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Downturn has 'taken bite' out of economy

Fed researcher: Oil prices experience more 'downward pressure'

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As in the 1980s, falling oil prices have undercut the Lone Star State's economic growth.

But unlike the 1980s, the state's economy is much more resilient, said Mine Yucel, senior vice president and director of research for the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. She was in Midland to discuss the Texas economy at a community luncheon sponsored by the bank's El Paso branch.

Yucel said other factors contributed to the state's depressed economy in the 1980s: the savings and loan crisis that impacted real estate and changes in tax laws. Currently, the state's economy is more diverse and resilient and, while the energy industry still fuels the economic engine, it too is more resilient.

Even so, she acknowledged that the 60 percent drop in oil prices has taken a bite out of the Texas economy.

The contraction in the state's energy industry is evident in employment statistics:

■ The state's job growth has declined from 3.6 percent in 2014 to 1.1 percent through May of this year.

■ The state has fallen to 36th this year from third in job growth.

■ The state will, for the first time in years, lag the national average.

■ The state is forecast to lose 60,000 to 100,000 jobs this year, she said.

That contraction has spread throughout the state economy, Yucel said. The state has lost 20,000 jobs in the energy sector

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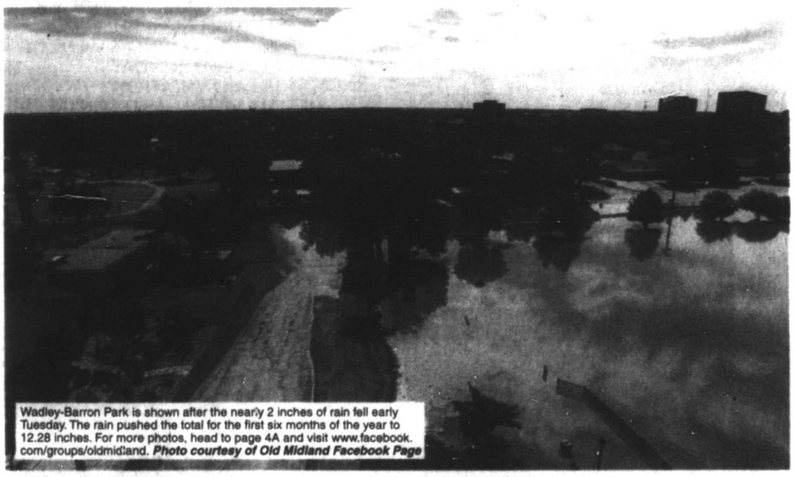

Wadley-Barron Park is shown after the nearly 2 inches of rain fell early Tuesday. The rain pushed the total for the first six months of the year to 12.28 inches. For more photos, head to page 4A and visit www.facebook.com/groups/oldmidland. ***Photo courtesy of Old Midland Facebook Page***

Midland off to sixth wettest start of year

The first half of 2015 is the sixth wettest on record in Midland, according to the National Weather Service.

The nearly 2 inches of rain that fell early Tuesday pushed the total for the first six months of the year to 12.28 inches, according to the NWS.

The actual rainfall at Midland International was 1.94 inches, which was not only a record for June 30 but also more than typically falls during the entire month of June (1.8 inches).

So far, the 12.28 inches of rain this year is more than 6 inches above normal. The rainfall this year is also more than 8.5 inches greater than the 3.64 inches that fell during the same time last year.

One wet night/morning

(in inches)

Tuesday	1.94
Normal for June 30	0.07 of an inch
Previous record for June 30 (1941)	0.87 of an inch
Normal for entire month of June	1.8

A wet June

Rainfall in June 2015	3.29 inches
Normal for June	1.8 inches

June 2015 will go down as the eighth wettest on record.

One wet year

(in inches)

Since Jan. 1	12.28
Normal through June 14	6.07
Amount above normal	6.21
Last year's total through June 30	3.64
Average yearly rainfall	14.6

How does 12.28 inches compare?

(to the entire totals for the last four years/ in inches)

2011	5.47
2012	12.80
2013	8.5
2014	7.67

Wettest starts of the year

(Through June 30)

Year	Inches
1941	17.54
1992	15.50
2007	13.03
1949	12.97
1932	12.47
2015	**12.28**
2010	11.41
1968	11.32
1987	11.00
1969	10.38

Power outages

Weather-related outages had left more than 14,000 customers in the West Texas District — mainly Midland and Odessa — without power early Tuesday morning, according to Sue Mercer with Oncor. By 10 a.m., 6,086 customers still were without power, she said.

Wind blowing tree limbs or other objects onto the lines resulted in interrupted power, and several poles and wires were down, she said.

Crews from Oncor offices in Waco, Wichita Falls, Brownwood and the Dallas-FortWorth area were brought in Tuesday.

"We are hoping to have the majority of the outages restored sometime today (Tuesday), dependent on additional damage that might be identified," Mercer said.

From staff reports

Lower oil prices help astronomers see clearly

■ Less oil and gas activity also means less light pollution, astronomers say

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The rise of oil and gas activity in the Permian Basin brought an incidental nuisance to astronomers working at the McDonald Observatory. The increasing number of operations encroaching southward from the Basin has created nighttime light pollution that hinders the astronomers' gaze into the starry night.

During the most recent oil price spike, the deep darkness of the celestial field — the type necessary for the deep-space research — ebbed. But that reduction of darknees was temporary. An idling of activity followed the oil price downturn, and the result, astronomers said, was a slightly darker shade in the night above.

"We do have indications from several different measures that the brightness from our background sky has decreased from over the past year, year-and-a-half," said Bill Wren, special assistant to the superintendent of the McDonald Observatory. "It's very unlikely that it has to do with the changes in lighting practices; it's more likely that is has to do with the slowing in activity because the price has fallen out of the bottom of this market."

Since 2009, Wren said, the observatory's segment of the sky has become 20 to 40 percent brighter as industry players obtained roughly 5,000 permits to drill in the seven counties that surround the facility. In recognition of the observatory's struggles, Texas lawmakers passed a measure in 2011 that mandated lighting ordinances in those seven surrounding counties.

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South's legends compress nature of slavery

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ **COMMENTARY**

My great-great-grandfather owned slaves, and I now know there was no such thing as a good slaveholder.

For many people who trace their heritage to the antebellum South, that statement is apostasy. For over 150 years, proud descendants of Confederate rebels have proclaimed that our ancestors were good to their slaves, and that President Abraham Lincoln and the Yankees misunderstood the true nature of "the peculiar institution."

When I was a child, my grandfather would say to me, "our family owned slaves, and they loved us so much they took Tomlinson as their name." He was proud that his great uncle had died fighting in the Confederate Army. He thought I should be too.

The massacre of nine African-Americans in Charleston, S.C., however, may be a tipping point in the South's veneration of this heritage. Even conservatives are lowering battle flags across the South. But are we ready to dismiss the myths that surround that flag and address the truth about American racism?

Into my early teens, I believed the Southern propaganda that my forefathers were not traitors to the United States, but Texan patriots fighting for states' rights. I watched "Gone With the Wind" and imagined I was descended from chivalric gentry.

The tragic legend of the South's lost cause is deeply seductive.

One day at school, though, a teacher played a recording of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I Have A Dream" speech. King spoke of a day when "the sons of former slaves and the sons of former slave owners will be able to sit down together at the table of brotherhood." He made me wonder about the black Tomlinsons. Where were they, what did they think of their name's origin?

That was the genesis of my book, "Tomlinson Hill: The Remarkable Story of Two Families who Share the Tomlinson Name — One White, One Black."

I traced two lines of Tomlinsons from slave days to the present day. What I learned changed my life.

My ancestors were courageous. In an 1864 letter from the Battle of Yellow Bayou, I learned how my great-grandfather's 20-year-old brother Will obeyed his commander's order to retreat

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Texas abortion providers study whether clinics could reopen

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Abortion providers cheered a move by the U.S. Supreme Court to temporarily block part of a Texas law that would have closed more than half the state's 19 remaining abortion clinics. Now they are studying whether it could also allow them to reopen some previously shuttered facilities and whether that would even be feasible.

"We may have gotten more than we even asked for," said Amy Hagstrom Miller, chief executive of Whole Woman's Health, which sued to overturn the law. But she cautioned that reopening clinics would be expensive and difficult, not just "a turn of the key and turn on the lights."

Meanwhile, anti-abortion advocates insisted Monday's ruling, while at least a short-term victory for abortion providers, isn't as sweeping as those groups hope.

Both sides agree the two-paragraph order blocks a requirement that would mandate abortion facilities be constructed like surgical centers. It was the final major component of the 2013 law set to take effect.

Abortion providers also said they were analyzing whether the order goes further and temporarily wipes out an additional requirement that abortion doctors have admitting privileges at local hospitals.

But Joe Pojman, executive director of Texas Alliance for Life, said the doctor requirements have been in place since a 2014 legal decision and stay in place.

"That was decided," Pojman said. "What's in effect stays in effect. This order only applies to the new rules."

The justices voted 5-4 to grant the emergency appeal from abortion providers. The order will remain in effect at least until the high court decides whether to hear the clinics' appeal of the lower court ruling, which won't be before the fall.

The court's decision to block the regulations is a strong indication that the justices will hear the full appeal, which could be the biggest abortion case at the Supreme Court in nearly 25 years.

The Republican-backed law was enacted in 2013 and led to a wave of clinic closures statewide. Texas had 41 abortion clinics in 2012; less than half of those remain and that number had been set to fall to nine starting Wednesday, had the nation's high court not intervened.

Supporters of the regulations, including Texas Gov. Greg Abbott, say they are common-sense measures intended to protect women.

"I'm confident the Supreme Court will ultimately uphold this law," Abbott said in a statement.

But abortion rights groups say the regulations have only one aim: to make it harder, if not impossible, for women to get abortions in Texas.

Without the Monday ruling, the state would have had no clinic west of San Antonio. Only one would have been able to operate on a limited basis in McAllen in the Rio Grande Valley.

Stephanie Toti, a lawyer for the Center for Reproductive Rights who is representing the clinics, said some clinics that had previously closed might be able to reopen.

"We are hopeful," Toti said. "But some of those clinics have been closed for so long."

Miller's group closed facilities in Austin and Beaumont in 2014 because of the construction requirements that demanded clinics meet hospital-level operating standards, a checklist that includes rules on minimum room sizes, staffing levels and air ventilation systems. The rules are among the toughest in the nation.

Owners of traditional abortion clinics, which resemble doctor's offices more than hospitals, have said they would be forced to close because they can't afford such upgrades.

Other facilities closed because of the doctor requirements.

Miller said to reopen the Austin and Beaumont facilities would require applying for a new state license, hiring staff and purchasing equipment. All that takes fundraising, which would have to be done while knowing that those clinics could close again if the court ultimately rejected the case just a few months later, she said.

"Reopening a clinic without knowing how long is very unpredictable," Miller said. "But the need is still there."

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and was shot in the back by a Union soldier. As he lie dying, he told his comrades he didn't want his family to see the wound and think he died a coward.

But I also read the Ordinance of Secession in which Texas joined the Confederacy because the North rejected the "beneficent and patriarchal system of African slavery, proclaiming the debasing doctrine of the equality of all men, irrespective of race or color — a doctrine at war with nature, in opposition to the experience of mankind, and in violation of the plainest revelations of the Divine Law."

Far from beneficent, my ancestors tortured and sexually exploited the people they enslaved. The local newspaper reported that lynch mobs launched from my family's doorstep.

The Confederate flag now makes me sick to my stomach.

Plausible deniability

My research also revealed how my great-grandfather joined a movement in the 1890s to rewrite Texas history books to proclaim that the Civil War was about states' rights. I discovered how the United Confederate Veterans lobbied lawmakers to honor traitors as heroes. They erected statues to Confederate leaders across the state and built a state capitol that keeps its back to the North.

Another great-grandfather helped white lawmakers impose Jim Crow laws that denied African-Americans their rights. My ancestors, along with the majority of white Protestant men in Texas, joined the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s as an homage to the Confederate veterans who terrorized former slaves during Reconstruction.

As a U.S. Army veteran, I equate secession with treason.

Anyone who only tells the stories of heroism without relaying the stories of oppression is dishonest. That's how we end up with young men like alleged Charleston shooter Dylann Roof.

By some measures, the Millennial generation is the least racist in American history. But according to research funded by MTV in 2011, white youth don't like talking about race, don't know our racist history and oppose the necessary work to build a more perfect union.

Their confusion is our fault. We denounce racism but we don't explain how our grandparents and great-grandparents denied African-Americans a basic education or a decent wage. We don't mention how our grandparents didn't compete with African-Americans for their college educations or salaried jobs. Or how this history explains the social, economic and political problems we face today.

Instead we claim that laws passed in the 1960s addressed inequality, creating another myth, as powerful, convenient and destructive as the story of the good slaveholder. It gives white Americans plausible deniability for their inherited privilege.

Opening old wounds

For African-Americans, the myth steals their history and denies their experience.

Black Lives Matter protests and videos of racist behavior reveal our divided nation, but police tactics and political correctness are not the root problem. The divide exists because two communities hold divergent views of our nation's history and what we must do to overcome America's original sin of slavery.

The first step toward justice is to establish facts. We need truth and reconciliation commissions across the country to give everyone a chance to share their family's truth about the past 200 years and record it so that everyone can learn from it.

Many people will oppose this idea because they are afraid of opening old wounds. They don't want to admit that the sweet-faced old people in sepia-toned photographs were complicit in atrocities. But the family's dirty laundry will never get clean if we don't air it out.

Table of brotherhood

My research taught me that being born a white Tomlinson provided me more opportunities than those available to black Tomlinsons.

Making these admissions about my heritage does not diminish me; quite to the contrary, I've gained a better understanding of who I am and the world I live in. I've sat at the table of brotherhood with African-American Tomlinsons and now consider them family.

I can say without shame or guilt that my great-great-grandfather owned slaves, and there was no such thing as a good slaveholder, because knowing the whole truth makes me stronger. Recognizing the whole truth will make our nation stronger.

Man admits hate-crime attack on black man

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A white Houston-area man has pleaded guilty to a federal hate crime for the surprise punching of an elderly black man.

In federal court in Houston on Tuesday, Conrad Alvin Barrett admitted to racial motivation in the Nov. 24, 2013, attack on his 81-year-old victim.

Barrett used his cellphone to record the attack. The 29-year-old Katy man also recorded himself questioning whether his attack on a black person would draw national attention.

After knocking the man to the ground, Barrett laughed, called out, "Knockout!" and ran to his vehicle.

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Construction continues Tuesday on the new H-E-B, near Sams Club off of Loop 250.

H-E-B receives building permits for new store

■ Second location could open in early 2016, according to officials

By Rye Druzin
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H-E-B has been granted two permits totaling more than $15 million for their new store and gas pumps at the corner of Highway 191 and Loop 250, according to city building official Steve Thorpe.

The work for the 12,000-square-foot grocery store is valued at $14.5 million, while the 6,600 square feet of under-canopy gas pumps is valued at $667,000, Thorpe said.

The new store is being built on the former site of the AT&T call center, which was knocked down last month.

"They're to the point where they've obtained their permit and I anticipate, based on their mobilization, it looks like the building pad is close to being constructed and it looks like they'll start on a foundation," Thorpe said.

The store was expected to open by spring 2016, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article, but Thorpe said that store officials talked to him about opening in the first quarter of 2016.

About 300 employees will be hired for the new store, H-E-B's manager of public affairs, Kimberly Harle, said in a previous article. The store will have a True Texas BBQ restaurant with indoor and outdoor seating and to-go options. The restaurant will serve draft beer on tap, she said.

A second H-E-B store in Odessa is set to open this month. The new H-E-B in west Midland will join the growing area near Scharbauer Sports Complex, which already has a Sam's Club and multiple housing developments.

The new H-E-B was announced as the northside Wal-Mart is undergoing repairs to its plumbing system as well as a roof replacement. Midland's Target has also announced remodeling, including the adding of an in-store Starbucks, while the northside Albertsons recently reopened as a Market Street store.

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman allegedly chases man with knife

A Midland woman was arrested on Friday after allegedly chasing a man around a home with a knife, according to court documents.

Silvia Rivera, 42, was charged with a second-degree felony of aggravated assault of a date, house or family member with a weapon. A $75,000 bond was assigned Tuesday, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Rivera

A deputy was called out to South County Road 1230. A man claimed that he and Rivera had gotten into an argument and she threw a jar of hot sauce at him, according to the arrest affidavit. Rivera then grabbed a kitchen knife and chased the man around the kitchen, according to the affidavit.

The man said he was afraid Rivera would injure him. While the deputy was talking to the man, Rivera allegedly came in and said she was "just playing."

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Rivera faces up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Man stabs woman, attempts to run over officer

A 29 year-old Midland man was arrested Saturday morning after allegedly stabbing a woman with a screwdriver and attempting to hit a police officer with a vehicle.

On Tuesday, Issac Casias was assigned bonds totaling $700,000 for two first-degree felony charges of aggravated assault of a public servant and burglary of a habitation, two third-degree felony charges of evading arrest in a vehicle and assault of a house member and one second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon, according to court records.

Casias

Midland police officers responded to a call at a residence along South Adams Street. A woman said Casias threatened her, broke through a window and began stabbing her with a screwdriver, according to his police affidavit.

Officers who pursued Casias threw "stop sticks" in his vehicle's path in an attempt to deflate the tires. When Casias saw the sticks, he redirected his vehicle in an attempt to run over the officer and hit three parked vehicles, according to the affidavit.

Once Casias got out of the vehicle, he attempted to fight officers on scene, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the felony charges, Casias could face more than 99 years in prison.

Judge issues gag order in Texas biker shooting case

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — A sweeping gag order was issued Tuesday in a lawsuit arising from a May brawl at a roadside restaurant in Waco in which nine bikers were killed and 177 people arrested.

The ruling in the lawsuit filed by Matthew Clendennen, a biker who said he was wrongfully arrested, prevents attorneys, witnesses and law enforcement officers involved in the case from discussing it with the media.

McLennan County District Court Judge Matt Johnson also ruled that Clendennen's attorney, Clint Broden, can view surveillance video from the Twin Peaks franchisee in Waco, but barred it from public release.

Video footage shared earlier with The Associated Press shows that when gunfire erupted in the parking lot of the restaurant, most of the motorcycle riders who were watching the May 17 confrontation from the patio or inside immediately ran away from the shooting. A few tried to direct people to safety, while others were seen crawling for cover.

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■ Summer Picnic hosted by Midland County Public Library, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m., Chris Davidson Opportunity Park. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Pools today

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

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

Prayer gathering for Charleston shooting victims

Members of the community will gather today to pray for the families of victims shot June 17 at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, South Carolina.

Organized by the group that puts on the annual Awake 7:24 prayer event, the gathering will provide an opportunity for Midlanders to pray for those directly impacted by the massacre and to pray for unity in the community. Organizers have invited state and local officials and hope that Midlanders will attend and participate in the service.

The interdenominational gathering will be 6-7 p.m. today at True-Life Christian Fellowship, 3001 N. "A" St.

Community calendar

■ New Beginnings cancer support group will meet for six sessions beginning Thursday at Allsion Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway. Topics include nutrition, mental and financial well-being, spiritual comfort and relaxation techniques.

For more information, contact Fatima at 218-6714 or fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ The George W. Bush Childhood Home monthly reading event is planned for 4:30-5:30 p.m. July 16. Ten-year-old Midlander Jaden Evans will read his book "The Rain."

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

Davis Mountains Preserve

FORT DAVIS — The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve will be open 8 a.m. July 10 through 4 p.m. July 12 for hiking, biking, camping, horseback riding and other activities.There will not be a entrance fee, but guests will be required to sign in and out at the McIvor Conservation Center, according to a press release from the conservancy.

There will be a interpretive hike to Tobe Gap — home of the largest registered ponderosa and southwestern white pines in Texas — beginning 9:30 a.m. July 11.

The Davis Mountains Preserve is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Fort Davis on Highway 118 (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory).

For more information or to register for the hike, contact Deirdre Hisler at deirdre.hisler@tnc.org or call 432-426-2390.

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8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday
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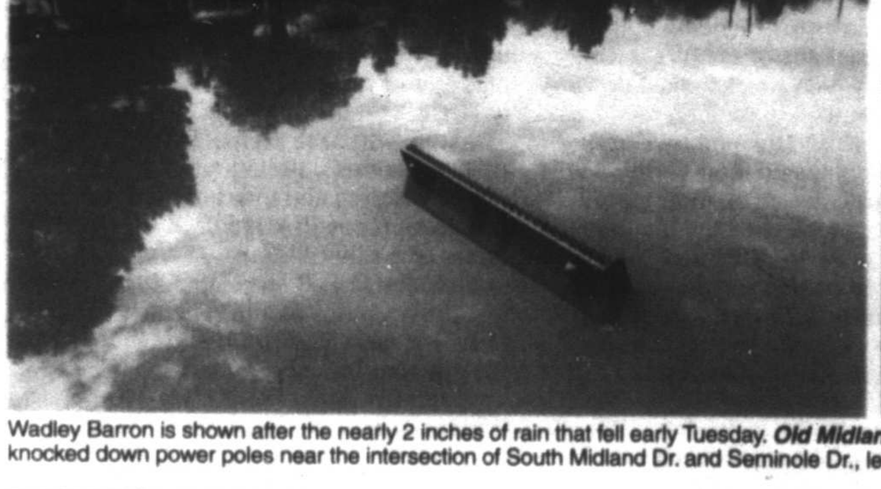
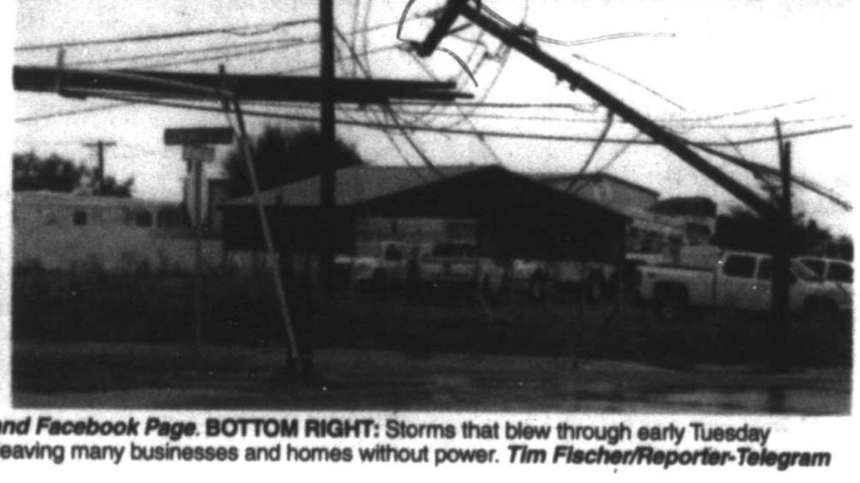
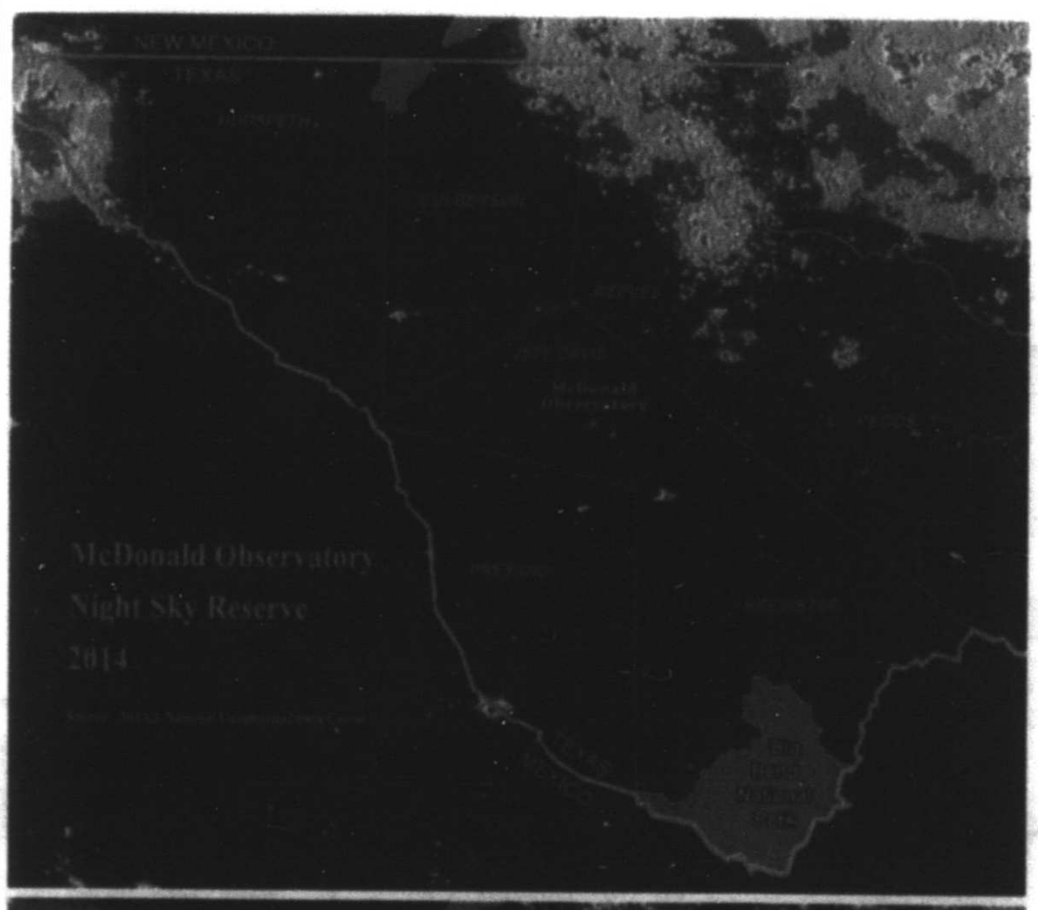




Wadley Barron is shown after the nearly 2 inches of rain that fell early Tuesday. ***Old Midland Facebook Page.*** **BOTTOM RIGHT:** Storms that blew through early Tuesday knocked down power poles near the intersection of South Midland Dr. and Seminole Dr., leaving many businesses and homes without power. ***Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram***



DARK SKIES

From 1A

Wren's problem, he said, is making these rules known to such a large industry.

"I honestly, sincerely, do not believe that they have a clue that there are any lighting ordinances in place in these counties. I don't know that the Railroad Commission knew that there were lighting ordinances in these counties," he said. "It's a slow process because it is such a huge industry, and it takes a long time for the word to filter through, and we're going from bottom to top and top to bottom."

Even if the darkening sky indicates the industry's downturn, the slight reversal of the skyglow is encouraging to astronomers whose subject matter focuses on measuring objects at the very edge of the observable universe.

"We're talking about collecting a dozen photons an hour — counting individual particles of light. It requires a tremendous sensitivity and we just can't afford for there to just be a lot of stray light from artificial sources from the ground scattering in the atmosphere over us," Wren said.

But so far, the industry has been cooperative. Wren has cooperated with companies like Pioneer Natural Resources, Cactus Drilling and Cimarex Energy — which holds the largest number of drilling permits in the protected seven county region — to adopt new lighting practices to help prevent light from wasting into the night sky.

"There are numerous new storage facilities and disposal wells that shine nearly as much light skyward as they do onto the ground," read a joint study conducted by Pioneer and the observatory. "The goal is to mitigate excessive light without jeopardizing safety."

And the solution Wren is proposing to the industry is both simple and cost effective: aim light fixtures downward, replace conventional lights with LEDs and install shielding around lights to prevent glaring. Moreover, a joint study between the observatory and Pioneer discovered that lighting upgrades can pay for themselves in two to three years, and then "they've got a light fixture that's going to require less maintenance, less fuel, a solid-state durability and far less power consumption — I mean a dramatic reduction in their consumption of electricity," Wren said.

The campaign also has caught the attention of Ben Shepperd, president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association. He recently penned a letter to hundreds of industry operators and stakeholders asking for help in mitigating light pollution.

"The PBPA strongly encourages oil and gas operators and contractors in the region to adopt simple lighting changes at their locations to reduce ambient light and increase safety of their employees," Shepperd wrote. "This is a great opportunity for Permian Basin operators to receive some well-deserved recognition for being good neighbors."

OUTLOOK

From 1A

in the first five months of this year, followed by 19,000 in manufacturing and 5,000 jobs in construction, three sectors with high-paying jobs.

Construction activity has also been affected, with declines in multi-family and single-family housing, though the rainy weather the state has experienced is considered a factor, Yucel said. Non-residential construction has also declined, but non-building construction — such as roads, bridges or gas plants — is on the increase.

Yucel had little consolation to offer the oil producers in the audience: She said there is more downward pressure on oil prices, from slowing economies in Asia to the possible return to the market of Iranian oil — if talks between Iran and others on curbing its nuclear activities are successful. Upward pressure would come from a decline in crude production. But with the rig count in the Permian Basin and Eagle Ford apparently bottoming out, "I don't know how much supplies will go down" or when, she said.

Future oil prices are between $60 and $70 for the next couple of years, and, if they remain there for that period, "the industry will adapt," Yucel said.

Steve Pruett, chief executive officer of Elevation Resources, said he has been watching the Greek debt crisis with growing concern over how an economy that is such a small percent of the global economy is roiling world markets.

"We're all aware China's growth is slowing. And it's not just China. It's Korea, it's southeast Asia. That gap between demand and supply will remain open longer than we'd hoped. Instead of 18 months to bring supply and demand back into balance, it may be two or three years," he said.

While low oil prices might be a boost to the national economy — adding anywhere from 0.5 to 1 percent to the gross domestic product — the industry's contraction is being felt nationally, Pruett said.

"All our capital goods orders have been cut, we've been importing labor," he said. "The economic engine is idled."

Bobby Burns, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, said Texas has handled the downturn "very well," as has Midland.

"We're still stable; we're still strong. Although the foot is off the gas pedal, we're still moving forward."

He pointed to Midland's continued strong housing prices and said that "hotel rates are still amazingly strong."

