Silverado, 3708, 4 slide outs, 2 bath 5th wheel bunk house. Fully loaded. All the bells and whistles. Out door kitchen, 3 TVs and fireplace, just to name a few. Lightly used in by owner, \$35,000. Call anytime. Located in Midland 432-416-6327

2006 YAMAHA Raptor 700R ATV. Garage kept. Excellent Condition. Asking \$6000. 432-349-0041

KAWASAKI 2006 Versy 650, 2nd owner, 7,000 miles, new tires, chain, sprockets, cruise control, windshield, hard bags, 60MPG. \$34,000 OBO. Call 432-894-3979.

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