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CAUSE FOR CELEBRATION

Midland Northern went 3-0 in the Texas West Section I championship game and advanced to the Texas state tournament, which begins July 15 in Abilene. Read about the game and more in Sports.

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Baker Hughes-GE division merger is complete

New Baker Hughes faces task of integrating companies, cutting costs and jobs

By David Hunn and Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

The $23 billion merger of Houston energy services firm Baker Hughes with the oil and gas division of industrial giant General Electric closed Monday, creating the world's second- largest company of its kind and changing the trajectory of one of Houston's biggest employers.

The merged company, which keeps the name Baker Hughes, faces the tasks of integrating the two companies, carrying out cost and job cuts — including some in Houston — and distinguishing itself from its top competitors, Houston's Halliburton and global leader Schlumberger. The company also must navigate a changed oil and gas industry, one that is leaner and demanding ever greater efficiency from its contractors following the 3-year-old drop in oil prices.

"When we decided to complete this merger, it was really to create a transformation in the industry," said Lorenzo Simonelli, the new chief executive of Baker Hughes and former chief of GE Oil & Gas. "Everybody is committed to the oil and gas industry being a major part of the portfolio of GE."

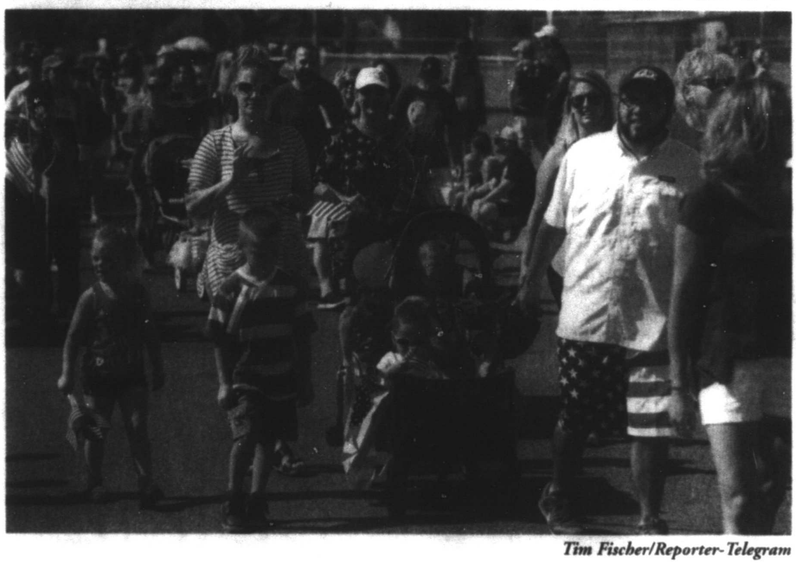
The combination joins Baker Hughes' oil field expertise with GE's industrial computing power, giving the company capacity to expand into all parts of the oil and gas business, from the wellhead to the pipeline to the refinery — and even into power generation.

It also alters the path of a pillar of Houston society, a company known for drill bit innovations, quiet corporate philanthropy and an army of roughnecks who dotted the oil patch in royal blue coveralls.

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MARCH FOR THE FOURTH



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Children and adults make their way around the roadway at Hogan Park on Tuesday for the 55th annual Children's Parade. Gayle Dodson, who has been Chairman of the event for more than 40 years, estimates that 500 children participated. The parade is presented every year by the Colonel Theunis Dey Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. See more photos from the event on **Page 4A**.

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Low prices fueling jitters throughout nation's energy industry

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

The energy industry is growing nervous as more oil pours onto the world market and the price of a barrel hovers in the mid-$40s — a decent, but not robust price point.

Friday, the number of drilling rigs at work in U.S. fields fell for the first time since January.

It dropped by just one rig, though, to 940, and remains up by an enormous amount — 509 rigs — from the same week a year ago, the service firm Baker Hughes reports.

While the oil industry is having a far better year than in 2016, when the price of a barrel of oil hit $26, down from 2014 highs of $107, the same issue remains that first caused those prices to fall: The world is awash in barrels, and more keep coming onto the market.

Internationally, Libyan and Nigerian oil production is rebounding. Despite production cuts from the Organization of the Petroleum Exporting Countries announced late last year and extended through March in a move to bolster prices, OPEC production rose in May, led by Libya and Nigeria, which are member countries but were exempt from the cuts.

In the U.S., shale fields are adding more oil to the market.

The U.S. Energy Information Administration expects shale oil production to rise by 127,000 barrels in July, to 5.5 million barrels per day.

There's even more oil waiting to come online. The U.S. has an estimated 5,770 wells that have been drilled but not completed. They're knowns as DUCs, and the Permian Basin in West Texas and eastern New Mexico and Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas have more than 3,300 such wells between them.

A Goldman Sachs client report on oil

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OPEC output at highest this year as exempt countries open pumps

By Angelina Rascouet and Julian Lee
Bloomberg

OPEC's crude production rose to the highest this year in June as member nations exempt from output curbs pumped more.

Members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries boosted their output by 260,000 barrels a day compared with May, according to a Bloomberg News survey of analysts, oil companies and ship-tracking data. Half of the increase came from Libya and Nigeria, which are exempt from making cuts under the deal agreed

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Oil's rally is longest this year.

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Texas hospitals fear losing out on a Medicaid deal that would provide $6.2 billion a year for the poor. Page 1B

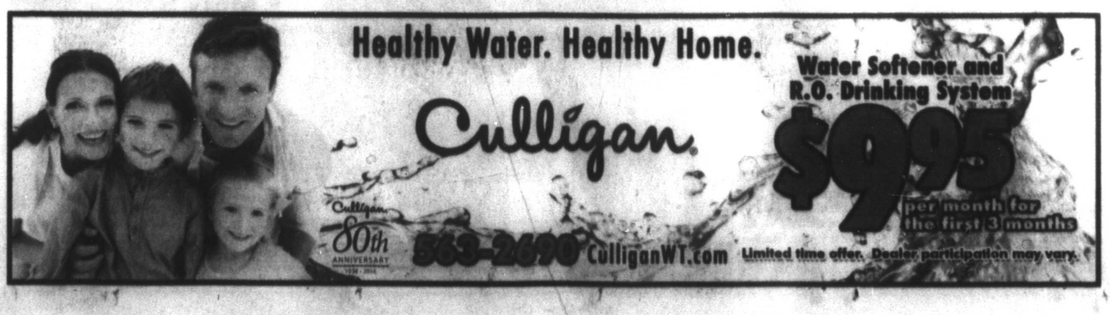
The big number
America turned **241** years old Tuesday. Read how the country celebrated on Page 4A.

Word of the Day: ultimatum
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A

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CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

Midland man arrested in connection with shooting

A Midland man was arrested Monday night in connection with the shooting that occurred earlier in the day, according to a press release from the Midland Police Department's spokeswoman.


Atayde

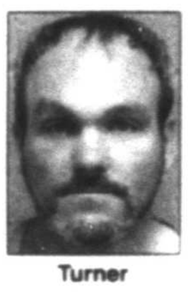
Dino Atayde, 36, is being held at Midland County jail on a charge of possession of a firearm by a felon, according to the release. Bond had not been set as of Tuesday evening.

The shooting occurred at the Cluster Apartments. During a disturbance — which was between two groups of people — an individual was shot, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The victim was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital with non-life-threatening injuries.

Officers responded to the shooting at about 7:30 p.m. Monday.

Man charged with indecency with a child

A Midland man was arrested Wednesday after he allegedly engaged in sexual contact with a child, according to court documents.


Turner

Bobby Joe Turner, 40, was being held Tuesday on a $75,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child by sexual contact.

A Midland police detective spoke to Turner on Wednesday in reference to an indecency with a child case.

Turner touched a girl inappropriately, according to his arrest affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Turner could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Man arrested on child injury, retaliation charges

A Midland man was arrested Thursday after allegedly injuring a child, according to court documents.


Green

Eric Jason Green, 41, was being held Tuesday on a $10,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of injury to a child — reckless bodily injury, a $20,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of retaliation and a $1,000 bond for a Class A misdemeanor charge of family violence — assault causes bodily injury.

Midland police were dispatched at about 6:40 p.m. Thursday in reference to a disturbance.

Green charged at a woman before a physical confrontation ensued, according to his arrest affidavit. An infant had an injury to his face as a result of the confrontation, according to the affidavit.

Green allegedly later threatened harm against the woman for reporting the incident.

If convicted, Green could face up to two years imprisonment for the state jail felony charge and up to 10 years imprisonment for the third-degree felony charge.

Two teens charged with theft

Two teenagers were arrested Thursday after allegedly stealing firearms, according to court documents.

Odessan Cody Ryan Arbuckle, 17, was being held Tuesday on a $15,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of theft of a firearm and a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.


Arbuckle


Woodwick

Calvary James Woodwick, 17, of Monahans, was being held Monday on a $15,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of theft of a firearm and a $15,000 bond for a third-degree felony charge of harassment of a public servant.

Midland police were dispatched at about 7:20 a.m. Thursday in reference to two males breaking into a vehicle.

Arbuckle and Woodwick stole a wallet and two firearms, according to their arrest affidavit. Arbuckle then entered an apartment without the consent of its owner intending to commit theft, according to the affidavit.

Woodwick later spit on an officer repeatedly, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the state jail felony charge, Arbuckle and Woodwick could face up to two years imprisonment.

DPS: Trooper seizes more than 100 pounds of marijuana

An El Paso man was arrested Tuesday morning in Mitchell County after a Texas Department of Public Safety trooper found more than 100 pounds of marijauana in his car during a traffic stop, according to a press release from DPS.

The trooper stopped Alvaro Valdez, 46 — who was eastbound on Interstate 20 — for a traffic violation, according to the release. During a search of Valdez's Chevrolet Impala, the trooper found several individually wrapped packages of marijuana inside a compartment in the rear passenger area. The drug is worth about $42,000, according to the release. The marijuana allegedly was being transported from El Paso to Dallas.

Valdez was being held Tuesday night at Martin County jail on a charge of felony drug possession.

The traffic stop occurred at about 10 a.m. Tuesday in Mitchell County, which is about 90 miles east of Midland.

OKLAHOMA

Woman charged in Craigslist plot to kill Israeli ex-husband

PONCA CITY — An Oklahoma woman is accused of trying to hire someone via Craigslist to travel to Israel and kill her ex-husband using ricin.

Federal prosecutors charged 37-year-old Danielle Dana Layman on Saturday with using interstate commerce facilities in the commission of murder-for-hire. Prosecutors said in a news release Monday that Layman posted on the classifieds website advertising a seemingly innocent "10 day gig overseas."

According to an affidavit, the ad read: "For production overseas, looking for talent, 30-45 years old. Doesn't have to be a professional actor. Required: Creative, outgoing and friendly, positive personality, boldness and bravery (some stunts may seem risky, although they are completely safe)." It added that experience in acting, magic shows and casino dealing was preferred.

The affidavit said a person who responded to the ad contacted the FBI after meeting with Layman at a coffee shop in May. The affidavit said Layman used a PowerPoint presentation called "Operation Insecticide" and that the person who responded to the ad provided the written instructions to the FBI.

The affidavit, citing Israeli news reports, said Layman had been in a custody battle with her ex-husband.

School districts rethink meal debt policies that shame kids

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press


AP file photo

Second grade students Angelina Lopez, left, and Nasim Hamdouni, right, enter a student account code to track lunch purchases May 4 at Gonzales Community School in Santa Fe, N.M. All students are offered the same lunch at Gonzales and other Santa Fe public schools to avoid any chance of embarrassing students whose parents may have fallen behind on meal payments. New Mexico in April became the first state to outlaw the shaming of children for any unpaid meals.

SANTA FE, N.M. — Teaching assistant Kelvin Holt watched as a preschool student fell to the back of a cafeteria line during breakfast in Killeen, Texas, as if trying to hide.

"The cash register woman says to this 4-year-old girl, verbatim, 'You have no money,'" said Holt, describing the incident last year. A milk carton was taken away, and the girl's food was dumped in the trash. "She did not protest, other than to walk away in tears."

Holt has joined a chorus of outrage against lunchroom practices that can humiliate children as public school districts across the United States rethink how they cope with unpaid student lunch debts.

The U.S. Agriculture Department is requiring districts to adopt policies this month for addressing meal debts and to inform parents at the start of the academic year.

The agency is not specifically barring most of the embarrassing tactics, such as serving cheap sandwiches in place of hot meals or sending students home with conspicuous debt reminders, such as hand stamps. But it is encouraging schools to work more closely with parents to address delinquent accounts and ensure children don't go hungry.

"Rather than a hand stamp on a kid to say, 'I need lunch money,' send an email or a text message to the parent," said Tina Namian, who oversees the federal agency's school meals policy branch.

Meanwhile, some states are taking matters into their own hands, with New Mexico this year becoming the first to outlaw school meal shaming and several others weighing similar laws.

Free and reduced-price meals funded by the Agriculture Department's National School Lunch Program shield the nation's poorest children from so-called lunch shaming. Kids can eat for free if a family of four earns less than about $32,000 a year or at a discount if earnings are under $45,000.

It's households with slightly higher incomes that are more likely to struggle, experts on poverty and nutrition say.

Children often bear the brunt of unpaid meal accounts. A 2014 federal report found 39 percent of districts nationwide hand out cheap alternative meals with no nutritional requirements and up to 6 percent refuse to serve students with no money.

The debate over debts and child nutrition has spilled into state legislatures and reached Capitol Hill, as child advocacy groups question whether schools should be allowed to single out, in any way, a child whose family has not paid for meals.

"There's no limit to the bad behavior a school can have. They just have to put it in writing," said Jennifer Ramo, executive director of New Mexico Appleseed, an advocacy group on poverty issues. "We live in a credit society. I think schools should handle debt like everybody else does: You don't take away food from children. You feed them and you settle the bill later."

Spurred by Appleseed and others, New Mexico in April passed its anti-meal-shaming law, which directs schools to work directly with parents to address payments and requires that children get a healthy, balanced meal regardless of whether debts are paid on time.

Elsewhere, the California Senate in May unanimously approved a bill that prevents schools from denying lunch if a parent or guardian has not paid.

Thresa Thomas, a Los Angeles Unified School District food service worker for students with severe physical and learning disabilities, grinds up complementary cheese sandwiches in a food processor to serve through feeding tubes to students who don't bring lunch and whose parents have not paid.

"They're not able to complain too much," she said. "We should give them all the same food, and we should collect the money as much as possible."

Texas recently adopted a temporary grace period for students to keep eating cafeteria food while debt payments are negotiated with parents.

At the federal level, language has been proposed for next year's House appropriations bill that would set minimum standards to protect children from public embarrassment and leave them out of payment discussions.

New Mexico's Hunger-Free Students' Bill of Rights Act was ushered through the Statehouse by Democratic Sen. Michael Padilla, who was raised in foster homes and vividly recalls having to sweep and mop the lunchroom to earn meals at an Albuquerque public school.

"It's shouldn't be that way," Padilla said. "This should not have to be a thought for a child."



WORD OF THE DAY
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Ultimatum
[uhl-tuh-mey-tuh m, -mah-]
noun
1. a final, uncompromising demand or set of terms issued by a party to a dispute, the rejection of which may lead to a severance of relations or to the use of force.

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STRINGS ATTACHED



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Kent Williams, with Geppetto's Marionette Theater out of Dallas, performed June 15 at the Midland County Public Library downtown branch. Library programs this week are Mad Science Night, 5:30 p.m. today and Super Kids Save The World - DIY Super Kids Cape, 2 p.m. Thursday. Both events are at Centennial branch.

Weather

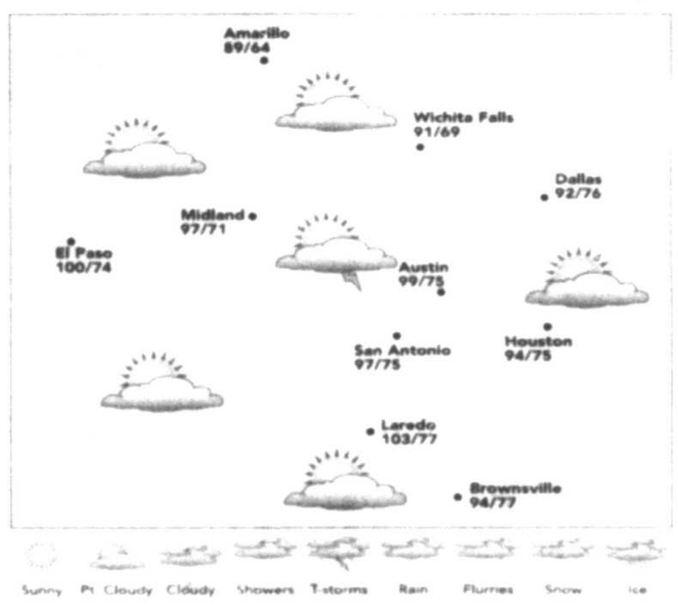
Tuesday's temperatures
High 98
Low 69
Normal high 95
Normal low 70

July 4's records
Record high: 108, set in 2016
Record low: 60, set in 1940 and repeated in 1972

Precipitation
Monday ..... 0.00 in.
Tuesday ..... 0.36 in.
Month total ..... 0.36 in.
Year total ..... 9.10 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 6.30 in.

Winds
Highest sustained: 17 mph
Highest gust: 22 mph

July 5's forecast
High: mid-90s



Low: lower 70s

Conditions: Partly cloudy today and tonight

Winds: southeast 10-15 mph

Chance of rain: 20 percent today and tonight

Sunrise ..... 6:48 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:58 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

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June weather report

■ **Average high:** 97.1 degrees
■ **Average low:** 70.8 degrees
■ **Average temperture:** 84.0 degrees
■ **Typical average for June:** 80.4 degrees
■ **Highs in the 100s:** 14
■ **Highs at or above 105:** 4
■ **Hottest high:** 111 degrees
■ **Precipiation:** 3.05 inches
■ **Average precipitation for June:** 1.8 inches
■ **Amount during 10th wettest June on record:** 3.16 inches
■ **Days of measurable rainfall:** Nine
■ **Most rainfall:** 1.47 inches on June 26

Warmest Junes on record
1. 2011 ..... 88.0 degrees
2. 1990 ..... 86.5 degrees
3. 1998 ..... 85.7 degrees
4. 1953 ..... 85.5 degrees
5. 1994 ..... 84.5 degrees
6. 2008 ..... 84.4 degrees
6. 2012 ..... 84.4 degrees
8. 2010 ..... 84.1 degrees
9. 2017 ..... 84.0 degrees
10. 2001 ..... 83.6 degrees

Source: National Weather Service

Things to do

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.
■ Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m., True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Highway. Free
■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 Midland Drive, 1 to 7 p.m.
■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., 1 to 7 p.m.
The cost of entry at city of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under 2.

Little Free Library events

■ Midland Little Free Library Grand Opening, 10 a.m., Thursday, WIC, 2301 N. Big Spring St.
■ Midland Little Free Library Grand Opening, 10 a.m., Friday, Kamikosi, 510 S. Big Spring St.
■ Midland Little Free Library Grand Opening, 10:30 a.m., Friday, Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

A&M Club lunch

The Midland A&M Club will hold its monthly meeting today at Grub Burger, 4400 Midland Drive.
The meeting is scheduled to begin at 11:45 a.m. The club meeting will highlight and introduce local Aggie realtors, developers, title officers and mortgage brokers.
Other A&M Club events this month include Party on the Patio on July 12 at Shack in the Back and the Ice Cream Festival on July 29 downtown.

Watering schedule

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

Source: City of Midland

Today in History

Today is Wednesday, July 5, the 186th day of 2017. There are 179 days left in the year.
Today's highlight:
On July 5, 1947, Larry Doby made his debut with the Cleveland Indians, becoming the first black player in the American League three months after Jackie Robinson broke the color barrier in the National League. In the game against the Chicago White Sox at Comiskey Park, Doby, pinch-hitting for Bryan Stephens, struck out in his first at-bat during the seventh inning. Chicago won 6-5.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-3-2
Pick 3 day: 0-0-0
Pick 3 evening: 7-6-6
Pick 3 night: 7-9-2
Daily 4 morning: 8-3-7-3
Daily 4 day: 8-6-5-4
Daily 4 evening: 2**-7-8
Daily 4 night: 3-0-9-0
Cash Five: 11-14-15-21-28
Texas Triple Chance: 5-7-14-20-28-34-38-42-50-53
Mega Millions: 16-39-47-53-71 MB: 15 Megaplier: 4
All or Nothing morning: 2-4-5-6-11-15-16-17-18-19-20-21
All or Nothing day: 4-8-9-13-14-15-16-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 3-6-7-9-12-13-15-16-18-22-23-24
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Cancer and a Moon in Scorpio if born before 1:08 a.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Sagittarius.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 5, 2017:
This year you put a lot of effort into various facets of your daily life. You could decide to achieve a long-term goal. You'll infuse more excitement into your life simply by changing your work hours. If you are single, the time to meet Mr. or Ms. Right will come after mid-October, when you could meet someone who gives you a case of the butterflies. If you are attached, the two of you enter a period where you act like new lovers. Enjoy your time together. SAGITTARIUS has very dynamic ideas that could be applicable to your life.

ARIES
(March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Whoever or whatever baffled or bored you yesterday could prove to be your muse today, which adds to your creativity. Brainstorm away. Encourage others to play devil's advocate. Your imagination draws on your experience. Tonight: Let a loved one express his or her caring.

TAURUS
(April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ One-on-one relating will delight you; however, it also might slow you down when it comes to dealing with a domestic matter. You'll want to get some feedback. A friend or associate has an odd way of showing his or her support. Tonight: Run some errands on the way home.