Looking long-term, Midland will have a great future in its ability to supply the oil and natural gas the world will be demanding, Burns said.

Same-sex marriage fight turns to clerks who refuse licenses

By Claire Galofaro and Adam Beam
Associated Press

MOREHEAD, Ky. — Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis shut her blinds at work Tuesday to block the view of rainbow-clad protesters outside. They carried flowers and flags and signs saying "you don't own marriage." They chanted "do your job."

Moments later, she told a lesbian couple who walked in asking for a license to try another county.

Davis is among a handful of public officials across the Bible Belt so repulsed by the thought of enabling a same-sex marriage that they are defying the U.S. Supreme Court and refusing to issue a license to anyone, gay or straight.

"It's a deep-rooted conviction; my conscience won't allow me to do that," Davis told The Associated Press. "It goes against everything I hold dear, everything sacred in my life."

Some judges and clerks in Alabama and Texas have done the same, ordering their offices in the name of religious liberty and free speech to issue no marriage licenses at all.

Legal experts are dubious that religious freedom arguments will protect public officials who not only refuse to participate due to their own beliefs, but also decline to make accommodations so that others who don't object can serve the public instead.

Two things can happen if a Kentucky clerk won't issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple: They can resign, or go to jail, said Sam Marcosson, a constitutional law professor at the Louis D. Brandeis School of Law at the University of Louisville.

"If it means that you simply cannot fulfill your duties because of your religious beliefs, what is required of you is that you can no longer hold that office," Marcosson said. "That applies to a judge, that applies to a senator, that applies to anyone who holds public office."

Clerks and probate judges hold the keys to marriage in counties around the country, and in many rural areas, there are few alternatives for hundreds of miles. Couples turned away could seek a court order, and a clerk who still refuses to issue a license could be jailed for contempt, Marcosson said.

They also risk criminal official misconduct charges, said Warren County Attorney Ann Milliken, president of the Kentucky County Attorneys Association. The misdemeanor, punishable by up to a year in jail, is committed when a public servant "refrains from performing a duty imposed upon him by law or clearly inherent in the nature of his office."

Casey Davis, the clerk in Casey County, Kentucky, said he won't resign and he'd rather go to jail than issue a marriage license to a same-sex couple. None have yet come in to get one, he said.

After the Supreme Court declared that marriage is a constitutional right equally held by all Americans, clerks in Arkansas and Mississippi resigned Tuesday rather than be forced to sign the licenses of gays and lesbians. Linda Barnette, the circuit clerk in Grenada County, Mississippi, for 24 years, wrote in her resignation letter that she is a "follower of Christ" and that she chooses "to obey God rather than man."

Other reluctant Kentucky clerks gave up the fight on Tuesday.

Lawrence County Clerk Chris Jobe, who also serves as president of the Kentucky County Clerks Association, told The Courier-Journal in Louisville that he would resume issuing licenses for fear of being removed from office. Several other Kentucky clerks made similar concessions.

Even in Mississippi, Texas and Louisiana, where governors took the most vigorous stands against Friday's Supreme Court's ruling, clerks were issuing licenses.

But Davis stayed firm in denying one Tuesday to April Miller and Karen Roberts, a couple of 11 years who live in Morehead.

The office of Kentucky Attorney General Jack Conway encouraged any couples who are turned away to seek private counsel. Miller and Roberts contacted the American Civil Liberties Union of Kentucky to represent them.

"This is where we live; we pay taxes here, we vote here. And we want to get married here," said Miller.

Outside Davis' office, drivers honked and waved, flew rainbow flags from their windows and shouted "love must win!"

But a small group also gathered to support Davis, demonstrating the stark divide that remains in the most theologically conservative stretches of the South and Midwest, where state leaders fought hard for years to prevent same-sex marriage.

"Our country is on the wrong path, we as a people no longer exalt God," said Dennis Buschman, who carried a Bible as he led a half-dozen people supporting the clerk's defiance. He called homosexuality an "abomination" and a "serious, serious sin."

Some protesters confronted them.

"God did not elect her, I did," said Kevin Bass, a former police officer who arrived at the courthouse with his wife to support gay couples seeking licenses. "If she objects to doing her job, she can go."

As a police officer for 20 years, he said, he could not choose which laws he liked to enforce.

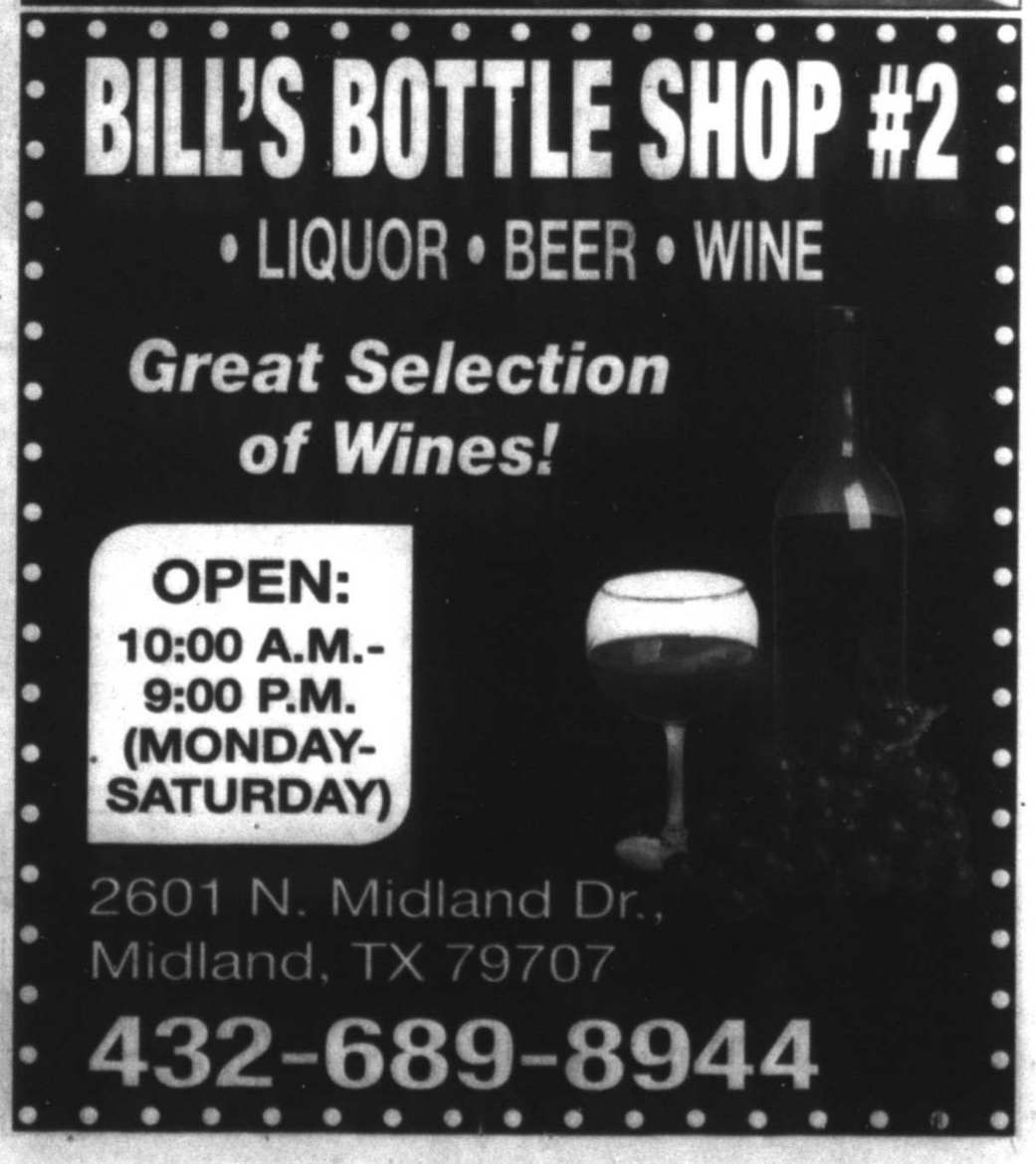
Inside the county building, Davis seemed worried. She showed the AP a curse-laden hate mail she received overnight. When she took her oath of office in January and promised to uphold the state constitution, gay marriage wasn't a part of the deal, she figures.

Davis would not say whether she'll quit her job to stand up for her beliefs, but vowed never to issue a marriage license to a gay couple.

"No man can put a harness on his conscience. That is protected by the Kentucky Constitution, the very Constitution I took an oath to uphold," she said.

Associated Press

Protesters waive a rainbow flag Tuesday on the front lawn of the Rowan County Judicial Cente in Morehead, Ky. The protest was being held against Rowan County Clerk Kim Davis, who, due to the ruling of the Supreme Court of the United States and her own religious beliefs, has refused to issue any marriage licenses in the county.



OPINION

Trump has Univision-like mentality for migrants

■ The nation's largest Spanish-speaking television network seems to tolerate and perpetuate GOP candidate's racist view

RUBEN NAVARRETTE
Washington Post Writers Group

And then the giant peacock looked Donald Trump square in the eye and said the magic words: "You're fired!"

NBCUniversal has wisely decided to protect its brand and cut all ties to the businessman and presidential candidate. In addition to no longer carrying the Miss USA and Miss Universe pageants, NBC also canned Trump as host of the reality show, "The Apprentice."

Trump had already said he was giving up the show to run for president. But I bet he didn't plan on NBC saying goodbye like this: "Due to the recent derogatory statements by Donald Trump regarding immigrants, NBCUniversal is ending its business relationship with Mr. Trump. ... At NBC, respect and dignity for all people are cornerstones of our values."

The Donald fired back at the network in a way that was neither respectful nor dignified. He told CNN that he might sue NBC and complained in a statement that "NBC is weak, and like everybody else is trying to be politically correct." Then he stuck the knife in. He pointed out that NBC will stand by disgraced former evening news anchor Brian Williams, who is being brought back to the network, "but won't stand behind people that tell it like it is, as unpleasant as that may be."

Not to worry. Trump may be going from a reality show to a soap opera. He is embroiled in something of an ongoing spicy telenovela with Univision, which also severed ties after Trump claimed that Mexicans who migrate to the United States have "lots of problems" and are essentially thugs, rapists and drug dealers. Trump threatened to sue Univision for breach of contract, banned the network's employees from his Miami golf courses and published a photograph of a letter containing Univision anchor Jorge Ramos' personal cellphone number after Ramos wrote him to get an interview.

Does the political novice not understand that he is supposed to be spending his time running against other Republican candidates and not fighting a television network?

Some Republicans like Trump because they think that with all his wealth, the special interests in Washington can't get to him. And yet Univision — and now NBC — have already gotten under his skin.

How did Trump's personal war against Univision and Mexico even begin?

Maybe Univision is a proxy for our neighbor to the south. His comments about Mexico were full of hate and hostility. Maybe he's channeling some of that vitriol toward the behemoth television network that many Mexicans watch.

Or maybe this is about settling an old score. According to media reports, there is a legal dispute between Trump and two Mexican businessmen who the billionaire claims owe him as much as $12 million for agreeing to host the 2007 Miss Universe Pageant and then backing out of the deal. Is Trump now transferring his anger and frustration over a business deal that went sour to the entire country of Mexico? There is no way of knowing.

In any case, the slugfest between Trump and Univision is surreal. After all, let's remember, this whole thing started because Trump sees Mexican migrants as inferior — a view that, judging from its own regular programming, the nation's largest Spanish-speaking television network seems to tolerate and perpetuate.

Have you ever seen one of those popular Mexican soap operas that make Univision so much money? Or taken a good look at the anchors and reporters who deliver the news on the network? Generally speaking, you won't find a more light-skinned and fair-haired bunch. These are hardly the sort of folks who get doors slammed in their faces in Mexico and can't wait to migrate to the United States. These are the kind of people who are content to stay in Mexico. The network stars might give lip service to supporting migrants, but I don't see how they could possibly relate to them.

It's both ironic and sad that a network that made billions broadcasting throughout Latin America looks nothing like most of Latin America. Now Univision, in its war with Trump, emerges as the de-facto savior for Mexican immigrants. How did that happen?

Unlike Trump's relationship with NBC, his telenovela with Univision is not likely to end soon. So both parties have plenty of time to get out and meet more Mexicans, confront their biases and broaden their world views.

GUEST VIEW

Let's be realistic about body cameras for police officers

San Antonio Express-News

It didn't get much attention, but last month the city of San Antonio purchased 251 body cameras for police officers.

This comes on the heels of an earlier body camera pilot program here for 150 officers that proved effective. It's only a matter of time, we imagine, until body cameras are standard across the San Antonio Police Department and, most likely, the Bexar County Sheriff's Office.

By and large, this will be a good thing. Research has shown that when police officers wear body cameras (and turn them on), there are fewer complaints against the officers for misconduct. Use-of-force incidents tend to decline, and so too, do false reports of abuse against officers.

But it's also important to be realistic about what police body cameras can and can't do — and how much it will cost to maintain the enormous amounts of data they produce.

Let's remember, video footage does not equate to objectivity or completeness. Research has shown people tend to see what they want to see in police videos. And while a video gives the public a fuller account of an incident, which is important, it is not a full account. We can't see what's off camera, or what might have been happening before the video was taken.

High-profile use-of-force incidents have fueled the call for more body cameras. But they are statistically rare. The reality is, patrol officers spend much of their time in the trenches dealing with relatively low-level offenses and often mediating challenging disputes. Police work can also be incredibly sensitive. It might not be helpful, say, to interview a sexual assault victim while a body camera is rolling.

All of this is to say that for many police encounters, a video recording won't matter. And for still others, it won't help at all.

There is also cost to consider. These 251 body cameras will cost $320,000. There will also be storage and security costs for all of that video, technology upgrades and so on.

There are many benefits to police body cameras. They have the potential to provide clarity into controversial incidents. They also might provide insight into ways to improve community policing. That's why we support body cameras. But as we move forward with more body cameras on cops, let's also be realistic about what they can and can't do.

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Marriage debate enters next phase

■ Will religious institutions be allowed to act on their moral beliefs

RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

Everyone knows where the debate over gay marriage is going next. Now that the Supreme Court has imposed its edict on the land, the question is whether religious institutions and people of faith will still be permitted to act on moral beliefs that the court has portrayed as bigoted and deeply wounding.

In his long prose-poem about love masquerading as a judicial opinion, Justice Anthony Kennedy made a bow to these concerns. He cited the First Amendment for the proposition that religions and those that adhere to them "may continue to advocate with utmost sincere conviction that, by divine precepts, same-sex marriage should not be condoned." Gee, thanks, Mr. Justice.

This assurance is about as convincing as the rest of Kennedy's airy majority opinion with little or no connection to the Constitution or law — which is to say, people of faith ought to brace for the worst.

Kennedy's statement was carefully hedged to include only advocacy and teaching, a lawyerly wording that the other lawyers on the court were quick to pick up on. The First Amendment, Chief Justice John Roberts pointed out in his dissent, actually protects the freedom to exercise religion. That means people of faith acting on their beliefs, not merely advocating them or teaching them.

It's easy to see the coming clash of moralities, one enjoying official favor, the other religious sanction. What Kennedy refers to as the "dignitary wounds" of the traditional definition of marriage are also inflicted by the private institutions and people who uphold that definition.

In oral arguments, Justice Samuel Alito asked Solicitor General Donald Verrilli whether, on the model of Bob Jones University a few decades ago when it banned interracial dating and marriage, a college that opposed same-sex marriage could be denied tax-exempt status. "It's certainly going to be an issue," Verrilli admitted. "I don't deny that."

At this juncture, most supporters of same-sex marriage do deny it, although they have a history of making whatever assurance seems necessary, before discarding it in due course. It used to be that prominent supporters of gay marriage poohpoohed the idea of a judicial imposition of their view on the country. In the Supreme Court's prior pro-gay-marriage decision, just two years ago, it said that domestic relations were exclusively a matter for the states — before turning around and throwing out state marriage laws not to its liking.

If supporters of same-sex marriage truly have no interest in punishing the exercise of religion they find objectionable, they can sign off on legislation to prevent it. Utah Sen. Mike Lee, a Republican, has a bill called the First Amendment Defense Act — yes, it's come to that — protecting organizations from government retaliation over their opposition to gay marriage.

There is unlikely to be a rush on the left to endorse it, when the American Civil Liberties Union is heading in the opposite direction. It has just withdrawn its support for the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, on grounds that it can be used to protect organizations refusing to get on board with gay marriage. Already, there are a few calls to remove the tax exemption of churches, now opposed to what the Supreme Court has deemed a fundamental right.

These are only tea leaves. The move against religious groups will surely start small, with some isolated, unsympathetic Christian institution, and then grow until what once had been called unimaginable becomes mandatory.

The push for gay marriage is motivated by a moralistic zeal that sees only one point of view on the question as legitimate. If its supporters weren't patient enough to see their cause through the inevitable fits and starts of the democratic process, they aren't going to let procedural niceties stand in the way of an effort to bulldoze their way to a more thoroughgoing conformity on the issue. The gay-marriage debate isn't over; it has merely entered a new phase.

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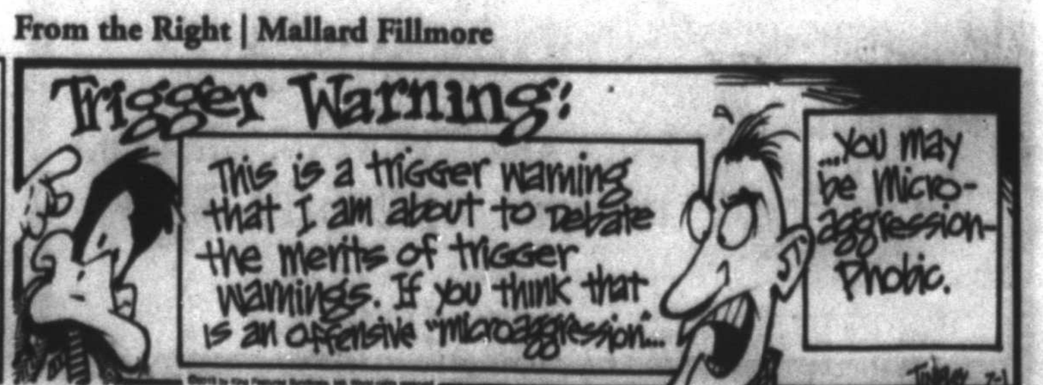

Christie promises blunt campaign as he enters 2016 contest

By Jill Colvin
and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

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Republican presidential candidate, New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie addresses a gathering Tuesday at a town hall meeting campaign stop in Sandown, N.H. Christie announced his presidential bid earlier in the day in New Jersey.

LIVINGSTON, N.J. — A tough-talking New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie launched his 2016 campaign for president Tuesday with a promise to tell voters the truth even if it makes them cringe.

The Republican governor, a one-time GOP favorite who faded and now tries to climb back, lashed out at "bickering leaders" from both political parties in a kickoff rally in the gymnasium of his old high school. And in his trademark blunt style, he told voters — and warned Republican rivals — that he's ready to be aggressive in the 2016 contest.

"You're going to get what I think whether you like it or not, or whether it makes you cringe every once in a while or not," Christie declared. He added: "I am now ready to fight for the people of the United States of America."

He went on to a town hall meeting in Sandown, New Hampshire, receiving enthusiastic applause from the standing-room crowd as he arrived with his family. "I want to be the next president of the United States and I intend to win this election," he told the meeting, held in an actual town hall.

Christie has already held nearly a dozen town halls in New Hampshire, a state key to his hopes, and plans more as he spends the next week in the state.

Christie enters a Republican presidential field that already has more than a dozen GOP candidates. Not all draw as much attention as Christie, who will compete for the same slice of the electorate as pragmatic-minded White House hopefuls such as former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

But it's an accomplished lineup of governors, senators and business people. Christie's effort is largely driven by his outsized personality, and his resume, while notable, contains scattered land mines that have given many Republicans pause.

Four years ago, some of Christie's backers tried to persuade him to challenge President Barack Obama. In the years since, he won re-election with ease, but also struggled to revive New Jersey's moribund economy and fought with the state's Democratic-controlled legislature over pensions and the state budget.

While Christie's turn as head of the Republican Governors Association was widely viewed as a success in the 2014 midterm elections, he's also faced the fallout from the actions of three former aides, charged with creating politically motivated traffic jams at a bridge to retaliate against a Democratic mayor who declined to endorse Christie's re-election.

Christie has not been tied directly to wrongdoing, denies he had anything to do with the bridge closing and has seen no evidence emerge to refute that.

Still, the episode deepened the sense that he may surround himself with people who will do anything to win. He declared early in the scandal that "I am not a bully" to counter the public perception that he is just that.

The governor faces a tough sell with many conservatives, but has seemingly found his stride at times in visits to early voting states with the lively town hall meetings he's known for at home. There will be plenty more of those now that he's an affirmed candidate.

Emboldened by his political successes in heavily Democratic New Jersey, he seems himself as a leader who can work across Washington's bitter partisan divide.

"We need this country to work together again, not against each other," he said with his wife, Mary Pat, and their four children standing behind him. He promised to lead a White House that would "welcome the American people no matter what party, no matter what race or creed or color."

Yet Christie also jabbed President Barack Obama's "weak and feckless foreign policy" and called Democratic presidential candidate Hillary Rodham Clinton the president's "second mate."

"America is tired of hand-wringing and indecisiveness and weakness in the Oval Office," he said. "We need to have strength and decision-making and authority back in the Oval Office. And that is why today I am proud to announce my candidacy for the Republican nomination for president of the United States of America."

In 2012, Christie was seen as the charismatic, pragmatic governor who burst onto the scene in made-for-YouTube moments. He gained national attention with a landmark deal in which the state's public sector unions agreed to higher health care costs and retirement ages in exchange for promised payments into the state's chronically underfunded pension system.

Christie's fortunes have certainly changed.

Now, Christie has been eclipsed by others in a pack of more than dozen rivals. And his poll numbers at home have sunk to record lows. New Jersey's economy is lagging and there have been nine credit downgrades on Christie's watch.

Christie grew up in Livingston, a town about 20 miles west of New York City, and served as class president at the high school. His high school friends were among the first to receive word that Christie would be launching his campaign at their old school.

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Associated Press

Fireworks light up the lower Manhattan skyline July 4, 2014, during the Macy's Annual Fourth of July fireworks show in New York. On Tuesday, the Environmental Protection Agency said children, older adults, and people with heart disease, asthma or other lung diseases are considered to be particularly sensitive to particle pollution. The agency recommended that they limit their exposure by watching fireworks from upwind.

O say can you breathe? Fireworks pollute air, study says

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — July Fourth fireworks fill the skies across the nation with more than sparkling bursts of color. They spew pollution, too.

A study of 315 locations around the country found that the holiday explosions temporarily boosted the levels of airborne microscopic particles that can pose a health risk.

At 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. on July 4, levels of those particles were more than twice normal, on average, researchers found. But they tapered off overnight and fell back to normal by noon on July 5.

Smaller studies have also linked fireworks to particle pollution.

Dian Seidel of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, who reported the results recently in the journal Atmospheric Environment said the study did not look for any resulting effects on health.

But in response to the research, the Environmental Protection Agency noted Tuesday that children, older adults, and people with heart disease, asthma or other lung diseases are considered to be particularly sensitive to particle pollution. The agency recommended that they limit their exposure by watching fireworks from upwind.

"We want everyone to enjoy their local fireworks displays," the agency said in a statement.

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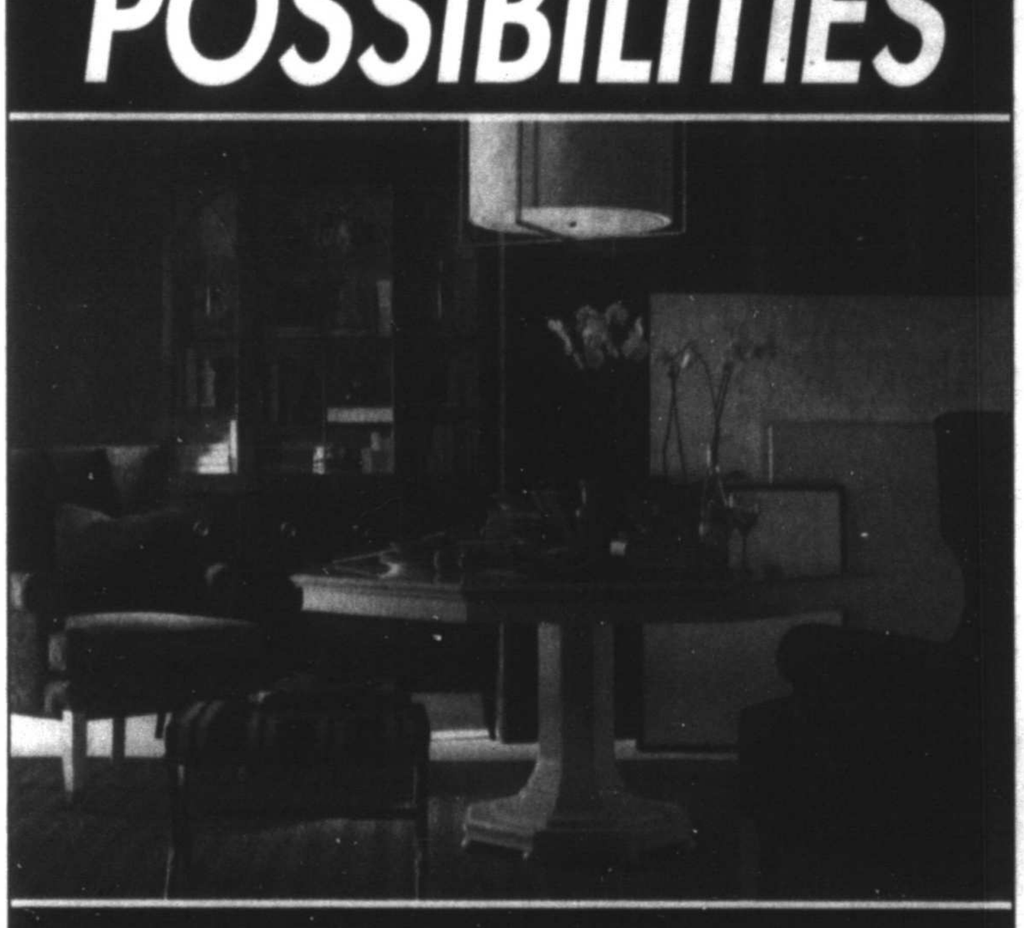

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Apple has best smartwatch but rivals have strengths

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

■ REVIEW

NEW YORK — As much as I wish the Apple Watch could do more, I find it the best smartwatch available, given its polished design and wide range of apps.

But there may be reasons to consider something else. For one thing, Apple Watch requires an iPhone. Pebble Time, in particular, works with both iPhones and Android devices and excels at battery life. But it falls short elsewhere.

Whether you need a smartwatch at all is another matter. Many people are happy having one, but others won't need one yet. If you need to stay connected continually and find that pulling out a phone is inconvenient, you might be in the market for a smartwatch. The watch will give you regular updates, replicating notifications on your phone. You'll also get apps like navigation and fitness.

Here's a look at some of the alternatives to Apple Watch and how they compare:

PEBBLE TIME ($199; iOS, Android)

The original Pebble, the product of a public fundraising campaign through Kickstarter, reigned as a leading smartwatch until Samsung, Google and Apple came along. Orders began this week for a new model, Pebble Time. Apps offer business listings from Yelp, playback control for Pandora radio and sports scores from ESPN. But the app selection is short of what you get with Apple Watch or watches that run Google's Android Wear system. For instance, the most popular navigation app, MapsGPS, feels rudimentary.

What's good: I can go about five days between charges, while rivals smartwatches max out at a day or two (Apple Watch is officially at 18 hours, though I typically get several hours more). In addition, the display is always on, so you can use a watch as, well, a watch all day. With some

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Survey: Sibling punches aren't only assaults US kids face

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Getting punched by your brother or sister is sometimes a painful rite of passage, but many U.S. kids also experience other types of assaults, mistreatment and abuse, a big government-funded survey found.

The consequences can include social and emotional troubles, even when the perpetrator is a sibling, other research has found.

While most incidents reported in the survey didn't cause injuries and many didn't involve weapons, the results show that youths younger than age 18 are exposed to violence in extensive ways, "which justifies continued monitoring and prevention efforts," the researchers said.

The results are from 2013-14 phone interviews with 4,000 randomly selected kids or their parents, asked about recent and lifetime experiences. Results were published Monday in JAMA Pediatrics; there was little change from a previous survey in 2011.

Among the key findings:

■ For all ages grouped together, 37 percent experienced any physical assault in the previous year.

■ About 22 percent were by siblings and 16 percent were by peers.

■ 41 percent of kids surveyed had more than one direct experience of violence, crime or abuse and 10 percent had six or more.

■ 14 percent of girls aged 14 to 17 said they'd been sexually assaulted within the past year and for 4 percent the attack was a rape or rape attempt.

■ 15 percent of kids surveyed experienced maltreatment by a parent or other caregiver within the previous year, including 5 percent who experienced physical abuse.

■ 9 percent of all physical assaults resulted in injuries, but it jumped to 22 percent in the oldest kids.

"The study shows what a large quantity of different kinds of violence, crime and abuse children are routinely exposed to," said sociologist David Finkelhor, the lead author and director of the Crimes against Children Research Center at the University of New Hampshire.,

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UNRAVELING A MYSTERY

Young Kwak/AP

Amy Shives, right, and her husband George walk their cavalier King Charles spaniel Chester in their neighborhood June 3 in Spokane, Wash. Amy Shives was diagnosed with early onset Alzheimer's disease in 2011 and has since been involved with the Alzheimer's Association. Nearly two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's disease are women, and now some scientists are questioning the long-held assumption that it's just because women tend to live longer than men.

Scientists look into why most Alzheimer's patients are women

By Lauren Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Nearly two-thirds of Americans with Alzheimer's disease are women, and now some scientists are questioning the long-held assumption that it's just because they tend to live longer than men.