GEMINI
(May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Keep reaching out to others. Someone close to you might be too chatty in your opinion. You'll try to settle him or her down in order to complete certain projects. An older relative or higher-up has an unusual approach to a difficult situation. Tonight: Get together with a pal.

CANCER
(June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You are a whirlwind of energy. A conversation about funding ... to happen, whether you are speaking to a boss or planning a vacation. Imagine what you want, and live up to your expectations. A discussion allows greater understanding. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your enthusiasm is hard to sit on. Your creativity adds extra pizzazz to whatever you do, but it might make a project more time-consuming. Weigh the pros and cons of producing a higher-quality product and having less free time. Tonight: Don't justify taking a break.

VIRGO
(Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Note the possibility of a discrepancy between what you say and what you are thinking. If there is a way to merge the two, do that. Otherwise, others might get confused. Listen to news from an associate carefully. Avoid a knee-jerk reaction. Tonight: Read between the lines.

LIBRA
(Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Manage your schedule with an eye to effectiveness, and see what works best for the majority. You could be surprised by what you are hearing. Be nurturing and help others become more enthusiastic about an idea. Tonight: Head out the door and drop by your favorite spot.

SCORPIO
(Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything you need to handle. Your sense of humor takes over at a certain point, and the task at hand becomes a lot easier. Make an important call, perhaps to an expert or confidant; you need solid facts. Tonight: Do some shopping on the way home.

SAGITTARIUS
(Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ You might feel as if you are playing the lead role in an action movie. You'll tackle nearly any project, conversation or interaction with ease and skill. You could have a desire to go off on an adventure, but you'll want to get as much done as possible first. Tonight: Take a walk.

CAPRICORN
(Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Take a break from the hectic pace you have been keeping. If an associate, partner or loved one expresses a desire to pitch in or take the lead, let him or her. Allowing this experience will be good for both of you. Be more present in a discussion. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

AQUARIUS
(Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
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Children's Parade

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Children and adults lined the roadway through Hogan Park for the 55th annual Children's Parade on July Fourth.









STAR-SPANGLED SALUTE

CLOCKWISE FROM BOTTOM: Midlanders and others from around the Permian Basin fill Hogan Park on July Fourth for live music, food and drink while waiting for the fireworks display at the Star-Spangled Salute. Kobe Reynolds jumps high on one of the jumpers. Tony Barker and his band perform at Hogan Park, entertaining the crowd before the fireworks display. See photos of the fireworks in a future edition of the Reporter-Telegram.







Independence Day marked with pomp, dazzle, lots of hot dogs

NEW YORK — Americans are celebrating their country's 241st birthday with big-time fireworks, small-town parades and the quirky spectacle of competitive hot dog eating.

Tuesday's festivities stretch from a baseball home run derby in London to a picnic at the White House to a Utah ski town where residents initially weren't even sure they'd be home for Independence Day after recent wildfires.

For all the pomp and celebration, July Fourth marks a day of shared traditions in a nation that has grappled with divides this past year. And in an era of concerns about security, the Independence Day celebrations are mixed with precautions.

Some highlights from around the world:

Lighting up the skies

In New York, throngs are expected to watch the annual Macy's fireworks show, which involves 60,000 shells launched from up to five barges on the East River and performances by Jennifer Lopez, Sheryl Crow, Brad Paisley and others. It's televised on NBC.

Organizers of Chicago's Independence Day celebration are expecting such large crowds that the city's Navy Pier is opening at 10 a.m., nearly 12 hours before fireworks begin. Hundreds of thousands of people also are expected at Boston's fireworks show and Boston Pops concert.

A first for the president

For President Donald Trump's first Independence Day in office, he and first lady Melania Trump were hosting a picnic for military families at the White House, followed by a fireworks viewing for military families and staffers. The capital city's fireworks festivities, aired on PBS, are to include performances by The Beach Boys, The Four Tops, country musicians Kellie Pickler and Trace Adkins, and two characters who fought for independence in a galaxy far, far away — "Star Wars" droids R2-D2 and C-3PO. This year marks the movie's 40th anniversary.

But before the picnic, Trump kicked off his holiday at his golf club in Virginia. The president arrived at the club in Sterling just before 10 a.m. and spent nearly four hours there before returning to the White House. Aides did not answer questions about whether he was golfing.

California celebrates with classic cars

Decked out in red, white and blue, Californians waved flags and sang patriotic songs at Independence Day parades across the state.

Hundreds lined the streets under bright sunshine Tuesday for seaside Santa Monica's annual celebration, which featured bands and classic cars.

California's love affair with the automobile was also front-and-center at South Pasadena's parade, which had the theme "Freedom on the Road. Celebrating Route 66."

When the sun sets, the parties will continue with fireworks displays. Among the largest in the Los Angeles area will be the annual fanfare at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena.

To the north, officials are hoping clouds will clear in time for the big display over San Francisco Bay.

Observing July Fourth overseas

A bit of American sports culture was being displayed in London's Hyde Park, where several former major leaguers competed in a home run derby. Major League Baseball aims to build interest in the sport in Britain and Europe, despite the region's longstanding preference for soccer.

Charlie Hill, the managing director of Major League Baseball for Europe, said the Independence Day exhibition is an attempt to "lay down roots" in Britain. He says it's possible that some official games will be played in London during the 2019 season.

Meanwhile, Denmark hosted the Rebild Festival, considered one of the largest Fourth of July celebrations outside the United States. Danish Foreign Minister Anders Samuelsen — who recently tweeted that Trump "should tighten up, focus on the struggle for freedom and show respect for the presidency" in response to Trump's own Twitter habit — told festival-goers that "when you are friends, you have the right to criticize."

Samuelsen added, however, that it is "impossible" to live without the United States.

Senators celebrate Fourth with troops abroad

Rhode Island U.S. Sen. Sheldon Whitehouse says it was emotional and inspiring to spend July Fourth with troops in Afghanistan.

Sen. John McCain, an Arizona Republican, led a group of senators to Pakistan and Afghanistan for the holiday weekend. They visited a military base in South Waziristan and met with Pakistani leaders in Islamabad before traveling to Kabul, Afghanistan.

Whitehouse, a Rhode Island Democrat, told The Associated Press in a phone interview from Bagram airfield on Tuesday it was emotional because service members in Afghanistan are constantly in harm's way and constantly making the nation proud.

Massachusetts Democratic Sen. Elizabeth Warren, South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham and Georgia Republican Sen. David Perdue are on the trip. They met with Afghanistan President Ashraf Ghani.

Welcoming new Americans

More than 15,000 new citizens will be sworn in during more than 65 Independence Day-themed naturalization ceremonies across the country. They are taking place in locales ranging from courthouses to parks to aircraft-carriers-turned-museums.

Gulp! How many hot dogs can a person eat?

Record-setting hot dog eater Joey "Jaws" Chestnut held onto his title at the hot dog eating contest at Nathan's Famous in New York on Tuesday, breaking the record he set last year. The San Jose, California, man chowed down 72 hot dogs in 10 minutes, beating last year's mark of 70.

Meanwhile, Miki Sudo notched a fourth straight win in the women's division on the Coney Island boardwalk. The Las Vegas woman ate 41 hot dogs and buns in 10 minutes.

Securing the celebrations

The New York Police Department plans to station 100 vehicles to block intersections and 20 sand-filled sanitation trucks to fortify viewing areas for the Macy's fireworks show. Heavily armed counterterrorism units will mingle among spectators, officers will have portable radiation detection devices and bomb-sniffing dogs, and officers will be stationed on rooftops to look out for any sign of trouble.

Boston police also plan to put trucks and other heavy equipment near the celebration there. Police in both cities say there are no confirmed threats.

In a somber observance of the toll of terror, small American flags were placed by all the nearly 3,000 names on the National Sept. 11 Memorial in New York on Tuesday morning.

Associated Press

ENERGYBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Permian Basin-produced water may hit 1B barrels per day

HOBBS — Experts say produced water from the Permian Basin may hit 1 billion barrels per day within the next decade.

The Hobbs News-Sun reported New Mexico EnergyPlex Conference panelist Nathan Zaugg told attendees last week that the billion barrels per day estimate could fill Elephant Butte Lake in around 21 days.

Produced water also contains heavy metals including zinc, lead, manganese, iron and barium.

Zaugg, industrial group leader for Carollo Engineers of Salt Lake City, said his company and a New Mexico company are working together to address the problem with urgency.

Ken McQueen, secretary for the New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department, says companies now know the importance of recycling water, realizing brackish water as a source rather than using fresh water.

Oil's rally is longest this year as US drilling slows

Oil extended the longest run of gains this year, closing above $47 a barrel, as U.S. drilling slowed after a record expansion.

West Texas Intermediate futures rose as much as 2.3 percent in New York, adding to an 8.3 percent gain the previous seven sessions. Meanwhile, Brent, the global benchmark, is posting the longest rally since 2012. The increases come as U.S. drillers targeting crude cut the number of active rigs for the first time in 24 weeks. Before that, the count had climbed to the highest level since April 2015, according to Baker Hughes Inc. data on Friday.

"A surprise fall in U.S. production in April and oil rigs last week may ease concerns that U.S. crude production is ramping up too aggressively," Giovanni Staunovo, an analyst at UBS Group AG, wrote in a research note. "OPEC compliance and lower U.S. oil inventories could prompt higher oil prices in the coming weeks."

While prices surged last week, oil in New York and London still posted a monthly loss in June after tumbling into a bear market on concerns that rising global supply will counter cuts from the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and its partners.

WTI for August delivery advanced $1.03 Monday to settle at $47.07 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract gained $1.11 to $46.04 on Friday to the highest since June 13.

In the U.S., drillers reduced the number of rigs by two to 756, snapping the longest stretch of gains in at least three decades, according to Baker Hughes.

"A further pillar of price support came as the relentless surge in U.S. drilling activity took a break," said Stephen Brennock, an analyst at PVM Oil Associates Ltd. in London. It "suggests some producers are starting to feel the pinch from the recent slide in prices."

WASHINGTON

Appeals court orders EPA to proceed with emissions rule

A federal appeals court in Washington has ruled that the head of the Environmental Protection Agency overstepped his authority in trying to delay implementation of a new rule requiring oil and gas companies to monitor and reduce methane leaks.

In a split decision Monday, the three-judge panel from the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ordered the EPA to move forward with the Obama-era requirement that aims to reduce planet-warming emissions from oil and gas operations.

EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt announced in April that he would delay by 90 days the deadline for oil and gas companies to follow the new rule, so that the agency could reconsider the measure. The American Petroleum Institute, the Texas Oil and Gas Association and other industry groups had petitioned Pruitt to scrap the requirement, which had been set to take effect in June.

Last month, Pruitt announced he intended to extend the 90-day stay for two years. A coalition of six environmental groups opposed the delay in court, urging the appeals judges to block Pruitt's decision.

In a detailed 31-page ruling, the court disagreed with Pruitt's contention that industry groups had not had sufficient opportunity to comment before the 2016 rule was issued. The judges also said Pruitt lacked the legal authority to delay the rule from taking effect.

"This ruling declares EPA's action illegal — and slams the brakes on Trump Administration's brazen efforts to put the interests of corporate polluters ahead of protecting the public and the environment," said David Doniger, director of climate and clean air program for the Natural Resources Defense Council.

EPA spokeswoman Amy Graham said the agency was reviewing the court's opinion and examining its options. The EPA could seek to appeal the matter to the Supreme Court.

Natural gas is largely made up of methane, a potent greenhouse gas that traps dozens of times more heat in the planet's atmosphere than the same amount of carbon dioxide. Environmental groups contend that actual methane emissions from leaks and intentional venting at fossil-fuel operations are many times greater than what is now publicly reported.

Oil and gas companies say they were already working to reduce methane emissions and that complying with the new rules would make many low-production wells unprofitable.

Pruitt has repeatedly moved in recent months to block or delay environmental regulations opposed by corporate interests.

JITTERS

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this week was titled, "Still searching for the equilibrium." The investment bank lowered its three-month forecast for the benchmark West Texas Intermediate from $55 to $47.50.

Oil closed at $46.04 per barrel Friday, up 1.11 percent for the day, and around the price point at which Goldman thinks activity in shale fields could falter.

"The oil market is back to searching for an anchor, and we believe that this will likely be for now the price at which shale activity slows," the bank said.

Fred Beach, assistant director for policy studies at the University of Texas at Austin's Energy Institute, said it's possible — though there aren't enough years of data at this point to prove it — that U.S. oil consumption has peaked, though it's still rising in the world's developing economies.

"We may have hit peak consumption. How quickly can the world trend follow the U.S. and European trend?" Beach asked. "How can you tell when we've hit peak oil? The price will go down."

The Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas this week released its latest quarterly energy survey, and the numbers looked far more optimistic than the anonymous comments from oil and gas executives.

Even as service companies reported higher use of their equipment, and exploration and production companies said they were seeing continued but slower growth, executives had these sorts of things to say about the business:

"There are too many rigs running and too much production coming online. The oil glut continues, and operators are ignoring market signals."

"A lot of equity is being destroyed."

"Any animal spirits seem to be tamped down as quickly as they emerge."

Others talked about "skinny" margins at $45 oil and OPEC production cuts as mere "window dressing."

Of course, now that everything seems bearish in oil, Dennis Elam, an accounting professor at Texas A&M, said the market could be shifting the other direction. When prices are high, it's hard to imagine they'll ever be low again. When prices are low, it seems that's permanent too.

"Nobody remembers the gas lines of 1979," Elam said.

He's not buying all the talk of the "new normal" in oil — the idea that supply will overwhelm demand for years to come, creating sustained lower oil prices for as far as the eye can see.

"I don't know that anything is ever normal," Elam said. "We're always transitioning from unrealistic lows to unrealistic highs in any of these markets."

OUTPUT

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between OPEC and its allies.

OPEC began production cuts in January to reduce swollen global inventories and bolster the price of oil, which is still stuck at half its 2014 level. In May, OPEC and its partners, including Russia, extended their agreement for a further nine months through March 2018 because the oil market had failed to rebalance.

Resurgent production in Libya and Nigeria is threatening to neutralize the cuts made by the rest of the group. Libya's output is currently at a four-year high, back above the 1 million-barrel-a-day mark, according to a person with knowledge of the matter. In Nigeria, the return of Forcados crude offset declines elsewhere as force majeure was declared on Bonny Light in June.

OPEC's biggest producer Saudi Arabia increased output by 90,000 barrels a day in June, while Angola and the United Arab Emirates both lifted production by 40,000 barrels a day from May, the survey showed.

MERGER

From 1A

LONG HISTORY IN HOUSTON

Baker Hughes traces its roots to two oil field inventors, one in California and one in Houston, each who started companies more than 100 years ago.

In 1907, California wildcatter R.C. Baker invented a tool that revolutionized cable-tool drilling, a method of crushing rock by repeatedly dropping a bit suspended from a steel cable into the bottom of a hole. A year later, Howard Hughes Sr., a Harvard-educated lawyer who gave up law to drill for oil, helped build the first modern-day steel drill bit to grind through hard Texas rock. The two firms, Baker International and Hughes Tool Co., merged in 1987, following the devastating oil bust of the '80s.

The GE merger will double Baker Hughes' size, to nearly 70,000 employees in 120 countries. The company will have dual headquarters in Houston and London, which was the home of GE Oil & Gas. But Simonelli reiterated his commitment to Houston, pledging to keep a residence here, and be a "hands-on" boss.

Still, he acknowledged Houston will almost certainly lose some employees over the next few years. The company aims to cut at least $1.2 billion out of its combined expenses by 2020, including the closure of some of the 40 facilities here in Houston.

"Is there people impact?" Simonelli said. "Yes."

The details of combining the two organizations, as well as layoffs and other cost-cutting measures, are still getting worked out, executives said. But the merger should help both GE, which has tried with mixed success to expand its oil and gas footprint, and Baker Hughes, which was left diminished by the oil bust and a failed merger with Halliburton, analysts said.

GE spent nearly a decade rebuilding its oil and gas division, largely through acquisitions. It first beefed up its deep-water business, spending more than $1 billion for Houston-based Hydril and Vetco Gray as well as U.K.-based Wellstream. It bought into the onshore shale boom by acquiring Lufkin Industries for $3.3 billion just a year before the oil bust kicked in.

Baker Hughes, meanwhile, struggled through the downturn, which sent prices from more than $100 per barrel in 2014 to $26 last year. The company's revenue fell by almost $15 billion, or 60 percent, during the downturn, from $24.5 billion in 2014 to $9.8 billion last year. Baker Hughes posted losses of more than $2.7 billion last year.

The merger agreement with Halliburton tied the company's hands during the downturn, leaving it unable to take steps, such as selling certain businesses, that might have left it better positioned for the recovery. Ultimately, that merger — scuttled last year after the U.S. Justice Department sued to block the deal — weakened Baker Hughes, despite Halliburton's $3.5 billion breakup payment.

Late last year, the company spun off its hydraulic fracturing fleet into a new company, BJ Services, of which it still holds a minority stake. Analysts took that move as a sign Baker Hughes was getting out of the fracturing business, which dominates North American oil production.

GE'S EDGE IN DATA COLLECTION

But analysts said the new company can excel in other sectors of the competitive services market and bring the efficiencies that production companies increasingly demand. For example, GE's expertise in data collection and analysis could tell oil and gas companies when to replace parts — before they break down — and how best to stimulate production in old wells.

There's a lot of big-data solutions they're able to provide to the oil and gas sector that haven't been tapped yet," said Jonathan Garrett, an analyst at energy research firm Wood Mackenzie.

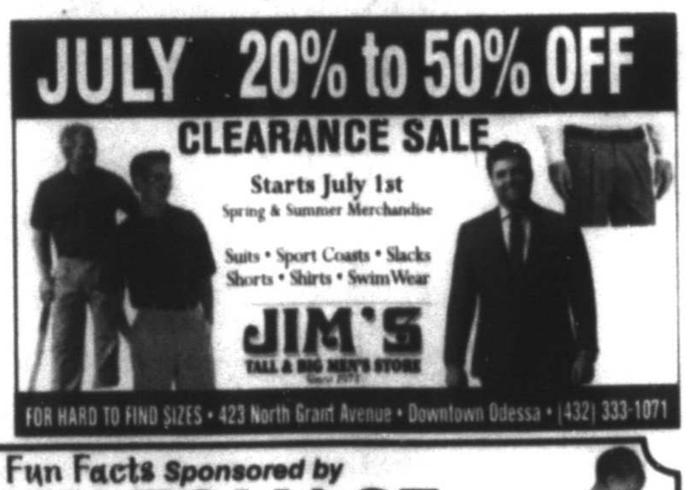
GE, with an oil and gas computing platform called Predix, and revenue of $123.7 billion in 2016, will add resources to a company that had become a distant No. 3 in the sector, behind Halliburton and global energy services leader Schlumberger. The new Baker Hughes, however, has leapfrogged Halliburton and trails only Schlumberger in revenue and head count.

"They were being overwhelmed in a low oil-price environment compared to Schlumberger and Halliburton," said Brian Youngberg, an analyst at Edward Jones in St. Louis. "They almost had to do something."

GE owns nearly two-thirds of the company. Retiring GE chief executive Jeffrey Immelt becomes chairman of the new Baker Hughes. Martin Craighead, former chairman and CEO at the old Baker Hughes, becomes vice chairman. The board named Simonelli the new company's president and CEO.

Baker Hughes shareholders overwhelmingly approved the deal on Friday, after the merger secured approvals from the European Union in May and the U.S. Justice Department last month. Trading on the new firm, formally called Baker Hughes, a GE company, starts today on the New York Stock Exchange under the ticker BHGE.





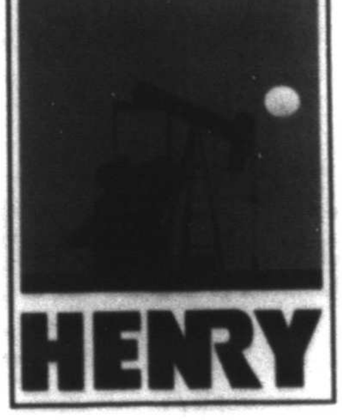
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President, media appear to need each other

■ If attention is the junk, the media is the junkie's co-dependent junkie girlfriend



JONAH GOLDBERG

Tribune News Service

On the Saturday before the Fourth of July, Donald Trump tweeted, "My use of social media is not Presidential — it's MODERN DAY PRESIDENTIAL. Make America Great Again!"

I joked on Twitter that I thought this was a perfectly apt explanation for a real estate guy. After all, that's how President Trump spent much of his life, hawking condos by spinning downsides as upsides. In real estate jargon, an ad that boasts a "unique design" might actually mean "toilet in the kitchen." An "original" "fixer-upper" in an "up-and-coming neighborhood" might still have the chalk body outlines on bloodstained floors.

I shouldn't be recycling jokes from Twitter. But since so much of our national conversation is little more than sewage spillover from the sluices of the president's Twitter feed, I figured it was OK.

Besides, maybe the president is right. The professional Trump Explainers insist that we should take him seriously, not literally. But literalness is on his side here. He's the president. So he defines what's presidential.

It's the figurative defenses that are failing him. The standard justification of the president's tweets is that he's a "fighter" and a "counterpuncher" who needs to return fire on the "fake media." We'll return to the media in a moment, but this begs the question.

The people who say he has to fight and counterpunch take it as a given that this tactic is effective. Is it? What evidence is there that, say, his shabby attacks on Mika Brzezinski's "bleeding" facelift brush back the media like a pitcher delivering a little chin music? Is the argument really that media coverage of the Trump administration would be worse if not for his seemingly aphasic outbursts and insults?

"He's a fighter" and "He's a counterpuncher" are not serious arguments. They're simply euphemistic descriptions of his tendency to let his id run free like an escaped monkey from a cocaine study. (And not just on Twitter; his presence on the platform merely reflects his character.)

What does rise to the level of an argument is the claim that he's brilliantly controlling the media narrative. And he is. But the brilliance only emerges if you tautologically define winning as making the story about yourself, regardless of the story's content. Heads will turn your way if you pour a bowl of hot soup in your lap. And if turning heads is your metric of success, well, voila.

An analysis by Axios found that just 2.5 percent of Trump's personal tweets in June (three out of 121) were about the White House's policy agenda. Just last week, the Trump administration had some arguably major political, policy and legislative accomplishments. Can you name any of them? Probably not. But my guess is you can recount the details of his greatest hits on Twitter.

Which brings us to the media. On June 6 (D-Day, of all days) the president tweeted: "The FAKE MSM is working so hard trying to get me not to use Social Media. They hate that I can get the honest and unfiltered message out."

CNN's Jake Tapper correctly replied, "Fact Check: MSM eat up his tweets like Skittles. It's WH advisers, lawyers and Trump supporters who want him to stop tweeting."

Individual journalists such as Tapper notwithstanding, the media rival the president in their self-absorption and self-regard. If I give my dogs a choice between eating a bowl of hamburger or a bowl of kale, they won't even see it as a choice. Similarly, given the option of talking about good news for the administration or talking about themselves as heroic martyrs and truth-tellers persecuted by the president, they'll take the bait every time.

My National Review colleague Kevin Williamson makes a powerful case that the president needs media attention "the way a junkie needs his junk." I think that's irrefutable. But if attention is the junk, the media is the junkie's co-dependent junkie girlfriend. The dysfunction of the relationship only encourages both sides to boost the dosage and rationalize the addiction. The president's tweet of a stupid wrestling video depicting himself bludgeoning CNN wasn't a threat of violence against journalists. But covering it that way makes the high last longer for both junkies.

The simple truth: It was a churlish and juvenile outburst. But, hey, that's what passes for presidential these days.

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GUEST VIEW

The state just made STAAR results mean something more

Dallas Morning News

Parents, don't miss this valuable document tucked within your snail mail: your child's STAAR report card.

This year you will actually be able to make sense of it.

Unlike the incomprehensible assessments that the state has sent in previous years, the revamped version can be deciphered without the help of an education expert. Not only is the information clear and understandable, it's also useful.

Yes, the document is coming in the middle of summer vacation, and who wants to think about tests right now? But they are a fact of academic life, and time spent with the STAAR report card in July will pay off come September.

Beginning in third grade, schoolchildren take the STAAR, learning their overall scores soon after test day. But the details — what's called the confidential student report — don't arrive until after the school year ends.

Among Mike Morath's goals when he became Texas education commissioner was to overhaul the brain-numbing report card, which oozed education-speak and impenetrable numbers.

He didn't stop there. He wanted a document that not only told adults how their children are doing but that provided them with tools to help their students succeed.

The new STAAR report card isn't light beach reading — there's a lot information to digest. But those four pages provide fascinating details.

For instance, say you are looking at your fifth-grader's performance in science. Not only do you get a variety of data about her overall score, also included is a breakdown of categories — matter and energy, earth and space, organisms and environments — and the number of questions she answered correctly in each.

Plus you'll find information about how your student compared, subject by subject, to others across the state.

Here's what you won't find: the old confusing performance labels. (We're still trying to figure out the difference between a Final Level II and a Phase-In Level II.) The accompanying box provides the new language.

The STAAR is not a random punitive measure, but rather an assessment of how well students learned the state-mandated curriculum that instructors taught them all year long. The report card tries to drive its "progress counts" message with a substantial section devoted to academic growth from the previous school year.

With the report card's rollout, Morath and his team are working to not just spread the message that parents are critical partners in their children's success, but to provide specific skills and tools to help the adults do that job.

But another way, they want to answer "This is all great information, now what."

For starters, the Texas Education Agency has created an interactive website to provide additional student-specific resources. Included is the opportunity for parents of students in grades three through eight to view the STAAR tests, question by question, and see how their child answered.

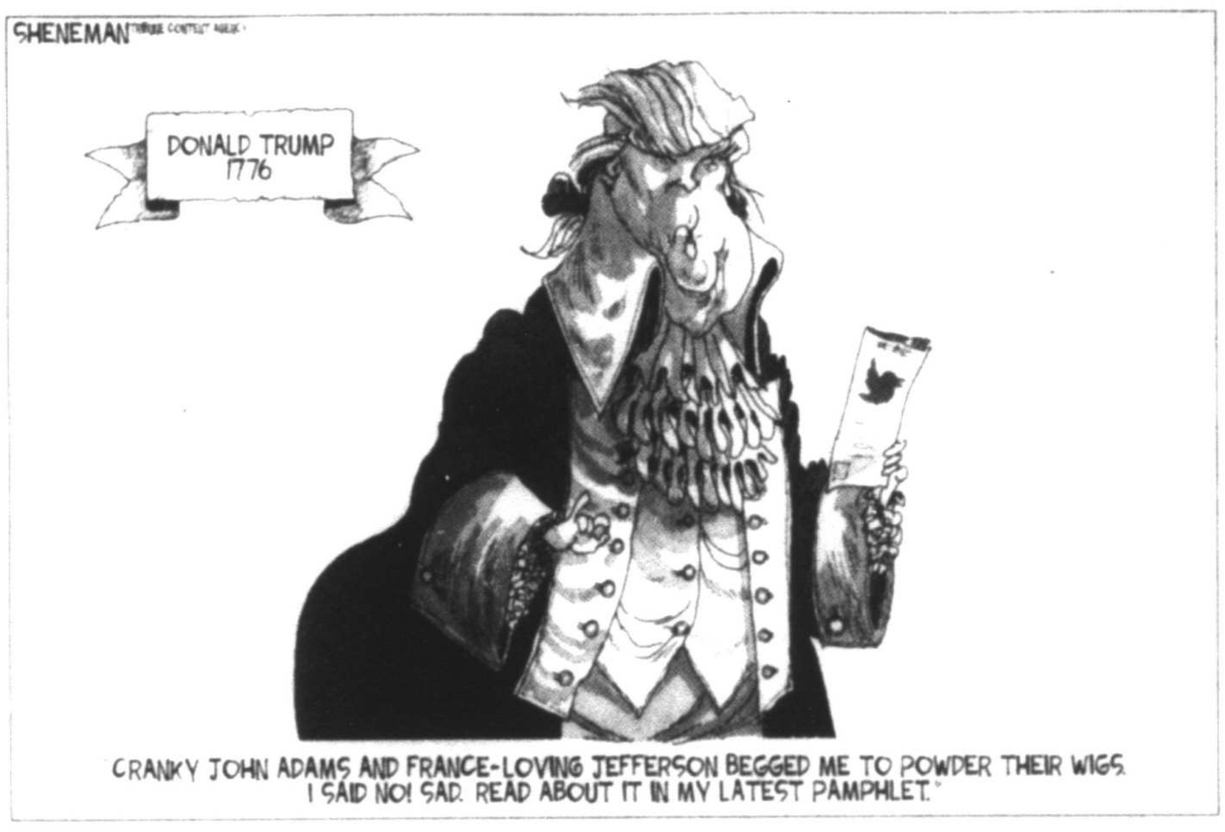
The report card itself provides books recommended for a child's particular reading level, games and problem-solving exercises, even tips for the most-useful questions to ask at a parent-teacher conference.

A report that demystifies the STAAR test and empowers parents — that's a summer assignment worth completing.

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We all have a story with America

■ Where mine is all about gratitude for my U.S. citizenship



RUBEN NAVARRETTE

Washington Post Writers Group

At the risk of setting off more fireworks, I've spent the days surrounding the Fourth of July trying to answer a question that has perplexed U.S. Latinos for generations. Whether the yardstick is starting businesses, creating jobs, spreading opportunity, serving in uniform or displaying optimism in hard times, America's largest minority has shown time and again that we love this country.

But does the country love us back?

Honestly, sometimes, it's hard to tell. This nation of second chances offers unlimited opportunities to those who are willing to work, hustle and innovate. In the United States, people may be born in poverty but that doesn't mean that poverty is born in them. Our society is one of the freest on Earth, which we've learned has its downside: we have been known to use that freedom to do things that harm us — like shouting down opposing views rather than debating and refuting them.

A new NPR/PBS NewsHour/Marist poll finds that about 70 percent of Americans say the level of civility in Washington has gotten worse since Donald Trump became president. Only 6 percent say it has improved. Twenty percent say it's about the same.

There are times when Latinos feel cradled in America's warm embrace — just like the waves of Germans, Irish and Italians before us. But just like those other immigrant groups, living in this country hasn't been all ethnic celebrations and parade floats.

During the 19th and 20th centuries, immigrants got mixed signals from America. They were often pushed away, discriminated against and prohibited from living in certain neighborhoods. And then, a generation later, they'd get lectures about how they should assimilate and not segregate themselves.

Today, the same thing happens with Latinos. We're told that we're not full-blooded Americans, that we're more loyal to our ancestral homelands, and that we're not as good as our countrymen. To many, Latinos are dangerous, deficient and detrimental to society.

I've even heard someone stupidly say that a federal judge born in Indiana to parents who were born in Mexico couldn't be trusted to do his job fairly because he is "Mexican."

A fellow journalist — who was born in Mexico but has lived most of her life on this side of the border — tells me she's writing a book in which she asks America if it's finally ready to accept her.

Another friend, a lawyer and academic, was recently fired from a university because, he says, the liberals who run it turned out to be — on race — not as liberal as they pretend.

Readers complain that Big Media, while professing to be enlightened, is in the dark on those occasions when it gathers a half-dozen pundits to discuss Latinos but doesn't include any Latinos.

My 75-year-old parents lived through the indignities of segregated schools, job discrimination, English-only laws, and signs in restaurants in the Southwest that said "No Dogs or Mexicans Allowed." They witnessed the ugly side of America.

But, in time, my parents also learned that America could redeem itself by finding its way back to its founding principles. And like most Mexican-Americans, they raised their kids to be crystal clear about the fact that we have only one country, one flag and one allegiance. Mexico hasn't given us anything since it unceremoniously gave our parents or grandparents a shove toward the door.

And yet, my father will often note that, these days, prejudice is still alive and lurking below the surface. It's more subtle now, he'll say. But it's still there.

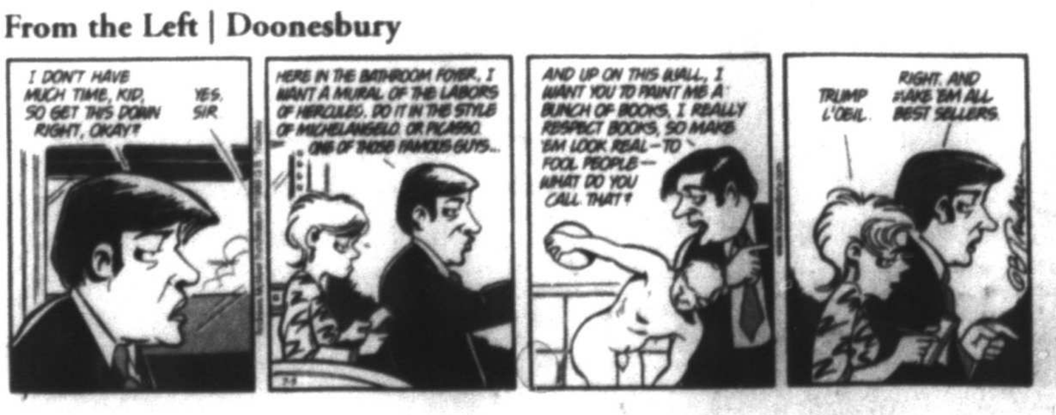
Some of this prejudice has developed into a more malignant strain of racism or ethnocentrism. It's largely driven by fear of changing demographics. With the nation's 56 million Latinos now accounting for 17 percent of the population — on its way to 25 percent in a couple of decades — white Americans and African-Americans are feeling disoriented and displaced.

But my father is right about one thing: In the politically correct post-civil rights era in which we live, insults and slights are served up more politely than they used to be.

We all have our own story. Mine — which could be titled "America & Me" — is all about gratitude for my U.S. citizenship, even if one snarky reader did refer to it as a "technicality."

I love my country for the greatness it reveals, and the potential it has to be even greater. And you know what? I think America loves me back, and that it shows its affection with every blessing it bestows.

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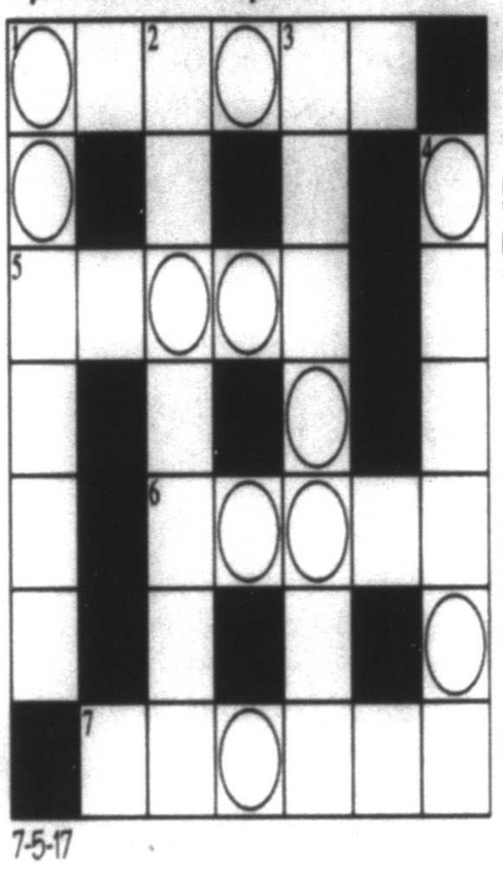
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1. Ventilate	TREAAE
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1. Current unit	MEERAP
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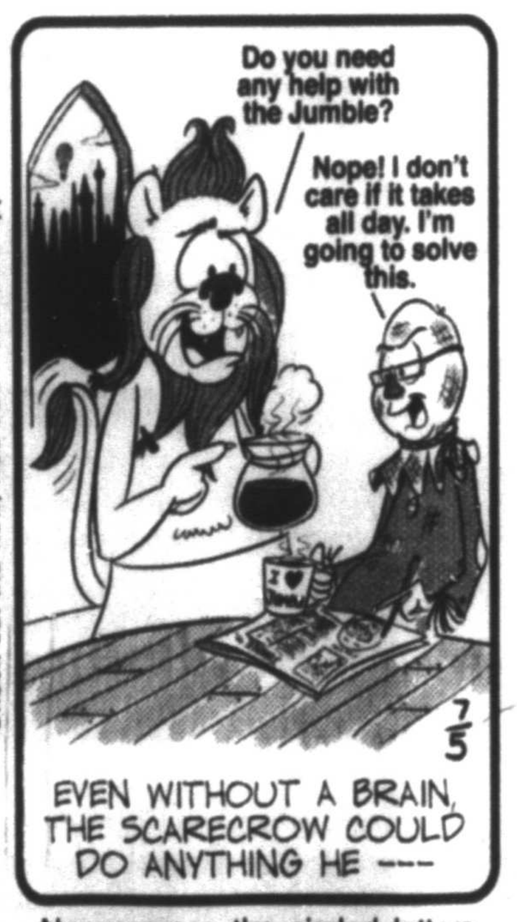
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DAILY CROSSWORD

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ACROSS

1 Go straight to the top?
5 Crawling carpenters
9 Made into a bundle
14 Sport for the supersized
15 "Unfaithful" co-star Richard
16 Join forces
17 Overindulge (someone) at birthday time
20 Warble
21 Figuratively
22 Circular power tool
24 Tarzan player Ron
25 Tetra- times two
29 Set one's sights on, with "at"
31 "So long!"
34 Last-ditch gridiron pass
36 Periodic pay
39 Nabisco snack brand
40 And so on: Abbr.
42 Avant-garde jazzman who named himself after an Egyptian god
43 Country Style Steak Fries maker
45 "I'm Moving On" country singer
47 Pindar work
48 Charlotte __: creamy dessert
50 Road incline
51 Permit
52 Crumpets companion
54 Head honcho
59 Starbucks flavor
64 Not up to par ... or, aptly, what this puzzle's circled letters are
66 Send (to) for a second opinion
67 Steal, for slate: Abbr.
68 Lemon-like
69 Like ogres
70 "So Sick" R&B singer
71 Ironically, they might be even

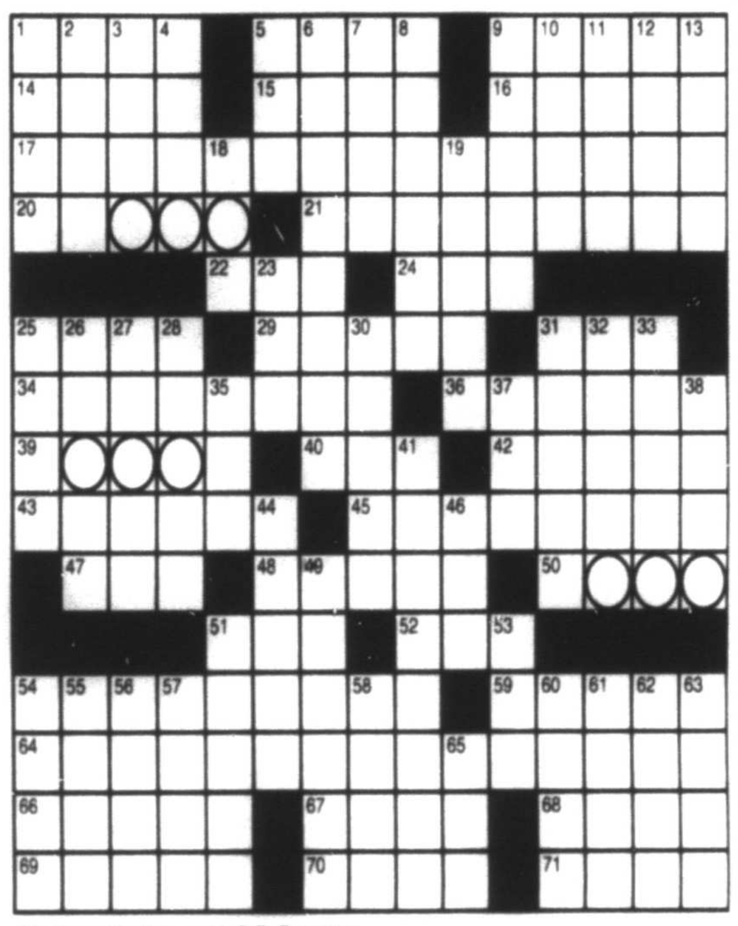
DOWN

1 Sibilant "Yo!"
2 River to the Rhine
3 Mine, in Metz
4 Pained cry
5 Dept. concerned with rural development
6 Reuters, for one
7 Folk's Kingston __
8 Couch kin
9 Mobster Siegel
10 Had __; imbibed modestly
11 Longest sentence
12 Bluesy James
13 Work at it
18 Trains over the street
19 Ship storage areas
23 Designation for batteries, bonds or baseball teams
25 "I can't believe it!"
26 Egyptian capital
27 Like many floors
28 Kate's TV sidekick
30 Nessie and Bigfoot, by most accounts
31 Get red in the face
32 New Age composer
33 Flynn of film
35 Irate
37 Question
38 Two-masted boat
41 Robinson Crusoe, notably
44 "__ we all?"
46 Society page word
49 Pioneer Day celebrant
51 King or Bird
53 Physicians' org.
54 Go sour
55 Draft designation
56 Some email attachments
57 Root often pickled
58 Aloha State bird
60 Germany's von Bismarck
61 African lake in four countries
62 Cattle collection
63 Music and dance, e.g.
65 Freudian focus

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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No 'specific agenda,' but Trump, Putin have lots to discuss

By Josh Lederman and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump's first face-to-face meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin on Friday will be brimming with global intrigue, but the White House says there's "no specific agenda." So in the absence of a set list of topics, what are two of the world's most famously unpredictable leaders to discuss?

Trump, who prefers to have neatly packaged achievements to pair with high-profile meetings, may be looking for some concessions from Russia to show he's delivering progress and helping restore a productive relationship between the two powers. Putin would almost surely want something in return, and there's a long list of "irritants" between the two countries that they could potentially resolve.

Ahead of the bilateral meeting, White House National Security Council and State Department officials have been reviewing possible gestures the U.S. could offer Russia as part of the meeting, a current and a former administration official said. They weren't authorized to comment publicly and requested anonymity.

Yet any outward sign of bonhomie between Trump and Putin would be immediately seized upon by the president's critics and Russia hawks eager to show he's cozying up to the Russian leader. The ongoing investigations into Russia's interference in the U.S. election and potential Trump campaign collusion won't be far from anyone's minds.

The two leaders will sit down in Hamburg, Germany, on the sidelines of a Group of 20 summit of leading rich and developing nations. Ahead of the meeting, Russian Ambassador Sergey Kislyak met Monday in Washington with the No. 3 U.S. diplomat, Thomas Shannon, to prepare.

A look at what Trump and Putin could address:

Election hacking

Trump has been reluctant to publicly and directly acknowledge Russia's role in meddling in the U.S. election, out of apparent concern it undermines the legitimacy of his win. He's also insisted there was no collusion with him or his campaign, a conclusion that U.S. investigators have not yet reached.