What else might put woman at extra risk? Could it be genetics? Biological differences in how women age? Maybe even lifestyle factors?

Finding out might affect treatments or preventive care.

One worrisome hint is that research shows a notorious Alzheimer's-related gene has a bigger impact on women than men.

"There are enough biological questions pointing to increased risk in women that we need to delve into that and find out why," said Maria Carrillo, chief science officer for the Alzheimer's Association.

Last month, the association brought 15 leading scientists together to ask what's known about women's risk. Later this summer, Carrillo said it plans to begin funding research to address some of the gaps.

"There is a lot that is not understood and not known. It's time we did something about it," she added.

A recent Alzheimer's Association report estimated that, at age 65, women have about a 1 in 6 chance of developing Alzheimer's during the rest of their lives, compared with a 1 in 11 chance for men.

The tricky part is determining how much of the disparity is because of women's longevity or other factors.

"It is true that age is the greatest risk

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New guidelines back device for treating strokes

By Marlynn Marchione
Associated Press

Many stroke patients have a new treatment option — if they seek help fast enough to get it. New guidelines endorse using a removable stent to open clogged arteries causing a stroke.

The guidelines, issued Monday by the American Heart Association, are the first time the group has recommended a device for treating strokes, and it's the first new stroke treatment in two decades to win the group's strongest backing. The federal government no longer issues guidelines like these, so the Heart Association's advice clears the way for more doctors to offer the treatment.

"It is pretty exciting," and many patients will benefit if they seek help when symptoms first appear, said the head of the guidelines panel, Dr. William J. Powers, neurology chief at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

Most of the 800,000 strokes in the U.S. each year are caused by a blood clot lodged in the brain. The usual treatment is a clot-dissolving medicine called tPA, and it remains the first choice.

But the drug must be given within 4 1/2 hours after symptoms start, and most people don't seek help in time. The drug also fails to work in one or two of every four cases, Powers said.

The device is called a stent retriever. It's a tiny mesh cage that is pushed through a tube into a blood vessel and guided to the clot, like the stents long used to treat blocked heart arteries. But unlike heart stents, which are left in place to prop the artery open, brain stents trap the clot and are removed with it.

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Obituaries

Della Mildred Sanders

Della Mildred Sanders, 94, of Midland died June 29, 2015. Services will be held Thursday, July 2 at 2:00PM at the First United Methodist Church, Kermit, TX. Pastor Elinor Ruth Fowler officiating. Private Internment at Suggs Cemetery, Hearne, TX

Della Sanders was born on January 18, 1921 in Winters, Texas the fourth of six children of Robert and Floy Pearl Brewer.

She married Erwin Nunley on October 8, 1938 in Stanton, Texas. Together, they moved to Kermit, Texas and had a son, Darwin Nunley, on April 6, 1950. They moved to Hearne, TX in 1976.

After her first husband passed away, Della married James "Jim" Sanders on March 21, 1983 in Hearne, TX. They moved back to Kermit, Texas in 1983 and Della lived there the remainder of her life.

Della often worked as a bank teller, both in Kermit and Hearne. She was a lifelong member of the First United Methodist Church. Her greatest joys were her grandchildren and great grandchildren. She enjoyed visiting with friends on the telephone and solving crosswords. She always drove her cute little Mercury cars to the beauty salon every Thursday to get her hair done. Della often met friends at Jerrie's Cafe and the Huddle House for meals. She was a lady in all circumstances and will be missed.

She was preceded in death by two husbands, a son, and her siblings.

Survivors include her daughter-in-law, Jo Jan Nunley and two grandsons, Patrick Nunley and Spencer Nunley and great granddaughter, Maggie, all of Canyon, TX; a granddaughter, Scarlet Estlack and husband, Russell, and great grandsons Nathan and Daniel of Clarendon, TX; a stepdaughter, Sandy Emmerson and husband Mike of Kermit, TX; two step grandchildren, Lacey Bavousett and husband Brian and Mycah Glover and husband Matt and step great-granddaughter Emily, all of Midland, TX; and two nieces, Marilyn Jo Smith and Arvella Wade.

The family suggest memorials be made to the Suggs Cemetery Association in Hearne, TX or the Education Ministry of One Hope Church of Christ in Midland, TX.

Doris Amburgay Olgin

Doris Amburgay Olgin went to be with our Heavenly Father on Monday, June 29, 2015. She was born on September 15, 1945 in Marfa, TX to the late Anita Trejo Jimenez. She was raised and educated in Odessa, TX.

Doris met and later married Fernando Olgin on Valentine's Day in 1962. Doris had been a beautician for 25 years and had worked for various salons. She retired in the late 80's.

Doris was a loving wife, mother, and grandmother. She enjoyed bingo, thrift-store shopping and sitting outside smoking and drinking her tea. But most of all, she enjoyed spending time with her children and grandchildren. She will be missed greatly by all her family and friends. She was a member of Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church.

Doris was preceded in death by her mother, Anita Jimenez; a sister, Judith Bustamante; a brother-in-law, Freddy "Downtown" Orona and a granddaughter, Josilynn C. Ochoa Lopez.

She is survived by her loving husband, Fernando Olgin; two daughters, Samantha Olgin and Sonia Lopez all of Midland, TX; four sons, Donny Bonilla and Christopher Olgin both of Midland, TX, Michael Olgin of San Antonio, TX and Marcos Olgin of Odessa, TX; and her father, Concepcion "Chon" Jimenez of Odessa, TX. She is also survived by three sisters, Deanna Orona and Delfina Sanchez both of Odessa, TX and Wanda Warner of Zephyr, TX; two brothers, George Galindo of Odessa, TX and Concepcion Jimenez Jr. of Houston, TX; 7 grandchildren and 14 great grandchildren.

Visitation will be Wednesday, July 1st from 9:00am to 9:00pm at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel followed by a rosary at 7:00pm also at the chapel. Deacon Nacho Villa will conduct the rosary.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: pipkin@nts-online.net or you can visit our website at www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com

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James Hobbs

James "Jim" Hobbs, age 66, of Midland, TX, passed away on June 28, 2015 in Midland, TX.

Jim was born on June 1, 1949 to Homer Buel Hobbs and Ida Maxine Hodges Hobbs in Prairie Grove, AK. Shortly after, they moved to Portales, NM. He began working at a very early age for a rancher that hired him and two others to bust up some cement. The rancher left and told them to keep working. After he left, the two other boys went on break and told him to do the same but he kept working. The rancher snuck back on them and fired the other two on the spot. Clearly, this early experience formed Jim's work ethic.

He flagged airplanes in Portales for crop dusters and worked for Jessie Porter doing odd jobs at the farm if it got slow at the gas station. At the station, he fixed flats, did minor repairs and washed cars. Portales, NM is home to ENMU. Some college students drove very nice cars that they would bring to be washed. One kid brought a muscle car in to be washed and Jim washed it. Jim decided he needed to test drive it and he took it up and down the one-way street. Some frat guys saw him hot rodding the car and called the guy who owned the car who called Jessie at the gas station "I someone hot rodding my car out there?" the man said. By then Jim was back and his boss told him he had better go back to the farm and work for a week. By the 11th grade, he felt school had no more to offer with a wife and two kids, they moved to Texas to work in the oilfield. He worked various jobs until he found Curlys Machinery Shop in 1969. He found that he loved machining and the opportunity it brought. In 1981, he left Curlys and started JHobbs Machine Corp. The sense of family he felt at Curlys was the same atmosphere he created at JHobbs. One of his first hires had an alcohol problem. Jim paid for him to check into a rehab facility and after rehab, brought him back to work. While that did not work out, Jim has gone above and beyond the call of duty to take care of every person that ever walked through the door. JHobb is truly family.

In 1989, he married Sue. He and his wife Suzy moved to Texas and started a family. He went to work in the oilfield. Throughout that time, he obtained his pilot's license and a love for aviation and astronomy began. Many times friends and family would get a text saying the space station was flying over or a meteor shower would be visible that night. There was a period in his life where golf became an obsession. He had an amazing eye for architecture and detail. There was nothing he could not envision or build. While he let others slide, he demanded nothing less than perfection of himself. Even after his diagnosis, he continued working until three months ago.

His parents preceded him in death.

Jim is survived by his wife Sue Hobbs of Midland, TX; daughter, Tammy Black of Ruidoso, NM; son, Shane Hobbs and his wife Sheri of Midland, TX; daughter, Roxane Bock and her husband, Tim of Midland, TX; sister, Bobbie Dean Victor and her husband Bobby of Dora, NM; grandchildren, Alec Black, Zach Black, Maggie Black, Colton Bock, Brandon Bock, Lily Bock; great grandson, Aaron James Black; nephew, Dewayne Tucker and his wife Tanya of Portales, NM.

Visitation will be from 6-8 pm, Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at Sunset Funeral Home.

Funeral Services will be at 1:00 pm Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Sunset Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Dr. Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send family condolences please visit our website at www.sunsetodessa.com.

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Joseph Blunt Cumbest, Sr.

Joseph Blunt Cumbest Sr. (Joe) was born in Baltimore Maryland on January 22, 1942.

Joseph was married to Glenda Maydee Cumbest on July 2, 1961, and remained a devoted husband for 54 years.

Joe was employed at American Smelting and Refining Corporation for 41 years at both the Baltimore and Amarillo refineries. Joe had a passion for golf, woodworking and hunting. He demonstrated his passion for golf later in life by his active participation in the senior golf group at Hogan Park Golf Course, and marshalling at Hogan.

Joe also was an accomplished woodworker who designed, built, and made functional all wood clocks. Joe's life revolved around his devoted wife, children, and grandchildren. His grandchildren will miss their beloved Pop-Pop, and his children will miss their beloved father, counselor, and friend.

Joe was preceded in death by his parents, Elsie and Elias James Cumbest, and his sister Delores Velton.

Joe is survived by his loving wife and mother of his children Glenda, his three children Joseph Blunt Cumbest Jr. (Joey), James Hubert Cumbest (Jimmy), and Melissa Cumbest deKeratry (Missy). Joe is also survived by his older brother Elias James Cumbest Jr.; 9 grandchildren, Joseph Jr's Children; Cydney Marie Potter, Joseph Blunt Cumbest III (Trey), Erin Marie Cumbest, James's Children; James Hubert Cumbest Jr., Lacie Suzanne Cumbest, Dacie Breanne Cumbest, and Alexander Alvin Cumbest, and Melissa's children Lindsay deKeratry, and Meredith deKeratry.

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Lois Lorene Hemphill

Lois Lorene Hemphill was born June 11, 1926 in Pelham County, Texas to the late Burness and Ella Mae Caruthers. She was educated in Pelham, Texas, and moved to Midland in 1946.

She married Henry Lee Hemphill Oct. 16, 1947, in Midland. They had six children, two boys and four girls. She was a faithful and loyal servant to Hollowell United Methodist Church for 69 years. Serving 18 years as Senior Usher, and 22 years on the Common Steward Board, serving as President several years.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband Henry, two sons, Wilford and Paul, two brothers Houston and Cecil Caruthers, two sisters Aline Caruthers, and Jeanie Burns.

To Cherish her beautiful memories she leaves four daughters, Rose Norman, Diane Mosley, Gail Hemphill, and Linda Hemphill. Thirteen Grandchildren, Andre, Lentric, Eric,Terry, Nickie, Anthony, Cory, Steven,Cody, Kelsey, John, Josh, Joseph, and eight great grandchildren.

To futher cherish her memories, two nephews who were like sons to her, Wilber Burns, and Lewis Burns, two nieces like daughters, Earl (Dean) Cook, and Dorothy (Dot) Lusk, a God Daughter, Charline Hicks, one first cousin and best friend, Katherine Thomas, and many other nieces nephews, cousins, relatives and friends.

We will miss her loving and giving and kind ways. She always had an encouraging word. We will never forget the impression she made on us as an intelligent and humorous person, and genuine friend.

Viewing Wednesday Thomas Funeral Home 1-5 pm Funeral Service will be Thursday 11:00 am, Visionary Hollowell United Methodist Church, 400 S Marshall, burial in Serenity Memorial Gardens, Midland, Texas.

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Pansy Ruth Burrus Russell

Pansy Ruth Burrus Russell, 84, of Midland, Texas passed away after a hard fought battle with cancer.

Pansy was born in Cuthbert, Texas on March 3, 1931. She graduated from Midland High School. Pansy was married to Jack Russell on May 2, 1958. They were married 57 years.

Pansy worked at the Midland Reporter Telegram before working for Amico Oil and Production. She retired from Amico and then went to work for the City Attorney's office. She retired after twenty years.

Pansy is preceded in death by her parents. Pansy is survived by her husband Jack Russell, daughter Amanda Jones of Kaufman; grandchildren Cody and Lauren Jones of Kaufman; and son-in-law Kevin Jones of Kaufman.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Allison Cancer Center of Midland, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 79701.

Graveside services are scheduled for 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 2, at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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Pete S. Chavez

Pete S. Chavez 67, of Midland passed away on June 27, 2015. A rosary will be held June 30th at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home at 7:00pm. Funeral mass will be held at 10:00am on July 1st 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Following the service his body will be laid to rest at Fairview Cemetery.

Pete S. Chavez was born on February 23, 1948 in Artesia, New Mexico to Ramon and Ventura Chavez. He retired from Buckley Powder Company in 2014. He served the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War.

He is survived by his wife Erminia N. Chavez and his sons Pete Chavez Jr. and Robert Chavez and daughter RoseMarie Escamilla of Midland. Also surviving are 12 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren and his brothers, Raymond Chavez of Carlsbad, New Mexico, Johnny Chavez of Midland, Texas, Simon Chavez and Henry Chavez of Artesia, New Mexico and sister Nancy Olivas of Midland Texas.

He is preceded in death by his parents Ramon and Ventura Chavez, his infant son Javier Chavez and great granddaughter Arianna A. Chavez.

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

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William Malone

William H. "Bill" Malone stepped over the border of eternity on Monday, June 29, 2015. That journey began when he was "saved" as a young boy at Ceta Glen Christian Camp, near Happy, Texas.

Bill Malone was known as a football official, a banker, a golfer, and a friend of Bill Wilson.

Born January 11, 1931, in Plainview, Texas, Bill was the son of R.C. and Bessie May Malone. He was the seventh of nine children. He was raised in Plainview, except for the time his father was pastoring a church in Coolidge, the summer he hitchhiked to Kansas to work the wheat harvest, and the year he lived in Groesbeck with his older sister, Lucille, who was also his school teacher that year.

During the Korean War, he served our country in the United States Navy aboard the U.S.S. Everglades. He served for "3 years 7 months and 21 days," but who's counting? He learned that he could get an early discharge if he went back to school. He wrote Baylor University and 30 days later he was out of the Navy.

Bill's freshman year at Baylor, Skippy Clemens "pranced into English class wearing a yellow Athenian Sorority pledge dress." After courting her, working on Athenian homecoming floats, driving many times through Cameron Park and passing the David Clemens brother-in-law test, Bill and Skippy married in 1956. Bill and Skippy graduated from Baylor in 1957 and moved to Midland.

Bill worked for Texas Electric until a proposed transfer pointed him to Commercial Bank and Trust as Vice President of Public Relations. He is remembered by many as "the man who gave me my first loan." Bill earned a Master's degree in banking from SMU School of Business. As Commercial Bank merged with Texas American, Bill continued his career in banking and later worked for the FDIC.

While in the Navy, he was assigned to officiate a football game on a Caribbean island between the deck hands and the engineers. He was given a shore badge, a billy club and a whistle. That led to later officiating football in all parts of Texas before being tapped by the Western Athletics Conference.

He was named Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1963 and Midland Centennial Citizen in 1985. He served as President of Midland Jaycees, President of Downtown Lions, and Chairman of the United Way. He also served on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and was one of the founding trustees of Manor Park. He enjoyed volunteering as banker at the Lion's Pancake Breakfast and worked tirelessly for the Lion's eyeglasses recycling project.

Bill Malone was a longtime member of First Baptist Church and sang with the Faithful Men.

Bill is survived by his wife Skippy, son David and his wife Shannon, daughter Robin and her husband Jeff Darr, granddaughters Malone Sams and Elizabeth Darr, a brother Doyle Malone and his wife Jean, a sister Ann Chaddick and her husband Russ, two brothers-in-law Larry Carroll and David Clemens, and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his parents and his siblings; R.C. Malone, Orba Lee Malone, Dawson Malone, Lucille Bailey, Evelyn Wood, and Lecia Carroll.

The family will receive friends to celebrate Bill's life Wednesday, July 1st from 4:30-6:30 at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring.

A memorial service will be held Thursday, July 2nd at 10:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church, 2104 W Louisiana.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to Manor Park, the Paul Malone Scholarship fund at Baylor University, the R.C and Bessie Malone Scholarship at Wayland Baptist College, or the charity of your choice.

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

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Death Notices

Evelyn June Holcombe

Evelyn June Holcombe, 81, of Midland passed away on Monday, June 29, 2015 in Midland. Graveside services will be held on Friday, July 3, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her husband, Billy C. Holcombe; daughter, Tamara Webb.

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

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smartwatches, the screen goes dark to save battery.

Compromises: Pebble Time achieves amazing battery life by using a paper-like display that makes graphics and text look dull and fuzzy, as though generated by a dot-matrix printer from the 1980s. On a pedometer app, I couldn't tell whether I ran 6,350 or 8,350 steps. Unlike most other smartwatches, Pebble Time lacks a touch screen and a heart-rate monitor. Outside parties can make watch bands with heart rate and other sensors, but nothing's available yet.

The bottom line: The no-frills smartwatch feels like a toy, but it's also much cheaper than a $349-and-up Apple Watch. Pebble's silicone band feels flimsy, though you can buy better ones from outside parties. Pebble Time supports both iPhones and Android; some apps and features work with just one or the other.

ANDROID WEAR
($200 to $350, depending on the model; Android only)

Any manufacturer can make watches based on Android Wear. If Pebble's or Apple's rectangular designs aren't for you, you can get a round watch like Motorola's $250 Moto 360 or LG's $350 Watch Urbane. You can also get a model with built-in GPS like Sony's $250 SmartWatch 3 (though it's also rectangular). There are seven models so far, with more to come. Older models have steep discounts.

What's good: Android Wear puts the "smart" in smartwatches by anticipating your needs — weather, travel times and appointment reminders, based on what Google learns about you. Creepy, but useful — at least during the occasional times when Google anticipates correctly.

Compromises: Android Wear is highly dependent on voice commands. I get self-conscious speaking to a watch in public, and it doesn't work well in noisy environments. Apple Watch does require voice for extensive message replies, but there's a lot you can do through its touch screen and dial. A recent Android update makes it easier to launch apps and reach frequent contacts using the touch screen, but with more scrolling and tapping compared with Apple Watch.

The bottom line: It's getting there. The year-old Android Wear app store and user interface are just starting to catch up to what Apple Watch had in its first week.

SAMSUNG GEAR S ($300 to $384, plus $5 or $10 monthly service fee, depending on carrier; Android phones from Samsung only)

Samsung's latest smartwatch has a slick user interface and a vivid, curved screen. It's also huge.

What's good: Gear S stands out in having its own cellular connectivity, so you can do more when you leave your phone at home. It has built-in GPS, too, which makes tracking runs and bike rides more accurate. (Android Wear just started letting users get notifications over known Wi-Fi networks, but it's not as ubiquitous as cellular. Apple Watch also uses Wi-Fi, but only when it's on the same network as the phone.)

Compromises: Samsung shuns Android Wear, so apps need to be designed specifically for the watch. Many developers haven't bothered.

The bottom line: The Gear S is a third-generation smartwatch from Samsung. By now, I expect a robust app store. The hardware might be stunning, but that matters little without good apps to use it.

ASSAULT

From 1B

"The full burden of this tends to be missed because many national crime indicators either do not include the experience of all children or don't look at the big picture," he said.

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ALZHEIMER'S

From 1B

factor for developing Alzheimer's disease," said University of Southern California professor Roberta Diaz Brinton, who presented data on gender differences at a meeting of the National Institutes of Health this year.

But, she said, "on average, women live four or five years longer than men, and we know that Alzheimer's is a disease that starts 20 years before the diagnosis." That's how early cellular damage can quietly begin.

Brinton researches if menopause can be a tipping point that leaves certain women vulnerable.

However it starts brewing, there's some evidence that once Alzheimer's is diagnosed, women might worsen faster; scans show more rapid shrinkage of certain brain areas.

But gene research offers the most startling evidence of a sex difference.

Stanford University researchers analyzed records of more than 8,000 people for a form of a gene named ApoE-4, long known to increase Alzheimer's risk.

Women who carry a copy of that gene variant were about twice as likely to eventually develop Alzheimer's as women without the gene, while men's risk was only slightly increased, Stanford's Dr. Michael Greicius reported last year.

It's not clear why. It might be in how the gene interacts with estrogen, Brinton said.

Amy Shives, 57, of Spokane, Washington, recalls when her mother began showing symptoms of Alzheimer's. But it wasn't until after her own diagnosis a few years ago that Shives looked up the gender statistics.

"That was alarming," said Shives, who is in the early stages of Alzheimer's, which struck at a younger-than-usual age and forced her retirement as a college counselor. "The impact on our lives and that of our families is extraordinary."

She points to another disproportionate burden: About 60 percent of caregivers for Alzheimer's patients are women.

"My daughters are in their 20s and I'm already ill," Shives said. "It's very stressful for them to think about when their mother's going to need their help."

What drives the difference in Alzheimer's cases isn't clear, said Dr. Susan Resnick of the National Institutes of Health, pointing to conflicting research.

"We really have had a tough time understanding whether or not women really are more affected by the disease, or it's just that they live longer," Resnick said.

Data from the long-running Framingham, Massachusetts, health study suggested that because more men die from heart disease in middle age, those who survive past 65 might have healthier hearts that, in turn, provide some brain protection. Many of the same factors — obesity, high cholesterol, diabetes — that damage arteries also are Alzheimer's risks.

What about hormones? That's been hard to pin down. Years ago, a major study found that estrogen therapy after 65 might increase risk of dementia, although later research showed hormone replacement around the onset of menopause wasn't a problem.

Brinton studies how menopause changes the brain. Estrogen helps regulate the brain's metabolism, how it produces the energy for proper cognitive function, and it must switch to a less efficient backup method as estrogen plummets, she explained.

"It's like the brain is a little bit diabetic," said Brinton, who is studying whether that may relate to menopausal symptoms in women who later experience cognitive problems.

Carrillo notes that 40 years ago, heart disease was studied mainly in men, with little understanding of how women's heart risks can differ.

"How do we make sure we're not making that mistake when it comes to Alzheimer's?" she asked.

STROKES

From 1B

Earlier this year, several major studies found these devices dramatically cut the risk of death or disability in people whose clots persisted after treatment with tPA.

The guidelines say these patients now can be treated with a stent retriever if it can be done within six hours of symptom onset, they have a severe stroke caused by a clot in a large artery, and have brain imaging showing that at least half of the brain on the side of the stroke is not permanently damaged.

The benefit of stent retrievers beyond six hours, or for people not treated first with tPA, is unknown.

"We think it probably works in some of them but we just don't have the hard evidence" to recommend it, Powers said.

Where patients seek help matters. Only major stroke centers can do the technically difficult procedure with stent retrievers.

Two brands are sold in the U.S. — Trevo, made by Stryker Corp. of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Solitaire, made by Covidien, now part of Minneapolis-based Medtronic Inc.

Medtronic and Covidien help sponsor an American Heart Association/American Stroke Association program aimed at helping people recognize stroke symptoms — sudden onset of any of these: numbness or weakness on one side, severe headache with no known cause, confusion, and trouble walking, speaking or seeing.

But the companies had no role in shaping the guidelines. Two of the 19 experts involved in the guidelines have consulted for device makers.

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Trans fat Q&A: Things you need to know

By Lindsay Wise
McClatchy Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON — So long, trans fat.

Artificial trans fat is about to become much more scarce in the U.S. food supply now that the Food and Drug Administration has determined that its main source, partially hydrogenated oils, are not safe for human consumption.

The FDA announced recently that food manufacturers must stop using partially hydrogenated oils within three years.

Here's what you need to know:

Q: What is trans fat?

A: Trans fat occurs naturally in meat and dairy products, but artificial trans fat in processed foods can pose significant risks to human health, according to the FDA.

Artificial trans fat in the form of partially hydrogenated oils has been added to food since the 1950s as a cheap way to extend shelf life. It's commonly used in products such as ready-made frosting, microwave popcorn, frozen pizzas and pie crusts, non-dairy coffee creamer and margarine.

Some brands of breakfast bars, granola bars, pretzels, peanut butter, crackers, breads, kids' fruit snacks, graham crackers, whipped topping, cereal and ice cream cones also tend to contain trans fat.

Q: Why is trans fat bad for you?

A: Trans fat is the most dangerous kind of fat, according to the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a consumer advocacy group. It can stiffen your arteries and increase so-called "bad" cholesterol in your blood, raising the risk of heart disease.

Scientists have been aware of the threat for years: A Harvard School of Public Health study in the mid-1990s estimated that trans fat caused 50,000 premature heart-attack deaths annually.

Q: When does the ban take effect?

A: Food manufacturers will have until June 18, 2018, to rid their products of partially hydrogenated oils or petition the FDA to allow their use in specific circumstances approved by the agency.

To receive FDA approval, the manufacturers must demonstrate that their use of partially hydrogenated oils will have "a reasonable certainty" of causing no harm to consumers.

Q: Does this mean food products in the U.S. no longer will contain trans fat?

A: Not necessarily. The Grocery Manufacturers Association, which represents major food companies such as Kraft and Campbell Soup, already has indicated it intends to seek approval from the FDA for low-level use of partially hydrogenated oils.

The association said in a statement that its petition will show that low-level uses of partially hydrogenated oils are "as safe as the naturally occurring trans fat present in the normal diet."

Q: It's not 2018 yet. How do I know if my food contains artificial trans fat?

A: The FDA implemented a rule in 2006 that required all manufacturers to note the amount of trans fat in food products on the Nutrition Facts labels. Since then, many manufacturers and restaurants voluntarily reduced or eliminated the use of trans fat.

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Obese Americans now outnumber those who are merely overweight, study says

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

Americans have reached a weighty milestone: Adults who are obese now outnumber those who are merely overweight, according to a new report in the journal JAMA Internal Medicine.

A tally by researchers from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis estimated that 67.6 million Americans over the age of 25 were obese as of 2012, and an additional 65.2 million were overweight. Their count was based on data collected between 2007 and 2012 as part of the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, an ongoing study conducted by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The NHANES data included information on height and weight, which are used to calculate a person's body mass index. A BMI between 18.5 and 24.9 is considered normal. Someone with a BMI in the 25-to-29.9 range is considered overweight, and a BMI over 30 qualifies a person as obese.

Women were much more likely to be obese than overweight, with 37 percent of women in the former category and 30 percent in the latter. Altogether, 2 out every 3 women in the U.S. were above a normal weight.

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To lose weight, eating less tops exercising more

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One of my family's favorite shows is "The Biggest Loser." Although some viewers don't appreciate how it pushes people so hard to lose weight, the show probably inspires some overweight people to regain control of their lives.

But one of the most frustrating parts of the show, at least for me, is its overwhelming emphasis on exercise. Because when it comes to reaching a healthy weight, what you don't eat is much, much more important.

Think about it this way: If an overweight man is consuming 1,000 more calories than he is burning and wants to be in energy balance, he can do it by exercising. But exercise consumes far fewer calories than many people think. Thirty minutes of jogging or swimming laps might burn off 350 calories. Many people, fat or fit, can't keep up a strenuous 30-minute exercise regimen, day in and day out. They might exercise a few times a week, if that.

Or they could achieve the same calorie reduction by eliminating two 16-ounce sodas each day.

Proclamations that people need to be more active are ubiquitous in the media. The importance of exercise for proper weight management is reinforced when people bemoan the loss of gym class in schools as a cause of the obesity epidemic. Michelle Obama's Let's Move program places the focus on exercise as a critical component in combating excess weight and obesity.

Exercise has many benefits, but there are problems with relying on it to control weight. First, it's just not true that Americans, in general, aren't listening to calls for more activity. From 2001 to 2009, the percentage of people who were sufficiently physically active increased. But so did the percentage of Americans who were obese. The former did not prevent the latter.

Studies confirm this finding. A 2011 meta-analysis, a study of studies, looked at the relationship between physical activity and fat mass in children, and found that being active is probably not the key determinant in whether a child is at an unhealthy weight. In the adult population, interventional studies have difficulty showing that a physically active person is less likely to gain excess weight than a sedentary person. Further, studies of energy balance, and there are many of them, show that total energy expenditure and physical activity levels in developing and industrialized countries are similar, making activity and exercise unlikely to be the cause of differing obesity rates.

Moreover, exercise increases one's appetite. After all, when you burn off calories being active, your body will often signal you to replace them. Research confirms this. A 2012 systematic review of studies that looked at how people complied with exercise programs showed that over time, people wound up burning less energy with exercise than predicted and also increasing their caloric intake.

Other metabolic changes can negate the expected weight loss benefits of exercise over the long term. When you lose weight, metabolism often slows. Many people believe that exercise can counter or even reverse that trend. Research, however, shows that the resting metabolic rate in all dieters slows significantly, regardless of whether they exercise. This is why weight loss, which might seem easy when you start, becomes harder over time.

This isn't to say that exercise plays no role. There are many studies that show that adding exercise to diets can be beneficial.

A meta-analysis published last year found that, in the long term, behavioral weight management programs that combine exercise with diet can lead to more sustained weight loss over a year than diet alone. Over a six-month period, though, adding exercise made no difference.

All these interventions included dietary changes, and the added weight-loss benefit from activity was small. Far too many people, though, can manage to find an hour or more in their day to drive to the gym, exercise and then clean up afterward — but complain that there's just no time to cook or prepare a healthful, home-cooked meal. If they would spend just half the time they do exercising trying to make a difference in the kitchen, they'd most likely see much better results.

Many people think of dieting as a drastic and rigid change, with a high risk of putting the pounds back on. What is more likely to succeed is gradual change, made in a much more sustainable way.