U.S. officials says Russia tried to hack election systems in 21 states and to sway the election for Trump, a level of interference in the U.S. political system that security experts say represents a top-level threat that should command a forceful response from the U.S. Putin has denied all this.

There are no indications Trump plans to raise Russia's meddling at the meeting. Yet if he doesn't, it will give fuel to Trump's critics who say he's blatantly ignoring a major national security threat. It could also embolden those who say Trump is trying to cover for the Russians after benefiting from their interference.

Irritants

Each side has a long list of complaints about the other that do not rise to the geopolitical level but are nonetheless impeding broader attempts to coordinate or cooperate on larger concerns. After meeting in Moscow earlier this year, Secretary of State Rex Tillerson and Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov agreed to set up a mechanism to deal with these issues the Russians describe as "irritants" and the Americans call "the smalls."

But even that effort has stalled. After the Treasury last month imposed new sanctions on Russia for its intervention in Ukraine, Moscow called off a scheduled second meeting between Thomas Shannon, the U.S. undersecretary of state for political affairs, and Sergey Ryabkov, a Russian deputy foreign minister. Shannon and Ryabkov's canceled June 23 meeting in St. Petersburg has yet to be rescheduled.

It was not clear if either Trump or Putin would seek to reopen the channel when they see each other in Hamburg, although Tillerson and other State Department officials have taken pains to stress that they remain open to a resumption of the talks.

Russia's wish list

Russia has been especially vocal about its chief demand: the return of two properties it owns in the U.S. that were seized by the Obama administration as punishment for Russian meddling in the 2016 election. The recreational compounds are located in Oyster Bay, New York, on Long Island, and along the Corsica River in the Eastern Shore region of Maryland.

On Monday, Putin's foreign affairs adviser, Yuri Ushakov, said Russia had been remarkably restrained by declining to retaliate but that its patience was running out. If the U.S. doesn't soon give back the compounds, also known as dachas, Moscow will have no choice but to retaliate, Ushakov said.

Another Russian demand is to ease surveillance of its diplomats in the U.S.

U.S. demands

The U.S. has its own list, topped by a resumption of adoptions of Russian children by American parents which Russia banned in late 2012, an end to what it says is intensifying harassment of U.S. diplomats and other officials in Russia and a resolution to a dispute over a piece of land in St. Petersburg that was meant to be the site of a new U.S. consulate in Russia's second-largest city. The U.S. also wants expanded cultural and exchange programs between the two countries. Such programs were vastly curtailed or ended after Putin's 2012 return to the Kremlin in an election he accused Washington of interfering in.

Tillerson has made the adoption issue a priority, according to aides, although it remains unclear if he has succeeded in convincing the Russians to even consider revisiting the ban. The property dispute in St. Petersburg dates to 2014 when Russia blocked the U.S. from developing the site after the Obama administration hit Russia with sanctions because of it's annexation of Ukraine's Crimea region.

Officials say the U.S. won't simply swap the Russian compounds for the St. Petersburg consulate. Action on the other demands is also required, they say.

Ukraine sanctions

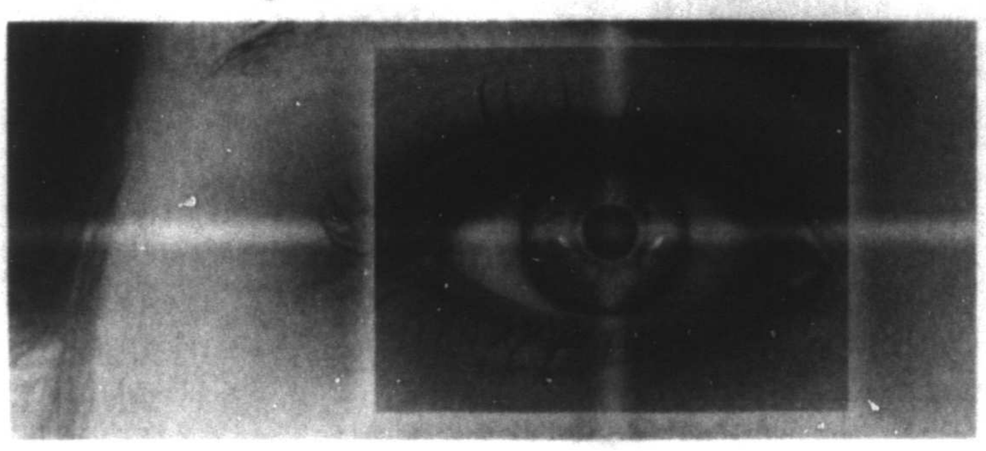
Moscow has long sought an easing of economic sanctions the U.S. slapped on Russia over its actions in eastern Ukraine and annexation of Crimea, which the U.S. does not recognize. Though there were indications that Trump's aides entertained easing the sanctions in the run-up to the inauguration and early days of his presidency, his administration has repeatedly insisted that they will stay in place until Russia pulls out of Crimea and lives up to its commitments under a cease-fire deal for eastern Ukraine that has never been fully implemented.

Given that Russia has taken neither of those steps, easing sanctions would require a major reversal by Trump and would infuriate Russia hawks in both parties in the U.S. In fact, Congress has been pushing to increase sanctions on Russia and make them harder for Trump to lift. The Senate has passed the popular measure, which won't go to a House vote before Trump's meeting with Putin.

Syria

Eager to bolster his global legitimacy, Putin has been pressing the U.S. to cooperate militarily with Russia in Syria, where both Moscow and Washington oppose the Islamic State group but disagree about Syrian President Bashar Assad. Though defense laws passed in the wake of the Ukraine crisis bar the U.S. military from cooperating with Russia, the two have maintained a "deconfliction" hotline to ensure their forces don't accidentally collide on the crowded Syrian battlefield.

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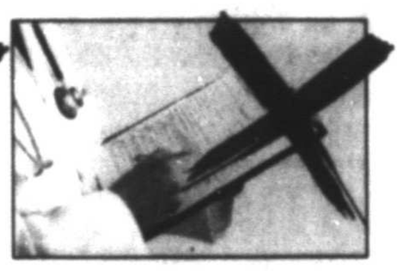
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It's important to monitor teens' sleeping habits

Sleep deprivation negatively impacts behavior, nurse says



SARAH HAMAKER
Special to The Washington Post

When one of my four kids is snappish, I almost immediately think about how much sleep the child had gotten the night before. If less than usual, then I generally know the why behind the crankiness and brace myself for the onslaught of whininess.

"Sleep supports healthy growth and development," said Terry Cralle, a nurse and certified clinical sleep educator. "Children who sleep less than the recommended number of hours suffer an increase in behavior, learning and attention disorders."

But in today's fast-paced world, sleep is often overlooked or sacrificed. "Studies show that many children are getting less sleep than they did 20 years ago," said Cralle.

Parents also underestimate the amount of sleep a tween or teen needs. Last year, the American Academy of Sleep Medicine, backed by the American Academy of Pediatrics, changed its recommendations for how much sleep children should get:

- Children 6 to 12 years: nine to 12 hours of sleep each 24-hour period.
- Teens 13 to 18 years: eight to 10 hours of sleep each 24-hour period.

"Sleep deprivation has negative consequences for children's health at every age," said Dr. Anayansi Lasso-Pirot, pediatric pulmonologist and interim head of the division of pediatric pulmonology, allergy and sleep medicine at the University of Maryland Children's Hospital. "Sleep is a restorative part of the day. Just as you recharge an iPhone or iPad, children at every age must recharge their batteries by getting a good night's sleep."

The factors contributing to kids not getting enough sleep vary, but here are some of the top contenders:

SMARTPHONES

"Yes, a smartphone makes a good alarm, but not if kids are texting or checking social media all night," said Elisabeth Stitt with Joyful Parenting Coaching. Christine Stevens, a certified sleep consultant with Sleepy Tots Consulting, adds that the "blue wavelength of light emitted by these devices tricks the brain into thinking it's time to wake up and inhibits the production of melatonin, a key sleep hormone. So keep those smartphones out of their rooms at night. You can have them charge in your room to keep an eye on them or another docking station.

VARYING BEDTIMES

An occasional late night is OK, but consistency is the key to good sleep habits. A consistent bedtime helps set circadian rhythms and provides a sense of order and structure, Cralle said. Most nights, our own 8-year-old goes to bed at 8 p.m., our 10-year-old at 8:30 p.m., our 12-year-old at 9 p.m., and our 14-year-old at 9:30 p.m. The more consistent bedtimes are, Cralle said, the healthier the sleep habits.

TELEVISION

Like phones, children should really not have televisions in their rooms. They will be tempted to watch a show later than their

Please see **HAMAKER**/2B

INFRASTRUCTURE BASICS



Bob Owen/San Antonio Express-News

Irma Sanchez, 38, of Laredo, has her eyes checked by Maj. Jennifer Meadows in a mobile clinic set up in the El Cenizo Community Center in El Cenizo on June 27. The U.S. Army and students from the Texas A&M medical system have been working together on a large-scale health care training exercise in small communities around Laredo.

Health care arrives at Laredo colonias

■ Army Reserve, Texas A&M begin partnership that provides services to impoverished areas

By Aaron Nelsen
San Antonio Express-News

EL CENIZO — Jennifer Meadows twisted the knobs on a phoropter, zeroing in on Irma Sanchez's ideal glasses prescription. A few more twists and turns of the knobs, and Meadows, an optometrist and major in the Army Reserve, had it pegged.

"She's nearsighted," Meadows said of her patient.

Despite worsening vision, Sanchez, 38, hadn't visited an optometrist in a decade. For that matter, years had passed since she last sat in a dentist's chair or set foot in a doctor's office.

"I needed new glasses," Sanchez said. "This is great."

Sanchez, who doesn't have health insurance, is not alone.

Over a two-week period in late June, the Reserve partnered with students from across the Texas A&M System to provide health care and infrastructure projects to thousands of people living in impoverished neighborhoods around Laredo known as colonias.

The mission, under the Innovative Readiness Training program, builds partnerships between the Defense Department and underserved U.S. communities. For

Please see **COLONIAS**/4B

Hospitals in Texas fear losing $6.2 billion Medicaid deal

By Phil Galewitz
Kaiser Health News

Texas rejected billions in federal aid to expand Medicaid under the Affordable Care Act, calling the program "broken." But now it's asking the Trump administration to renew a deal that's brought the state an additional $6.2 billion a year under Medicaid to help care for the poor.

Half the money is used to help hospitals finance care for the uninsured, and the rest goes to hospitals and other providers to test regional programs to improve care and access, such as opening school-based health clinics to steer people away from expensive emergency room visits.

State officials are hoping to win a 21-month extension of an agreement that began in 2011 and will expire in December.

The Trump administration signed off on a similar pact with Florida in April, increasing extra Medicaid funds to that state from $600 million a year to $1.5 billion annually. In December, the Obama administration extended a pact with Tennessee to 2021. It is worth at least $500 million a year to the state.

Several states receive such funds but Texas' allocation is the highest. To put Texas' request in perspective, $6.2 billion represents more than a third of what the federal government now contributes to the state's Medicaid program annually. Texas kicks in the balance to pay for its $29 billion Medicaid program, which covers nearly 4.8 million people.

Hospitals are counting on the cash to absorb the costs of

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Congress needs to keep its promise to children



STACY E. WILSON
Children's Hospital Association of Texas

In 1965, the federal government made a promise to disabled and low-income children: they would have health coverage. In 2017, the federal government is about to break that promise. The Better Care Reconciliation Act of 2017 (BCRA) jeopardizes children's access to health care because it no longer guarantees health coverage through the Medicaid program. Instead, the bill caps the federal government's funding for children's health care, leaving innocent children, who cannot control into what family or with what ailments they are born, at the mercy of appropriators.

While the BCRA does take some positive steps toward protecting children, including exempting disabled children from per capita caps, those children are still at risk. Once the federal government limits Medicaid funding, states will either need to make up the difference or will limit the amount of services or the number of Medicaid enrollees to stay under the federal cap. And they are likely to do this through across-the-board cuts, which will impact all Medicaid enrollees, including disabled children.

There are 30 million children in the United States enrolled in Medicaid, more than 40 percent of the nation's kids and nearly half of all Medicaid beneficiaries. This includes 3 million children in Texas, or almost half of the children in the state. Yet children don't drive Medicaid costs; non-disabled children make up about 70 percent of the Medicaid caseload in Texas but account for only 30 percent of the spending.

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Even if you are not a country music fan, you still might know Tim McGraw and his recent song "Always Stay Humble and Kind." Wow, who does not need to practice that every moment of every day?

Making that statement a part of one's actions and vocabulary is definitely easier for some of us than others. How would life change if family members, co-workers or those one meets every day started practicing kindness and humility toward each other?

So what does exhibiting humility look like? What does the word really mean? One Googled reference I found stated, "A humble demeanor is not a denial of our worth as individuals. Rather, it is the tool that allows us, insofar as possible, to be on good terms with all persons. It is the opposite of aggressiveness, arrogance, boastfulness and vanity. Rather than, "Me first," humility allows us to say, "No, you first, my friend." Humility is the quality that lets us go more than halfway to meet the needs and demands of others." So who's practiced this lately?

If one can put the needs and demands of others first, then showing kindness should be an action that only enhances humility. Kindness, defined by The Free Dictionary is, "The quality of being warmhearted, considerate, humane and sympathetic." If humility and kindness are not presently being incorporated into one's daily routine or not practiced as frequently as one should, just imagine the reaction of others if they were witness to a kinder more humble partner, work associate, parent, family member, customer … you get the idea. Why couldn't the idea of paying for the order behind us in line, be an every-moment attitude and a way of life?

One of the quotes I have displayed in my office is "A person who feels appreciated will always do more than expected." A little kindness extended to others lends positive influence to their self-worth and validity. Going the extra mile isn't extra at all if one's task and effort is valued. I strongly encourage my couples with various issues including lack of communication, to practice kindness. Another quote I share is, "You don't have to attend every argument you are invited to." So when is the last time you humbly offered a considerate word or gesture of kindness to someone?

A couple of the lines from the Tim McGraw song are to "not take for granted the love this life gives you, don't steal, cheat or lie, hold the door and say please and thank you." So like he suggests in his closing lines, I'm going to "enjoy a root beer and maybe even a popsicle when it's hot outside" and try to "Always Stay Humble and Kind."

Obituaries



Melinda Matthews Coffman

Melinda Matthews Coffman, 57, died on July 1, 2017 at M.D. Anderson in Houston, Texas surrounded by family and friends. She was a devoted wife, mother, sister, daughter, and friend who loved at all times, even while enduring a long battle with cancer.

Melinda was born on October 10, 1959 in Longview, Texas to father Jerry Matthews and mother Gloria Matthews. She graduated from the University of Texas in Austin, Texas with a Bachelor of Arts in Education in 1983. Upon graduation, she taught 3rd grade in Commerce, Texas.

In 1984, she became a flight attendant for Southwest Airlines. Melinda met her husband, John Coffman, while traveling to Midland for Southwest. She relocated to Midland, Texas and married John on April 25, 1987. They made Midland their home where they raised their four children, Mason, Chaney, Madeline, and Kennedy. Melinda's unconditional love for her family was evident throughout her life as she lived to serve them and be an example for her sons and daughters.

Melinda was a hardworking and enthusiastic woman. She loved her job and served others faithfully. She recently celebrated her 33rd anniversary with Southwest Airlines as a flight attendant. She had such a fun-loving personality and servant's heart that shone daily in her work and travels. She could brighten anyone's day and make anyone laugh with her incredible sense of humor.

When diagnosed with breast cancer in 2012, she remained dedicated to her family, work, and in her will to fight her illness. She was diagnosed with lung cancer in 2015, and most recently, leukemia in March of 2017. Even faced with so many setbacks, Melinda continued to be strong and never gave up hope. She remained a brave, iron-willed woman, even throughout her final days.

Melinda is survived by her husband of 30 years, John Coffman; son, Mason Coffman; son and daughter-in-law, Chaney and Katie Coffman; and daughters, Madeline and Kennedy Coffman.

She is preceded in death by her father, Jerry Matthews, and is survived by her mother, Gloria Matthews; sister, Mitzi Cramer and her husband, Robert; brother, Michael Matthews and his wife, Andrea; brother-in-law, Jim Coffman, and his wife, Terri; sister-in-law, Janna Donovan and her husband, David; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Melinda was known for her genuine, free spirited personality and her willingness to serve others. Melinda's courage throughout her life and especially during her battle with cancer has been a testimony to her unwavering faith in the Lord. By God's grace, we see Melinda's strong character traits personified in all four of her children. Melinda will be missed by all, but will live on through the lives of those who knew her.

Melinda requested to be cremated and her ashes will be spread by her family. A memorial celebration will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 7, 2017 at Stonegate Fellowship, 6000 W Wadley Ave, Midland, Texas with Pastor Kyle Rodgers officiating. Following the service, a reception will be held in the foyer to greet family. All are welcome to attend.

Memorial donations may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Donor Services, PO Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 or online at *www.lls.org*.

Death Notices

Richard Craig Alderman

Richard Craig Alderman, 59, of Midland, passed away July 3, 2017.

Memorial Service will be 2:00 p.m., Thursday, July 6, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland.

MEDICAID

From 1B

uncompensated care, which they say has escalated even as the state's uninsured rate fell from 20 percent in 2013 to 16 percent in 2015, according to the Kaiser Family Foundation's estimates (Kaiser Health News is an editorially independent program of the foundation).

Without the money programs and services to the poor will have to be cut, including many new health clinics opened to expand access, hospitals say.

"Absent the dollars from the waiver, we would have to start to close the clinics and cut back on the manpower," said George Masi, CEO of Harris Health System, a large public health system based in Houston.

The uninsured rate has fallen in Houston, but surrounding Harris County still has more than 1 million people without health insurance.

Between population growth and demand from undocumented immigrants, "there is growing need for more uncompensated care," Masi said. Undocumented individuals are ineligible for Medicaid but cannot be refused emergency care.

When the Obama administration first approved Texas' Medicaid waiver — and billions in extra Medicaid dollars to go with it — federal officials viewed the action as a glide path toward a formal Medicaid expansion starting in 2014, which the Affordable Care Act encouraged states to undertake. The law required the federal government to fully pay the extra costs of bringing more people onto Medicaid rolls for the first three years in every state that took the offer. Thirty-one states, plus the District of Columbia, did so.

Obamacare Medicaid funding would have added 1 million Texans to the program.

But after the U.S. Supreme Court made the Medicaid expansion optional for states, Texas lawmakers bristled at having anything to do with Obamacare or expanding government health coverage. That left the state's hospitals in a tough financial spot since they lost some federal funding under the law without gaining patients covered by a Medicaid expansion. Texas hospitals are eager to keep the federal waiver in place as the turmoil in Congress over repealing and replacing Obamacare only increases their jitters.

Last year, the Obama administration was reluctant to promise to maintain extra funding levels to states that did not expand Medicaid and left their hospitals on the hook for treating uninsured people who would have been covered under the law. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services told Texas to expect its Medicaid waiver funding to be cut by billions starting in 2018.

Anne Dunkelberg, associate director of the Center for Public Policy Priorities in Texas, a left-leaning think tank, said Texans would be better served by expanding Medicaid but, since that isn't politically possible, the waiver money is vital to help hospitals care for the uninsured. "The hospitals still have tons of uncompensated care and it will be painful for them without this money," she said.

Texas set up 21 regional health programs to oversee hundreds of pilot programs paid for by the waiver money intended to improve care to the poor. The demonstration projects paid for by the waiver money probably could not continue without the federal funds, according to an evaluation report released last month by Texas Department of Health and Human Services. The report concluded some projects did help improve patient outcomes, but it's too soon to determine if they can help lower hospitals' costs of uncompensated care.

At Baylor Scott & White Health, based in Dallas with facilities in north and central Texas, the waiver money has provided more than $200 million in funding over the past five years for uncompensated care and another $132 million for health projects. "This money allows us to care for uninsured folks that otherwise might not get care," said Bill Galinsky, vice president for government finance at the health system.

Baylor Scott & White has participated in 37 health projects funded by the waiver to develop ways to treat more than 100,000 low-income people. Other efforts included placing 10 social workers in primary care clinics to provide one-stop care for patients with mental health and physical health needs. The system has also worked with community agencies to increase providing healthy meals to families. "We are cautiously optimistic" that the waiver money will continue, Galinsky said.

Harris Health used part of its $350 million a year in Medicaid waiver dollars to open six primary care clinics with integrated mental health services. "Before the waiver, the primary care doctors could treat the backache or strep throat but would struggle to deal with the depression or bipolar," Masi said.

Adding psychiatrists and psychologists to work alongside primary care doctors has helped reduce demand for inpatient mental health care, he said.

Without continued federal funding, most of the new positions would disappear, according to Masi.

Memorial Hermann, one of the state's largest hospital systems, which is also in Houston, also allocated a portion of its waiver money — $150 million a year — to do more than care for the uninsured, said Dr. Benjamin Chu, the former CEO, who was interviewed before his resignation was announced June 19.

The hospital system opened crisis prevention units and school-based health clinics. Other funds paid for a team that manages mental health patients after discharge from hospitals, connecting them with follow-up services to reduce repeated visits to an emergency room.

"This money is very important," Chu said.

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Medicaid enrollees

Chart shows those enrolled in Medicaid by state (2016)

California	13,000,000	Virginia	992,800
New York	6,231,100	Missouri	969,200
Texas	5,227,900	Connecticut	856,100
Florida	3,931,300	New Mexico	855,800
Ohio	2,983,000	Arkansas	767,000
Illinois	2,925,100	Mississippi	729,700
Pennsylvania	2,747,700	Oklahoma	669,200
Michigan	2,321,200	Nevada	592,400
North Carolina	1,986,400	Iowa	591,400
Georgia	1,889,500	West Virginia	510,200
Arizona	1,884,600	Kansas	384,900
Massachusetts	1,845,500	Utah	334,900
Washington	1,818,300	Hawaii	319,300
Tennessee	1,690,000	Idaho	305,300
New Jersey	1,682,200	Rhode Island	281,600
Louisiana	1,466,200	Maine	272,100
Colorado	1,321,700	Nebraska	237,000
Kentucky	1,281,500	D.C.	236,500
Indiana	1,280,300	Delaware	221,800
Minnesota	1,246,000	Vermont	209,500
Wisconsin	1,201,800	Montana	201,300
South Carolina	1,128,600	New Hampshire	192,100
Maryland	1,103,700	Alaska	137,800
Oregon	1,102,100	South Dakota	109,100
Alabama	1,047,100	Wyoming	64,400
		North Dakota	NA

Source: Kaiser Family Foundation
Graphic: Tribune News Service

HAMAKER

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body wants to be awake, and the blue light from TV is similar to that in phones. "Children with TVs in their bedroom sleep on average an hour less than other children," said Dr. Robert S Rosenberg, board certified Sleep Medicine Physician and author of The Doctor's Guide to Sleep Solutions for Stress & Anxiety.

Too many activities

Sleep is another reason to just tone down all those activities. Packing a kid's schedule means there is less time to unwind or relax before bedtime, and sleep should be a priority.

'Catching up'

Catching up on sleep doesn't really work. If a child gets to bed too late all week, and you think it'll work itself out during the weekend, think again. "Letting teens go to bed in the wee hours of the morning, then sleep till the afternoon on weekends reinforces and worsens the circadian shift (toward later bedtimes around age 13), making it almost impossible to return to a normal sleep/wake schedule on school days," Rosenberg said.

Caffeine intake

Caffeine is a stimulant that increases wakefulness. But even if a child drinks something with caffeine in it hours before bedtime, it can still impact their sleep. "A lot of tweens and teens rely on energy drinks to keep them alert and awake in school," Rosenberg said. "But these shots of caffeine can make it more difficult to fall asleep at night."

Want another reason to get your child to bed on time? Sleep deprivation, especially in children, results in more accidents (including vehicular), and an increased risk of sports injuries and risk-taking behaviors. "Motivations, emotions, resilience, outlook, school performance, memory, relationships, mood and even propensity for substance abuse are negatively impacted by a lack of sleep," Cralle said.

How can you help your child develop better sleep habits? First of all, model good habits and place a priority on sleep yourself. "There have been several studies that show a parent who leads by example when it comes to sleep is very effective," Rosenberg said.

Other tips include:

■ Get regular exercise. I've noticed that my kids often have the most trouble falling asleep on rainy days when they've been cooped up inside. "Exercise promotes better moods, decreases anxiety and promotes sleep," Rosenberg said.

■ Talk about the importance of sleep. "Educate your children on why we need sleep and highlight what happens when we don't get enough of it," Stevens said. For example, explain to them how sleep helps with memory, mood and athletic performance.

■ Incorporate downtime. "Parents grossly underestimate the amount of downtime kids need after they have been focused at school all day," said Stitt. She recommends parents help kids create at least a half hour soothing, winddown routine that doesn't include electronics before lights out.

The bottom line is that helping our children succeed in all aspects of life starts with helping them get a good night's sleep. "Ensuring sufficient sleep in childhood can have a lifetime of benefits," Cralle said. "Sufficient sleep is crucial to health, education and the ability of the child to reach his full potential."

As Stevens reminds us, "it's never too late to change habits to be rested, healthy and ready to take on the day."

WILSON

From 1B

To children's hospitals in Texas, these are not just statistics. These numbers represent the children and families that our member hospitals see in their emergency rooms and hospitals each and every day. Our hospitals are the pediatric safety net for all Texas children with services and expertise specifically designed for children. In fact, in 2014, more than 14,000 patients in children's hospitals are transfers from other medical facilities that could not provide the necessary pediatric care that those children required.

Medicaid provides a safety net for working families who have children with complex medical conditions. The program helps shoulder the financial burden not covered by commercial insurance, ensuring that these families are not devastated financially.

Children with access to Medicaid are more likely to attend school, graduate from high school, and go to college, becoming healthier adults who will earn more and pay more in taxes than those who do not have appropriate health care as children. Dramatic changes or across-the-board cuts to Medicaid will negatively impact coverage for children and decrease their ability to access appropriate and timely health care.

Thanks to the efficiency of the program, growth in per capita Medicaid expenditures in Texas falls below both commercial insurance and Medicare levels. When adjusted for inflation, Texas is spending less per Medicaid enrollee than the state did in 2001.

Because of the high number of children enrolled in Medicaid, children's hospitals rely heavily on Medicaid to pay for patient services. For the eight member hospitals of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas, between 50 percent and 80 percent of their admissions are Medicaid patients. And, even at current funding levels, the actual cost of care exceeds the amount that Medicaid pays. Many hospitals must absorb the cost for poor children who are not insured or are underinsured.

Children's hospitals support families from before birth through the end of life, from pre-natal care and genetic counseling through palliative and hospice care. Congress should support American families by continuing to guarantee Medicaid coverage for all children and pregnant women. Taking this pro-family approach will fulfill Medicaid's original purpose of providing health coverage to disabled and low-income children. Congress should not break its fifty-year commitment to ensuring that children have access to health care to get their best start in life.

Stacy E. Wilson is president of the Children's Hospital Association of Texas.

HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Aetna, Midland Health reach agreement

Aetna and Midland Health officials have reached an agreement that will continue the two entities' contractual relationship through Sept. 30, 2020, according to a press release from Midland Health. Termination of service was set for June 30, but this agreement means that there will not be an interruption in service for those patients who are insured by Aetna, according to the release.

"This is good news for our members," said Stephen Watkins, vice president of Aetna's network in West Texas. "The new agreement allows us to continue offering our members uninterrupted access to the health care services and physicians provided by Midland Memorial Hospital."

"Midland Memorial Hospital was eager to maintain an ongoing relationship with Aetna and their members at reasonable rates and we were motivated to solve this issue so that our patients didn't experience any gaps in their care," said Stephen Bowerman, senior vice president and chief financial officer for Midland Health.

Midland Health events

■ Advance Care Planning Seminar, 10 a.m. and 2 p.m. today at Midland Memorial Hospital; Collette Underwood, 221-1166, collette.underwood@midland-memorial.com.

■ Weigh to Success, 5 p.m. Thursday, Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus dining room; Sundae Adkins, 638-8081, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com.

■ Find a Job Friday, 8 a.m. Friday, Midland Memorial Hospital lobby; 221-4305; to register visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & events.

■ Babycare/Infant CPR, 6 p.m. Monday, Midland Memorial Hospital; Amber Cunningham, 221-3283, childbirtheducation@midlandhealth.org; to register, visit midlandhealth.org and click on classes & evvents.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

(subject to change)

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 6-7 p.m. Tuesdays and 4-5 p.m. Sundays; Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 553-1031.

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

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

■ PDAP meetings: 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church

11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 553-7220.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 7 p.m. Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 634-7609.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Fridays and Sundays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St., 599-4490.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, PDAP, 1208 W. Wall St. 553-7220.

Hope Chest

Hope Chest is a program that provides support for women during their pregnancy and after their baby is born.

Hope Chest allows mothers and mothers-to-be to earn necessities such as diapers, wipes, clothing and car seats through a point system. Points are earned by attending prenatal appointments and childbirth classes, and once the baby is born, moms continue to earn points at pediatrician visits until the child turns 2.

The program office is at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. For more information or to enroll in the program, call 221-1150.

To make a monetary donation or donate brand new baby items to Hope Chest, call the March of Dimes office at 416-7310.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room … or just staying home.

Help line for long-term or disabled care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

Midland Memorial Hospital

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Phone: 221-1111

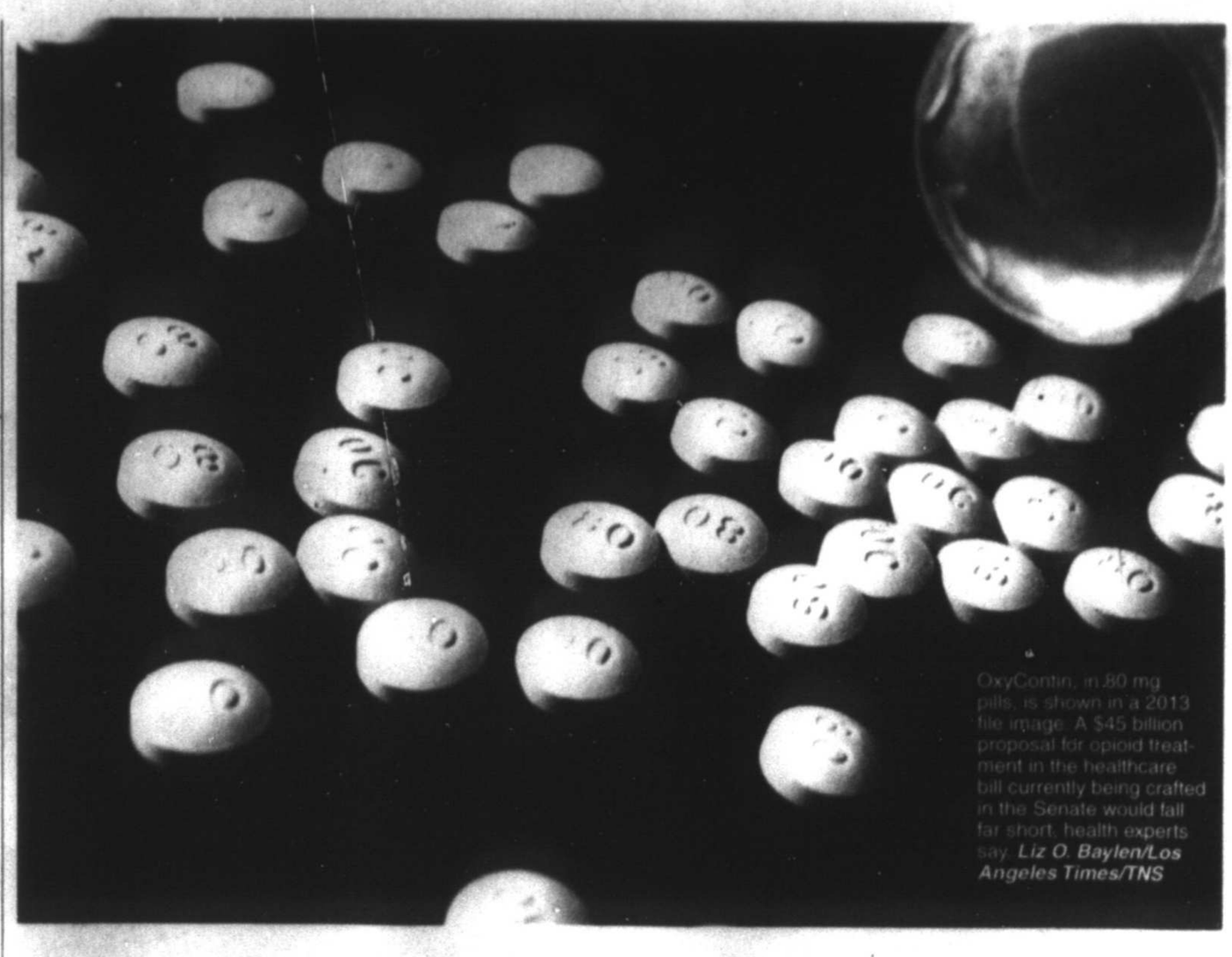
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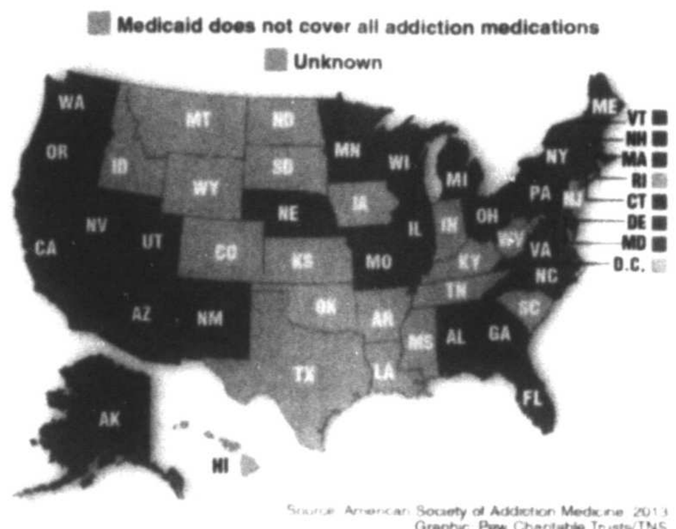
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OxyContin, in 80 mg pills, is shown in a 2013 file image. A $45 billion proposal for opioid treatment in the healthcare bill currently being crafted in the Senate would fall far short, health experts say. *Liz O. Baylen/Los Angeles Times/TNS*

Access to opioid addiction drugs

At least 29 state Medicaid programs reimburse health care providers for all three FDA-approved opioid addiction medications – methadone, buprenorphine, and Vivitrol.

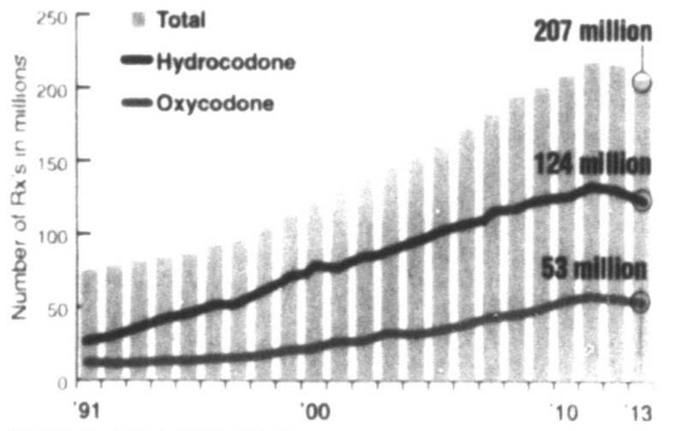


Source: American Society of Addiction Medicine, 2013
Graphic: Pew Charitable Trusts/TNS

Opioid prescriptions skyrocket

The number of prescriptions for opioids like hydrocodone (e.g. Vicodin) and oxycodone (e.g., Percocet) have escalated from around 76 million in 1991 to nearly 207 million in 2013.

Opioid prescriptions dispensed by U.S. retail pharmacies



Source: National Institute on Drug Abuse
Graphic: Staff, Tribune News Service

Overuse of pain medications threatens nation's health



BOB MOOS

U.S. Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services

Our nation faces its deadliest drug epidemic ever.

For years, Americans overestimated the benefits of opioids and underestimated the risks. Many people became regular users of these narcotic pain killers, often quite innocently, with a prescription from a doctor after surgery or an injury or as treatment for a chronic condition. Few thought their growing dependence on the pain killers would lead to addiction.

The numbers describe the magnitude of the crisis now confronting us:

■ Since 1999, the amount of prescription opioids sold in this country has nearly quadrupled.

■ Also since then, deaths from prescription opioids have more than quadrupled.

Every day, 91 Americans die from an opioid overdose.

■ Older adults are especially affected. About 2.7 million Americans 50 or older abused pain killers in 2015 when they took them for reasons or in amounts beyond what their doctors prescribed. Also, people 65 and older have had sharp increases in opioid-related hospital stays and emergency room visits.

No one is suggesting that someone undergoing surgery, recovering from an injury or having major medical problems should be denied pain medications. But 236 million prescriptions were written for opioids last year in this country — enough to give every American adult a bottle of pain killers.

Combating the opioid epidemic has become a major federal priority. The Department of Health and Human Services is following a five-pronged strategy of stepping up public health monitoring of the problem, supporting research on pain and addiction, improving access to treatment, making overdose-reversing drugs more available, and promoting better ways to manage pain.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention last year published guidelines for clinicians prescribing opioids for chronic pain outside of active cancer treatment, palliative care and end-of-life care. The federal government is also providing states with nearly a half-billion dollars for prevention and treatment programs. Another half-billion dollars in grants will follow next year.

As important as the federal partnerships with states and communities will be in addressing this nationwide menace, stemming the increase in opioid-related deaths will demand the attention of all of us. That means not just government officials and health care professionals. It means anyone who may be needing some form of pain medication, as well as family members and friends.

An all-hands-on-deck response is the only way we're going to get a handle on an epidemic that has taken 25 years to develop. Here's what you can do yourself to fight it:

■ If you're due for surgery, visit with your physician beforehand to find out what you'll be given for pain relief afterward and how long you should expect to be on it. If you continue to pop pills beyond that, talk with your doctor about the safest way to wean yourself off them.

■ Be aware of the warning signs that you're becoming too dependent on your medication. Do you have memory problems or trouble focusing on the task at hand? Are you forgoing important obligations? And probably the surest sign of all: Are you going to another doctor or elsewhere for more medication because your doctor won't write a prescription for you any longer?

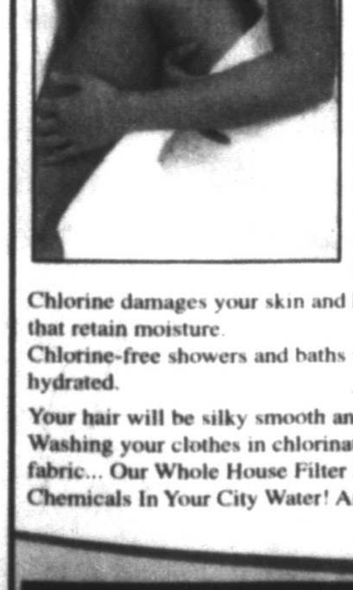
■ If it's possible, ask a family member or friend to help you through your recovery period and track your use of pain medication to make sure you're following the recommended dosage. Remember that addiction is a medical matter and not a moral failing. It takes courage to seek help. Treatment can include counseling or medication or both.

Opioids have their pain-relieving benefits. But they're also powerful drugs that, without proper precautions, can quickly send you down the slippery slope of addiction.

If you think you or a loved one may have become too dependent on opioids, consult with the prescribing physician. Also, the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration offers a confidential help line that can connect you with treatment services in your area. Call 1-800-662-4357 and begin to end this public health emergency.

Bob Moos is the south west public affairs officer for the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services

Why Remove Chlorine From Your Water?



According to the U.S. Council of Environmental Quality, "Cancer risk among people using chlorinated water is as much as 93% higher than among those whose water does not contain chlorine."

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COLONIAS

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the Army, it is a valuable opportunity to prepare its reservists for overseas deployment in underdeveloped regions.

For Texas A&M's Colonias Program, the Army's need to train was its chance to bring much-needed services to the neighborhoods.

"I know for sure that this exercise has already saved one life," said Oscar Muñoz, director of the colonias program. A physician detected a heart murmur in one resident and sent him to an area clinic for further examination. "It might not have had a happy ending if he hadn't been treated here."

Along the Texas-Mexico border, there are nearly 2,300 colonias, where an estimated 500,000 residents, about half of them younger than 18, live without one or more major infrastructure basics, such as potable water, paved roads, sewage system, storm drainage and electricity.

The colonias program, founded in 1991 by the Legislature, is designed to help colonia residents develop sustainable solutions to their infrastructure needs.



Bob Owen/San Antonio Express-News

A senior resident of El Cenizo leaves the El Cenizo Community Center on June 27, where she received health care at a clinic. The U.S. Army and students from the Texas A&M medical system have been working together on a large-scale health care training exercise in small communities around Laredo.

PROGRAM REACHES TEXAS

About two years ago, during a quarterly meeting in San Antonio with other university departments, Muñoz crossed paths with Olin Findley Brewster, an Army Reserve ambassador with A&M. Brewster asked if Muñoz had ever considered the IRT program.

"I told Muñoz: 'Hell, I think I can help,'" Brewster said. "He'd never heard of the program."

The Army's program had never come to Texas. Over the next 18 months, the two programs got to work, marrying needs and services.

The Army deployed 122 health care professionals to four colonias, two civil service units to survey economic and development opportunities in seven colonias, and an engineering unit to resurface 2 miles of unpaved road.

For its part, the A&M system brought dozens of nursing students from Corpus Christi and Round Rock to work alongside the reservists.

At the Larga Vista Community Center in Laredo, the line of patients began forming early in the morning. The site averaged 162 patients each day.

"Most of the men say they've never seen a doctor," said Sgt. Cristine Martinez, a nurse in charge of the Larga Vista site. Most of the patients came for vision and dental care.

One older man put on glasses for the first time and "burst into tears," Martinez said.

PUBLIC SERVICE, TRAINING

According to the 7458th Medical Backfill Battalion, the reservists from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, performed 963 medical exams, 889 dental exams and 1,184 optical exams. Capt. Daniel Wong, a physician, noted the prevalence of diabetes and hypertension among his patients. In some areas along the border, 50 percent of adults are obese, and the rate of diabetes is as high as 30 percent among adults in some communities.

"Unfortunately, I had to scare some of them half to death," Wong said.