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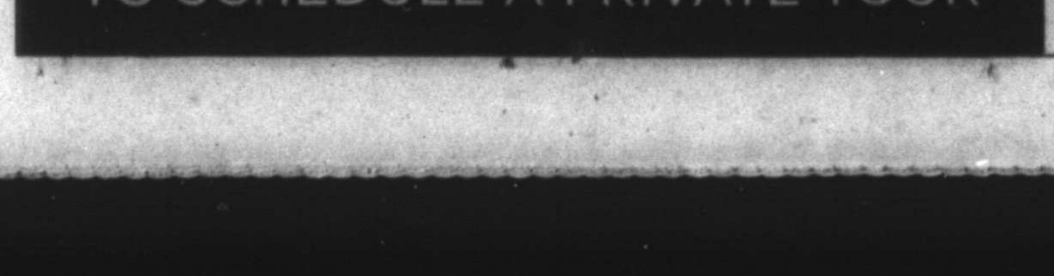

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FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 91 Low: 71

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 92 Low: 72

SUNDAY: Sunny High: 93 Low: 72

MONDAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 73

Local forecast

Rain is out of the forecast for the next week, according to the National Weather Service. Otherwise, expect below-average high temperatures through the weekend.

The record high for June 26 is 106 set in 1994. The record low is 56 set in 1982. The high on June 30 of last year was 99. The low was 76.

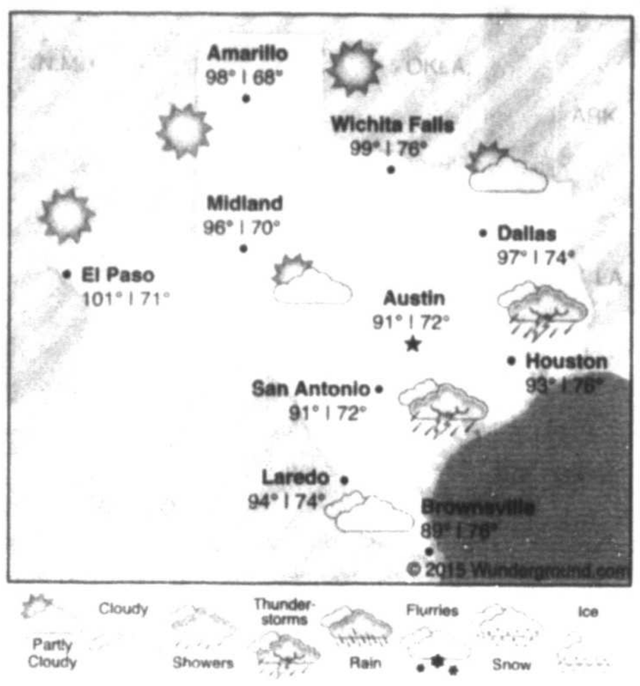
National forecast

Showers and thunderstorms are forecast from the Gulf Coast to the Ohio Valley, the Mid-Atlantic and Northern New England today. A few places may be hit with flash flooding, damaging winds and hail, as well as frequent lightning strikes. Warm and humid air from the Gulf of Mexico, ahead of a cool front, will help to produce the storms.

A bubble of dry and cooler air will float eastward across the Great Lakes region. The bubble is associated with a small area of high pressure.

Storms will dot the Plains, from Kansas and Missouri to the Dakotas and eastern Montana. These storms will occur following the high from the Great Lakes.

The West will be dry, sunny and very hot.



Precipitation

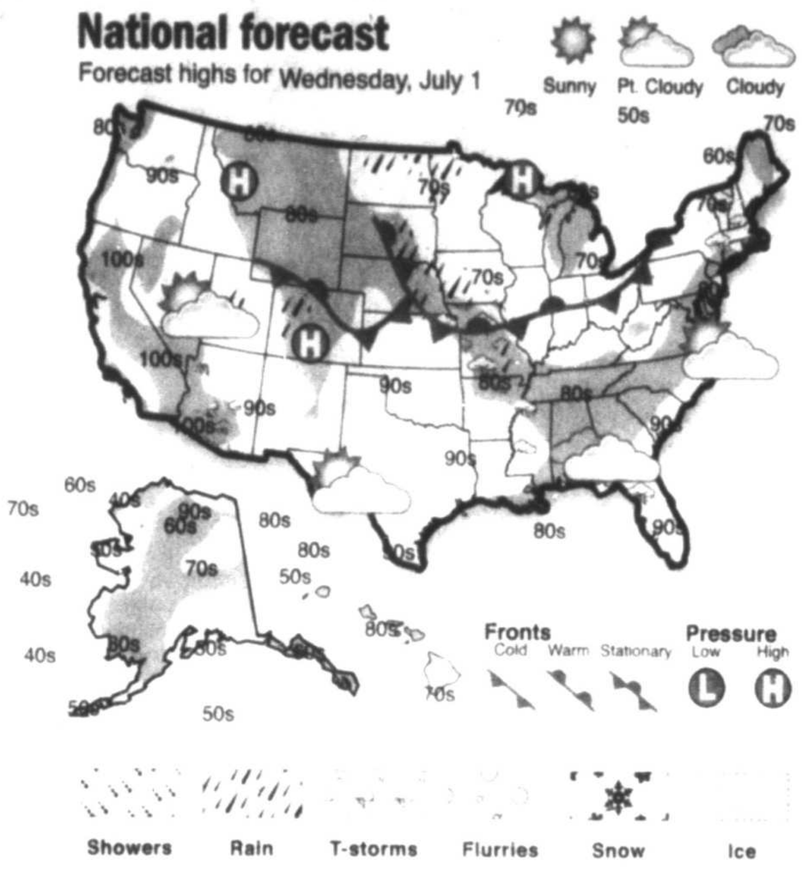
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	1.94 in.
Month total	3.29 in.
Year total	12.28 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.06 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	85
Low	63
Normal high	95
Normal low	69
Sunrise	6:46 a.m.
Sunset	8:59 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, July 1



Dear Abby

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Boyfriend's teen escapade should be regarded as past

DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for a little over two years. He recently mentioned that when he was younger (19), he had a threesome (two guys, one girl).

We are both over 35, so I realize this happened many years ago, but the fact that it was two guys is hard for me. I can't seem to get it out of my head. I keep seeing the images.

I try to tell myself my boyfriend is a different man today than the teen he was. I don't understand why it's bothering me so much. How can I find a way to get past this? Please give me some direction. — CAN'T GET IT OUT OF MY HEAD

DEAR CAN'T: I respect your boyfriend's honesty and openness. Because you can't get this out of your head, talk further with him about his youthful escapade. If your concern is that your boyfriend is interested in having sex with other men, ask him that question. It occurs to me that when two sex-crazed teenage boys found one willing girl, that they may not have been as interested in having sex with each other as they were with her.

DEAR ABBY: I am a tattooed female in my late 20s. When I started a job as a cook in an assisted-living facility a year ago, I was required to go through an orientation and the dress code was explained. When I asked about visible tattoos, the lady who ran the orientation was unsure if they were allowed to show and told me to ask my manager. My manager said she didn't know, but suggested I cover them anyway "just to be safe."

Since then, I have worn long-sleeved polo shirts with the sleeves rolled up. No one has commented about the sleeves. Since I went through that orientation, two girls have been hired who have ink on their arms. They wear short sleeves every day.

I'm wondering if I should just show up in short sleeves and risk someone saying something, email corporate and ask what the policy is, or ask our new executive director? Any thoughts? — TO COVER OR NOT TO COVER

DEAR T.C.O.N.T.C.: While displaying your tats may not be a problem considering that two other employees are showing theirs, your new executive director should be able to give you a definite answer to your question. And while you're at it, suggest that because there are now three employees with tattoos, the policy should be clearly stated in the employee handbook, which may be due for an update.

DEAR ABBY: My husband, "Brett," mistakenly used the dog's toothbrush from the bathroom cabinet. I had it in there with a bowl of homemade doggie toothpaste that I was trying on the dog. I didn't realize it until just now. Should I tell him? — QUIET SO FAR IN VERMONT

DEAR QUIET SO FAR: If I were you, I'd open my mouth and "SPEAK!" before your husband does it again. If he's grossed out, it will be no more so than the rest of us who read your letter. From now on, keep Rover's toothbrush in a different location.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Try the duck

Neither vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 8 7 4 2
♥ K
♦ K 9 7 6 2
♣ Q 9 5

WEST
♠ K 5
♥ Q J 7 2
♦ A 4 3
♣ 10 6 4 3

EAST
♠ 10 9 3
♥ 10 8 6 4 3
♦ J 10
♣ A 7 2

SOUTH
♠ A Q J 6
♥ A 9 5
♦ Q 8 5
♣ K J 8

The bidding:

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

Opening lead: Queen of ♦

North might have invited, rather than leaping to game, but South surely would have accepted and the same contract would have been reached.

South won the opening heart lead with dummy's king, and played a spade to his queen, losing to the king. West shifted to a low club, won by East, who returned the seven of clubs. Declarer won with his king and drew the outstanding trumps. This was followed by a club to dummy's queen and a low diamond, East playing the jack and South the queen.

Had West won the ace of diamonds and returned a diamond, South would have reasoned that East didn't have a singleton diamond, or he would have shifted to it after winning the ace of clubs. South would have risen with dummy's king, playing East for Jack-10 doubleton, and made his contract. This never happened, as West smoothly ducked his ace! East was now "marked" with the ace of diamonds, so declarer led a diamond to dummy's nine, losing to the 10, and the contract was defeated.

Opening leads are said to be the most difficult part of bridge. Any competent player who always found the "right" lead would move quickly to the top of the world rankings. This contract could have been defeated easily with a club lead and a diamond shift. The opening heart lead, however, was quite reasonable.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 1, 2015:

This year you often find that you are on the fence, defending an opinion or an action. If you jump off the fence, you can see how you can merge opposing ideas by focusing on the root of the issue. There will be a push and pull in relationships, and you will need to establish your boundaries and deal with issues like resentment and guilt when relating. You will appreciate the process when you look at the results. If you are single, you will meet someone of importance after August. Get ready! If you are attached, you will be sharing more of yourselves with each other. You also might act as if you are a couple who just fell in love. CAPRICORN tests your mettle.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You'll find that pressure builds no matter which way you turn. You know what is happening with an older relative, but others might not. Use your discretion here. Your fiery temperament goes a long way in getting a project done. Tonight: Juggle all your different possibilities.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could be far more tired than you realize when you wake up, but the Full Moon will energize you as the day goes on. Be careful with your choice of words, because you still might be a little off-kilter. Take a walk if need be. Tonight: Juggle friends, calls and conversations.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might not want to have a discussion with a close loved one about money or your long-term direction right now. If you try to fight city hall, the outcome could be explosive. Discuss the situation with someone you respect before mouthing off. Tonight: Go with the flow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ As a child of the Moon, handling a Full Moon will feel natural to you. You could be deciding how much you want to give in a relationship and what is too much. You might want to revise your opinion about a key person in your life. Detach if you can. Tonight: Easy works.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You could be taken aback by what is being placed on your shoulders. Others count on you. Still, a sense of frustration is likely to emerge. Perhaps you need to say "no" more often. Your resentment will lessen, and others will not take you for granted so easily. Tonight: Rest up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might be surprised by all the potential opportunities available to you. Your self-confidence is peaking. Use this moment to go for what you want, especially in the relationship realm. You might be juggling more than you can handle. Tonight: Add romance to the moment.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Stay anchored despite feeling pulled in two or three different directions. Remember your priorities. A matter involving real estate or your home life might emerge. You could feel somewhat overwhelmed. Tonight: Make it fun.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Communication seems to be overwhelming and conflicting. Do your best to avoid making decisions or passing judgment right now. Enjoy hearing from each person, but don't decide anything just yet; otherwise, someone at a distance could get angry. Tonight: Hang out.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You'll be in tune with others, but communicating could be challenging, especially if the topic is finances. You might witness tension around those to whom you are financially tied. Avoid any reactions for now. Tomorrow you will see the situation differently. Tonight: At home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ The Full Moon is focusing on you and what you want. Though it might sound delightful to be in the limelight, you might get some flak here. Maintain your sense of humor and head in the direction that feels right to you. A loved one will seek you out. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might be uncomfortable with today's Full Moon. Some of you could be depressed; others might be plotting an interesting scenario or project. Try not to take comments too personally. Know that everyone is under pressure right now. Tonight: Make it an early night.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might feel as if you are walking in a dream, as you seem to notice a haze surrounding your ideas. A friend will break through it and be able to share good news that will positively affect you. Be careful with an emotional involvement. No risks! Tonight: Join your friends.

BORN TODAY

Princess Diana (1961), actress Liv Tyler (1977), businesswoman Estee Lauder (1908)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Waterlogged lowlands
5 Iditarod, e.g.
9 Talmudic scholar
14 Bountiful place?
15 Tel Aviv airline
16 Wee hr.
17 *Place-setting piece
19 Stunned
20 Fenway Park and Wrigley Field
21 Sweet liqueurs
22 She, in San Remo
23 "Uptown Girl" songwriter
24 "Cats" monogram
27 *Inviolable, as rules
32 Early Talmudic scholar
34 Need to pay
35 Back in the day
36 Morning TV host replaced by Michael
37 Apr. addressee
38 Roper's target
39 __ upswing
40 London's Virgin __ Records
41 Raises an auction paddle for
42 *Rough-and-tumble
45 Heavy wts.
46 God of Spain
47 Lamb or Bacon, e.g.: Abbr.
49 Sporty Fords
52 Marriott rival
56 Speedy
57 *Statistical graph image
58 Start of a valentine message
59 S.A. country on the Pacific
60 Mezzanine, e.g.
61 Like Venus, to Serena
62 "__ Mommy kissing ..."
63 River of Spain

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1 Hubbub
2 California, par exemple
3 "The Lion King" lion
4 Protect from light
5 Firm no
6 10-time Gold Glove winner Roberto
7 National rentals
8 Deer family member
9 Laughed heartily
10 Type of cake made with egg whites
11 Roof support
12 When combined with 50-Down, this puzzle's game
13 Babysitters' challenges
18 Sink clutter
21 Ice cream parlor order
23 Shark flick
24 Beat
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26 "Pomp and Circumstance" composer
28 Greek column style
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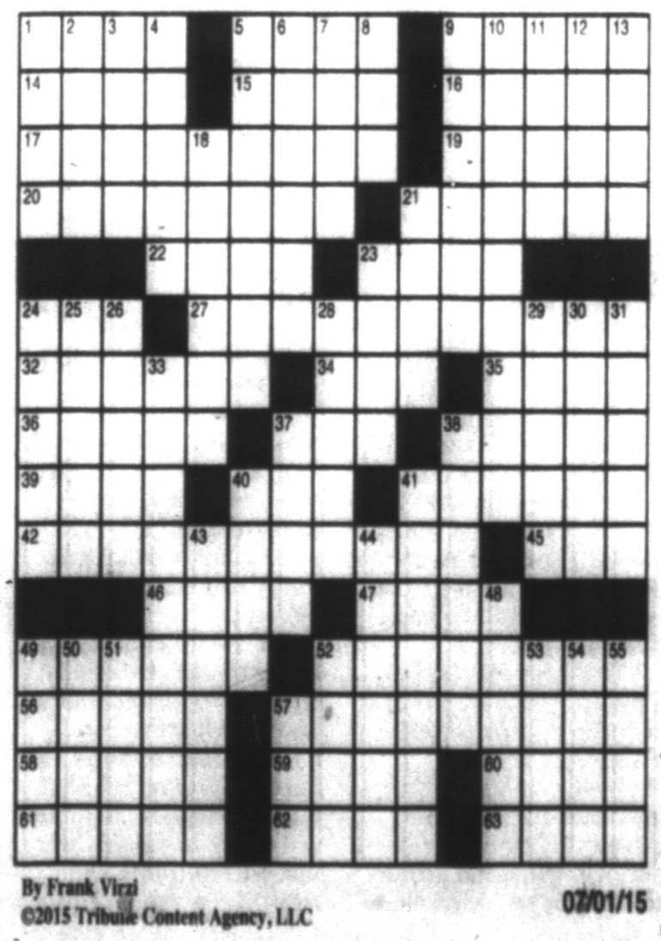

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In this March 2 photo, pharmacist Jenna Wright administers the Meningitis B vaccine to University of Oregon freshman Drew Russert during a mass vaccination clinic at Matthew Knight Arena in Eugene, Ore. after an outbreak of meningococcemia, resulting in the death of a student. On June 24, a federal panel gave a weak endorsement to two new expensive meningitis shots, declining to recommend the vaccines for all teens and leaving the decision to parents and doctors. Students already get another meningitis vaccine that protects against more common strains.

Panel gives weak endorsement of new meningitis vaccines

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A federal panel gave a weak endorsement June 24 to two expensive meningitis shots, declining to recommend that all teens get the vaccine and leaving the decision to parents and doctors.

At a meeting in Atlanta, the panel approved a half-measure that said older teens and young adults may get the shots — if they and their parents want to take that step.

That declaration is enough to greenlight insurance coverage of the new vaccines. It also might prompt some colleges to require freshmen to get the shots, some experts said.

The new vaccines protect against extremely rare B strain meningococcal disease — which comes on like the flu but can rapidly develop into dangerous meningitis or blood infections.

Vaccines against other strains of bacterial meningitis have been recommended for the past decade.

The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices voted 14-1 on the partial endorsement. Before the vote, panel members listened to pleas for a more forceful recommendation from more than a dozen tearful parents and siblings of children who died suddenly from the illness.

Several members cited uncertainties about how long the vaccine lasts, whether a booster will be needed, and how well it prevents spread of the disease. Some wanted more information on possible side effects.

"As we go into the future with more vaccines against rarer and rare diseases, we're not going to be able to recommend every vaccine for every person every time," said one panel member, Dr. Douglas Campos-Outcalt.

The nation sees only 50 to 60 cases of B-strain meningitis in teens and young adults each year. Small outbreaks on college campuses have drawn media attention, including outbreaks this year at the University of Oregon and at Providence College in Rhode Island.

Meningococcal (mehn-ihn-joh-KAHK'-ul) disease is caused by a bacteria spread by coughing, sneezing and kissing, and most cases occur in previously healthy children and young adults. College dormitories are considered potential launching pads for outbreaks.

Two B-strain vaccines for ages 10 to 25 were licensed in the U.S. recently: Bexsero, by GlaxoSmithKline, was approved in January. It's given in two doses, at a retail price of $160 a dose. Pfizer's Trumenba was licensed in October. That's a three-dose series at $115 a shot.

Doctors and insurers have been waiting to see if the panel would recommend them for all teens. At a meeting earlier this year, the panel said the vaccines should be used for outbreaks and for those at unusually high risk, but postponed voting on endorsing the shots for everyone.

Last week, the panel said the best time to get the shots is at ages 16 to 18.

The panel has generally avoided taking such a middle-of-the road endorsement stance, saying it may be confusing to doctors and families and misinterpreted as suggesting the vaccine is not important. But on Wednesday, they chose that option.

The panel's decisions are usually adopted by the government.

Million-dollar bills for hospital care surge

By Jim Landers
Dallas Morning News

The Affordable Care Act prohibited lifetime and annual limits on health insurance payouts beginning in 2014. It was a rule that affected 105 million Americans with health insurance.

Before that, the lifetime benefit in Texas had to be at least $3 million. That seems like plenty of cushion. But a new report from Sun Life Financial, the nation's largest "stop-loss" health insurer, makes plain that million-dollar hospital bills are not as rare as they used to be.

Sun Life specializes in covering self-insured companies against catastrophic losses. When someone has a severe injury or illness requiring a long hospitalization, the bills add up quickly. Anything beyond $175,000 is generally considered a catastrophic claim, though for some companies it's a lot less than that. Employers turn in such cases to a second line of insurance defense for help (to "stop the losses"). That's what Sun Life offers.

The Affordable Care Act phased out lifetime and annual health insurance limits between 2010 and 2014. During that period, the number of million-dollar plus claims reaching Sun Life went up 68 percent. Claims exceeding $2 million more than doubled.

"That certainly shows a pretty telling trend for very large catastrophic claims," said Brad Nieland, Sun Life's vice president for stop-loss claims. "Certainly, it is our belief that the provision under the Affordable Care Act that requires employers to provide unlimited benefits has had an impact."

These big claims are hospital bills. When there were lifetime caps on benefits, a patient caught in one of these hospital stays could be in considerable financial peril when the benefit ran out. Sometimes, bankruptcy followed.

From the hospital's perspective, there was considerable uncertainty about whether those bills would get paid.

Cancer care

Not anymore. Now that there's no ceiling on benefits for treatment of critical conditions, insurers (or, typically, self-insured employers) have to pay.

The leading cause of these catastrophic care episodes is cancer care. Between 2011 and 2014, Sun Life paid out $536 million for cancer patients.

Next was end-stage kidney failure or renal disease, a condition that typically leads to intensive dialysis treatment. The average patient goes through $368,000 a year in care.

Birth defects and premature births took the next two spots.

Organ transplants remain hugely expensive. The average cost of care for a heart transplant is about $550,000. A bone marrow-stem cell transplant runs about $475,000.

The billed charges are much higher. Hospitals' charges are often almost double what insurers will reimburse. Sun Life handled claims for $8.3 billion between 2011 and 2014, but payments were just $4.8 billion. The stop-loss portion of those claim payments was $2.1 billion, while employers typically picked up the difference.

Drug costs

Why do these cases cost so much? Nieland didn't offer much insight.

"We don't negotiate directly with the hospitals. We don't see all of that day to day," he said.

But the report does highlight large payments for cancer drugs. The average cost for newer medications treating advanced cancers exceeds $10,000 a month.

Even insured patients can be in for a shock with these prices. Deductibles and co-payments of thousands of dollars are getting commonplace.

On Monday, the American Society of Clinical Oncologists issued a draft rating system to help doctors and patients determine the best value in cancer treatments. Drugs are rated on effectiveness, toxicity and the length of time between treatments. A numerical score is assessed, ranging from 0 to 130. Set against that is the cost of the medication, both to the insurer and the patient.

"People with cancer are about 2.5 times more likely to face bankruptcy than people without," said Dr. Richard Schilsky, the society's chief medical officer. "In 2013, a study of cancer patients found cost concerns led to lower compliance with medication. Twenty percent said they took less medicine than they were prescribed. ... Twenty-four percent avoided filling prescriptions altogether."

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Not expanding Medicaid can cost local taxpayers

By Michael Ollove
Stateline.org

DALLAS — Dallas County property owners paid more than $467 million in taxes last year to Parkland Health and Hospital System, the county's only public hospital, to provide medical care to the poor and uninsured.

Their tax burden likely would have been lower if the state of Texas had elected to expand Medicaid, the federal-state health insurance program for low-income people. If more low-income patients at Parkland had been covered by Medicaid, then federal and state taxpayers would have picked up more of the costs.

Elsewhere in Texas and in most of the 20 other states that have chosen not to expand Medicaid, residents pay local taxes to help support hospitals that care for uninsured people. On top of that, they pay a portion of the federal taxes that help subsidize Medicaid in the 29 states and District of Columbia that did expand the program to cover more people — places where residents can expect to see lower local taxes as more people become insured.

"Taxpayers (in non-expansion states) are not going to get off the hook any time soon," said Linda Quick, president of South Florida Hospital and Healthcare Association. Florida is one of the non-expansion states where localities pay property taxes to support indigent care.

Under the Affordable Care Act, and a subsequent U.S. Supreme Court decision, states have the option of extending Medicaid eligibility to all non-elderly adults who make less than 138 percent of the poverty line (an annual income of less than $16,242 for an individual). For the first three years, the federal government will pay 100 percent of the costs associated with new enrollees. After that, the federal share gradually declines until it reaches 90 percent in 2020 and beyond.

Nationwide, the cost of caring for uninsured people in non-expansion states between now and 2024 is projected to reach $266 billion if no new states decide to expand Medicaid, according to a report in April from the Kaiser Family Foundation. If all states decided to expand, that cost would drop by a third.

The Urban Institute reported in a study for the Kaiser Family Foundation that states and localities spent nearly $20 billion for uncompensated care in the United States in 2013. The federal government paid $33 billion and the private sector $700 million.

Medicaid expansion

Source: Stateline research
Graphic: Pew Charitable Trusts/TNS

Last year, Texas hospitals spent $5.5 billion for uncompensated care, according to the Texas Hospital Association. The federal government reimbursed hospitals for part of that cost through a $1 billion-a-year Medicaid subsidy known as the Disproportionate Share Hospital Allotments or DSH. As part of the Affordable Care Act, the DSH program will be sharply reduced starting in 2018. A recent Health Affairs article projected that Texas hospitals could see a 20 percent drop in DSH payments in the first year.

Lance Lunsford, a vice president with the Texas Hospital Association, said without that federal money, residents would have to foot the bill in the form of higher insurance premiums and, in jurisdictions with public hospitals like Dallas County, higher taxes. "Hospitals have no choice but to limit their exposure," he said. "That means cost-shifting to consumers and taxpayers."

Texas also receives $29 billion through a five-year Medicaid demonstration program, with about half of that money going to care for the uninsured. That program expires next year and the state is negotiating with the federal government over its renewal. The Obama Administration made it clear in April that it prefers Texas insure more people by expanding Medicaid than continuing to reimburse hospitals that serve the uninsured.

Despite that, the Texas Legislature ended its session earlier this month with no action on Medicaid expansion. If the federal government withholds funding for hospitals, local taxpayers will likely have to make up the difference.

"If you have the federal funding source going away, the money has to come from somewhere. These people aren't going away," said Teresa Coughlin, a senior fellow at the Urban Institute.

Gov. Greg Abbott, a Republican, and the heavily Republican Texas Legislature remain opposed to Medicaid expansion.

Abbott calls Medicaid, "an already broken and bloated ... program." In March, members of the Republican Senate caucus wrote to President Barack Obama reiterating their opposition to expansion. They noted that the "Texas Medicaid program has grown from 11 percent of the state budget in 1987 to 29 percent in 2015," a trajectory they labeled "clearly unsustainable."

The senators urged the Obama administration to grant the state more flexibility to control spending in Medicaid as it currently operates in the state. They asked that the state be able to impose work requirements on recipients, introduce "personal accountability requirements" such as cost-sharing, fees for missed appointments, the creation of health savings accounts, and the use of asset testing to determine eligibility for the program.

The decision not to expand has left Texas with more uninsured people than any other state: 1.7 million non-elderly adults. Texas also has the highest rate, 28 percent, of uninsured non-elderly adults.

The Urban Institute estimated that if Texas had expanded Medicaid in 2014, over the next 10 years it would have spent $5.7 billion as its share of Medicaid expenses for the newly eligible population, while drawing down nearly $66 billion in matching federal Medicaid funds.

The decision also means a continued tax burden for local citizens, including those in Dallas County. "Our taxpayers pay more to Parkland for uncompensated care than for all of our other services combined," said Dallas County Judge Clay Lewis Jenkins, who presides over the five-member commission that governs the county. "It is also the fastest growing budget item."

Jenkins, a Democrat, is among the highest profile politicians in the state to champion the case for expanding Medicaid, saying it would bring relief to county taxpayers by reducing what the county pays for uncompensated care.

Dallas County estimates that expansion would have extended Medicaid eligibility to an additional 133,000 county residents and would have brought an additional $580 million in Medicaid reimbursement. That money would not have eliminated all expenditures for uncompensated care because some, including undocumented workers, would remain uninsured.

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Josh Hamilton activated from DL by Rangers

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Josh Hamilton is back on the Texas Rangers' 25-man roster, eager to jump-start a season that has been marred by injury.

The 34-year-old slugger was activated from the 15-day disabled list Tuesday and put in the starting lineup against the Baltimore Orioles.

Hamilton was sidelined since May 31 with a strained left hamstring. Earlier this season, while with the Los Angeles Angels, he languished on the DL recovering from shoulder surgery.

He has played in only seven games this season, batting .273 with two homers and five RBIs. In his return, Hamilton was fifth in the lineup and in left field.

"I feel good," Hamilton said. "I'm excited about playing today. I took early BP to knock some of the dust off. It felt good. I'm just trying to get back into a routine."

He isn't 100 percent healthy, but he hopes to be there soon.

"I just want to be myself," Hamilton said. "I want to have fun and be myself. I'll have some good days and be able to contribute to help my team win. I'm not going to play good all the time ... but I can still be a presence and encourage my teammates and have fun and play."

Texas made room for Hamilton on the 25-man roster by optioning rookie Joey Gallo to Triple-A Round Rock. The 21-year-old Gallo had his contract purchased from Double-A Frisco on June 2 and hit .218 with five home runs and 13 RBIs over 25 games in his major league debut.

The third baseman/outfielder ended his stint with a 7-for-47 skid that included 27 strikeouts.

"It was a tremendously good experience just to be up here and kind of just see what the big league life is and face the pitchers that we faced," Gallo said. "I had some success and I had some failures. I kind of experienced both things."

Please see **HAMILTON**/3C

Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Josh Hamilton comes out of the batting cage during a workout before a game against the Oakland Athletics in Arlington on June 23.

Team USA advances

Associated Press

United States' Carli Lloyd (10) celebrates with teammates Ali Krieger (11) and Morgan Brian after scoring on a penalty kick against Germany during the second half of a semifinal in the Women's World Cup tournament, on Tuesday in Montreal, Canada.

US heads to World Cup final with win over Germany

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

United States	2
Germany	0

MONTREAL — Carli Lloyd buried a penalty kick, Hope Solo got another shutout and the United States beat top-ranked Germany 2-0 on Tuesday night to advance to the title match at the Women's World Cup.

Lloyd's penalty kick in the 69th minute went into the right side of the goal less than 10 minutes after Celia Sasic shot wide on a penalty kick for Germany.

"Just slotted it home. I knew what I had to do," Lloyd said.

Solo has posted five straight shutouts for the United States in the tournament. Kelley O'Hara came in off the bench and scored in the 85th minute, delighting the pro-American crowd.