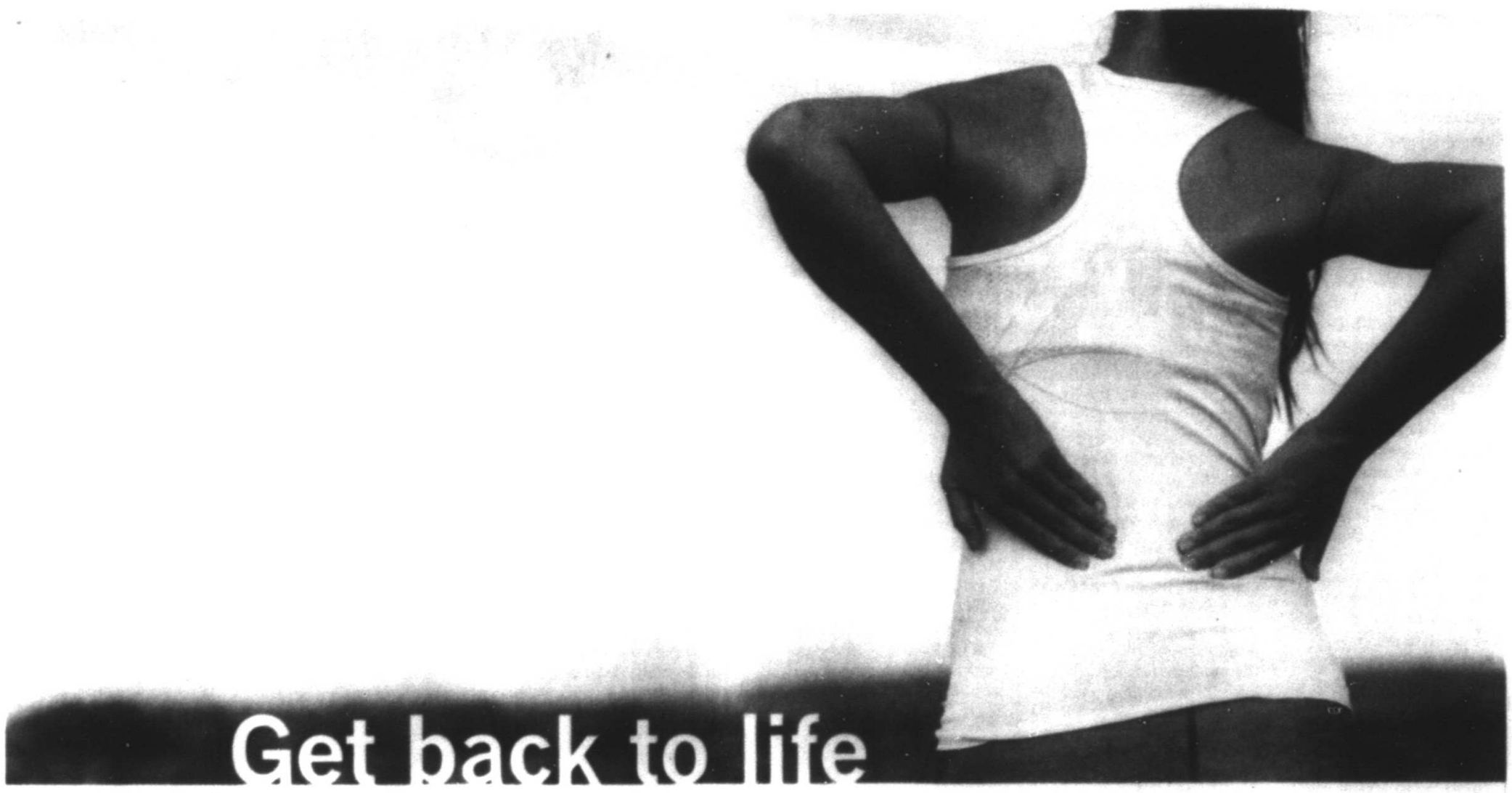
After the residents had their medical checkups, Wong sent them to collect a month's supply of medicine, then on to the Gateway Community Health Center, which receives funding from the U.S. Health and Human Services Department.

"From a military perspective, we're here primarily to train our troops and prepare for their combat missions," said Lt. Gen. Jeffrey S. Buchanan of Joint Base San Antonio-Fort Sam Houston. "Usually, we spend time around the world helping others, but we get an extra benefit here of helping Americans."

"This is what public service is all about," said A&M University System Chancellor John Sharp, who visited the sites around Laredo with Buchanan this week. "We're able to step in for a brief while and change a bunch of lives, and maybe save a bunch of lives."

Muñoz has submitted applications for nine projects under the Army's program. Four have been approved: a medical mission to El Paso, a civil affairs mission to Laredo, and medical and engineering missions to Brownsville.

"We were not only able to provide medical services, we're also now ensuring that there is sustainability," Muñoz said. "I'm looking forward to next year's exercises."



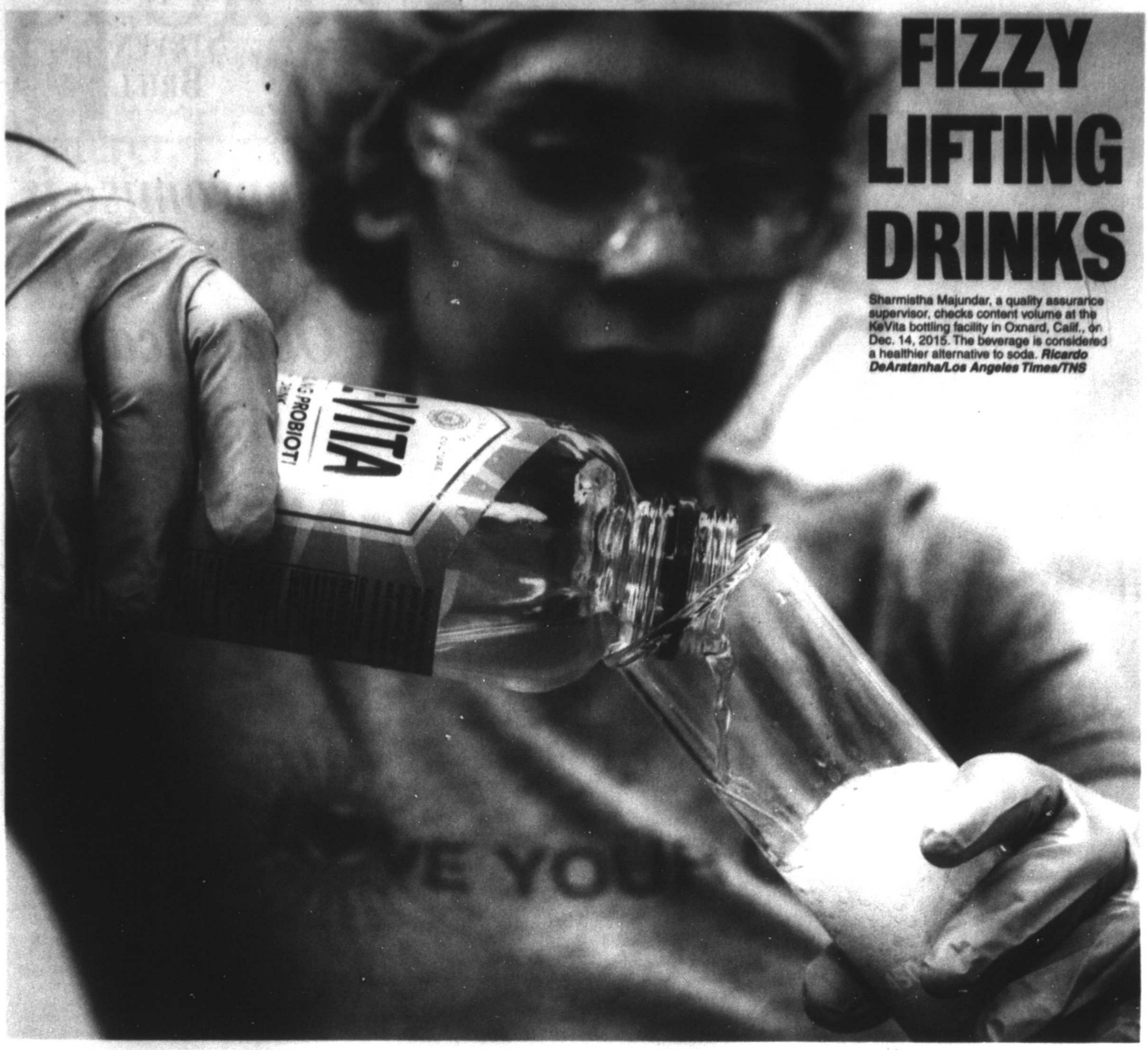
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Healthy Living

What to drink

A guide to the recommended maximum number of drinks a day:

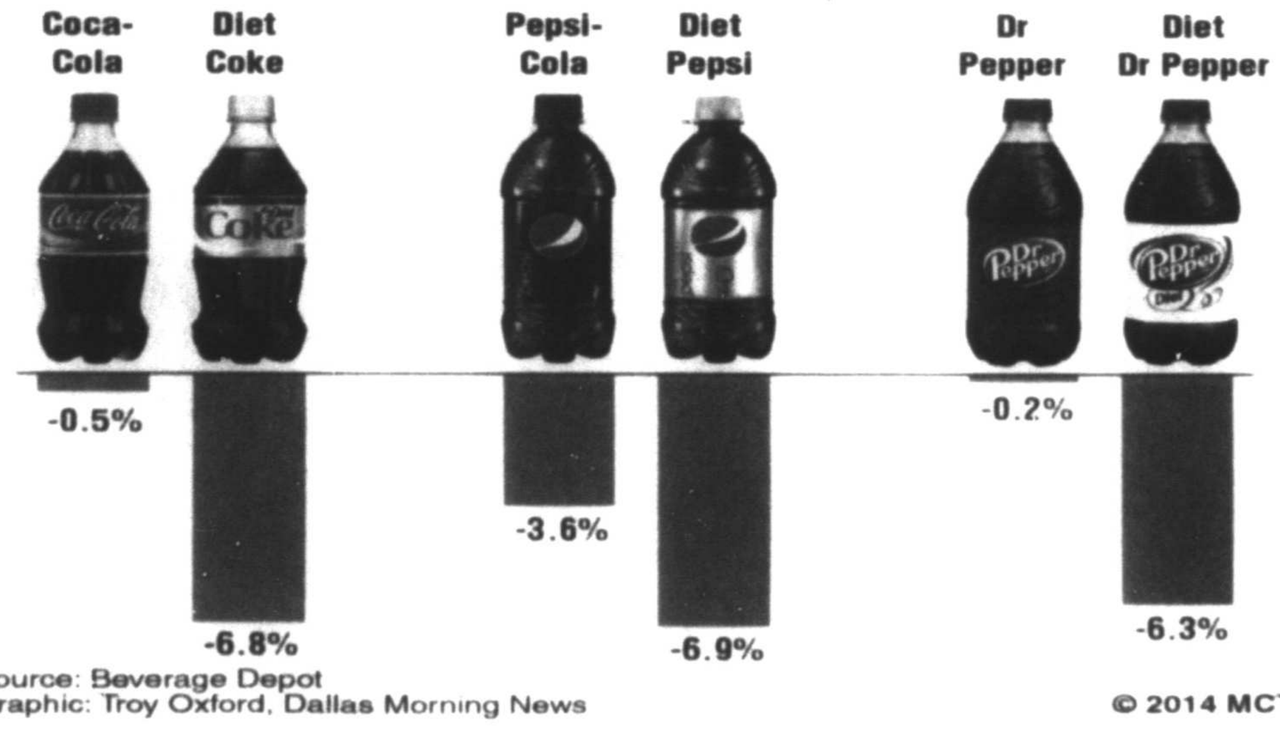
Sodas/fruit drinks with sugar	1
Fruit/vegetable juice, whole milk, sports drink	1
Nonfat or low-fat milk, soy drinks	2
Diet beverages	4
Unsweetened coffee Unsweetened tea	4 8
Water Women Men	4 or more 6 or more

Source: Beverage Guidance Panel, University of North Carolina

Losing weight

Sales of diet soft drinks are falling faster than regular soft drinks as some consumers shy away from artificial sweeteners.

2013 percent change in sales volume



Source: Beverage Depot
Graphic: Troy Oxford, Dallas Morning News

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Alternative drinks can help kick soda habit



CHRISTY BRISSETTE
Special To The Washington Post

It's no secret that we shouldn't be drinking so much soda. Study after study has linked the sweet drink with obesity and Type 2 diabetes, spurring many to switch to artificially sweetened drinks. But even diet sodas have come under fire, with a 2014 study in the American Journal of Public Health suggesting that diet soda isn't promoting weight loss or helping people take in fewer calories.

Worse yet, new research suggests that drinking diet soda may speed up brain aging and increase the risk for stroke, dementia and Alzheimer's disease. A recent study of nearly 3,000 participants over age 45 examined whether the consumption of diet and sugary beverages was linked to stroke and dementia risk over a 10-year period. The study, published in the American Heart Association journal Stroke, found that participants who frequently drank artificially sweetened beverages (such as diet soda) were more likely to suffer from cardiovascular disease, Type 2 diabetes, stroke and dementia than those who frequently drank sugar-sweetened beverages.

That doesn't mean you should reach for a regular soda. Other studies have found that both regular and diet soda increase the risk of stroke.

Whether you're drinking regular soda or diet, you could be increasing your risk of developing Type 2 diabetes. Although that's a health concern on its own, we also know that people with Type 2 diabetes are at about a 60 percent greater risk of developing dementia than those without the disease.

So how do you kick the soda habit, whether you're hooked on regular or diet?

Set a goal

Fight the cravings by reminding yourself of your goal each morning. Write it down on your to-do list, put your desire to quit soda and your reasons on a sticky note, and put it on your computer — and another one in your wallet so you'll see it when soda cravings strike.

Start a healthier habit

If you fall prey to the 3 p.m. call of the vending machine, replace your routine with another, healthier habit. This is the time when many people feel a slump in their energy level. Bring a nutritious snack with you, go for a walk, or buy a tea or sparkling water. What you're really craving is the caffeine or sugar to boost your energy, or a break from your workday. Give yourself these things in other ways.

Take baby steps

For my clients who are drinking lots of soda, slowly cutting down can be easier than going cold turkey. Cut your soda intake in half and replace it with water or another alternative. Stick to that for a week and reward yourself with a massage or a new book. Then cut down a bit more the following week and set up another reward for yourself. Building on success and breaking a goal down into smaller goals can make it seem less overwhelming.

Train your brain

The fascinating thing about the brain is its plasticity. With your behavior, you are shaping your brain and creating automatic responses to stimuli. For example, if a looming deadline has you chugging soda, find some space between the stress and the soda. In that space, you have the power to say no, choose to drink something else or take a break (also great for your brain). And the best part is that every time you don't give in to soda, you're weakening the connection in your brain until you don't even think about it anymore. The reverse is also true. Each time you give in, you're feeding the beast and strengthening your addiction.

Soda alternatives

I encourage my clients to try drinking plain water or, to get the fizziness they crave, sparkling water, while avoiding sugars and sweeteners.

If plain or sparkling water doesn't appeal to you, here are a few other soda substitutes:

Infused water: If you need more flavor than plain water, try mixing in fruit, cucumber or fresh herbs to add taste without sweeteners. You'll also get the benefits of antioxidants and, if you eat the fruit, fiber.

All you need to do to make your own infused water is to place your ingredients in a jug or water bottle and top with water. You can keep it in the fridge for up to two days or carry your bottle with you and sip it throughout the day.

Some of my favorite combinations are sliced peaches with a sliver of fresh ginger, sliced cucumbers with fresh basil and mint, or sliced strawberries and watermelon.

Infused carbonated water: You can find an array of flavored sparkling waters on store shelves. For the most natural approach, ensure that there is no added sugar or artificial sweeteners in the ingredients list. The ingredients should include only carbonated water and natural flavor from fruit. (Note: Flavored waters that contain citric acid and other fruit acids can damage your tooth enamel, so it's best to go for plain carbonated water and sip it through a straw.)

One of my favorite infused-carbonated-water recipes is a "fauxjito" (the virgin version of a mojito). Mash up fresh mint and lime in the bottom of a glass using the back of a wooden spoon, add ice and pour in some sparkling water. Just a squeeze of lemon, lime or orange can take plain sparkling water up a notch.

Kombucha: The fizziness of kombucha comes naturally from fermentation, rather than added carbon dioxide, and you can find it in a variety of flavors to keep things interesting.

Because it's fermented, kombucha provides probiotics that are great for your gut health, which has a positive impact on brain health. Look for kombucha that has 5 grams of sugar or less per bottle.

Iced tea: Iced tea is one beverage that's easy to make yourself. That way, you have control over what's in it, and you'll save money on beverages.

Brew some green or black tea and, once steeped and cooled, transfer it to a large jug and top with more water and some lemon slices. If you're worried about overdoing it on caffeine, create another jug using herbal tea. Some of my favorites are rooibos tea and strawberry green tea.

As a bonus, the flavonols and polyphenols in tea have been shown to have the opposite effects of sodas, supporting cognitive function and brain health.



AP file photo

Seen in the maternity ward at the National Maternity Hospital, where at least 1,300 children are born per month, in San Salvador. The United States is in the midst of what some worry is a baby crisis. The number of women giving birth has been declining for years and last year it sank low. If the trend continues — and experts disagree on whether it will — the country could face economic and cultural

Americans keep having fewer babies as US birthrates hit record lows for some groups

By Karen Kaplan
Los Angeles Times

Here's one you've been tracking for years, and U.S. health officials knew it.

For the second year in a row, the number of babies delivered in the United States in 2016 — according to a new report from the National Center for Health Statistics. For some groups of women, the birth rate reached record lows.

The provisional figures released Friday include 99.96 percent of all births in the United States last year. Here's what they show.

Overall births

The total number of babies born in the U.S. last year was 3,941,109. That's 37,388 fewer babies than were born in the U.S. in 2015, which represents a 1 percent decline.

The number of births tends to rise as the population rises, so statisticians like to make historical comparisons by calculating the general fertility rate. This is the number of births per 1,000 women considered to be of childbearing age (between 15 and 44).

In 2016, the U.S. general fertility rate hit a record low of 62.0 births per 1,000 women ages 15 to 44. In 2015, the general fertility rate was 62.5.

Another useful statistic is the total fertility rate. This is an estimate of the total number of babies that 1,000 women would have over their lifetimes, based on the actual birth rates for women in different age groups.

In 2016, the total fertility rate for American women was 1,818 births per 1,000 women. That's the lowest it has been since 1984.

For a generation to exactly replace itself, the total fertility rate needs to be 2,100 births per 1,000 women. The U.S. has been missing that mark since 1971 (though the country's population has grown because of immigration).

More older mothers

The ages of women giving birth in the U.S. has been skewing older for several years, and that trend continued in 2016.

Birth rates for women 30 and older hit their highest levels since the 1960s, and women in their early 30s had the highest birthrate of any age group.

In 2016, there were 102.6 births per 1,000 women between the ages of 30 and 34. The last time it was that high was 1964.

There were also 52.6 births per 1,000 women ages 35 to 39, the highest that figure has been since 1962.

The birthrate continued to taper off for women in their 40s, with 11.4 births per 1,000 women between the ages of 40 and 44 and 0.9 births per 1,000 women ages 45 and up. Those were the highest birthrates for those age groups since 1966 and 1963, respectively.

In 2016, the overall number of babies born to mothers in their 30s was 1,656,736. An additional 112,007 babies were born to women ages 40 and up.

Teen births declining

Meanwhile, birthrates for women in their teens and 20s hit record lows in 2016.

The teen birthrate reached a new low of 20.3 births per 1,000 women between the ages of 15 and 19. That's 9 percent lower than it was in 2015, 51 percent lower than it was in 2007 (when the current downward trend began) and 67 percent lower than it was in 1991 (the year with the most recent peak).

Improvements in teen births were seen in both 15-to-17-year-olds (down 11 percent from 2015) and 18- and 19-year-olds (down 8 percent from 2015).

Statisticians also tallied 0.2 births per 1,000 girls ages 10 to 14. That rate was unchanged from 2015.

Altogether, 211,726 babies were born to women under 20 in 2016.

Women in their 20s were responsible for the bulk of last year's births — 1,950,642 of them — even as their birthrates fell to record lows.

There were 73.7 births for every 1,000 women ages 20 to 24, along with 101.9 births for every 1,000 women ages 25 to 29. Those rates were 4 percent and 2 percent lower than in 2015, respectively.

Births to unmarried women

Just under 40 percent (39.7 percent) of all babies born in the U.S. last year were born to unmarried women. In 2015, that figure was 40.3 percent.

The birthrate for single mothers peaked in 2007 and 2008, at 51.8 births per 1,000 unmarried women of childbearing age. After falling for eight straight years, it hit 42.1 births per 1,000 unmarried women in 2016.

The proportion of out-of-wedlock births varied a great deal according to race and ethnicity.

Women of Asian descent had the lowest proportion of births to unmarried women (12 percent), followed by whites (28.4 percent), Native Hawaiians and Pacific Islanders (47.7 percent), American Indian or Alaska Natives (68.1 percent) and blacks (69.7 percent).

Among Latinas, 52.5 percent of births involved unmarried women.

Health care and health outcomes

More than three-quarters (77.2 percent) of women who gave birth in 2016 began receiving prenatal care during their first trimester. On the flip side, 6.2 percent of women completed their entire pregnancies without any prenatal care. (Comparable figures for 2015 were not reported.)

Preterm births, defined as births that occur before 37 weeks of gestation, accounted for 9.84 percent of all U.S. births in 2016. That's up from 9.63 percent in 2015.

All of that increase can be traced to a 3 percent bump in late preterm births, which occurred after 34 to 36 weeks of gestation. Births prior to 34 weeks held steady, at 2.76 percent of total births.

Babies born prematurely are at greater risk for asthma and other lung problems, cerebral palsy, intellectual disabilities, infections, vision and hearing problems, and dental complications, according to the March of Dimes.

There was also a small increase in births involving babies who weigh less than 5 pounds, 8 ounces. In 2016, 8.16 percent of babies met this threshold for low birthweight, up from 8.07 percent in 2015.

A low birthweight carries an increased risk of heart problems, respiratory distress syndrome, bleeding in the brain and an intestinal condition called necrotizing enterocolitis, the March of Dimes says.

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Special To The Washington Post

Compromise is called for to fix Obamacare

If Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell cannot salvage his party's effort to repeal and replace the Affordable Care Act, there is still a way forward if he and his Democratic colleagues truly want to fix Obamacare. All they have to do is be willing to compromise — and to acknowledge some history.

The failure of the Republicans to agree, so far, on an alternative to Obamacare should not be surprising — because Obamacare was, in fact, the long-standing Republican alternative to the more radical health-care reforms, such as a single-payer system, that Democrats have proposed since the Truman era. What President Barack Obama and his party pushed through Congress in 2010 was more conservative — and more pro-private sector — than what Richard Nixon proposed in the 1970s, or what Republican Gov. Mitt Romney implemented in Massachusetts in 2006. Put simply, Obama dared Republicans to take yes for an answer. In a polarized America, they still said no.

Obamacare did little to deal with the problem of health-care costs. There would be no cost-control interference with the only-in-America profits of drug companies, medical device makers or hospitals. Instead, the law subsidized Americans who could not otherwise afford health insurance, allowing them to become paying customers in the same overpriced private-sector system.

True, there would be a provision aimed at making the insurance pool big enough to keep costs lower than they would be if people could just buy insurance when they got sick. Everyone would have to buy insurance (with subsidies where necessary) or pay a penalty. But that big-government mandate was first suggested by the conservative Heritage Foundation in 1989 under the banner of a classic conservative principle: "individual responsibility." Romneycare included the same mandate.

Obamacare performed a great public service by giving more Americans access to health care. But by not addressing costs, it preordained the problem that McConnell and the Republicans have said they are trying to fix this year: rising insurance premiums and some insurers fleeing the market because their costs are too high.

However, the Republicans' answer would fix nothing related to health-care costs, while eliminating access to care for millions of poor people in order to cut taxes for the wealthy. They have proposed lowering premiums not by reining in costs, but by allowing insurers to sell shoddy insurance that pays for less health care. That will not work in any event, because the healthiest people would buy the cheaper products, leaving those who need full protection in a less healthy insurance pool facing sky-high prices. ("Consumer choice" may sound like an unassailable virtue, but in insurance it can be self-defeating.)

So, here are nine ways that Democrats and Republicans could come together — if they really wanted to — to fix Obamacare by truly tackling the problem of high premiums caused by high costs.

1. The Republicans were right that a 3-to-1 ratio — heavily lobbied for by the Democrats' friends at AARP — between the rates charged for older people and those for the youngest adults does not match the relative actuarial costs of insuring the two groups and discourages the young from enrolling. The ratio should be moved to 5 to 1, as was originally contemplated by those drafting Obamacare until AARP got to them.

2. However, much more generous subsidies should then be given to older Americans to make insurance more affordable to them.

3. Those increased subsidies could be paid for by new controls on the price of prescription drugs, either by allowing Medicare to negotiate prices or by other mechanisms used by every other developed country, where prices are 30 to 60 percent lower than here. Taking just 15 percent off the price of prescription drugs would produce more than $600 billion in health-care savings over the next decade, which would lower private premiums while saving taxpayers billions on Medicare costs.

4. As an additional lure to get younger, healthier people into the insurance pool, insurance companies should be allowed to offer them an introductory 50 percent off for their first year of coverage.

5. Five percent of Obamacare's 2.3 percent excise tax on medical devices (which was suspended in 2015 and should be reinstated) should be used for a massive marketing program aimed at enticing younger people into the pool. The ad campaign should also tout the mandate to buy insurance (which must be kept) as, in the Heritage Foundation's words, a matter of "individual responsibility." The more young people who enroll, the lower the premiums will be for everyone.

6. Medicare should finally be allowed to fully implement competitive bidding for medical equipment and devices. Believe it or not, Congress has restricted Medicare's ability even to negotiate the price of diabetes test strips to selected "pilot project" regions. Competitive bidding could save the government at least $50 billion over the next decade, which could be used to increase premium support for older Obamacare enrollees.

7. Antitrust reform needs to be part of the new package, too. Hospitals are merging with abandon. Every study says that although they say they are doing it to save money by consolidating services, prices always go up instead. How are insurers supposed to keep premiums under control if they can negotiate with only one hospital system that controls all the area's hospital beds and most of the doctors and clinics?

8. The experiments in bundled payments (as opposed to paying for every episode of care) for knee and hip replacements or cardiac surgery, which Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price has sharply curtailed, need to be restored and intensified.

9. Finally, tort reform should be included. Abuse of malpractice suits is not as costly as Republicans claim, but it is a real issue because it provides a reason — and an excuse — for hospitals to overtreat and over-test. If tort reform shaved just half of one percent off of health-care costs, that would yield close to $200 billion over a decade. Democrats need to stand up to their trial lawyer patrons on this one.

Federer, Djokovic benefit from Wimbledon retirements

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — Novak Djokovic's first-round match at Wimbledon lasted all of 40 minutes Tuesday. Roger Federer's, which was next in the All England Club's main stadium, went 43.

When two of tennis' biggest stars crossed paths after both advanced when opponents stopped playing because of pre-existing injuries, they kidded each other about a way to try to make it up to the fans.

"We had a little joke about it in the locker room," Djokovic recounted, "saying we should maybe play a practice set on the Centre Court, have the crowd stay."

The short workdays for the two were quite similar. Djokovic led 6-3, 2-0 when Martin Klizan retired with a left leg problem that has bothered him for about two months; Federer was ahead 6-3, 3-0 when Alexandr Dolgopolov quit because of a painful right ankle he first twisted last month.

Those still go into the books as wins, allowing Federer to collect his 85th at Wimbledon, breaking a tie with Jimmy Connors for the most in the Open era. Djokovic picked up his 234th match victory at all majors, moving ahead of Connors and alone into second place in history, behind only Federer's 315.

But the way the afternoon went meant Centre Court spectators who paid 56 pounds (more than $70) per ticket, some of them waiting in line for hours, got only brief glimpses of seven-time champion Federer or three-time champion Djokovic. They did, however, have the opportunity to watch a pair of top women, current No. 1 Angelique Kerber and former No. 1 Caroline Wozniacki, win full-length matches.

"I feel for the crowd. They're there to watch good tennis. Proper tennis. At least they see the two of us, who gave it all they had. They saw other

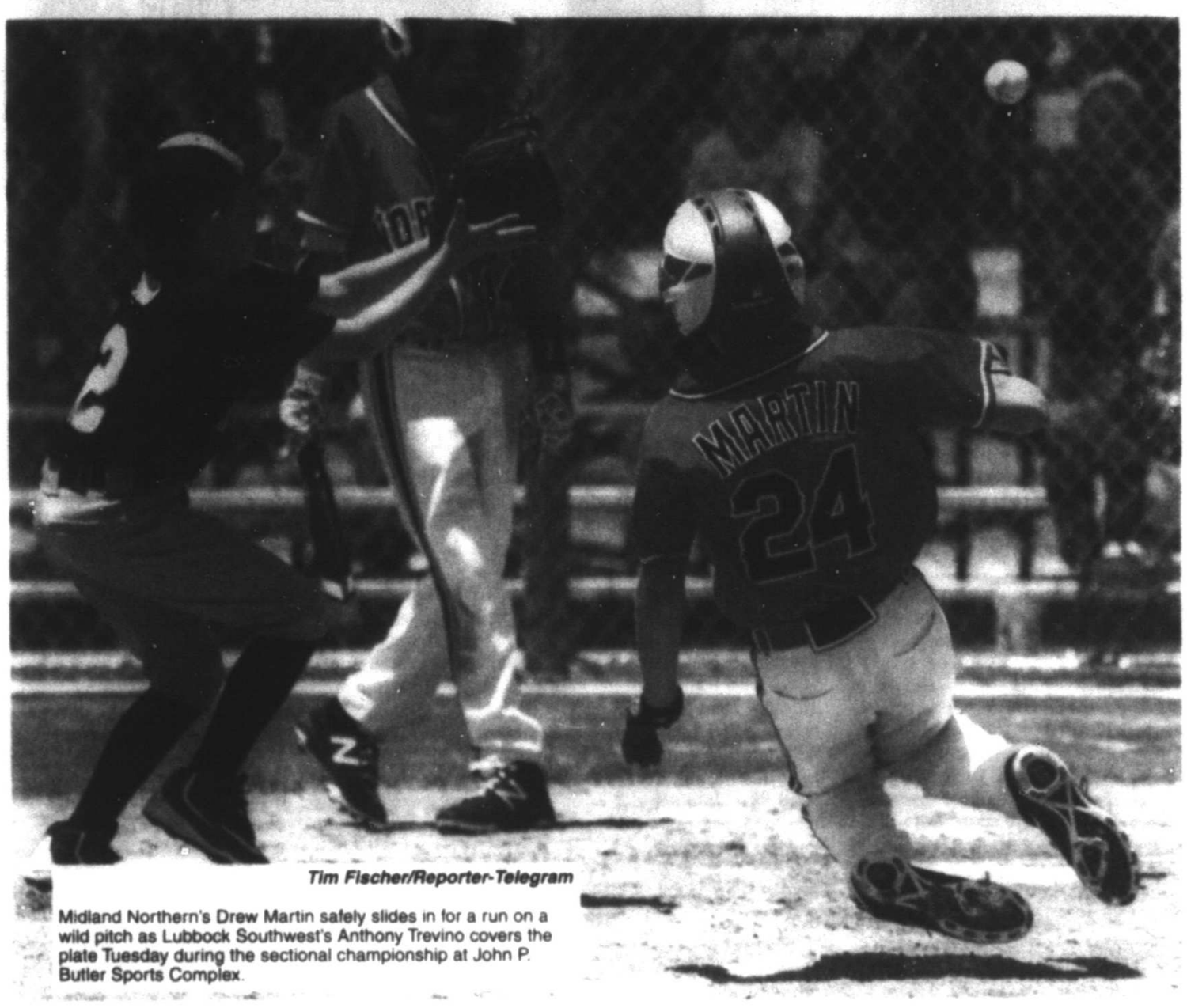
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Alastair Grant/Associated Press

Switzerland's Roger Federer returns to Ukraine's Alexandr Dolgopolov during their Men's Singles Match on day two at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships on Tuesday in London.

A reason to celebrate



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland Northern's Drew Martin safely slides in for a run on a wild pitch as Lubbock Southwest's Anthony Trevino covers the plate Tuesday during the sectional championship at John P. Butler Sports Complex.

Midland Northern 9-11 advances to state

By Will Korn
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The Fourth of July always sets the stage for a fun and patriotic day of baseball in America.

And on a sizzling Tuesday afternoon at John P. Butler Sports Complex, the Midland Northern 9-11-year-old Little League team celebrated Independence Day in style, as it turned an impressive collective effort into an 11-1 victory over Lubbock Southwest in the Texas West Section 1 championship game.

Midland Northern went 3-0 in the tournament and advanced to the Texas state tournament, which begins July 15 in Abilene.

Starter Brayden Renz tossed 4 1/3 quality innings for Midland, during which he allowed one run on five hits. He struck out five and walked one, while also going 2-for-3 with a pair of runs at the plate.

Teammate A.J. Velarde went 1-1 with a home run and three walks. His two-run blast to right center in the top of the first turned out to be the game-winning hit.

In all, Midland produced 13 hits and just about every player on the roster contributed in some way — whether it was a hit, an RBI, a run scored, a walk, or a slick defensive play.

"It felt really good," said Midland coach Michael Chavez. "When you're trying to win tournaments and go through (to the next round), it's hard to get everybody into the game. You have a team of 13 all-stars. To actually get them (all) in the game and have everyone contribute, that's better than winning."

After Velarde left the yard and handed his team the early lead, Renz immediately found himself in trouble in the bottom of the first. With no outs, Lubbock loaded the bases on a single, a walk and an infield single.

Marilca Hernandez plated a run with an RBI fielder's choice groundout to make it 2-1. But Renz bore down and escaped the inning thanks to consecutive

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Cavendish withdraws, Sagan disqualified after crash

By Andrew Dampf and John Leicester
Associated Press

VITTEL, France — Mark Cavendish has been forced out of the Tour de France after suffering a fractured shoulder blade in a serious crash caused by world champion Peter Sagan, who was disqualified from cycling's showcase event.

Hours after Tuesday's crash in a chaotic sprint finish to Stage 4, Cavendish's Team Dimension Data said on its Twitter feed that "Unfortunately, @MarkCavendish has been forced to withdraw from #TDF2017."

The British rider sustained hand and shoulder injuries in the crash, and was taken to a hospital for checks.



Cavendish

"I'm obviously massively disappointed to get this news about the fracture," Cavendish said. "The team was incredible today.

"They executed to perfection what we wanted to do this morning. I feel I was in a good position to win and to lose that and even having to leave the Tour, a race I have built my whole career around, is really sad."

The crash occurred about 50 meters (yards) from the end of the stage, when Sagan elbowed Cavendish, who was squeezed against the barriers to his right, out of the way.

Cavendish slammed into the barriers and two other riders plowed over the British sprint specialist, a winner of 30 Tour stages.

"Mark suffered a fracture to the right scapula," Team Dimension Data doctor

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Astros show why they're the best in blowout win over Braves

By George Henry
Associated Press

ATLANTA — Jose Altuve homered and drove in four runs, Josh Reddick hit a grand slam and the Houston Astros pounded the Atlanta Braves 16-4 on Tuesday night.

Showing why they're the major leagues' best team at 57-27, the Astros banged out 19 hits to tie a season high and led 12-0 before Atlanta scratched out three late runs.

Yuli Gurriel doubled twice to drive in three runs, Brad Peacock (6-1) won his third straight start, and George Springer went 4 for 5 with a homer, helping Houston improve to 30-9 on the road and overshadow the return of Braves slugger Freddie Freeman.

Houston has won 11 of 14 overall and 19 of 22 on the road, thanks in part to Altuve and Gurriel, who are hitting a combined .462 with 16 RBIs in the last seven games.

Reddick's fifth career grand slam put the Astros up 16-4 in the ninth.

The Braves began the night one game shy of .500 after winning 11 of 15, but Sean Newcomb (1-3) struggled with pitch location in his first career start against a potent major league lineup. The rookie gave up 10 hits and seven runs in 3 1/3 innings. He walked two and struck out two.

Freeman, returning from a broken left wrist, was reinstated from the disabled list after meeting early in the day with a team physician. He came back as the Braves' starting third baseman, moving from first base to a position he hadn't played since high school.

Freeman singled in his first at-bat and easily handled his first chance at the hot corner, fielding a grounder and throwing sharply to first in the second.

Houston went up 1-0 in the second on Gurriel's double and 5-0 in the third on Springer's 25th homer and Gurriel's three-run double.

Altuve hit his 12th homer, a two-run shot, to make it 12-0 in the seventh.

Peacock gave up seven hits and three runs and struck out seven in six-plus innings.

Springer's 25 homers are Houston's most before the All-Star break since Lance Berkman had 24 in 2006.

Astros: All-Star SS Carlos Correa left the game before the start of the fifth with left thumb discomfort. Correa was hurt sliding headfirst into home as catcher Tyler Flowers tagged him to end the fourth inning. X-rays were negative and he is listed as day-to-day. ... RHP Charlie Morton, sidelined since late May with a lat strain, is expected to return from the DL and start Friday at Toronto.

Braves: INF-OF Sean Rodriguez made his third straight rehab start and first with Single-A Rome. Rodriguez, in his first year with the Braves after signing last November as a free agent, was expected to miss the season after car accident in February required shoulder surgery. Manager Brian Snitker said Rodriguez could return before the end of the month, but added the team will wait and see.



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Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midland 9, Tulsa 2	Midland at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.	Midland at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.	Midland at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.	Midland at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Cycling

Tour de France, Stage 5: Vittel to La Planche de Belles Filles, 6:30 a.m., NBCSN

Golf

EPGA: Dubai Duty Free Irish Open, 1st Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

Major League Baseball

Toronto at NY Yankees, Noon, MLB

NY Mets at Washington, 6 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., AT&T

Boston at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Kansas City at Seattle, 9 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer

Copa Libertadores: CA Paranaense vs. Santos FC, 5 p.m., FXDEP

Copa Libertadores: Barcelona SC vs. Sociedade Esportiva Palmeiras, 7:30 p.m., FXDEP

Friendly: Club America vs. Santos Laguna, 8:50 p.m., UDN

NBA Summer League

Dallas vs. Oklahoma City, Noon, NBAtv

Charlotte vs. Detroit, 2 p.m., NBAtv

Orlando vs. New York, 4 p.m., NBAtv

Boston vs. San Antonio, 6 p.m., NBAtv

Philadelphia vs. Utah, 8 p.m., NBAtv

Tennis

Wimbledon, 6 a.m., ESPN

Volleyball

Russia vs. Canada, 1 p.m., UHD

Serbia vs. USA, 3:30 p.m., UHD

Women's National Basketball Association

Atlanta at Dallas, 7 p.m., FSSW+

Connecticut at San Antonio, 7 p.m., Twitter

RADIO

Major League Baseball

Houston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

Boston at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring); KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)

Texas League Baseball

Midland at Springfield, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Tyler Wilson from Norfolk (IL). Optioned RHP Jimmy Yacabonis to Norfolk.

BOSTON RED SOX — Placed 3B Jose Rutledge on the 10-day DL. Sent INF Eduardo Rodriguez to Pawtucket (IL) for a rehab assignment.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Sent 2B Yoan Moncada to Charlotte (IL) for a rehab assignment.

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Optioned LHP Eric Skoglund to Omaha (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP A. Albuquerque from Omaha. Transferred LHP Matt Strahm to the 60-day DL.

LOS ANGELES ANGELES — Agreed to terms with OFs Trent Deveaux, D Shawn Knowles, pose Reyes and Raider Uceta, and RHPs Jose Rodriguez, Sadrac Franco, and Jean Canos Lucas.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHPs Brian Mitchell and Domingo German to Scranton Wilkes-Barre (IL). Reinstated LHP CC Sabathia and RHP Adam Warren from the 10-day DL. Agreed to terms with RHP Dellyn Huggins on a minor league contract.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Assigned RHP Danny Hultzen outright to Durham (IL). Sent 2B Brad Miller to Durham for a rehab assignment.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Placed C Luke Maile on the 10-day DL. Designated RHP Joeny Spielman for assignment. Assigned OF Jk Farmer outright to Buffalo (IL). Selected the contract of RHP Mike Bolsinger from Buffalo.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned 2B Domingo Vargas to Reno (PCL).

ATLANTA BRAVES — Sent 2B Micah Johnson to the DGL Braves for a rehab assignment.

CHICAGO CUBS — Activated OF Jason Heyward from the 10-day DL. Recalled LHP Jack Leathersich from Iowa (PCL). Optioned INF Tommy Sanderson and RHP Felix Pena to Iowa.

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with SS Jake Hoerner and 1B Quincy Nieporte on minor league contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated RHP Trevor Cahill from the 10-day DL. Designated INF Chase d'Arnaud for assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent 3B Conor Gillaspie to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Assigned RHP Jacob Turner outright to Syracuse (IL). Agreed to terms with SS Ryan Jackson on a minor league contract.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed 2B Kaury De La Cruz. Released OF Vaughn Brian.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP Marshall Pautsch. Released OF Anthony Drew.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Released OF Omar Garcia.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed INF Nathaniel Maggio.

SIOUX FALLS EXPLORERS — Released INF Brian Fortner.

Can-Am League

OTTAWA CHAMPIONS — Released RHP Andrew Cooper.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed RHP Tyler Sellers.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Ryan Palamisa.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MIAMI HEAT — Waived F Chris Bosh.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

CAROLINA HURRICANES — Acquired G Marcus Kruger from Vegas for a 2017 fifth-round draft pick.

COLORADO AVALANCHE — Signed RW Nail Yakupov to a one-year contract.

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Signed F Brandon Bollig to a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed RW Andre Burakovsky to a two-year contract.

WHAT'S ON DECK

LITTLE LEAGUE

Texas West Section I Tournament, Midland, Big Spring

WNBA GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	13	4	.625	—
Connecticut	11	5	.537	1½
New York	10	6	.500	2½
Atlanta	8	7	.462	3½
Indiana	8	8	.444	4
Chicago	4	12	.250	7½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	12	3	.800	—
Los Angeles	11	4	.733	1
Phoenix	8	7	.533	4
Dallas	6	9	.400	6
Seattle	5	9	.357	6½
San Antonio	3	11	.214	8½

Tuesday's Scores

No games scheduled

Wednesday's Games

Connecticut at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

Atlanta at Dallas, 7 p.m.