The second-ranked United States will play the winner of Wednesday night's match in Edmonton between defending champion Japan, ranked No. 4, and sixth-ranked England. The final is set for Sunday at Vancouver's BC Place.

"It's a dream come true," Lloyd said. "This is what we trained for."

It was the fourth World Cup meeting between Germany and the U.S. In each of the first three games, the winner went on to win the title.

The marquee matchup led to lines of fans waiting to get in about three hours before the game. The line for the main souvenir stand snaked up a half-dozen ramps to the building's third level at one point.

The stadium built for the 1976 Olympics, where the East German men won the gold medal, was filled nearly to its blue fabric roof, mostly with fans cheering for the United States. The crowd was announced at 51,176.

Previous games in Montreal had the stadium less than half full, with the upper bowl completely empty.

The United States had several good chances from the start. Julie Johnston missed on a header off a corner kick from Megan Rapinoe, and Alex Morgan's breakaway in the 15th minute was stopped by goaltender Nadine Angerer.

There was a scary moment in the first half when Germany's Alexandra Popp and American midfielder Morgan Brian collided in front of the U.S. goal following a free kick from about 25 yards out.

Television cameras caught blood in Popp's hair, and Brian was prone on the field for several minutes. Both players returned to the match.

After a scoreless first half, Lloyd had a header bounce inches wide to open the second.

Please see **US**/2C

TL North drops South with five runs in last two innings

TL North	9
TL South	4

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — The North All-Stars scored five unanswered runs in the last two innings to defeat the South All-Stars, 9-4, in the Texas League All-Star game played Tuesday night at Whatburger Field.

Six RockHounds started for the South All-Stars: Ryon Healy at third base, Colin Walsh at second, Matt Olson as the designated hitter, Chad Pinder at shortstop, Chad Oberacker in right field and Carson Blair at catcher.

Healy

Oberacker

After San Antonio's Travis Jankowski gave the South a 1-0 lead with a solo home run in the first inning, Healy led off the second inning with a home run to left center field for a 2-0 advantage. Healy's homer traveled 412 feet.

But the North battled back with single runs in the third and fourth to tie the game at 2. Then the North took a 4-2 lead in the top of the fifth behind a two-run single by Springfield's Charlie Tilson.

The South then answered with two runs in the bottom of the fifth and a few RockHounds were key in tying the game up.

Pinder led off with a walk then Oberacker doubled to put two runners in scoring position. Blair then brought the South to within 4-3 when he lifted a sacrifice fly to left field. A wild pitch by Albert Suarez then brought Oberacker home to tie the game at 4.

But the North responded in a big way as Northwest Arkansas' Jorge Bonifacio broke the tie with a two-run home run to left off Tayron Guerrero.

The North then put the game away with three runs in the ninth thanks in part to three walks and a hit batter by the South bullpen.

The North out-hit the South 12-4 as Tilson was 3-for-5 with three RBI, while Northwest Arkansas' Balbino Fuenmayor was also 3-for-5. Arkansas' Brian Hernandez added two hits for the North.

Jankowski led the South by going 2-for-4 with home run, triple, an RBI and a run scored. Healy (1-2) and Oberacker (1-3) were the only other South All-Stars to get a hit on the night.

Walsh and Olson each went 0-for-4, while Blair went hitless in his only official at-bat.

RockHounds pitcher Ryan Dull pitched a scoreless sixth inning in his appearance. Fellow RockHound pitcher Nate Long did not get in the game.

RockHounds Olson and Walsh participated in the home run derby prior to the game. Olson finished with two home runs, while Walsh was shut out in the competition. Corpus Christi's Tyler White won the contest with seven homers.

The Texas League resumes second half play on Thursday as the RockHounds return home to play the Arkansas Travelers.

More baseball

Be sure to check out the coverage of the Texas Rangers, Houston Astros and the rest of the MLB.

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Bouchard, Halep lose Wimbledon openers

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — A year ago at Wimbledon, Eugenie Bouchard and Simona Halep met in a semifinal showcasing two of tennis' up-and-coming stars.

Bouchard was only 20, Halep 22. Bouchard won that matchup to reach a Grand Slam final in the sixth major tournament of her career, a month after Halep was the runner-up at the French Open.

Back at the All England Club on Tuesday, both women lost in the first round to opponents ranked outside the top 100. For Bouchard, also a semifinalist at the Australian Open and French Open in 2014, it was the latest setback in a season full of them, including 12 losses in her past 14 matches.

"It's been a huge learning process to have great results and then have, you know, so much attention, then have bad results, just learning about the ups and downs of life and tennis, how things won't always go perfectly, like I expect them to," said Bouchard, who said a torn abdominal muscle limited her practice time leading into the match.

"I'm always trying to keep the belief and stay true to myself and do what I need to do to become as good as I know I can be. So it's really just been kind of eye-opening, a learning experience," she added, resting her chin on her right hand, then added with a laugh: "But I'm good for the learning experience to be over now."

Her 7-6 (3), 6-4 exit against 117th-ranked qualifier Duan Ying-Ying of China made the 12th-seeded Bouchard the first Wimbledon finalist to lose her opening match at the grass-court Grand Slam tournament the following year since Steffi Graf in 1994.

The No. 3-seeded Halep was treated by a trainer for a lost toenail late in the first set of what would become a 5-7, 6-4, 6-3 defeat against 106th-ranked Jana Cepelova of Slovakia.

Please see **WIMBLEDON**/4C

Associated Press

Simona Halep sits in her seat after losing a service game to Jana Cepelova during the singles first round match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, on Tuesday.

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
TL North 9, TL South 4

THURSDAY'S GAME
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ON THE AIR

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AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
Sydney Swans vs. Port Adelaide Power, 4 a.m., FOX-SOC+

GOLF
PGA Professional National Championship, Final Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
European PGA: Alstom Open de France, 1st Round, 3:30 a.m., GOLF

MLB
NY Yankees at LA Angels, 6 p.m., ESPN/ESPNDEP
Texas at Baltimore, 6 p.m., FSSW
Kansas City at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER
Brazil: Gremio vs. Cruzeiro, 8 p.m., GolTV
Friendly: Mexico vs. Honduras, 8:20 p.m., ESPN2/UDN

SOFTBALL
Fireworks National Power Showdown, 5 p.m., CBSSN
Fireworks All-American Game, 7:30 p.m., CBSSN

TENNIS
Wimbledon, Day 3, 6 a.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S SOCCER
WWC Semi: #4 Japan vs. #6 England, 6 p.m., FS1/NBCU

ON RADIO

MLB
Texas at Baltimore, 6 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

MC BASKETBALL

CHAPS SIGN 2 PLAYERS FOR 2015-16 SEASON

Midland College men's basketball coach Jordan Dreiling announced the signings of point guard James McPherson and guard/forward Jalen McGaughy to letters-of-intent for the upcoming season.

Both players are sophomore transfers from Southwest Tennessee Community College, which went 24-4 last season.

McGaughy is 6-foot-11 and is originally from Ann Arbor, Michigan. He averaged 7.5 points 2.5 rebounds, 0.8 blocks and 14.1 minutes per game last season.

The 5-11 McPherson is also from Ann Arbor, Michigan, and averaged 2.2 points, 2.5 assists, and 10 minutes per game for the Saluqis.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned LHP T J McFarland to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with OFs Andrew Benintendi and Tyler Spoon. Cs Astom Reo and Andrew Novaello and LHP Bobby Poyner.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Toru Murata to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Agreed to terms with SS Alberto Gonzalez on a minor league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Sent RHP Kris Medlen to Omaha (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned 3B Kyle Kubitza to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled 1B C J Cron from Salt Lake. Agreed to terms with RHP Aaron Rhodes on a minor league contract.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent OF Jacoby Ellsbury to Tampa (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Recalled RHP Chris Bassitt from Nashville (PCL).
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Signed OF Garrett Whitley to a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Reinstated OF Josh Hamilton from the 15-day DL. Optioned 3B-OF Joey Gallo to Round Rock (PCL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with SS Angel Perez on a minor league contract.
CHICAGO CUBS — Sent OF Jorge Soler to Iowa (PCL) for a rehab assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Optioned OF Chris Dominguez to Louisville (IL).
NEW YORK METS — Activated INF Daniel Murphy from the 15-day DL. Optioned 2B Dilson Herrera to Las Vegas (PCL).
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Optioned RHP Severino Gonzalez to Lehigh Valley (IL). Assigned RHP Ethan Martin outright to Reading (EL). Added Jorge Velandia to the coaching staff.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Agreed to terms with LHP Daniel Zamora on a minor league contract and assigned him to West Virginia (NYP).
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Recalled INF Jedd Gyorko from El Paso (PCL). Placed INF Cory Spangenberg on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 29.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Designated INF Casey McGehee for assignment. Purchased the contract of INF Ehire Adrianza from Sacramento (PCL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed RHP Matt Belisle on the 15-day DL, retroactive to June 28. Purchased the contract of RHP Marcus Hatley from Memphis (PCL). Transferred RHP Jordan Walden from the 15- to the 60-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Optioned INF Wilmer Difo to Harrisburg (EL).
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed LHP Ryan Bonnot.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed RHP Jesus Colome.
LAREDO LEMURS — Released LHP Kevin Brandt.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released RHP Byron Minnich.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed OF Trevor Jones.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed LHP J C Romero. Traded RHP Mark Rogers to Bridgeport for future considerations.
Can-Am League
OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Signed INF/OF Albert Cartwright.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Scott Movel.
Frontier League
FRONTIER GREYS — Released INF Jose Sermo.
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed RHP Donny Murray.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Signed RHP Cole Brocker and C Aaron Wright. Released RHP Johnny Fagasua.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released OF Garrett Gordon.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
ATLANTA HAWKS — Promoted Mike Budenholzer to president of basketball operations in addition to his duties as coach and Wes Wilcox to general manager. F-C Pero Antic signed a two-year contract with Fenerbahce (Euroleague).
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS — Announced F Mike Miller exercised his player option for the 2015-16 season.
OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Traded G Luke Ridnour and cash to Toronto Raptors for a trade exception and the rights to F Tomislav Zubcic.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed DT Jerris Pendleton.
Canadian Football League
CFL — Fined Hamilton's Jonathan Langa an undisclosed amount for an unnecessary hit on an opponent during a June 26 game against Calgary.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ANAHEIM DUCKS — Acquired D Kevin Bieksa from Vancouver for a 2016 second-round draft pick. Named Paul MacLean assistant hockey coach.
ARIZONA COYOTES — Acquired C Boyd Gordon from Edmonton for F Lauri Korpikoski.
CALGARY FLAMES — Signed D Dougie Hamilton to a six-year contract. Named Dominic Pitts assistant coach for Stockton (AHL).
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Placed F Alexander Semin on unconditional waivers.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with G Michael Leighton on a one-year contract extension. Acquired Fs Artem Anisimov, Marko Dano, Jeremy Morin and Corey Tropp and a 2016 fourth-round draft pick from Columbus for Fs Alex Broadhurst and Brandon Saad and D Michael Paliotta.
DETROIT RED WINGS — Re-signed D Brendan Smith to a two-year contract.
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Agreed to terms with F Brian Flynn on a two-year contract.
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Named Scott Clemmensen goaltending development coach.
NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with F Anders Lee on a four-year contract.
SAN JOSE SHARKS — Acquired G Martin Jones from Boston for a 2016 first-round pick and F Sean Kuraly.
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING — Re-signed F Mike Angelidis to a one-year contract.
WINNIPEG JETS — Signed RW Drew Stafford to a two-year contract. Named Zach Peters communications coordinator.
American Hockey League
CHARLOTTE CHECKERS — Signed LW Kyle Hagel.
ECHL
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with D Jake Rutt.
READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with D Jordan Heywood.

COLLEGE
BIRMINGHAM-SOUTHERN — Named Maisie Ellston women's assistant basketball coach.
DUQUESNE — Signed men's basketball coach Jim Ferry to a contract extension.
GEORGIA — Named Petros Kyprianou track and field & cross country coach.
HIGH POINT — Named Lori Drake women's assistant basketball coach.
LIPSCOMB — Named Sean Rutigliano men's assistant basketball coach.
MARYLAND — Signed football coach Randy Edsall to a three-year contract extension through 2019.
NIAGARA — Named Jada Pierce women's basketball coach.
ST. JOHN'S — Named Joseph Oliva interim athletic director.
TEMPLE — Named Craig Angelos deputy director of athletics.
TEXAS — Named Howard Joffe women's tennis coach.
TROY — Named Neil Harrow women's assistant basketball coach.
WEST ALABAMA — Named Joe Boyd strength and conditioning coach.
WINSTON-SALEM STATE — Named Andrew Brown men's assistant basketball coach.

Ali Krieger gives US team insight into Germany

By Anne M. Peterson
Associated Press

MONTREAL — The Germans are going to have to be vigilant about giving too much away with their on-field chatter on Tuesday night. Defender Ali Krieger will be listening.

Top-ranked Germany faces the United States in the semifinals at the Women's World Cup at Olympic Stadium in Montreal.

Krieger is fluent in German, stemming from a long stint with FFC Frankfurt of the first division women's Bundesliga. She also knows many of the team's players and is familiar with their play.

"Germany is where I had to become a true professional," Krieger said. "They play in big games when they are young. We could model some of our soccer system after what they do."

That makes Germany a tough opponent.

"They're very good one-v-one attacking," Krieger said. "They can shoot from anywhere. And they're very good in the air."

Midfielder Morgan Brian was on the team that lost to Germany in the group stage of the under-20 Women's World Cup, but came back to beat the Germans in the final. Some of the players she faced are now with the German national team.

"It takes an organized team to defend Germany," Brian said. "They're so good on the ball, and in tight spaces."

Germany has a lot to prove: Not only is the team seeking its third World Cup title and first since 2007, but the Germans are still stinging from failing to make the final four years ago at home. The United States has also won two World Cup titles, but its last was in 1999.

"Every tournament's different. Obviously, we're just concerned about this game and winning and being successful and beating the best team in the world," Krieger said.

NO CANADA!: Canada's dream of a world championship at home ended the same way that the past two World Cup hosts' dreams did: a quarterfinal loss.

Coach John Herdman and his crushed players had the weekend to lament their 2-1 loss to England in Vancouver, British Columbia, keeping them out of a semifinal matchup with Japan on Canada Day.

"We could just cry, eh?" Herdman said. "You win this, you've got a real shot to go all the way through. ... I'm proud of my girls. They give you everything, and it just wasn't good enough tonight."

Canada followed China's 2007 team and Germany's 2003 entry, which both also lost in the quarterfinals of their home World Cups. The 1999 U.S. team is the last World Cup host to win it all.

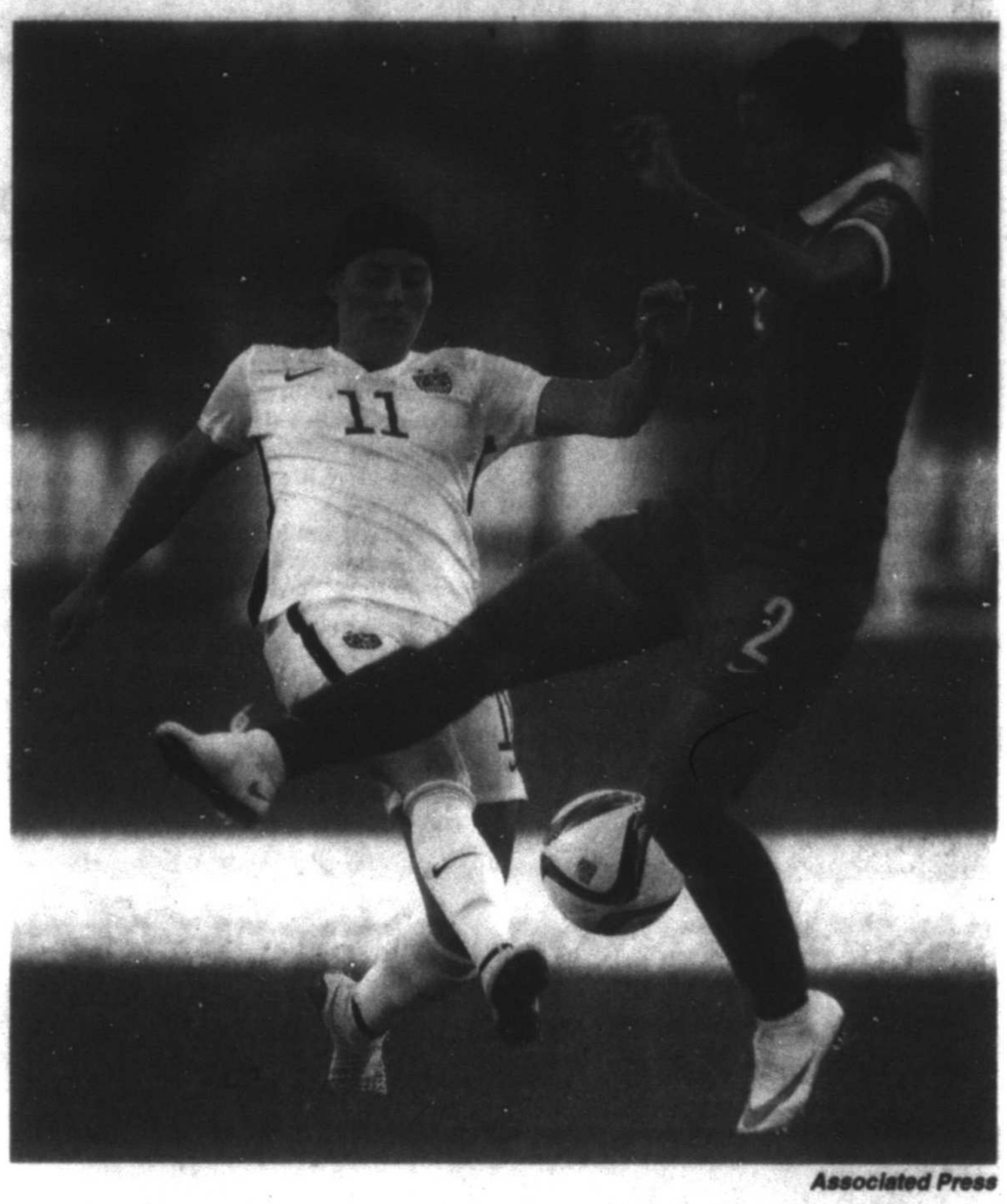
Herdman refused to single out Lauren Sesselmann, whose turnover led to England's first goal. The coach also blamed himself for matching defender Allysha Chapman, who played with an injured oblique muscle, against the taller Lucy Bronze on her header for England's second goal.

Canada's future is still bright, with a talented young core gaining valuable international experience under the enormous pressure of playing at home. Herdman already is thinking about the young Olympic team he must select for next year in Rio de Janeiro.

"We had a World Cup here without consideration that the cycle of players may not be peaking," Herdman said. "If we went all the way, we were punching well above our weight."

NO CANADA! PART DEUX: Count Japan coach Norio Sasaki among those disappointed with Canada losing to England in the quarterfinals Saturday.

Sasaki was hoping for a chance to play the Canadians in the semifinals at Edmonton, Alberta, on Wednesday, if only for the opportunity to play a game in front of a full house — and on Canada Day, no less.



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The United States' Ali Krieger and China's Liu Shanshan (2) battle for the ball during the first half of a quarterfinal match in the FIFA Women's World Cup tournament on Friday in Ottawa, Ontario, Canada.

Brad Davis scratched from US Gold Cup team

Associated Press

CHICAGO — U.S. midfielder Brad Davis will miss the Gold Cup with a knee injury.

The Houston Dynamo player was scratched from the roster Tuesday, replaced by defender Greg Garza of Atlas (Mexico). Garza still must be cleared for the Gold Cup but is on the roster for Friday's friendly against Guatemala.

A right knee bone bruise has bothered Davis, the Dynamo's captain, for several weeks. Davis had not played for the national team since last year's World Cup.

US

From 1C

Sasic's penalty kick came after Johnston fouled Popp in the box. Sasic fooled Solo, who went right, but her kick went wide left, prompting a roar from the crowd.

Sasic went into the match as the tournament's high scorer with six goals.

Shortly thereafter, Annike Krahn got a yellow card for fouling Morgan in the box, but replays showed it occurred just outside. Lloyd's penalty kick was her third goal in three matches.

O'Hara scored on Lloyd's left-footed cross.

The United States weaked its formation for the match. Morgan started up top, with Lloyd as an attacking midfielder with Rapinoe and Tobin Heath on the wings.

World Cup glance

QUARTERFINALS
Friday, June 26
At Montreal
Germany 1, France 1, Germany won 5-4 on penalty kicks

At Ottawa, Ontario
United States 1, China 0

Saturday, June 27
At Edmonton, Alberta
Japan 1, Australia 0

At Vancouver, British Columbia
England 2, Canada 1

SEMIFINALS

Tuesday
At Montreal
United States 2, Germany 0

Today
At Edmonton, Alberta
Japan vs. England, 6 p.m.

THIRD PLACE
Saturday
At Edmonton, Alberta
Semifinal losers, 3 p.m.

CHAMPIONSHIP
Sunday
At Vancouver, British Columbia
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

The U.S. had success in its quarterfinal against China when it had Lloyd roaming up top and Brian back as a holding midfielder. Lloyd scored the lone goal in the 1-0 victory.

The United States improved to 3-1 against Germany in World Cup matches and 19-4-7 overall.

The United States has won two World Cup titles, but none since 1999. The Americans have appeared in the semifinals of all seven of the women's tournaments.

Germany has also won the title twice, in consecutive tournaments in 2003 and '07.

This tournament has played out with FIFA embroiled in scandal.

Earlier Tuesday, FIFA confirmed that President Sepp Blatter would skip the World Cup final, as U.S. officials pursue a criminal investigation into the game's ruling body.

Blatter's second-in-command, secretary general Jerome Valcke, also will be absent from the biggest event in women's soccer "due to their current commitments in Zurich," FIFA said in a statement Tuesday.

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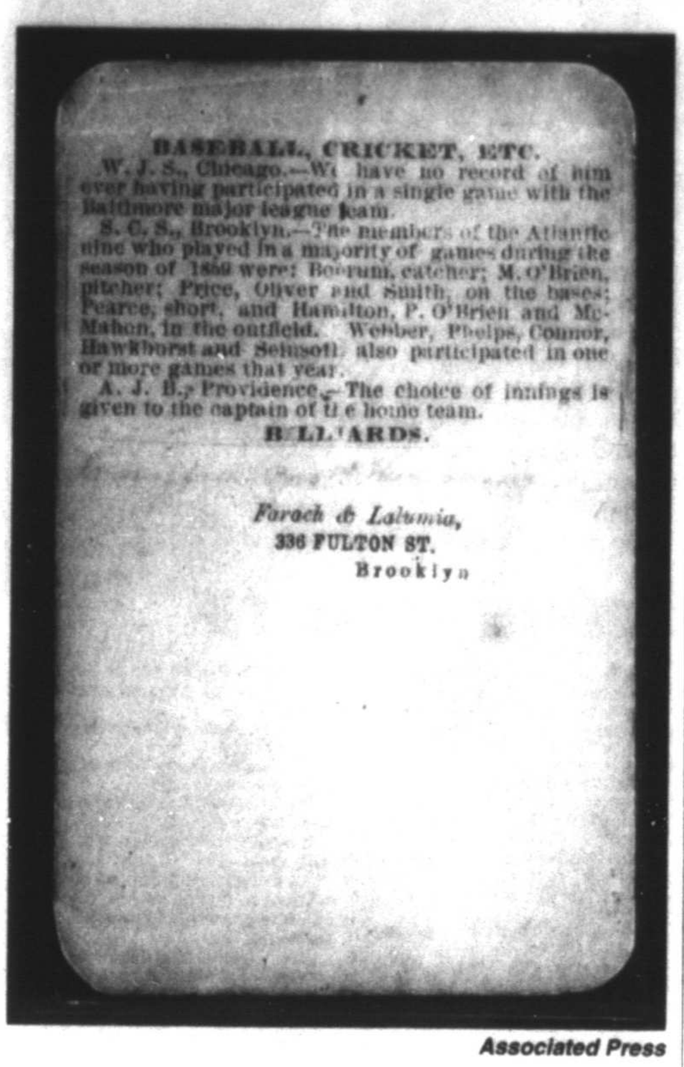

Associated Press

This photo taken Wednesday provided by Heritage Auctions shows the back of a circa 1860 Brooklyn Atlantics baseball card. The pre-Civil War card will be sold at auction on July 30, at the National Sports Collectors Convention in Chicago.

Pre-Civil War baseball team card going on the auction block

By Ula Ilnytzky
Associated Press

NEW YORK — For decades, a circa 1860s Brooklyn Atlantics team baseball card was tucked away, first inside a secret drawer of a bedroom set and then between the pages of a photo album.

Now the pre-Civil War card that's been in the same family for over 150 years is going on the auction block where it could bring as much as $50,000.

Heritage Auctions is offering it on July 30 at its Platinum Night Sports Auction in Chicago held in conjunction with the 2015 National Sports Collectors Convention. Online bidding opened on Tuesday.

Florence Sasso, of Great Barrington, Massachusetts, knew little about the card that shows her great-great-uncle Archibald McMahon, an outfielder for the squad, pictured with eight of his teammates in bib-style shirts and two gentlemen in suits.

"My mother gave it to me about 25 years ago," the 75-year-old Brooklyn native said. "We had my grandfather's bedroom set which had secret drawers and she kept it there inside a Fanny Farmer chocolate candy box. She gave it to me because no one else wanted it."

Sasso placed it in a photo album and then refiled it in a "McMahon folder" after coming across it one day. But it wasn't until she began taking free genealogy classes at a local senior center that she looked for it to show a volunteer there who "knew about baseball."

An Internet search came up with another Atlantics card — a post-Civil War card from 1865 — that had recently sold for $92,000 at a small Maine auction.

"We were all jumping around," Sasso said. "I always wondered why people jumped around when they're excited but I was doing it."

The Atlantics were a founding member of the National Association of Base Ball Players — the sport's first organized league that held the championship from 1859 through 1861.

The card is a photograph mounted on a 2.5 inch by 4 inch cardboard — known as a "carte de visite" — probably taken in a Brooklyn photo studio. An undated newspaper clipping pasted to the back lists the players' names.

Sasso said her parents often talked about her mother's great uncle, Joe "Old Reliable" Start, a Babe Ruth of early baseball, but she knew less about McMahon — her father's great uncle.

"It's one of the seminal cards from the beginning of the game," said Chris Ivy, director of sports auctions at the Dallas-based auction house. "The fact that it's got a direct link to a member of the team and has been in the same family for over 150 years is very interesting."

The only other known example of the card is in the private collection of Corey Shanus, a Westchester County real estate developer and noted collector of 19th-century baseball memorabilia who acquired his card about 15 years ago in a trade of other memorabilia.

"It's the infancy of baseball," he added. "It's a collector's kind of thing. It's just so early."

Among the other players depicted on the card is Richard "Dickey" Pearce who went on to become one of the first professional baseball players credited with pioneering the shortstop position and inventing the bunt.

The card's provenance can be traced to a 1923 obituary of McMahon's 92-year-old brother. It says John McMahon "also was an ardent baseball fan and had a picture in his home of the original Atlantics team, of which his brother, Archibald McMahon, was a member."

HAMILTON

From 1C

He is the first Rangers player to homer in each of his first two games. Gallo, the organization's 2014 minor league player of the year, will be making his initial foray in Triple-A ball.

"Now, I know what I need to work on and what I need to get better at," he said, "so I can come up here and stay next time."

Manager Jeff Banister said: "We are going to need Joey Gallo at some point. I challenge him to go back, take his leadership skills and go to work."

Hamilton, meanwhile, could ultimately return to his accustomed spot in center field after he fully recovers from the hamstring issue. But the Rangers are going to be careful with him.

"It is a hamstring and Josh is a big man," Banister said. "I want to be able to make sure to manage this for the long-term with Josh as opposed to pushing him and taking the risk of losing him."

Moreland hits 2 HRs to lead Rangers past Orioles

By David Ginsburg
Associated Press

Rangers	8
Orioles	6

BALTIMORE — Mitch Moreland hit two home runs in a second straight game, and the Texas Rangers celebrated the return of Josh Hamilton by defeating the Baltimore Orioles 8-6 on Tuesday night.

Shin-Soo Choo and Robinson Chirinos also went deep for the Rangers, who have hit eight home runs in the first two games of the series.

Moreland homered with a man on in the second and eighth innings. It's the eighth time in club history that a player has hit multiple home runs in consecutive games.

He leads Texas with 14 home runs and ranks second with 43 RBIs.

Hamilton hit two singles and made a nice running catch of a sinking liner to left field in his eighth game of the season. The free-swinging slugger was sidelined since May 31 with a strained left hamstring.

Chris Davis hit two home runs for Baltimore and Manny Machado added a solo shot. The Orioles have lost two straight following a four-game winning streak.

Colby Lewis (8-3) allowed five runs, three earned, and six hits over six innings to improve to 4-0 in six starts since May 27.

Shawn Tolleson gave up a run in the ninth but picked up his 11th save.

Miguel Gonzalez (6-5) surrendered six runs and eight hits in 4 1/3 innings, including a career-high tying three homers. The six runs were the most he allowed since April 4, 2014, when he gave up seven to Detroit.

The Orioles jumped in front in the first inning when Texas second baseman Rougned Odor fumbled a two-out grounder and Davis homered to extend his hitting streak to 10 games.

Moreland tied it in the second with a drive to right after a welcome-back single by Hamilton.

Texas went up 4-2 in the third when Prince Fielder singled in a run and Odor scored on a double-play grounder. Davis made it 4-4 in the bottom half with another drive to center following a two-out single by Adam Jones.

The long-ball barrage resumed in the fifth, when Chirinos led off with a homer and Choo connected on an 0-2 pitch.

Machado hit his 15th home run in the bottom half to get Baltimore to 6-5. Moreland's drive off Chaz Roe in the eighth gave him his seventh career multihomer game.

Keuchel dominates to help Astros shut out Royals

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

Astros	4
Royals	0

HOUSTON — Dallas Keuchel allowed seven hits in eight innings to lead the Houston Astros to a 4-0 win over the Kansas City Royals on Tuesday night.

The performance comes after Keuchel (10-3) threw a six-hit shutout in a win over the New York Yankees in his previous start. Keuchel struck out seven and didn't walk a batter to lower his ERA to 2.03. Pat Neshek allowed one hit in the ninth.

George Springer had a two-run homer in the third inning. Jose Altuve drove in a run in the fifth to help Houston to the victory.

The Astros have taken the first two games of this matchup of teams with the best records in the American League. Houston is 46-34 and Kansas City is 44-30.

Kansas City starter Danny Duffy (2-4) allowed six hits and four runs in 6 2-3 innings in his second start since returning from the disabled list.

Keuchel has been a workhorse for the Astros, working at least six innings in 28 straight games, the longest active streak in the majors.

Lorenzo Cain had three hits for Kansas City, including two doubles, but the rest of the lineup fizzled. The Royals produced more than one hit in only one inning while being shut out for the second time in a week.

Keuchel got a little help from his defense when Springer robbed Omar Infante of a hit to center field. Springer raced and made an over-the-shoulder catch for the third out of the seventh inning.

Marwin Gonzalez singled with two outs in the third inning before Springer's soaring shot, which bounced off the foul pole in left field to make it 2-0 and snapped Springer out of an 0 for 8 slump.

Evan Gattis tripled with one out in the fourth inning. The fly ball sailed just out of reach of the glove of Cain, who raced up Tal's Hill in center to try and grab it and instead crashed to the ground and into the padded wall after missing coming up short. Gattis already has four triples this season after tripling just once in his first two years in the majors.

Chris Carter walked on a wild pitch by Duffy, which sailed over catcher Drew Butera's head, and allowed Gattis to score and make it 3-0.

Springer drew a one-out walk in the fifth inning before scoring on a double by Altuve to push Houston's lead to 4-0.

Kansas City shortstop Alcides Escobar, who was scratched from Monday's game with a bruise on his index finger, went 1 for 4.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

INDIANS 6 RAYS 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Tampa Bay manager Kevin Cash says he isn't frustrated by the Rays' offensive slump.

Danny Salazar pitched two-hit ball for 7 2-3 innings and the Cleveland Indians backed him with three home runs to beat the Rays 6-2 Tuesday night.

"We'll get out of this funk," Cash said after the Rays lost for seventh time in nine games. "The bats, they're going to come alive. We're in one of those ruts."

Salazar (7-3) retired his first 15 batters, the third time in the last six games that's happened to the Rays. Indians rookie Cody Anderson took a perfect game into the seventh Monday night and Toronto's Marco Estrada was perfect through the seventh last Wednesday.

"These guys are featuring very, very good stuff," Cash said.

Tampa Bay right fielder Steven Souza Jr. went 0 for 3 and is hitless in 20 at-bats, including 10 strikeouts.

"I feel a lot of the responsibilities fall on me," he said. "It's been unacceptable. I'm supposed to drive in runs and that's not happening."

RED SOX 4 BLUE JAYS 3

TORONTO — Minus injured stars Hanley Ramirez and Dustin Pedroia, the Boston Red Sox managed to match their longest winning streak of the season.

David Ortiz and Jackie Bradley Jr. hit solo home runs, Eduardo Rodriguez pitched six solid innings and the Red Sox beat the Toronto Blue Jays 4-3 Tuesday night for their third straight win.

"Guys have stepped up," manager John Farrell said. "More than anything, we're getting stability from the guys that walk to the mound and that's the biggest key."

Rodriguez (4-2) gave up one run and four hits in six innings, slowing down the top-scoring team in the majors. The left-hander had been tagged for 16 earned runs in his previous three starts.

"We didn't get anything going," Blue Jays manager John Gibbons said. "We battled him good but just couldn't come up with that big hit."

Rodriguez is 3-0 with a 0.69 ERA in four road starts.

"He pitched great tonight," Bradley said. "He definitely gave us a chance to win. He was very effective. What more can you ask from him?"

Ramirez missed his sixth straight game with a sore left hand but hit in the cage and took batting practice before the game.

National League

NATIONALS 6 BRAVES 1

ATLANTA — Shelby Miller couldn't afford a rough first inning against a Washington team that has bullied the Atlanta Braves all season.

With Nationals right-hander Jordan Zimmermann on top of his game, the early deficit was especially difficult to overcome.

Miller gave up four runs in the first inning and the Braves never recovered, falling 6-1 to the Nationals on Tuesday night to extend their long losing streak in the division rivalry.

The Braves have lost nine straight to the NL East-leading Nationals — including a three-game sweep at Washington last week. This was Miller's first loss to Washington.

Clint Robinson's two-run homer was Washington's biggest hit in the four-run inning.

"I just kind of hung a curveball and the next thing you know, it was four runs, kind of put our team in a hole there," Miller said.

Juan Uribe opened the ninth with a homer off former Braves reliever David Carpenter to end Washington's shutout bid.

Miller (5-4) began the night 2-0 with a 0.85 ERA in five starts against the Nationals. That success ended quickly.

MARLINS 5 GIANTS 3

MIAMI — Major league batting leader Dee Gordon hit the first inside-the-park homer in the four-year history of Marlins Park, and the three-run shot helped Miami beat the San Francisco Giants 5-3 Tuesday night.

Miami's Justin Bour also homered, giving a welcome jolt of power to a team without injured slugger Giancarlo Stanton.

Buster Posey hit his 12th homer for the Giants. He has 18 RBIs in his past 10 games.

Mat Latos (3-5) gave up three runs, two earned, in six innings. Four relievers completed a six-hitter.

Carter Capps, throwing at up to 99 mph, struck out the side in the eighth. He has 38 strikeouts in 20 2-3 innings to go with an ERA of 0.87.

A.J. Ramos followed with a perfect ninth for his 11th save. He was helped by a terrific play from Bour, who did a face plant at first catching third baseman Miguel Rojas' throw to rob Andrew Susac of a hit.

Ryan Vogelsong (6-6) allowed four runs in six innings.

The Marlins won despite going 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position, with Gordon's homer the lone hit. They've gone 2-5 on their homestand while batting 3 for 48 (.063) with runners in scoring position.

Gordon, who came into the game leading the majors with 112 hits, made use of his speed for his first homer of the year to right-center. Right fielder Gregor Blanco chased the ball down just short of the wall and tried to flip it with his glove behind his back to center fielder Angel Pagan, but they missed connection.

Gordon kept running and scored easily with a headfirst slide.

The homer came with two outs in the second inning and extended Gordon's hitting streak to 11 games.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	41	36	.532	—
New York	41	36	.532	—
Tampa Bay	42	37	.532	—
Toronto	41	38	.519	1
Boston	36	43	.456	6

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	44	30	.595	—
Minnesota	40	36	.526	5
Detroit	39	36	.520	5½
Cleveland	35	41	.461	10
Chicago	32	42	.432	12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	46	34	.575	—
Los Angeles	40	37	.519	4½
Texas	40	38	.513	5
Seattle	34	42	.447	10
Oakland	35	44	.443	10½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	43	34	.558	—
New York	40	38	.513	3½
Atlanta	36	41	.468	7
Miami	32	46	.410	11½
Philadelphia	27	51	.346	16½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	51	24	.680	—
Pittsburgh	42	33	.560	9
Chicago	40	35	.533	11
Cincinnati	35	40	.467	16
Milwaukee	30	48	.385	22½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	43	35	.551	—
San Francisco	42	36	.538	1
Arizona	37	39	.487	5
San Diego	37	41	.474	6
Colorado	33	43	.434	9

Tuesday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Texas 8, Baltimore 6
Boston 4, Toronto 3
Cleveland 6, Tampa Bay 2
Houston 4, Kansas City 0
Chicago White Sox at St. Louis, late
N.Y. Yankees at L.A. Angels, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Chicago Cubs 1, N.Y. Mets 0
Miami 5, San Francisco 3
Washington 6, Atlanta 1

INTERLEAGUE

Pittsburgh at Detroit, late
Minnesota at Cincinnati, late
Colorado at Oakland, late
Seattle at San Diego, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Boston (Porcello 4-8) at Toronto (Buehrle 5-4), 11:07 a.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 7-2) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-6), 5:05 p.m.
Texas (N.Martinez 5-4) at Baltimore (W.Chen 3-4), 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Carrasco 9-6) at Tampa Bay (Colome 3-3), 5:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Volquez 8-4) at Houston (Velasquez 0-0), 6:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee (Lohse 4-9) at Philadelphia (Hamels 4-10), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Lester 4-6) at N.Y. Mets (B.Colon 9-6), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Heston 8-5) at Miami (Haren 6-5), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Fister 3-3) at Atlanta (Wisler 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 4-4) at Arizona (Ray 2-3), 8:40 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Minnesota (May 4-6) at Cincinnati (Cueto 4-5), 10:35 a.m.
Colorado (Bettis 4-2) at Oakland (Hahn 5-6), 1:05 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 6-6) at San Diego (Shields 7-2), 1:40 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Burnett 6-3) at Detroit (Simon 7-4), 5:08 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 3-7) at St. Louis (Lackey 6-4), 6:15 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 8, ORIOLES 6

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Odor 2b	4	1	1	0	MMchd 3b	4	1	1	1
Choo rf	4	1	1	1	Pearlb dh	4	0	0	0
Fielder dh	4	0	1	1	A.Jones cf	4	2	1	0
Beltre 3b	4	1	1	0	C.Davis rf	4	2	2	4
J.Hmltn lf	4	1	2	0	Wieters c	4	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	3	2	2	4	Parmel 1b	4	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	0	1	0	J.Hardy ss	3	1	1	0
LMartn cf	4	0	1	0	Snider lf	4	0	1	1
Chirino c	4	2	2	1	Flahrty 2b	4	0	0	0
Totals	35	8	12	7	Totals	35	6	7	6

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Baltimore .....300 010 001—6

E—Odor (5). DP—Baltimore 4. LOB—Texas 4, Baltimore 3. 2B—L.Martin (11). HR—Choo (10), Moreland 2 (14), Chirinos (8), M.Machado (16), C.Davis 2 (18). SB—Snider (1).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lewis W 8-3	6	6	5	3	0	3
Kela	1	0	0	0	0	2
Scheppers	1	0	0	0	0	3
Sh.Tolleson S 11-11	1	1	1	1	1	0

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
M.Gonzalez L 6-5	4 1/3	8	6	6	1	3
Brach	2 2/3	2	2	2	0	1
Roe	1	3	0	0	0	1
Britton	1	0	0	0	1	1

T—2:44. A—27,370 (45,971).

ASTROS 4, ROYALS 0

Kansas City	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
AEscor ss	4	0	1	0	Springr cf	3	2	1	2
Mostks 3b	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	0	1	1
L.Cain cf	4	0	3	0	Correa ss	4	0	0	0
K.Morls 1b	4	0	1	0	Gattis dh	4	1	2	0
S.Perez dh	4	0	1	0	Carter 1b	2	0	0	0
AGordn lf	4	0	0	0	DoStrn rf	3	0	1	0
Rios rf	4	0	0	0	Conger c	3	0	0	0
Infante 2b	3	0	1	0	Tucker lf	3	0	0	0
Butera c	3	0	1	0	MGnztz 3b	3	1	1	0
Totals	34	0	8	0	Totals	29	4	6	3

Kansas City .....000 000 000—0
Houston .....002 110 00x—4

DP—Kansas City 1, Houston 1. LOB—Kansas City 7, Houston 3. 2B—L.Cain (15), K.Morales (20), Altuve (15). 3B—Gattis (4). HR—Springer (13).

Kansas City	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
D.Duffy L,2-4	6 2-3	6	4	4	2	6
Madison	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Hochevar	1	0	0	0	0	0

Houston	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Keuchel W,10-3	8	7	0	0	0	7
Neshek	1	1	0	0	0	1

WP—D.Duffy.
T—2:14. A—24,642 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

RED SOX 4, BLUE JAYS 3

Boston .....211 000 000—4 7 0
Toronto .....000 100 200—3 6 1

E.Rodriguez, Layne (7), Ogando (7), Uehara (9) and Swihart; Estrada, Redmond (3), Schultz (6), Osteltar (9) and D.Navarro. W—E.Rodriguez 4-2. L—Estrada 5-4. Sv—Uehara (16). HRs—Boston, Bradley Jr. (1), Ortiz (13). Toronto, Reyes (4).

INDIANS 6, RAYS 2

Cleveland .....001 000 320—6 7 1
Tampa Bay .....000 000 020—2 2 1

Salazar, McAllister (8), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes; E.Ramirez, Cedeno (6), Geltz (7), Yates (8), Belisario (8) and Casali. W—Salazar 7-3. L—Ramirez 6-3. HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis (8), Urshela (2). Dav.Murphy (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

MARLINS 5, GIANTS 3

San Francisco .....101 001 000—3 6 0
Miami .....031 000 01x—5 9 1

Vogelsong, Kontos (7), Machi (8), Lopez (8) and Susac; Latos, Cishek (7), Dunn (7), Capps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto. W—Latos 3-5. L—Vogelsong 6-6. Sv—A.Ramos (11). HRs—San Francisco, Posey (12). Miami, D.Gordon (1), Bour (7).

NATIONALS 6, BRAVES 1

Washington .....401 000 001—6 11 0
Atlanta .....000 000 001—1 8 1

Zimmermann, Thornton (8), D.Carpenter (9) and W.Ramos; S.Miller, Brigham (6), R.Kelly (9) and Pierzynski. W—Zimmermann 6-5. L—S.Miller 5-4. HRs—Washington, C.Robinson (3). Atlanta, Uribe (5).

CUBS 1, METS 0

Chicago .....000 001 000—1 4 0
New York .....000 000 000—0 3 0

Hendricks, H.Rondon (7), Strop (8), Motte (9) and D.Ross; Niese, Parnell (8), Gilmartin (9) and Plawecki. W—Hendricks 3-4. L—Niese 3-8. Sv—Motte (3).

MONDAY'S LATE LINESCORES

ATHLETICS 7, ROCKIES 1

Colorado .....000 000 010—1 7 1
Oakland .....400 100 02x—7 11 1

Hale, Friedrich (8) and Hundley; Graveman, Scribner (8), Pomeranz (8), Clippard (9) and Vogt. W—Graveman 5-4. L—Hale 2-3. HRs—Colorado, Blackmon (10). Oakland, Reddick (11), I.Davis (3), B.Butler (6).

ANGELS 4, YANKEES 1

New York .....001 000 000—1 8 0
Los Angeles .....101 010 10x—4 6 0

Sabathia, Rumbelow (8) and J.Murphy; B.McCann, C.Wilson, Gott (7), J.Smith (8), Street (9) and C.Perez. W—C.Wilson 6-6. L—Sabathia 3-8. Sv—Street (22). HRs—Los Angeles, Trout (20), Cron (2).

DIAMONDBACKS 10, DODGERS 6

Los Angeles .....100 300 200—6 10 1
Arizona .....000 002 24x—10 13 1

Bolsinger, Jo.Peralta (5), Y.Garcia (6), Nicasio (7), Liberatore (7), Baez (7), Howell (8) and Grandal; Webster, D.Perez (4), Chafin (6), Burgos (8), Ziegler (9) and W.Castillo. W—Burgos 1-2. L—Baez 1-1. HRs—Los Angeles, Ethier (10), Grandal (11), Pederson (20). Arizona, Ahmed (5), Tomas (4).

Wimbledon Lookahead: Zverev tries to join an exclusive group

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — Since 2006, only five teenagers have managed to reach the men's third round at Wimbledon — and three of them went on to become Grand Slam champions: Novak Djokovic, Andy Murray and Marin Cilic.

So a couple of kids could find themselves in good company if they can add their names to that short list this year.

One, 18-year-old Alexander Zverev of Germany, is in action Wednesday at the All England Club, facing 105th-ranked wild-card entry Denis Kudla of the United States in the second round.

Of the five teens in this year's draw, only one other remains, 40th-ranked Borna Coric of Croatia, also 18. He won his first-round match Tuesday, and it also ended 9-7 in the fifth set, against Sergiy Stakhovsky. Coric will meet 25th-seeded Andreas Seppi on Thursday with a chance to get to the third round.

Djokovic and Murray both were 19 in 2006 when they reached the fourth round at Wimbledon; Djokovic has since collected eight major titles, and Murray two. Cilic, last year's U.S. Open champion, was 19 when he played in the fourth round in 2008.

Here's what else is happening Wednesday at Wimbledon:

Williams sisters

A day after pulling out of doubles, Serena and Venus Williams are on the schedule in singles. No. 1-seeded Serena takes a 22-match Grand Slam winning streak into her Centre Court match against 93rd-ranked Timea Babos of Hungary, whose career record at majors is 2-11. No. 16 Venus is on Court 2 against 95th-ranked Yulia Putintseva of Kazakhstan.

Old hand

At 37, Tommy Haas is the oldest man to win a match at the All England Club since Jimmy Connors was 38 in 1991. After getting past 86th-ranked Dusan Lajovic in four sets in the first round, Haas will have a tougher task in the second round, taking on No. 7 Milos Raonic, who is only 24 and was a semifinalist a year ago. Haas has been ranked as high as No. 2 — way back in 2002 — and participated in four Grand Slam semifinals, including at Wimbledon in 2009. But he's been hampered by injuries, including repeated operations on his right shoulder, most recently in June 2014.

Defending champ

No. 1-seeded Novak Djokovic, the 2011 and 2014 champion, plays 92nd-ranked Jarkko Nieminen on Centre Court. Djokovic has won five of their previous six meetings, including last month at the French Open. He's never lost to a player ranked as low as Nieminen in 228 career Grand Slam matches. Nieminen eliminated 2002 champ Lleyton Hewitt in the first round.

WIMBLEDON AT A GLANCE

LONDON — A look at Wimbledon on Tuesday:

Weather: Sunny. High of 86 degrees.

Men's seeded winners: No. 2 Roger Federer. No. 3 Andy Murray. No. 6 Tomas Berdych. No. 10 Rafael Nadal. No. 12 Gilles Simon. No. 13 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga. No. 15 Feliciano Lopez. No. 18 Gael Monfils. No. 20 Roberto Bautista Agut. No. 22 Viktor Troicki. No. 23 Ivo Karlovic. No. 25 Andreas Seppi. No. 30 Fabio Fognini.

Men's seeded losers: No. 29 Guillermo Garcia-Lopez. No. 31 Jack Sock.

Women's seeded winners: No. 2 Petra Kvitova. No. 5 Caroline Wozniacki. No. 8 Ekaterina Makarova. No. 10 Angelique Kerber. No. 13 Agnieszka Radwanska. No. 15 Timea Bacsinszky. No. 17 Elina Svitolina. No. 18 Sabine Lisicki. No. 20 Garbine Muguruza. No. 25 Alize Cornet. No. 26 Svetlana Kuznetsova. No. 28 Jelena Jankovic. No. 31 Camila Giorgi.

Women's seeded losers: No. 3 Simona Halep. No. 12 Eugenie Bouchard. No. 32 Caroline Garcia.

Stat of the Day 1: — Number of points lost on her serve by defending champion Kvitova during a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Kiki Bertens. Kvitova won 28 of 29 points she served; she double-faulted in the final game.

Quote of the day: "I definitely wasn't going to break my racket on the court, that's for sure. You can't do that at Wimbledon." — Bouchard.

On court Wednesday: No. 1 Novak Djokovic vs. Jarkko Nieminen; No. 4 Stan Wawrinka vs. Victor Estrella Burgos; No. 5 Kei Nishikori vs. Santiago Giraldo; No. 7 Milos Raonic vs. Tommy Haas; No. 1 Serena Williams vs. Timea Babos; No. 4 Maria Sharapova vs. Richel Hogenkamp; No. 7 Ana Ivanovic vs. Bethanie Mattek-Sands; No. 16 Venus Williams vs. Yulia Putintseva.

Wednesday's forecast: Partly cloudy. High of 90 degrees (32 Celsius).

WIMBLEDON

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"I knew it would be a difficult tournament for me," Halep said, explaining that her confidence was low because of poor recent results. "But I didn't expect to lose in (the) first round."

Highly seeded players rarely do anticipate that sort of quick departure, of course, and four past Wimbledon champions in action Tuesday all won in straight sets as the sun, unobstructed by clouds, brought the temperature to about 85 degrees.

Petra Kvitova, who beat Bouchard for the 2014 title, won 28 of 29 points on her serve — a double-fault in the final game was the lone blemish — in a 6-1, 6-0 victory over Kiki Bertens that required all of 35 minutes.

The second-seeded Kvitova, who is from the Czech Republic, said her parents made the trip for her first-round match, but will be heading home right away.

"I have to say 'Sorry' to them" for such a short match Tuesday, Kvitova joked.

Seven-time champion Roger Federer, two-time winner Rafael Nadal, and 2013 champion Andy Murray also advanced easily to the second round.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Tuesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $42.1 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, def. Kyle Edmund, Britain, 7-6 (4), 6-1, 6-2.
Roberto Bautista Agut (20), Spain, def. Ruben Bemelmans, Belgium, 6-1, 6-3, 7-6 (6).
Dustin Brown, Germany, def. Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 3-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
Benoit Paire, France, def. Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
Andreas Seppi (25), Italy, def. Brydan Klein, Britain, 6-3, 6-2, 6-2.
Ivo Karlovic (23), Croatia, def. Elias Ymer, Sweden, 6-7 (2), 6-2, 6-4, 7-6 (2).
James Duckworth, Australia, def. Malek Jaziri, Tunisia, 7-6 (2), 6-2, 3-6, 3-6, 7-5.
Nikoloz Basilashvili, Georgia, def. Facundo Bagnis, Argentina, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-2.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, def. Denis Istomin, Uzbekistan, 6-2, 6-2, 3-2, retired.
Sam Groth, Australia, def. Jack Sock (31), United States, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3.
Fabio Fognini (30), Italy, def. Tim Smyczek, United States, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, 6-1, 6-3, 6-3.
Rafael Nadal (10), Spain, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-4, 6-2, 6-4.
Viktor Troicki (22), Serbia, def. Aleksandr Nedovyesov, Kazakhstan, 6-1, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Sam Querrey, United States, def. Igor Sijsling, Netherlands, 7-5, 6-3, 6-4.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (13), France, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (3), 6-4, 3-6, 6-2.
Feliciano Lopez (15), Spain, def. Steve Darcis, Belgium, 6-2, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Blaz Kavcic, Slovenia, def. Yuichi Sugita, Japan, 7-6 (3), 6-3, 7-6 (5).
Gilles Simon (12), France, def. Nicolas Almagro, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.
Borna Coric, Croatia, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 4-6, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 1-6, 9-7.
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, def. Vincent Millot, France, 7-6 (2), 3-6, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Robin Haase, Netherlands, def. Alejandro Falla, Colombia, 6-2, 3-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Ernests Gulbis, Latvia, 7-6 (2), 6-3, 7-6 (4).
Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Pablo Andujar, Spain, def. Guillermo Garcia-Lopez (29), Spain, 3-6, 6-4, 3-6, 7-5, 6-4.
Gael Monfils (18), France, def. Pablo Carreno Busta, Spain, 6-4, 6-4, 7-5.
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Filip Krajinovic, Serbia, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Michael Berrer, Germany, 6-7 (4), 6-0, 6-4, 6-1.
Aljaz Bedene, Britain, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 7-5, 1-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
James Ward, Britain, def. Luca Vanni, Italy, 6-7 (4), 6-2, 6-4, 6-3.
Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 7-6 (7), 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Tomas Berdych (6), Czech Republic, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-2, 6-7 (8), 7-6 (3), 7-6 (5).

Women
First Round

Angelique Kerber (10), Germany, def. Carina Witthoeft, Germany, 6-0, 6-0.
Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 6-7 (3), 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Elina Svitolina (17), Ukraine, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Kurumi Nara, Japan, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 3-6, 6-3, 4-3, retired.
Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-7 (5), 7-5.
Garbine Muguruza (20), Spain, def. Varvara Lepchenko, United States, 6-4, 6-1.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, def. Tamira Paszek, Austria, 6-2, 6-2.
Petra Kvitova (2), Czech Republic, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, 6-1, 6-0.
Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, def. Laura Robson, Britain, 6-4, 6-4.
Heather Watson, Britain, def. Caroline Garcia (32), France, 1-6, 6-3, 8-6.
Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, def. Klara Koukalova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-4.
Monica Niculescu, Romania, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1.
Duan Ying-Ying, China, def. Eugenie Bouchard (12), Canada, 7-6 (3), 6-4.
Agnieszka Radwanska (13), Poland, def. Lucie Hradecka, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.
Jana Cepelova, Slovakia, def. Simona Halep (3), Romania, 5-7, 6-4, 6-3.
Kristyna Pliskova, Czech Republic, def. Tereza Smitlova, Czech Republic, 3-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Jelena Jankovic (28), Serbia, def. Elena Vesnina, Russia, 6-4, 3-6, 10-8.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (26), Russia, def. Laura Siegemund, Germany, 6-3, 6-4.
Olga Govortsova, Belarus, def. Andreea Mitu, Romania, 6-1, 6-1.
Camila Giorgi (31), Italy, def. Tatiana Pereira, Brazil, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Ekaterina Makarova (8), Russia, def. Sachia Vickery, United States, 6-2, 6-4.
Tatjana Maria, Germany, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 7-6 (2), 7-5.
Caroline Wozniacki (5), Denmark, def. Zhang Saisai, China, 7-5, 6-0.
Sabine Lisicki (18), Germany, def. Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 7-5, 6-4.
Christina McHale, United States, def. Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-3, 6-2.
Denisa Allertova, Czech Republic, def. Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, 6-2, 4-6, 6-3.
Timea Bacsinszky (15), Switzerland, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-2, 7-5.
Silvia Soler-Espinosa, Spain, def. Sesil Karatantcheva, Bulgaria, 2-6, 6-2, 7-5.
Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-4, 6-2.
Alize Cornet (25), France, def. Ana Konjuh, Croatia, 6-2, 6-2.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Karin Knapp, Italy, 7-6 (8), 3-0, retired.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, vs. Elizaveta Kulichkova, Russia, 6-3, 5-7 (8), 1-1, susp., darkness.
Madison Keys (21), United States, vs. Stefanie Voegele, Switzerland, 6-7 (6), 6-3, 2-2, susp., darkness.

Doubles
Men
First Round

Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (6), Spain, def. Mateusz Kowalczyk, Poland, and Igor Zelenay, Slovakia, 3-6, 4-6, 7-6 (8), 6-4, 15-13.
Andre Begemann, Germany, and Julian Knowle, Austria, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, and Joao Souza, Brazil, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 7-5.

Women
First Round

Margarita Gasparyan and Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Yasline Bonaventura, Belgium, and Katalin Marosi, Hungary, 6-1, 4-6, 6-2.
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and Paula Kania, Poland, 6-1, 7-5.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova (3), Czech Republic, def. Naomi Broady and Emily Webley-Smith, Britain, 6-3, 6-2.

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KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Carol.. Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Drowning Duck"		McCloud
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Happy Birthday Masterchef" (N)		Bullseye "Corkscrewed"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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HBO5	304	70	16	102		(5:05) ★ The Devil W...		True Detective (N)		LastWeek	The Brink	Ballers	★ The Counselor ('13, Dra) Cameron Diaz.				Movie
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MAX2	382	72	18	122		(:15) ★★ Disturbia ('07, Cri) Shia LaBeouf.				★★ Hannibal ('01, Thri) Julianne Moore.				SexGame	(:50) ★ Thelma and Louise		
PLEX			96			(5:45) ★ We're Back...		★ Manhattan Murder Mystery				(:50) ★★★ Baby Boom Diane Keaton.			(:45) ★ Dennis the Menace		
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(4:00) ★ The Horse...		Penny Dreadful		60 Minutes Sports		HAPPYish	Nurse J.	60 Minutes Sports		HAPPYish	Nurse J.
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(3:15) ★ Catch Hell		★★ Last Vegas ('13, Com) Robert De Niro.				★★★ Delivery Man Vince Vaughn.				★ A Glimpse Insid...	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dyn. (N)	Country Buck$ (N)	Country Buck$ (N)	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Movie	★★★ Back to the Future ('85, Com) Michael J. Fox.					★★★ Back to the Future II Michael J. Fox.					Movie
BET	58	26		40		(3:30) ★ To Be Announced				BETX	Game	Game	Frankie	Game	Frankie	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		Million Doll "Luis 2.0"		Million Dollar List		Million Dollar (N)		Flipping Out (N)		Million Dollar List		Flipping Out	
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Consumed		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Consumed (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Bush People (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan Bush People		Alaskan "Bloodlines"	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Jessie	KC Under	Austin	KC Under	★ Zapped ('14, Fant) Zendaya.			(:45) Mickey	I Didn't	Dog Blog	★★ Cadet Kelly	
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	MLB Baseball New York Yankees at Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	NBA Free Agency (L)		ESPY Nom	NFL Live		FIFA Soccer International Friendly Hon/Mex. (L)					ESPN FC	Baseball Tonight (L)
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Paul Blart: ...		Melissa	Daddy (N)	★★★ Step Up ('06, Dra) Channing Tatum.				The 700 Club		★ Step Up 2: The ...	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Diners...	Diners, Dr.	M. Diners	M. Diners	M. Diners	Diners (N)	Crazy (N)	Pleasure	Diners...	Diners..	M. Diners	M. Diners
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Baltimore Orioles Site: Camden Yards - Baltimore, Md. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Oklah-omaFoot	Football Preview	Preview	Bull Riding Championship	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	(4:00) ★ Jack Reacher		★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12, Act) Jonah Hill.					★★★ 21 Jump Street ('12, Act) Jonah Hill.				
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Kitchens	Kitchens	Buying & Selling (N)		H.Hunt	House	Property Brothers		Buying and Selling	
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Pickers "The Big Bet"		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Alone			(:05) Amer. Pickers	American Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Celeb Wife "Tichina Arnold/ Kelly Packard"		Celebrity Wife Swap		Celebrity Wife Swap		Hoarders: Live (L)	Family Secrets	Hoarders: Family Secrets		Celebrity Wife Swap	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				NASCAR Racing Classics 2005 Subway 500				NASCAR Racing Classics 2004 Brickyard 400				NASCAR		NASCAR	NASCAR
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	H.Danger	Sponge	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(5:00) ★ Rambo		★ Snitch ('13, Act) Jon Bernthal, Dwayne Johnson.					★★★ Shooter ('07, Act) Mark Wahlberg.				
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	★★★ Jumper Hayden Christensen.				★★ Deja Vu ('06, Act) Denzel Washington.						★★ Solaris George Clooney	
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinf. "The "The Nap"	Seinf. "The Junk Mail"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan Maya Rudolph, Hannibal Buress		The Office	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(4:45) ★ Young Bess		★★★ Jeremiah Johnson Robert Redford.				★★★ Little Big Man ('70, West) Dustin Hoffman.					Movie
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Tierra de reyes		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular	Tierra de reyes	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Kate Plus Eight "Birthday #11"		Born Without Limbs		To Be Announced		Diagnose Me "Hungry to Death"		To Be Announced		Diagnose Me "Hungry to Death"	
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Poof! You're Dead"		Castle "Knockdown"		Castle "Lucky Stiff"		Castle "The Final Nail"		CSI: NY "Hammer Down"		CSI: NY "Cuckoo's Nest"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Mother	Mother	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: "Stranger"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hothouse"		Suits "Compensation" (N)		Robot "rps1.1_ones-and-zer0es.mpeg" (N)		(:10) Complications "Onset"		(:10) Suits "Compensation"	
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Golf halfway through year: Turnover at warp speed

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The No. 1 player in golf already has three wins in 2015, including a World Golf Championship, and he has finished in the top 10 at both majors.

Halfway through the year, however, Rory McIlroy is playing second fiddle.

Remember the hype over McIlroy going for the career Grand Slam at the Masters? That was three months ago, and it seems like a lot longer. The attention has shifted to Jordan Spieth and his bid for an unprecedented sweep of the four majors in the same year. The real Grand Slam.

Arnold Palmer created it. Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods pursued it.

And now it falls to a 21-year-old Texan who just three years ago wasn't even a full PGA Tour member.

"We watch the elite athlete. We watch the mental focus and the preparation and the drive to become the best," Bubba Watson said. "That's where he's heading. Who knows if he'll ever become No. 1 in the world, but he's trending in that direction pretty quickly."

For a sport that gets criticized for its pace of play, the turnover is at warp speed.

Tiger Woods ended last year at No. 32 in the world, and he was excited about the direction he was going. He had a new swing consultant and a clean bill of health. He was 15 months removed from a five-win season in which he was voted PGA Tour player of the year for the 11th time.

And now it's a wonder anyone recognizes him.

Woods reached the halfway point of the year at No. 220 in the world. He has more rounds in the 80s (three) than the 60s (two). He has fallen so low in the world ranking that for the first time since he was a 20-year-old rookie in 1996, his appearance at The Greenbrier Classic contributes no points toward the strength of field.

Here are some of the highs and lows heading into the second half of the year:

BEST PLAYER: It's hard to argue against the Masters and U.S. Open champion. Spieth went wire-to-wire at Augusta National and tied the 72-hole scoring record set by Woods in 1997. He went birdie-double bogey-birdie at Chambers Bay and won only after Dustin Johnson three-putted from 12 feet. Only five other players dating to 1934 have won the first two majors of the year.

Overlooked is his victory in the Valspar Championship. Spieth got up-and-down for par from a nasty lie on the side of the hill at the 17th, and he got up-and-down from 35 yards on the 18th hole just to get into a playoff. He won on the third extra hole with a 30-foot birdie putt.

Does he have a chance at the Grand Slam? History says no. That short game says maybe.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA TOUR
THE GREENBRIER CLASSIC
Site: White Sulphur Springs, West Virginia.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: The Greenbrier Resort, The Old White TPC (7,287 yards, par 70).
Purse: $6.7 million. Winner's share: $1,206,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 3-6 p.m., 6:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m.; Saturday, noon-1:30 p.m., 5:30-10 p.m., 10:30 p.m.-3 a.m.; Sunday, noon-1:30 p.m., 5-10:30 p.m.; Monday, 11:30 p.m.-4 a.m.) and CBS (Saturday-Sunday, 2-5 p.m.).
Last year: Argentina's Angel Cabrera closed with consecutive 64s for a two-stroke victory.
Last week: Bubba Watson won the Travelers Championship in Connecticut, beating Paul Casey with a birdie on the second hole of a playoff. Watson also won the 2010 event.
Notes: Tiger Woods is making his seventh start of the season. He missed the cut in the U.S. Open two weeks ago, shooting 80-76. In 18 outside this season, he has shot 80 or higher three times and broken 70 only twice. ... The top four finishers not previously eligible for the British Open will earn spots in the July 16-19 tournament at St. Andrews, provided they are among the top 12 and ties. ... Watson is in the field. ... In the inaugural event in 2010, Stuart Appleby shot a 59 in the final round to win by a stroke. ... Tour victory leader Sam Snead was Greenbrier's professional for 29 years and served as professional emeritus from ... 1983 until his death in 2002. ... The John Deere Classic is next week in Silvis, Illinois.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

EUROPEAN TOUR
FRENCH OPEN
Site: Saint-Quentin-en-Yvelines, France.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Le Golf National, Albatross Course (7,331 yards, par 71).
Purse: $3.36 million. Winner's share: $559,575.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday-Friday, 3:30-6:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.; Saturday, 7 a.m.-11 a.m.; Sunday, 6:30 a.m.-11 a.m.).
Last year: Ireland's Graeme McDowell successfully defended his title, overcoming an eight-stroke deficit in the rainy final round for a one-shot victory. Third-round leader shot a 78 to tie for second. He missed a 3-foot par putt on the final hole.
Last week: Spain's Pablo Larrazabal won the BMW International Open in Munich, closing with 8-under 66 for a one-stroke victory. He also won the 2011 tournament.
Notes: McDowell tops the field along with Martin Kaymer and Lee Westwood. ... First played in 1906, the tournament is the oldest in continental Europe. ... France's Thomas Levet won the 2011 event. ... The Scottish Open is next week at Gullane, followed by the British Open at St. Andrews.
Online: http://www.europeantour.com

WEB.COM TOUR
NOVA SCOTIA OPEN
Site: Halifax, Nova Scotia.
Schedule: Thursday-Sunday.
Course: Ashburn Golf Club, New Course (6,908 yards, par 71).
Purse: $550,000. Winner's share: $117,000.
Television: Golf Channel (Thursday, 11:30-3:30 p.m., Friday, 1-3:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.; Saturday, 1-4 a.m., 2-5 p.m.; Sunday, 3-5 a.m., 2-5 p.m.; Monday, 4-6 a.m.).
Last year: Canada's Roger Sloan beat Derek Fathauer with a par on the first extra hole.
Last week: Rob Oppenheim won the Air Capital Classic in Wichita, Kansas, finishing with a 6-under 64 for a one-stroke victory over Andy Winings.
Notes: Stuart Appleby is returning from surgery for a herniated disk. The nine-time PGA Tour winner has been sidelined since the Pebble Beach National Pro-Am in February. He last appeared on the second-tier tour in 1995. ... The Boise Open is next week.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

LPGA TOUR
Next event: U.S. Women's Open, July 9-12, Lancaster Country Club, Lancaster, Pennsylvania.
Last week: Na Yeon Choi won the NW Arkansas Championship by two strokes for her second victory of the year. She holed out from 142 yards for eagle on the par-4 14th and hit to a foot for a birdie on the par-3 17th, using an 8-iron on both shots.
Online: http://www.lpga.com

CHAMPIONS TOUR
Next event: Encompass Championship, July 10-12, North Shore Country Club, Glenview, Illinois.
Last week: Jeff Maggert won the U.S. Senior Open at Del Paso in Sacramento, California, for his second major victory of the year. He won the Regions Tradition in May in Alabama.
Online: http://www.pgatour.com

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For each word or phrase below, rearrange the letters to spell two new words related to the weather. For example: SO METRIC can be rearranged to spell ICE and STORM.

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FLOOR DUCTS
C F
CROW HEALERS
S C
LEGAL FOOD
F G

Yesterday's Answer: TURN, TUNE, ANTE, DATE, HEAD; PLAY, LADY, LOAD, ROAD, WORD

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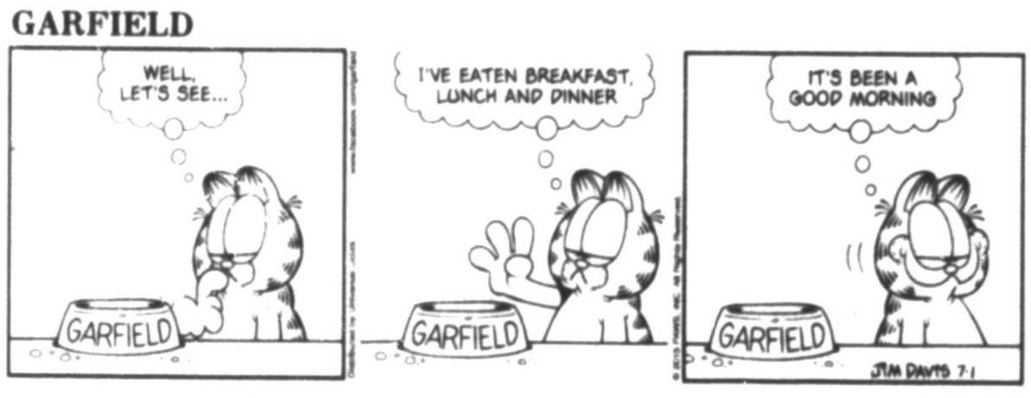

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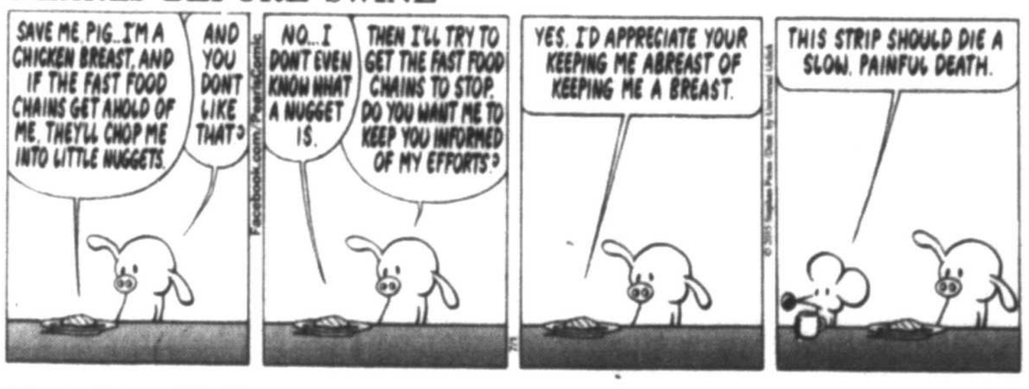

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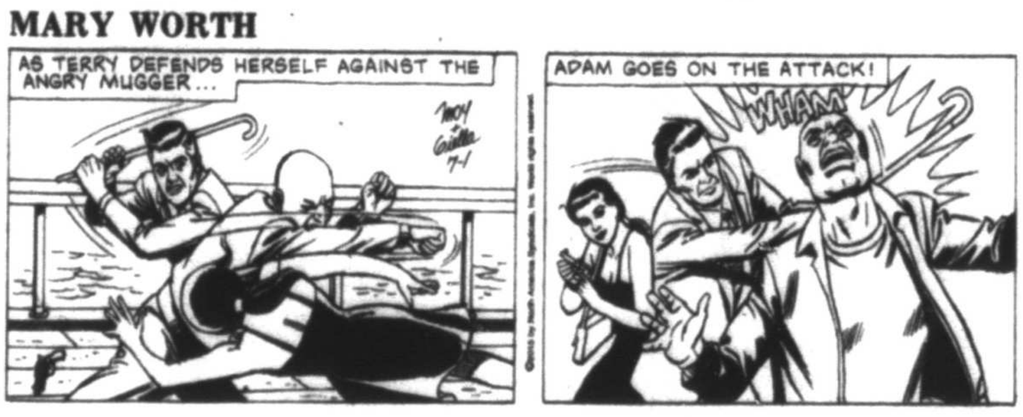

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CLOSE TO HOME

Google Earth: The early days.

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I CAN'T STRIKE HIM OUT. HE'S THE ONLY KID ON OUR BLOCK WITH A SWIMMING POOL."

LOCKHORNS

"IF I'M GOING TO TAKE A LONG WALK, IT MEANS THERE WERE NO GOLF CARTS LEFT."

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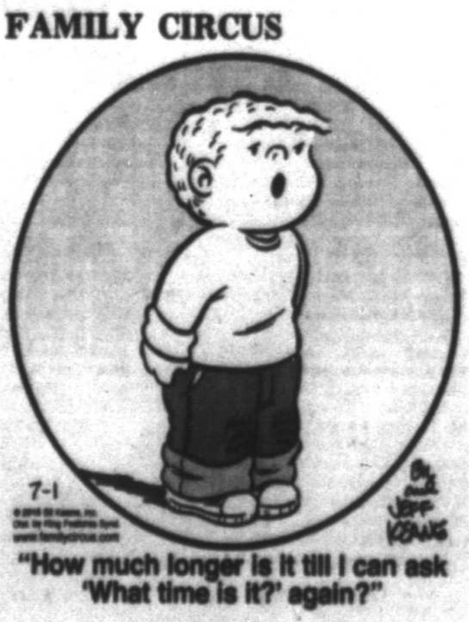
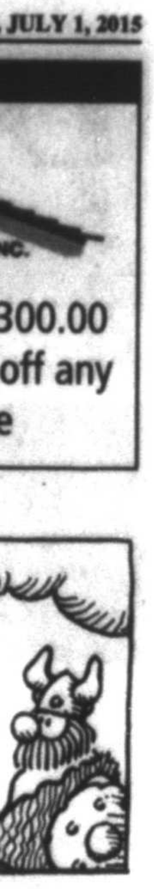


"How much longer is it till I can ask 'What time is it?' again?"



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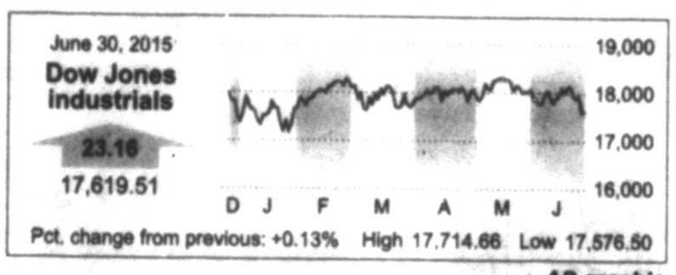

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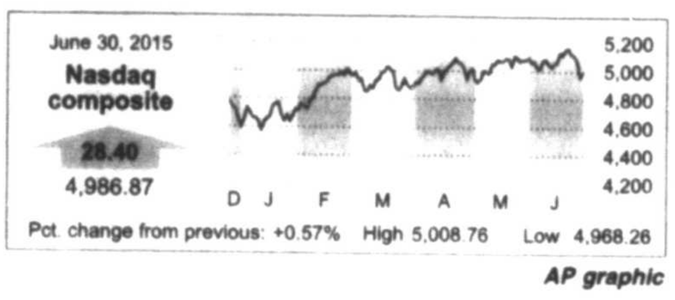

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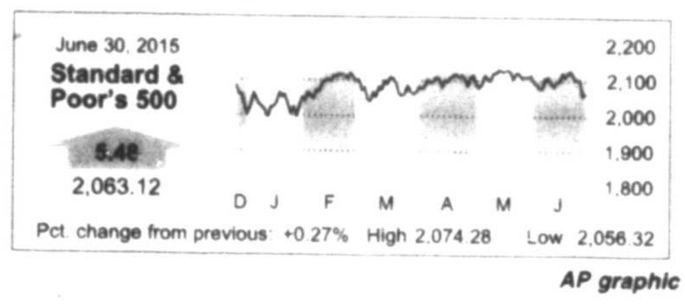

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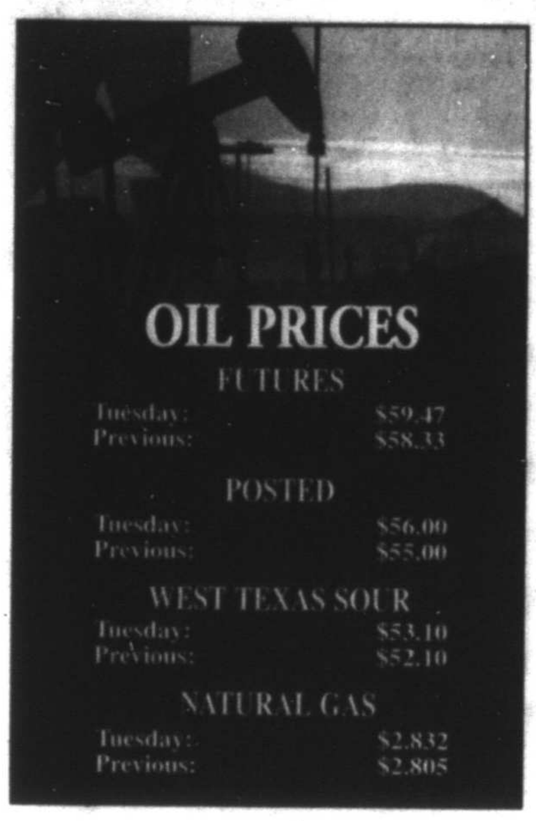

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Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1481284	205.85	+.43
B iPvIxST	1099630	20.10	-.21
BkofAm	854272	17.02	+.13
CSVLgNGs	611866	2.13	+.04
SPDR Fncl	609685	24.38	+.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RCS Cap	7.66	+1.68	+28.1
Fitbit n	38.23	+4.95	+14.9
AllOne rs	23.91	+2.50	+11.7
Topbuild wt	29.00	+3.00	+11.5
NwSrceEn	4.27	+.39	+10.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Whitingjl	2.55	-.52	-16.9
OFG pfB	17.50	-3.32	-15.9
FstBcpPR	4.82	-.77	-13.8
DxBlotBear	31.49	-4.87	-13.4
OFG Bncp	10.67	-1.59	-13.0

Diary

Advanced	1,926
Declined	1,245
Unchanged	87
Total issues	3,258
New Highs	24
New Lows	248
Volume	3,936,178,672

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	38386	2.69	-.07
iShIndia bt	37870	30.26	+.45
CheniereEn	26376	69.26	+.77
BsrcGSOil	26315	12.05	+.26
Globalstar	25594	2.11	-.02

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AsterisasB n	4.60	+.90	+24.3
TransEnbx	3.00	+.23	+8.3
Hc2 Hldgs	8.95	+.62	+7.4
BovieMed	2.79	+.19	+7.3
Majesco n	5.26	+.34	+6.9

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Dawor	6.85	-.97	-12.4
CPI Aero	10.01	-.69	-6.4
EnFuel grs	4.45	-.26	-5.5
CmrstStr rs	20.90	-1.22	-5.5
GoldResrc	2.76	-.16	-5.5

Diary

Advanced	210
Declined	174
Unchanged	31
Total issues	415
New Highs	3
New Lows	32
Volume	88,675,726

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	430753	125.43	+.90
Microsoft	342776	44.15	-.22
MicronT	333560	18.84	+.11
Intel	332382	30.42	+.03
PwShs QQQ	315044	107.07	+.38

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SignalGene	2.19	+.71	+48.0
Quotimet wt	5.94	+1.77	+42.4
FreeSeas rs	3.59	+1.03	+40.2
CheckCap n	3.50	+.78	+28.7
Advaxis wt	15.55	+2.94	+23.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmbacF wt	7.60	-2.02	-21.0
ApolloEdu	12.88	-2.68	-17.1
Centtrec rs	3.15	-.63	-16.7
RealGSol rs	2.23	-.43	-16.2
AmbacFin	16.64	-3.08	-15.6

Diary

Advanced	1,742
Declined	1,055
Unchanged	158
Total issues	2,955
New Highs	42
New Lows	119
Volume	1,945,212,425

Appeals court: Former BP engineer should get new trial

By Kevin McGill
Associated Press

NEW ORLEANS — A former BP engineer is entitled to a new trial on an obstruction of justice charge stemming from an investigation of the 2010 Gulf of Mexico oil spill, a federal appeals court ruled Tuesday.

The 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals upheld a lower court ruling that granted Kurt Mix a new trial because of jury misconduct in his 2013 trial.

Prosecutors accused Mix of deleting text messages about the amount of oil flowing from BP's Macondo well after the 2010 Deepwater Horizon disaster. He was acquitted on one criminal count at his 2013 trial but convicted on one count of obstruction of justice.

However, U.S. District Judge Stanwood Duval later ruled that the jury forewoman had tainted deliberations.

According to the court record, she had overheard on a courthouse elevator that other BP employees were being prosecuted in addition to Mix. She later told deadlocked fellow jurors that she had heard something that, in the words of Tuesday's ruling, "increased her confidence in voting guilty."

Mix has pleaded not guilty. His defense team said there is ample evidence he shared information about the flow rate throughout the government investigation. They also said prosecutors failed to prove Mix knew the information he deleted would be pertinent to a grand jury investigation — an investigation they said he did not know about and that had not yet even begun.

In upholding Duval's decision, a three-judge 5th Circuit panel said federal prosecutors failed to prove that the jury forewoman's remarks were harmless and had not prejudiced the jury.

"The government now argues that the evidence against Mix was so overwhelming that the extrinsic information was irrelevant to his conviction," Judge Edith Brown Clement wrote on behalf of the panel. "This argument fails."

A new trial date has not yet been set.

The Justice Department declined comment on the 5th Circuit ruling through spokesman Peter Carr.

"We appreciate the care with which the Fifth Circuit reviewed the facts and understood the trial record, and are gratified by its decision," defense attorney Joan McPhee wrote in an emailed statement.

Tuesday's ruling came weeks after a federal jury acquitted David Rainey, a former vice president for BP Exploration and Production Co., on charges that he lied to investigators looking into the spill.

Trial is pending for BP well site leaders Robert Kaluza and Donald Vidrine, who have pleaded not guilty to manslaughter charges stemming from the deaths of 11 workers who were on the Deepwater Horizon when it exploded.

US home prices now climbing steadily

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. home prices increased at a solid clip in April, led by double-digit jumps in Denver and San Francisco.

The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city home price index rose 4.9 percent in April from 12 months earlier, roughly the same annual pace as March, S&P Dow Jones Indices said Tuesday.

Strong job growth and low mortgage rates have prompted greater demand for housing, boosting home values. The continued gains are at roughly double the pace of wage growth, but current levels appear more manageable than the double-digit home price increases seen during parts of 2013 and 2014.

"These gains are probably sustainable," said David Berson, chief economist at Nationwide Insurance. "They're not so rapid as to cause worry that people won't be able to afford to buy the average home."

Prices in the Denver metro areas climbed 10.3 percent, while home values in San Francisco rose 10 percent. Values increased more than 7.5 percent in Dallas, Miami, Seattle and Tampa. But price growth was tepid in the Boston, Cleveland and Washington, DC areas, where prices were up by 1.8 percent or less.

The Case-Shiller index covers roughly half of U.S. homes. The index measures prices compared with those in January 2000 and creates a three-month moving average. The April figures are the latest available.

Other measures are showing faster increased in prices, reflecting a shortage of homes available in the market.

May sales figures from the National Association of Realtors found that median home prices increased 7.9 percent over the past 12 months to $228,700, about $1,700 shy of the July 2006 peak.

The market has just 5.1 months' supply of homes, versus an average of six months in a healthy market.

Driving much of the growth has been a steady improvement in job growth and relatively low mortgage rates.

Employers have added 3.1 million workers over the past 12 months, new paychecks that appear to be flowing into real estate.

US stocks edge higher

The U.S. stock market stabilized Tuesday as investors followed the latest developments in the Greek debt saga.

Stocks edged higher a day after the market had its worst day of the year. That slump was prompted by a breakdown in talks between Greece and its creditors. Greece's European bailout program ends Tuesday at midnight, and the country hasn't yet managed to agree on an extension or a new deal with creditors.

On Tuesday, the office of the Greek Prime Minister said that the country remains at the negotiating table and that the government has proposed a two-year deal with Europe's bailout fund.

Even though the standoff in Greece is far removed from the U.S., the global nature of financial markets will ensure that any ripple effects will be felt across the Atlantic, said Mike Ryan, chief investment strategist at UBS Wealth Management Americas.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 5.47 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,063.11. The index closed out the quarter with a loss of 0.2 percent, its first quarterly decline since dropping 1 percent in the last three months of 2012.

Metals end lower

Metals futures ended slightly lower. Gold fell $7.20 to $1,171.80 an ounce, silver lost 11 cents to settle at $15.55 an ounce and copper fell two cents to $2.62 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $65.75 Down 2.23

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $113.86 Up 1.89

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.70 Up 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $75.38 Up 0.22

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $8.57 Down 0.33

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.66 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.82 Up 0.80

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.11 Up 0.74

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.19 Down 0.02

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $19.69 Down 0.23

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	35.52	-.25	+5.7
Abraxas	...	5	2.95	+.11	+.3
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	13.97	+.07	+2.1
AMD	...	...	2.40	+.06	-10.1
Alcoa	.12	18	11.15	-.20	-29.4
AlonUSA	.60f	21	18.90	+.42	+49.2
Ambev	.24e	...	6.10	+.02	-1.1
Amgen	**3.16**	**21**	**153.82**	**+1.92**	**-3.6**
Anadarko	**1.08**	**...**	**78.06**	**-.53**	**-5.4**
Annaly	1.20	...	9.19	-.02	-15.0
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**57.63**	**+.42**	**-8.0**
Apple Inc	2.08f	16	125.43	+.90	+13.6
ApldMatl	**.40**	**18**	**19.22**	**+.01**	**-22.9**
ArchCoal	...	...	.34	-.08	-80.9
ATMOS	**1.56**	**17**	**51.28**	**-.18**	**-8.0**
AutoData	1.96	27	80.23	-.68	-3.8
BP PLC	**2.40**	**44**	**39.96**	**-.35**	**+4.8**
BabsCClnv	1.20	...	18.07	+.10	+1.1
BakrHu	.68	30	61.70	+.59	+10.0
BcoSantSA	.76e	...	7.01	+.01	-15.8
BkofAm	.20	25	17.02	+.13	-4.9
B iPVixST	...	...	20.10	-.21	-36.2
BasicEnSv	...	...	7.55	-.22	+7.7
BerkHa A	**...**	**17204860.00**	**-150.00**	**-0.4**	
BkrHiBeCp	**1.62**	**15**	**43.65**	**-.26**	**-17.7**
BlackBerry	...	...	8.18	-.11	-25.5
BostonSci	...	...	17.70	-.11	+33.6
BrMySq	**1.48**	**49**	**66.54**	**+.57**	**+12.7**
BrownFA	**1.26**	**35**	**111.42**	**+2.88**	**+27.0**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**31**	**100.18**	**+.39**	**+14.0**
CVS Health	1.40	26	104.88	+.07	+6.9
Cameron	...	12	52.37	+.77	+4.8
Caterpillar	3.08f	14	84.82	-.49	-7.3
Celestic g	...	14	11.64	+.02	-.9
CntryLink	2.16	22	29.38	-.15	-25.8
Chipours wi	...	...	16.00	+.50	-23.3
ChkstEng	.35	...	11.17	+.14	-42.9
Chevron	**4.28**	**11**	**96.47**	**-.22**	**+14.0**
Chicos	.31	38	16.63	-.06	+2.6
Cimarex	.64	...	110.31	+1.09	+4.1
Cisco	.84	16	27.46	-.08	-.6
Citigroup	.20f	22	55.24	+.36	+2.1
ClayEng	**...**	**56**	**66.75**	**-2.23**	**+3.1**
CocaCola	**1.32**	**25**	**39.23**	**-.17**	**-7.1**
ColgPalm	**1.52**	**26**	**65.41**	**+.01**	**-5.5**
ConAgra	**1.00**	**...**	**43.72**	**+.29**	**+20.5**
ConchoRes	**...**	**28**	**113.86**	**+1.89**	**+14.1**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**15**	**61.41**	**+.40**	**-11.1**
Corning	.48	13	19.73	+.03	-14.0
CrackerB	4.40f	23	149.16	+2.02	+6.0
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.13	+.04	-46.5
CSVLgCrde	...	...	3.26	+.17	-33.3
CSVelIVST	...	...	40.61	+.14	+30.4
CSVlxSh rs	...	...	9.60	-.14	-65.2
CrosTim	**2.15e**	**7**	**16.50**	**+.46**	**-4.7**
DCP Mid	3.12	12	30.89	-.84	-32.4
DTE	2.92f	15	74.64	...	-13.6
Dataram	...	...	2.01	+.02	+18.2
DevonE	**.96**	**...**	**59.49**	**+.67**	**-2.8**
DxGldBul	...	...	8.11	-.22	-27.3
DrxSCBear	...	...	9.66	-.14	-19.5
Disney	**1.32f**	**24**	**114.14**	**+1.09**	**+21.2**
DowChm	**1.68**	**16**	**51.17**	**+.38**	**+12.2**
EMC Cp	.46	21	26.39	+.40	-11.3
EOG Resrc	**.67**	**18**	**87.55**	**+1.30**	**-4.9**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**15**	**21.80**	**-.03**	**-26.7**
Energen	.08	40	68.30	+1.28	+7.1
EngyTsfr	4.06f	67	52.20	+.23	-19.7
EnPro	**.80**	**78**	**57.22**	**-.05**	**-8.8**
EnPrvPt s	1.50f	22	28.89	-.11	-17.2
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.44	-.24	+13.7
ExterranH	**.80**	**23**	**32.65**	**...**	**+.2**
ExxonMbl	**2.92f**	**12**	**83.20**	**+.35**	**-10.0**
Facebook	...	83	85.77	-.04	+9.9
FordM	.60	19	15.01	-.01	-3.2
FrptMcM	.20a	...	18.62	-.76	-20.3
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.95	+.02	-25.8
GATX	**1.52**	**11**	**53.15**	**-.92**	**-7.5**
GabMultT	**1.05e**	**...**	**9.17**	**+.02**	**-8.4**
GAInv	**3.50e**	**...**	**34.81**	**+.10**	**-.5**
GenElec	**.92**	**...**	**28.57**	**+.07**	**+8.1**
GtPlainEn	**.88**	**15**	**24.16**	**-.23**	**-18.0**
HalconRes	...	...	1.16	-.01	-34.8
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**16**	**43.07**	**+.39**	**+9.5**
HewlettP	**.70f**	**12**	**30.01**	**+.04**	**-25.2**
IShEMU	**.95e**	**...**	**37.54**	**-.28**	**+3.3**
iShGerm	**.51e**	**...**	**27.86**	**-.23**	**+1.7**
iShJapan	**.13e**	**...**	**12.81**	**+.06**	**+14.0**
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	46.10	+1.10	+10.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	39.62	+.58	+.8
iShJ20 yrT	3.41	...	117.46	-.82	-6.7
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	63.49	-.19	+4.4
iShR2K	1.59e	...	124.86	+.58	+4.4
Intel	**.96**	**13**	**30.42**	**+.03**	**-16.2**
InterDig	.80	...	56.89	+.06	+7.5
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	67.76	+.56	+9.0
JohnJn	**3.00f**	**17**	**97.46**	**-.22**	**-6.8**
JunoTher n	...	...	53.33	+7.03	+2.1
KimbClk	**3.52**	**26**	**106.97**	**-.15**	**-8.3**
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	8.57	-.33	-25.0
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**4.85**	**-.13**	**+6.6**
MBIA	...	3	6.01	-.36	-37.0
MktVGold	.12e	...	17.78	-.15	-3.4
MktVRus	.64e	...	18.28	+.57	+24.9
McDnlds	3.40	21	95.07	-.37	+1.5
MeadWvco	1.00	31	47.19	-.28	+6.3
Merck	1.80	15	56.93	-.36	+.2
MeritMed	**...**	**37**	**21.54**	**+.42**	**+24.3**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.66	...	-14.2
MicronT	...	6	18.84	+.11	-46.2
Microsoft	1.24	18	44.15	-.22	-5.0
Nabors	.24	10	14.43	-.08	+11.2
NBGreece	...	...	1.05	+.08	-41.3
NatGrid	**3.85e**	**...**	**64.57**	**-.78**	**-8.6**
NOWVarco	1.84	9	48.28	-.29	-26.3
NokiaCp	.16e	...	6.85	-.06	-12.8
NvMAd	**.79e**	**...**	**13.00**	**-.02**	**-4.8**
NvPMI	**.82e**	**...**	**12.90**	**+.01**	**-7.7**
NuvPI	**.82e**	**...**	**13.14**	**+.10**	**-5.2**
NSTPI3	**.96e**	**...**	**13.72**	**+.06**	**-3.7**
NTXQI	**.65e**	**...**	**13.71**	**-.02**	**-5.2**
OcciPet	**3.00f**	**20**	**77.77**	**+.40**	**-3.5**
Oracle	.60	18	40.30	-.12	-10.4
PerTech	**...**	**...**	**4.91**	**+.02**	**-20.2**
ParkDrl	**...**	**10**	**9.32**	**-.01**	**+8.1**
PattUTI	**.40**	**20**	**18.82**	**+.04**	**+13.4**
PeabdyE	**.01**	**...**	**2.19**	**-.32**	**-71.7**
PenneRE	**.84**	**...**	**21.34**	**-.21**	**-8.0**
Pmian	.66e	9	8.06	-.02	-15.6
Petrobras	...	...	9.05	+.02	+24.0
Pfizer	**1.12**	**23**	**33.53**	**-.06**	**+7.8**
PioNtrl	.08	28	138.69	+1.31	-6.8
PlainsAAP	**2.74f**	**20**	**43.57**	**-.09**	**-15.1**
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	107.07	+.38	+3.7
Praxair	**2.86**	**21**	**119.55**	**+.25**	**-7.7**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**56.00**	**...**	**-23.0**
PUVixST rs	...	...	43.96	-.54	-65.0
ProctGam	**2.65f**	**24**	**78.24**	**-.08**	**-14.1**
ProUShSP	...	...	21.06	-.06	-4.5
QEP Res	.08	16	18.51	+.12	-8.5
RangeRs	.16	20	49.38	+.77	-7.6
RegionsFn	.24f	14	10.36	+.07	-1.9
RiteAid	...	23	8.35	+.03	+11.0
RockTen s	1.28f	16	60.20	-.73	-1.3
Rowan	.40	...	21.11	+.43	-9.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	57.01	-.73	-14.8
SpdrDJIA	3.68e	...	175.82	+.18	-1.2
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	205.85	+.43	+.2
SabnR	3.75e	9	37.75	-.25	+5.5
SanderFm	**.88e**	**6**	**75.16**	**+.19**	**-10.6**
SandRidge	**...**	**...**	**.88**	**+.05**	**-61.8**
Schlmbrg	2.00	22	86.19	+.53	+.9
SigmaAld	**.92**	**33**	**139.35**	**+.02**	**+1.5**
SignalGene	...	...	2.19	+.71	-13.8
SiriusXM	...	41	3.73	+.02	+6.6
Smucker	2.56	30	108.41	+.03	+7.4
SP Engy	1.99e	...	75.16	+.52	-5.1
SPDR Fncl	.43e	...	24.38	+.09	-1.4
SunocoLog	1.68f	...	38.03	+.53	-9.0
Sysco	1.20	24	36.10	-1.14	-9.0
TaiwSemi	.73e	...	22.71	+.33	+1.5
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**	**...**	**14.20**	**-.16**	**-.1**
Tesoro	1.70	12	84.41	+.58	+13.5
3M Co	4.10	20	154.30	+.35	-6.1
Torchmrk s	**.54**	**14**	**58.22**	**+.53**	**+7.5**
TriContl	**.80e**	**...**	**21.19**	**+.12**	**-1.0**
21stCFoxA	.30	8	32.54	+.25	-15.3
Twitter	...	...	36.22	+2.01	+1.0
TylerTech	**...**	**67**	**129.38**	**+1.48**	**+18.2**
UBWV	**1.28**	**21**	**40.23**	**+1.10**	**+7.4**
US OilFd	...	...	19.88	+.37	-2.4
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.89	-.23	-28.0
ValeroE	1.60	9	62.60	+2.04	+26.5
VangEmg	1.10e	...	40.88	+.54	+2.1
VerizonCm	2.20	20	46.61	-.16	-.4
VulcanM	**.40**	**81**	**53.93**	**-.22**	**+27.7**
WalgBoots	1.35	33	84.44	+.16	+10.8
WellsFargo	1.50f	14	56.24	+.18	+2.6
Wendys Co	.22	43	11.28	+.08	+24.9
WstnRefin	1.36f	7	43.62	+.83	+15.5
WhitingPet	...	14	33.60	-.43	+1.8
WmsCos	2.36f	...	57.39	+1.01	+27.7
XcelEngy	**1.28**	**18**	**32.18**	**+.01**	**-10.4**
Xerox	**.28**	**14**	**10.64**	**-.14**	**-23.2**

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18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,619.51	+23.16	+.13	-1.14	+3.91
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,092.28	+11.45	+.14	-11.46	-2.05
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	550.32	-1.85	-.34	-10.96	-3.60
11,254.87	9,888.08	NYSE Composite	10,805.21	+14.87	+.14	-.31	-2.19
5,164.36	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,986.87	+28.40	+.57	+5.30	+11.85
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,063.11	+5.47	+.27	+.20	+4.55
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,502.17	+2.07	+.14	+3.42	+3.94
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,841.75	+67.43	+.31	+.79	+3.96
1,296.00	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,253.95	+7.20	+.58	+4.09	+3.98

NHL teams now more cautious going into free agency

Associated Press

Now a decade into the salary-cap era, NHL free agency isn't what it used to be.

And the 2015 unrestricted group is one of the weakest in recent memory.

"It's not a great group," Philadelphia Flyers general manager Ron Hextall said recently. "Your options are minimal."

Options are out there, such as center Antoine Vermette, wingers Matt Beleskey and Justin Williams, defensemen Mike Green and Christian Ehrhoff and goaltender Karri Ramo. But this isn't a star-studded class.

Money will still get thrown around as it does every July 1, but GMs are conscious of what this time of year actually means in the grand scheme of things.

"You can't grab four or five guys every year and try to be successful," Hextall said. "I just don't believe in it. It's a small tool that can help. You can fill that last box you have to make yourself a top contender, but you can't build like that."

It's a good time to fill roster holes. The Stanley Cup champion Chicago Blackhawks signed center Brad Richards to a one-year deal last summer, and the Eastern Conference champion Tampa Bay Lightning got center Brian Boyle and defenseman Anton Stralman to complement a young core.

Similar to Valtteri Filppula in 2014, Stralman was a big hit with a $22.5 million, five-year contract with the Lightning. He went on to play on the top pairing with Victor Hedman.

"We had a huge, glaring hole in our lineup," general manager Steve Yzerman said at the Cup Final. "We needed a right-hand shot defenseman. We have a pretty competitive team. A player like that can make a real difference, and he has in the first year."

Green, the only defenseman in the cap era to score 30 goals, and Williams, who has become known as "Mr. Game 7" for his playoff scoring, could fit this time. For teams looking for depth, winger Michael Frolik and defensemen Cody Franson and Johnny Oduya are available.

Alexander Semin, Pierre-Alexandre Parenteau, Cody Hodgson and Viktor Stalberg are also unrestricted possibilities because of buyouts.

"Top to bottom, (the free-agent pool) might not have the complete depth, but these are players that can help your lineup, depending on what your needs are," Boston Bruins GM Don Sweeney said on a conference call Tuesday. "Every team is looking at players that fit into what they're trying to do."

Most teams are trying to keep their own players. The Dallas Stars gave Jason Spezza a contract extension, the Ottawa Senators locked up Bobby Ryan, the New York Islanders gave Johnny Boychuk a long-term deal and the Rangers prevented Mats Zuccarello from hitting the open market.

"The free-agency period is slowly starting to change," Stars GM Jim Nill said on a conference call Monday. "We've all looked at the CBA, we've all analyzed it. The general managers are a pretty smart group, and we've all seen what's happened is we're all signing our top players to six-to-eight-year contracts.

"There's two or three good free agents out there, but it's not as strong as it used to be, and there's 30 teams competing for those guys."

SPORTSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MASSACHUSETTS

Harvard athlete among 1st openly transgender NCAA swimmers

CAMBRIDGE — Schuyler Bailar was a star recruit for the women's swimming team at Harvard University, a tough competitor with a shot at winning titles. But Bailar is opting to forgo such honors to join the men's team instead, competing as one of the first openly transgender swimmers in the NCAA.

"It's half terrifying and half exciting," said Bailar, a 19-year-old from McLean, Virginia. "I'm just kind of embracing it with open arms."

Bailar, an incoming freshman, came out as transgender this year after already being recruited for the women's team. Initially he planned to stay on that team but had mixed feelings about it — he wanted to swim, but he also wanted to embrace his identity.

The Harvard women's coach saw that Bailar was torn and helped orchestrate another option: In a surprise move, the university offered Bailar a spot on either the men's or women's team.

"I was blown away," Bailar said. "I had no idea how to respond."

On the women's team, Bailar would have been a top athlete. He had hopes of breaking records and winning titles. In the world of men's swimming, though, his times were far behind the best. It took two wrenching months to decide, but he finally dropped his competitive goals and joined the men's team.

"I just want to be a boy," he remembers thinking. "I can't live this in-between thing anymore."

By then, men's coach Kevin Tyrrell had already gathered the team to talk about adding Bailar.

"We talked about how we're all about character and values, and I kind of gave my two cents: If we're going to say that we care about others, then this is something we should consider," Tyrrell said. "And basically all the guys said, within 15 seconds, 'Yeah, let's do it.'"

CALIFORNIA

USOC leaders stay course, stick with Boston's troubled bid

REDWOOD CITY — U.S. Olympic Committee leaders say they're sticking with Boston as their candidate for the 2024 Olympics.

The USOC board met Tuesday to discuss the Boston bid, which has been troubled by tepid polling data and active opposition.

The announcement came a day after bid leaders unveiled a new, $4.6 billion plan with many financial details that had been missing from earlier renditions.

"I've seen their presentation five times in the last six days, and each time, it keeps getting better," USOC chairman Larry Probst said.

Probst and USOC CEO Scott Blackmun were joined at a news conference by new Boston 2024 chairman Steve Pagliuca and co-chair Roger Crandall.

There's still wiggle room for the USOC to make a change, perhaps to Los Angeles. A city doesn't have to be officially declared until Sept. 15. There's also a chance the USOC could pull out of the 2024 race completely.

A referendum on the Olympics is set for next year in Massachusetts. If it fails, bid leaders have promised to withdraw from the contest.

The USOC recently did its own polling about support for the Olympics in the Boston area. While not specific about which polls he was talking about, Probst said support is hovering around a little more than 40 percent.

"We want to see a positive trend, and the sooner the better," Probst said.

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$30 before June 30th, $35 on or after July 1st

Awards:
Trophies for overall male and female winners, medals for the top 3 male and female finishers in each age category

Packet Pickup:
Friday, July 3, 2015 at Mazda of Midland from 9:00am to 7:00pm

PRE-REGISTER by 9 AM, WED., July 1st for a chance to win 1 of 4 "GoPro Hero" Cameras!

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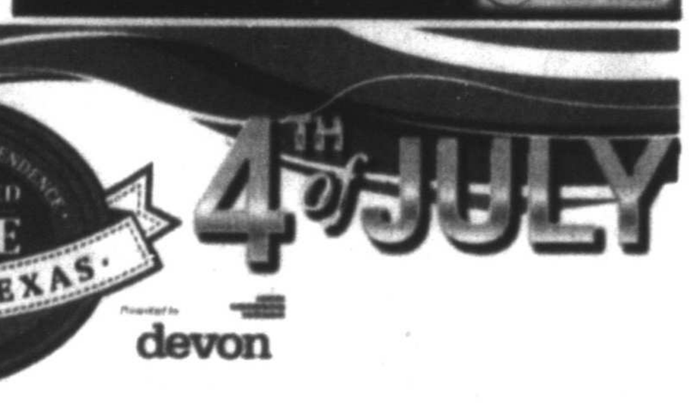

53rd Annual Children's Sidewalk Parade

Saturday, July 4th @ 10 am

Presented by :
Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution

FREE REGISTRATION BEGINS AT 9 AM
(inside park grounds - near corner of E. Wadley & Hogan Park Rd.)

- Each participant must be on a sidewalk vehicle - such as wagons, tricycles, bicycles, strollers and Big Wheels.
- Parade participants will be divided into 4 categories: Birth - 3 years, 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-12 years.
- Children may participate in groups in the age category of the most members of the group. As we honor the RED, WHITE & BLUE, we encourage decorated vehicles celebrating America's Birthday!

All participants will receive a participant ribbon and a flag to wave in the parade courtesy of the Col. Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

There will be a short patriotic program following the parade.

To view parade route:

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OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

Starting pay $10.00 per hour/after 60 days pay will be $11.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois. Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com

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Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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PARSLEY ENERGY

Division Order Analyst III

Parsley Energy is seeking a Division Order Analyst III with experience working with analysis of leases, farm-out agreements, title opinions, operating agreements and legal documentation for record title ownership changes. The position is located in Midland, Texas. The Division Order Analyst III will have a minimum of five (5) years of oil and gas division order experience.

Responsibilities

- Create and maintain record title ownership of producing properties and calculate ownership divisions of interest.
- Analyze and interpret title documents affecting record title ownership of mineral and leasehold rights.
- Retain and supervise outside title attorneys for completions of division order title opinions and coordinate the curative of the applicable title requirements.
- Collaborate with landmen on working interests and title issues.
- Resolve working and royalty interest owner division of interest and/or payment problems.
- Special land administration projects as assigned.

Requirements

- Legally authorized to work in the U.S. without restrictions
- Excellent Microsoft Excel and Word skills
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills
- Experience with Horizon a plus
- Bachelors' degree in Law, Energy Management or Business related field recommended, or equivalent and a minimum of five (5) or more years of relevant experience with an active oil and gas exploration company

All resumes should be sent confidentially to: **employment@parsleyenergy.com**

PARSLEY ENERGY

Surface Land Administrator/Assistant/Tech

Parsley Energy is seeking an experienced Land technician or Land Assistant for the position of Surface Land Administrator to support the Surface Land Department in Midland. The Surface Land Administrator will have a minimum of 1 year of industry experience be extremely well organized and possess advanced skills in Microsoft Word and Excel.

Responsibilities

- Keeper of information going into and leaving the surface group.
- Be responsible for confirming the accuracy of information and organizing into company wide database.
- Work collaboratively with land, drilling, reservoir, geology and production operations groups to load, analyze and manipulate various types of data and gain approval of plats in each of the respective groups.
- Be responsible for sending out driving maps, damage payments, and organizing invoices.
- Rule 37&38 waiver requests.

Requirements

- Have a very strong work ethic and desire to learn.
- Legally authorized to work in the U.S. without restrictions
- High School Diploma or equivalent.
- Strong attention to detail.
- Must have superior organizational skills.
- Ability to self-direct work, learn new tasks, improve processes and document workflows.
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills to document work and share knowledge.
- Highly proficient using Microsoft Word and Excel.

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Financial Accountant

Midland-based midstream energy company has an entry-level staff opening for a FINANCIAL ACCOUNTANT. Accounting degree is required. Salary DOE. Benefits include Health Insurance, 401K and Cafeteria Plan. Mail resume to Accountant, 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX. 79701 or email to employment@westtexasgas.com

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Please contact Larry Sims at (432) 349-3401 for details.

CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Pool Operations/Maintenance Person needed

Available Immediately: Full time, reliable, pool operations / maintenance person for a large non-profit aquatic center in Midland. Experience appreciated but not required, will train; references required. Must pass a criminal background check and submit to drug screen. Pay is DOE. COM is an equal opportunity employer. Apply in person at 3003 N A Street, Midland, between 9 am - 4 pm, Monday thru Friday.

CONSTRUCTION & FACILITIES

Assistant Superintendent

Multi-Family Construction Assistant Superintendent needed immediately for a project in Midland. Multi have previous apartment construction experience. Salary plus possible bonus. Will be responsible for helping Superintendent turn units to management. Call (432) 262-3464 and e-mail resume to Maribel at mestrella@koontzcorp.com

HEALTHCARE

Available Positions

Desert Gardens Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
3203 Sage Street
Midland, TX 79705

Desert Gardens located in Midland, Texas is currently seeking staff to fill the following Positions:

- **GN • GVN • Nurses (all night shifts)**
- **Assistant Director of Nursing**

Full benefits
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Apply in person.

LCDC

LCDC/LPC/Intern needed for Addiction medical clinic part time Monday-Friday, 6am-10:30am. Tx planning, case mgmt and therapy. Paid holidays, paid sick days, no health benefits. Midland/Odessa positions. Please send resume to 800-671-8364.

OCEANS BEHAVIORAL HOSPITALS
PERMIAN BASIN

Oceans Behavioral Hospital of Midland has a career opportunity for a full time and a part time Receptionist.

The Receptionist provides general receptionist and clerical support services for the facility in a timely, accurate and efficient manner. This is accomplished according to Joint Commission, Federal and State Regulations, Oceans' mission, policies and procedures and PI standards. High school graduate or equivalent preferred and at least 1 year experience working as a general receptionist. Experience with computers required. Knowledge of hospital operations and psychiatric programs preferred. Must have a valid driver license. Please come in to apply at 3300 S. FM 1788, Midland, TX. or email resume to tleathers@ohcg.info. Oceans Healthcare is an equal opportunity employer.

Physician

Physician needed for Addiction Medicine Clinic. Odessa or Midland positions available. 2-3 days per week 8:30am-8:30am. Paid by hourly contract rate. Physical exams, medication adjustments, assist counseling staff with treatment planning. Any medical specialty acceptable, will train. No hospital association, no insurance billing. Texas licensure must be in good standing. Fax cover letter and CV to Dr. Garcia, 214-732-1622

PRN RNS

Nurses Unlimited Inc. is seeking PRN RNS to do in-home assessments to determine eligibility for the star plus program. Experience with the MNLOC is helpful but will train the right person. SOme travel will be necessary with use of company care or mileage reimbursement. Competitive pay!
Please call Wanda Tyler at (432)580-2000 or (800)458-3257 to schedule an interview today!

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

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Now hiring Part Time Front Desk & Night Audit. Professional appearance required. Will train the right person. Serious inquiries only. Apply in person only. No phone calls. Competitive pay.

OTHER JOBS

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Part Time Housekeeper for private home. Must be prepared to provide character and work references. Must love dogs and cats. Nonsmoker. Experience a plus but will train right person. Pay depends on ability. Call 432-262-2479

Locksmith Apprentice

Now hiring locksmith apprentice, clean background, clean driving record and mechanical skills are a must.
Apply at Mr. Key Locksmith, 2507 W. Illinois Ave.

Masonry Superintendents Needed

Safety oriented, self-motivated masonry superintendents needed to travel and work throughout Texas. Up to $80K/year plus bonuses. Insurance provided, vacation offered after 1 year, truck allowance and gas paid. Please call: 254-848-5830 or mail resume to: PO Box 23428 Waco, TX 76702.

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Stable Hand

Need part-time help cleaning horse stables. Flexible hours, preferrably 10am-12noon. $12/hour. Call 432-413-4682

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Student Ministry Director

First United Methodist Church of Midland, a strong congregation of followers of Jesus Christ, and a church that seeks to bless our community, is seeking to fill our position of Director of Student Ministries. This full-time position invites applicants who have a solid faith, leadership skills, and a desire to keep our student ministry strong. Send resume with letter of interest to hrdirector@firstmethodistmidland.com . Further details will be shared depending on mutual interest level.
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Cathodic Protection Technicians

Cathodic Protection Technicians needed. Some experience is preferred. Salary DOE. Locations near Big Lake TX. & Midland TX. Fax resume to 325-473-7861 or mail to West Texas Gas P.O. Drawer S. 209 N.E. Railroad, Bronte Tx. 76933.

CDL Driver/ Swamper

CDL Driver/ Swamper needed preferably with pumping unit experience. Excellent pay & benefits. 401K, Medical/Dental Insurance, uniforms all provided by company after 90 days. Contact Dillon @ 432-559-5552.

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Basin Engine and Pump
Field Mechanic needed for Industrial Oilfield Shop. Uniforms provided. Experience is required. Benefits package includes vacation, health insurance and retirement match savings.
Salary depends on experience.
Please submit resume by fax to 432-570-1115
or email to Todd@basinengine.com.
Applications may be filled out at 1914 South County Rd 1083-Midland.

Journeyman Electrician

Need licensed journeyman electrician, preferably with heavy commercial background. Top pay, paid vacation, benefits and paid holidays. Call for details (432)684-9191 or mail resume to P.O. Box 5686 Midland, Tx 79704.

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Now Hiring

Maintenance Technician to perform preventative maintenance and complete repair orders. Must have mechanical and electrical knowledge as well as experience with equipment repair.

Competitive Wages & Comprehensive Benefits Package available.

Apply in person at 8 E Industrial Loop, Midland, TX 79701
Or call 325-486-4416 for information
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Maintenance / Landscape Help Needed

Starting Pay $12. per hour. Must pass drug & background screening. Apply in person at Hunter's Ridge Apartments 4201 Andrews Hwy Midland, TX 79703

Maintenance Tech

Maintenance Tech full time with benefits. Apply in person at The Azure Apartments, 1201 Albert Ave. (located on South Lamesa) call for directions. 432-262-3991.

RWRC Inc.

RWRC Inc. is now hiring for the following positions:
- Roustabout
- Backhoe operator with class A CDL
- Truck Drivers with 3yrs. experience

Health Insurance Available. Contact Keith (432) 528-7701, (940) 644-1733

TECHNOLOGY

Part Time Church Media Technician

Part-time church media technician. Candidate should have technical knowledge to trouble shoot media projection hardware and knowledge to build media graphics support for worship services. Candidate should be proficient in Pro Presenter and have working knowledge of Adobe Photoshop, Windows Movie Maker and PowerPoint. Send resumes to hrdirector@firstmethodistmidland.com

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

CDL Truck Driver

LPZ Enterprises is hiring responsible drivers for belly dump trailers. Two years experience is required. Your pay depends on your experience. Only serious drivers need to apply. For more information we are located at 4500 W. Illinois Suite 116, Midland, TX. 79703.

Class A CDL Truck Drivers

Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1535 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

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FRAC & Fuel Transport Drivers

Pel-State Services is hiring FRAC and Fuel Transport Drivers in the Midland/Odessa area. Drivers must be at least 23 years of age, have at least two years of fuel tanker experience, and have their Class A CDL and Hazmat and Tanker endorsements. Salary is dependent on experience and we pay time and a half for any hours over 40 in a week. Full medical, dental and 401k plans available after 90 days of employment. **For consideration please submit a resume to jobs@pel-state.com .**

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Geraldine Frances Rutter, Deceased, were issued on June 16, 2015, in Cause No. P-18,303, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Jean Sanderson, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 3606 Monclave Dr., Midland, TX 79703.

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, in care of the Executor.

Dated the 29th day of June, 2015

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By: Brian A. Merkley
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bmerkley@cbtd.com

ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Jesse H. Parrish, Deceased, were issued on June 1, 2015, in Cause No. P-18,286, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to c/o Norma Faye Parrish, whose residential address is 400 Adobe Dr., Midland, TX 79707.

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, in care of the Executor.

Dated the 25th day of June, 2015

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P.O. Box 2776
Midland, Texas 79702
(432) 684-5782
(432) 682-3672 (FAX)

By: F. Matthews Flores
State Bar No. 24080688
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ATTORNEY FOR INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

PUBLIC NOTICE FOR BID

Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for **FINANCIAL BANKING SERVICES** for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after **Wednesday, July 1, 2015.**

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by **12:00 (Noon) on Tuesday, July 21, 2015.**

All proposals must be sealed and labeled **"RFP # 1169 - 070115.**

Under no circumstances will faxed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of **twelve (12) months.**

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
Director of Materials Management
Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Pkwy
Midland, Texas 79701

General Announcements

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Legal & Public Notices

REQUEST FOR SEALED BIDS

The Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for **Fertilizer, Bid No. 5M-0001**. Bids are to be addressed to Jill Hallmark, Director of School Plant Services, **801 S. Moran Street, Building #1, Midland, Texas 79701. Bids will be received at the above address until 2:00 p.m. CDT, Thursday, July 9, 2015.** Bid forms and Specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 240-1600 or by emailing jill.hallmark@midlandisd.net.

PUBLIC NOTICE

Diamondback E&P LLC is hereby providing notice of intent to move in equipment and spud the D Evans A 2 well, located 490' FNL and 990' FEL, Section 8, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey, Midland County, Texas, within the city limits of Midland. This notice is given pursuant to a requirement of the City of Midland under Title VI, Chapter 1, Section 23, labeled "Ordinance No. 8769", more particularly found under Section L (7), effective January 1, 2010.

REQUEST FOR BIDS ON HEALTH SUPPLIES

The Midland Independent School District will receive sealed bids for **Health Supplies, Bid 5-0024.** Bids are to be addressed to Leon Hartter, Director of Procurement Services, 615 W. Missouri Avenue, Suite 707, Midland, TX 79701. **Bids will be received at the above address until 10:00 a.m. CDT, Tuesday, July 21, 2015,** at which time they will be opened and tabulated. Bid forms and specifications may be obtained by calling (432) 240-1960, or e-mailing one of the following: leon.hartter@midlandisd.net or danny.garcia@midlandisd.net.

NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF LINDA HILLGER STEVENS, DECEASED:

Notice is hereby given that on the 2nd day of June, 2015, Letters Testamentary were issued to Daniel Roy Stevens as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of Linda Hillger Stevens, Deceased," being No. P-18300 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to Daniel Roy Stevens, c/o Lydia Dodl, 4201 Dawn Circle, Midland, Texas 79707, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 29th day of June, 2015.

Daniel Roy Stevens,
Independent Executor of the Estate of
Linda Hillger Stevens, Deceased

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The Bottom Line

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Mon., July 6th	Thurs., July 2nd, 3 PM

RETAIL DISPLAY ADS

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Sun., July 5th (Oil Report/West Texas Living, Arts & Entertainment)	Tues., June 30th, 12 PM
Fri., July 3rd	Wed., July 1st, 3 PM
Sat., July 4th	Thurs., July 2nd, 12 PM
Sun., July 5th	Thurs., July 2nd, 3 PM
Mon., July 6th	Thurs., July 2nd, 3 PM

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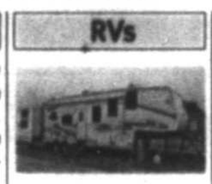

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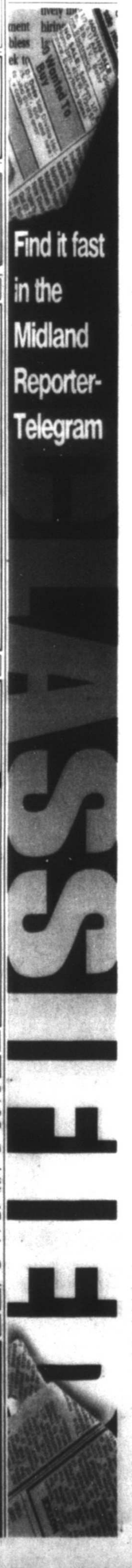

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