Washington at Phoenix, 9:30 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Chicago	10	3	4	37	35	17
Toronto FC	10	3	3	35	31	18
New York City FC	10	5	3	33	34	21
Orlando City	8	6	5	29	21	26
Columbus	8	7	3	27	30	32
Atlanta United FC	8	7	3	27	35	25
New York	7	8	2	23	17	23
Philadelphia	6	7	4	22	24	20
Montreal	5	7	6	21	26	26
New England	5	8	5	20	27	28
D.C. United	5	10	3	18	12	27

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Sporting Kansas City	8	4	7	31	23	13
FC Dallas	7	5	7	28	29	16
San Jose	7	5	6	27	20	22
Portland	7	6	5	26	32	26
Houston	7	7	4	25	31	28
Los Angeles	6	7	4	22	26	26
Vancouver	5	8	5	20	21	25
Seattle	4	8	5	17	22	27
Colorado	4	10	3	15	19	24
Minnesota United	3	11	3	12	25	42
Real Salt Lake	1	11	5	8	12	38

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

Tuesday's Scores

Columbus 1, Minnesota United 0

Atlanta United FC 4, San Jose 3

D.C. United at FC Dallas, late

Seattle at Colorado, late

Real Salt Lake at Los Angeles, late

Today's Games

New York at New England, 6:30 p.m.

Toronto FC at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.

Montreal at Houston, 7:30 p.m.

New York City FC at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Chicago at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

July 7

At A La Carte Pavilion, Tampa, Fla.: Sammy Vasquez vs. Giovani Santillan, 10, for Vasquez's NABC welterweight title.

July 9

At Ekaterinburg, Russia: Denis Lebedev vs. Marco Flanagan, 12, for Lebedev's WBA Super World cruiserweight title; Dmitry Mikhaylenko vs. Qudratillo Abdugaxorov, 12, for Mikhaylenko's WBC Silver welterweight title; Pavel Malikov vs. Daiki Kameda, 12, lightweights.

July 14

At Buffalo Run Casino, Miami, Okla. (SHO): Antoine Douglas vs. Bruno Sarabia, 10, for the vacant WBA-NABA middleweight title.

July 15

At London: Lee Selby vs. Jonathan Barros, 12, for Selby's IBF featherweight title; Chris Eubank Jr. vs. Arthur Abraham, 12, for Eubank's IBO World super middleweight title; Martin J. Ward vs. Anthony Cacace, 12, for Ward's British junior lightweight title; Kid Galahad vs. Dennis Ceylan, 12, for the vacant IBF Inter-Continental featherweight title; Robbie Davies Jr. vs. Michal Syrowatka, 10, for Davies' WBA Continental junior welterweight title.

At Nassau Coliseum, Uniondale, N.Y. (FOX, FS1): Omar Figueroa vs. Robert Guerrero, 10, welterweights; Marcus Browne vs. Seanie Monaghan, 10, light heavyweights; Artur Szpilka vs. Adam Kownacki, 10, heavyweights; Jose Pedraza vs. Jamel Herring, 10, lightweights.

At the Forum, Los Angeles (HBO): Miguel Berchelt vs. Takashi Miura, 12, for Berchelt's WBC World super featherweight title; Jezreel Corrales vs. Robinson Castellanos, 12, for Corrales' WBA super featherweight; Joe Smith, Jr. vs. Sullivan Barrera, 12, for Smith's WBC international light heavyweight title.

July 23

At Tokyo, Ryoichi Taguchi vs. Robert Barrera, 12, for Taguchi's WBA World junior flyweight title; Jose Argumedo vs. Hiroto Kyoguchi, 12, for Argumedo's IBF minimumweight title; Ryuichi Funai vs. Takayuki Okumoto, 10, junior bantamweights.

July 29

At Barclays Center, Brooklyn, N.Y. (SHO): Adrien Broner vs. Mikey Garcia, 12, welterweights.

At Casino Del Sol in Tucson, Ariz. (ESPN2): Sadam Ali vs. Johan Perez, 10, for the vacant NABA Welterweight title.

Aug. 4

At Fantasy Springs Resort Casino, Indio, Calif. (ESPN2): Mauricio Herrera vs. Jesus Soto Karass, 10, welterweights; Vyacheslav Shabranskyy vs. Todd Unthank-Mey, 10, for the vacant WBC USNBC light heavyweight title.

Aug. 15

At Tokyo, Shinsuke Yamanaka vs. Luis Nery, 12, for Yamanaka's WBC World bantamweight title.

Aug. 26

At StubHub Center, Carson, Calif. (HBO): Miguel Cotto vs. Yoshihiro Kamegai, 12, for the vacant WBO junior middleweight title; Rey Vargas vs. Ronny Rios, 12, for Vargas' WBC World super bantamweight title.

At Las Vegas (PPV): Floyd Mayweather vs. Conor McGregor, 12, junior middleweights.

Sept. 9

At Los Angeles, Callum Smith vs. Anthony Dirrell, 12, for the vacant WBC World super middleweight title.

Sept. 16

At T-Mobile Arena, Las Vegas (PPV): Gennady Golovkin vs. Canelo Alvarez, 12, for Golovkin's WBC World/WBA Super World/IBF/IBO middleweight titles.

Gordon Hayward choses Celtics over Jazz, Heat

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

Gordon Hayward has chosen to sign with the Boston Celtics and reunite with coach Brad Stevens.

Hayward told Utah officials that he is moving on after seven seasons with the Jazz and that he picked Boston, making the announcement Tuesday evening on The Players' Tribune site.

Hayward played college ball under Stevens at Butler. He leaves a loaded Western Conference to join a Boston team that was the No. 1 seed in last season's Eastern Conference playoffs.

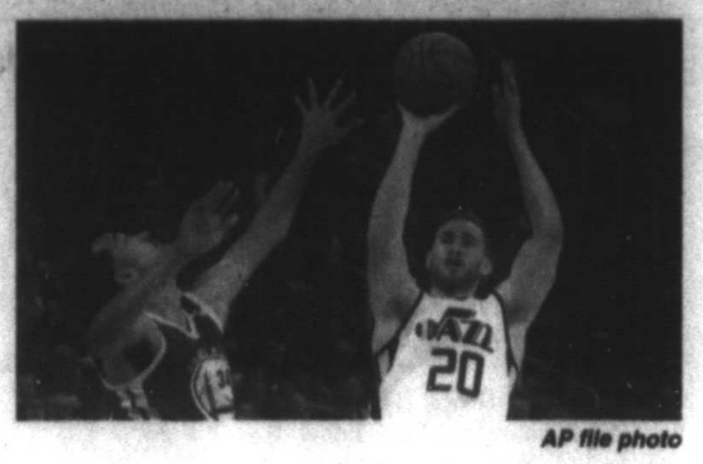
The Miami Heat also were in the chase to land Hayward.

He was finally an All-Star for the first time last season, averaging career bests of 21.9 points and 5.4 rebounds. Hayward also shot 47 percent, a significant jump over what he managed in the previous four seasons.

"This was a life-changing decision for me and my family, and something we took really seriously," Hayward wrote. "And from the very start of this process, one thing stood out as important: I knew that I wanted the fans and the organizations to hear my decision directly from me.

"After seven years in Utah, I have decided to join the Boston Celtics."

His post capped a strange day, after it was widely reported in the early afternoon that Hayward picked the Celtics — a decision immediately shot down by his agent Mark Bartelstein, who told The Associated Press and many other outlets that Hayward was still going over his options.



AP file photo

Utah Jazz forward Gordon Hayward (20) shoots as Golden State Warriors guard Shaun Livingston (34) defends in the second half during Game 3 of the NBA second-round playoff series May 6 in Salt Lake City.

Kings land veteran free agents

By Josh Dubow
Associated Press

The Sacramento Kings added veteran help to their young roster on Tuesday by agreeing to free-agent contracts with forward Zach Randolph and point guard George Hill.

Randolph left Memphis for a $24 million, two-year deal to reunite with former Grizzlies coach Dave Joerger in Sacramento, a person with knowledge of the agreement told The Associated Press. The person spoke to the AP on condition of anonymity because the deal cannot be signed until Thursday.

ESPN first reported the agreement.

Hill announced on Twitter that he was coming to Sacramento. Yahoo Sports first reported the deal, saying Hill would get $57 million over three years.

The Kings started free agency with just two players on the roster who are not on their rookie contracts — guard Garrett Temple and center Kosta Koufos — and were seeking some proven players to provide stability. Sacramento went 30-52 last season, Joerger's first year, and has not made the playoffs since 2006.

The Kings hope the additions of Randolph and Hill will help change that.



Randolph

After a rocky start to his career in Portland and New York, Randolph found himself in Memphis. He spent eight years with the Grizzlies, emerging as one of the central figures of the team's "grit and grind" mantra.



Hill

He helped Memphis make the playoffs the past seven years, including a trip to the conference final in 2013 when Joerger was an assistant. Joerger took over as head coach the following year and had three years with Randolph, including a trip to the second round in 2015.

Randolph, who turns 36 later this month, averaged 14.1 points and 8.2 rebounds per game last season and is still considered one of the better post players in the game.

He is expected to be a mentor for young big men like Willie Cauley-Stein, Skal Labissiere and Harry Giles, one of the team's three first-round picks last month.

It's quite a reversal for Randolph, who was considered a malcontent in need of mentoring when he arrived in Memphis in 2009 after failed tenures in Portland, New York and with the Los Angeles Clippers. But he grew into a leadership role with the Grizzlies and became a trusted veteran.

Hill will be expected to provide similar traits in Sacramento, while grooming rookie point guards De'Aaron Fox and Frank Mason III. The 31-year-old has spent nine years in the NBA with San Antonio, Indiana and Utah.

He averaged a career-high 16.9 points per game last season for the Jazz, helping them make the second round of the playoffs for the first time since 2010.

He also averaged 4.2 assists and 3.4 rebounds. He played only 49 games in the regular season because of various injuries.

McFadden's relatives among injured in Little Rock shooting

Associated Press

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. — Dallas Cowboys running back Darren McFadden says his relatives were among the 28 people injured in a shooting at a Little Rock nightclub last week.



McFadden

The Little Rock native and two-time Heisman Trophy runner-up said in a statement that his nephew called him early Saturday and said he'd been shot at Power Ultra Lounge. McFadden's statement says other relatives were also shot at the club.

McFadden says he went to the scene "to check on my relatives and to offer any help I could."

TOUR

From 1C

tor Adrian Rotunno said. "Fortunately no surgery is required at this stage, and most importantly there is no nerve damage.

"He's been withdrawn from the race for obvious medical reasons, and we'll continue monitoring him over the coming days."

Race jury president Philippe Marien of the UCI said race rules allowed organizers to disqualify riders in "serious cases".

"We have decided to disqualify Peter Sagan from the 2017 Tour de France after the tumultuous sprint here in Vittel, where he endangered several riders, including Mark Cavendish and others who were involved in the crash," Marien said.

Apart from doping offenses, disqualifications are rare in the Tour. In 2010, Australian Mark Renshaw was thrown out for a headbutt that cleared a path in a sprint for his teammate Cavendish to win the stage in Bourg-Les-Valence.

"I get on with Peter well, but I don't get ... if he came across is one thing, but the elbow. I'm not a fan of him putting his elbow in me like that," Cavendish said.

"A crash is a crash, I'd just like to know about the elbow, really," Cavendish added. "I'd just like to speak to him about it."

After the crash, Sagan went over to see how Cavendish was and patted him on the back, while the British rider showed him his wounds.

The Slovak said later he had apologized to Cavendish.

"It's not nice to crash like that," said Sagan, who had finished the stage in second place behind Demare.

"It's the sprint. I just didn't know that Mark is behind me, he's coming from the right side," Sagan added. "Mark was coming pretty fast from the back and after I just didn't have time to react, to go left, and he just came (into) me and after into the fence."

A medical team quickly ran out to treat Cavendish, jogging into the oncoming stream of riders to reach him.

When Cavendish was finally helped to his feet, his jersey was badly torn and blood was streaking down his side. Cavendish rode in with a teammate after treatment, gingerly holding his right arm close to his body, with his right hand in a bandage.

It's already been a difficult year for Cavendish, who came down with mononucleosis caused by the Epstein-Barr virus in April.

Tour de France Results

Tuesday
At Vittel, France
Fourth Stage
A 128.5-mile mostly flat ride from Mondorf-les-Bains to Vittel

1. Arnaud Demare, France, FDJ, 4:53:54
2. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Katusha Alpecin, same time
3. Andre Greipel, Germany, Lotto Soudal, same time
4. Nacer Bouhanni, France, Cofidis, same time
5. Adrien Petit, France, Direct Energie, same time
6. Jurgen Roelandts, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time
7. Michael Matthews, Australia, Sunweb, same time
8. Manuele Mori, Italy, UAE Team Emirates, same time
9. Tesfy Benoot, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time
10. Zdenek Stybar, Czech Republic, Quick Step Floors, same time
11. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Dimension Data, same time
12. Peter Vanspeybrouck, Belgium, Wanty Groupe Gobert, same time
13. Marcel Kittel, Germany, Quick-Step Floors, same time
14. Marcel Sieberg, Germany, Lotto Soudal, same time
15. Mike Teunissen, Netherlands, Sunweb, same time
16. Sylvain Chavanel, France, Direct Energie, 29 behind
17. Oliver Naesen, Belgium, AG2R La Mondiale, same time
18. Davide Cimolai, Italy, FDJ, same time
19. Sinega Bole, Slovenia, Bahrain-Merida, same time
20. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, Quick-Step Floors, same time.

Also

22. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, same time
28. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, same time
31. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time
47. Richie Porte, Australia, BMC Racing, same time
54. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale Drapac, same time
81. Alberto Contador, Spain, Trek-Segafredo, same time
113. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, same time
115. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Bora-Hansgrohe, same time
135. Nate Brown, United States, Cannondale Drapac, same time
148. Taylor Phinney, United States, Cannondale Drapac, same time
155. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Sky, same time

Overall Standings
(After four stages)

1. Geraint Thomas, Britain, Sky, 14:54:25
2. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, 12
3. Michael Matthews, Australia, Sunweb, same time
4. Edvald Boasson Hagen, Norway, Dimension Data, 16
5. Pierre-Roger Latour, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 25
6. Philippe Gilbert, Belgium, Quick-Step Floors, 36
7. Michal Kwiatkowski, Poland, Sky, 32
8. Tim Wellens, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, same time
9. Arnaud Demare, France, FDJ, 33
10. Nikias Arndt, Germany, Sunweb, 34
11. Alexey Lutsenko, Kazakhstan, Astana, 37
12. Stefan Kueng, Switzerland, BMC Racing, 38
13. Emanuel Buchmann, Germany, Bora-Hansgrohe, 40
14. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing, same time
15. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Bora-Hansgrohe, 43
16. Daniel Martin, Ireland, Quick-Step Floors, same time
17. Diego Ulissi, Italy, UAE Team Emirates, same time
18. Simon Yates, Britain, Orica-Scott, 45
19. Daryl Impey, South Africa, Orica-Scott, same time
20. Richie Porte, Australia, BMC Racing, 47

Also

21. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, 48
24. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, 51
27. Alberto Contador, Spain, Trek-Segafredo, 54
43. Andrew Talansky, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 1:12
117. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, 3:55
126. Taylor Phinney, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 4:08
179. Nate Brown, United States, Cannondale Drapac, 12:56.

MIDLAND HUMANE COALITION

UPCOMING EVENTS

7/06 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
7/10 6:00 Adoption Center Volunteer Orientation
7/15 9:00-12:00 Shot & Chip Clinic at Dennis the Menace Park
7/16 3:30 Pedal for Paws at CycleBar in Midland

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LITTLE LEAGUE SECTIONAL BRACKETS

Texas West Section 1
9-10 Year Old Tournament
At John P. Butler Sports Complex, Midland
Drive & Shuddrd Drive
Saturday, July 1
Game 1: Lubbock Northern 11, Midlu 6
Game 2: Pecos 16, Borger, 3
Sunday, July 2
Winner's bracket
Game 3: Midland Northern 35, Pecos 1
Loser's bracket
Game 4: Borger 11, Midlu 9
Monday, July 3
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 5: Midland Northern 12, Lubbock Western 1
Tuesday, July 4
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 6: Borger 12, Pecos 7
Wednesday, July 5
Loser's bracket final
Game 7: Lubbock Western vs. Pecos, 7 p.m. Field 4
Thursday, July 6
Winner's bracket championship
Game 8: Midland Northern vs. Game 7 winner, TBA, Field 4
Friday, July 7
If necessary game
Game 9: Game 8 loser vs. Game 8 winner, TBA, Field 4

9-11 Year Old Tournament
At John P. Butler Sports Complex, Midland
Drive & Shuddrd Drive
Saturday, July 1
Game 1: Midland Northern 11, Pecos 1
Sunday, July 2
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 2: Midland Northern 6, Lubbock Southwest 2
Monday, July 3
Loser's bracket
Game 3: Lubbock Southwest 8, Pecos 7
Tuesday, July 4
Winner's bracket championship
Game 4: Midland Northern 11, Lubbock Southwest 1

10-12 Year Old Tournament

At John P. Butler Sports Complex, Midland
Drive & Shuddrd Drive
Saturday, July 1
Game 1: Lubbock Western 9, Pecos 6
Game 2: Midland Northern 10, Childress 0
6 Innings, Rule
Winner's bracket quarterfinal
Game 3: Midland Northern 21, New Home 0
Loser's bracket
Game 4: Pecos 8, Childress 2
Monday, July 3
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 5: Midland Northern 5, Lubbock Western 3
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 6: Pecos 12, New Home 3
Tuesday, July 4
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 7: Lubbock Western 9, Pecos 1
Wednesday, July 5
Winner's bracket championship
Game 8: Midland Northern vs. Lubbock Western, 7 p.m., Field 1
Thursday, July 6
If necessary game
Game 9: Game 8 winner vs. Game 8 loser, TBA

Intermediate Tournament
At Roy Anderson Sports Complex, I-20 Service Road, Big Spring
Saturday, July 1
Game 1: Pecos 19, Midland 11
Game 2: Lubbock Northwest 13, Lockney 3
Sunday, July 2
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 3: Pecos 8, Lubbock Northwest 5
Loser's bracket
Game 4: Lockney 14, Midland 12
Monday, July 3
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 5: Lockney 8, Lubbock Northwest 5
Tuesday, July 4
Winner's bracket championship
Game 6: Pecos vs. Lockney, 7 p.m
If necessary game
Game 7: Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser, TBA

Junior Tournament

At Big Spring High School Steer Field, 6th and Owens, Big Spring
Saturday, July 1
Game 1: Pecos 11, Lubbock 1
Game 2: Midland 12, Childress 2
Sunday, July 2
Game 3: Abernathy 1, Midland 1, Abernathy wins by forfeit.
Loser's bracket
Game 4: Childress def. Lubbock
Monday, July 3
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 5: Pecos 16, Abernathy 8
Loser's bracket semifinal
Game 6: Midland 13, Childress 11
Tuesday, July 4
Loser's bracket final
Game 7: Abernathy 16, Midland 12
Wednesday, July 5
Winner's bracket championship
Game 8: Pecos vs. Abernathy, 6 p.m.
Thursday, July 6
If necessary game
Game 9: Game 8 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Tournament
At Big Spring High School Steer Field, 6th and Owens, Big Spring
Saturday, July 1
Game 1: Pecos 14, Odessa East 4
Game 2: Childress 2, District 38 1
Sunday, July 2
Winner's bracket
Game 3: Pecos 10, Childress 0
Game 4: Odessa East def. District 38
Monday, July 3
Game 5: Odessa East 17, Childress 7
Tuesday, July 4
Winner's bracket championship
Game 6: Odessa East 6, Pecos 4
Wednesday, July 5
Game 7: Odessa East vs. Pecos, 8:30 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 9, DRILLERS 2
AT SECURITY BANK BALLPARK

TOP HITTERS: RockHounds catcher Sean Murphy went 1-for-4 with a double and three RBI, while B.J. Boyd was 2-for-5 with a double, two RBI and a run. ... Midland's Max Schrock scored three runs and walked twice. ... Tulsa's Edwin Rios was 4-for-5 with a double and a run, while Henry Ramos and Quincy Latimore each collected three hits for the Drillers.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Heath Fillmyer allowed one run while scattering eight hits over five innings. He struck out six and walked two for his fifth win. ... RockHounds reliever Brandon Mann fanned two over a pair of scoreless innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Midland rallied for four runs in the third inning, courtesy of a single by J.P. Sportman, a two-run throwing error from third by Rios and an RBI groundout by Tyler Ramirez. ... In the fourth, a double by Viosergy Rosa made it 5-0 Midland. ... Tulsa got on the board in the fifth, when Jose Miguel Fernandez singled to center to make it 5-1. ... The RockHounds added two runs in the fifth and sixth innings, before a Wynston Sawyer single plated another Tulsa run in the eighth.

NOTES: Fillmyer entered Tuesday's start eighth in the Texas League in earned run average at 3.42. He lowered his ERA by four points after Tuesday's victory. ... Midland dropped the series, 2-1 against Tulsa and will open a three-game road series against the Springfield Cardinals at 6:30 p.m. today. ... The RockHounds remain in last place in the TL South second half standings with a 3-9 mark.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland -- RHP Casey Meisner (0-1, 8.31); Springfield -- RHP Matt Pearce (8-5, 2.98)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	7	5	.583	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	7	6	.538	—
Springfield (Cardinals)	6	7	.500	1
Arkansas (Mariners)	5	7	.417	2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio (Padres)	8	4	.667	—
Frisco (Rangers)	7	5	.583	1
Corpus Christi (Astros)	5	7	.417	3
Midland (Athletics)	3	9	.250	5

Tuesday's Scores
Corpus Christi 4, Arkansas 1
Midland 9, Tulsa 2
Northwest Arkansas 6, San Antonio 3
Springfield 11, Frisco 4

Today's Games
Midland at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at San Antonio, 6:05 p.m.
Frisco at Tulsa, 6:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Corpus Christi, 6:05 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 9, DRILLERS 2

Tulsa	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Robinson ss	4	0	0	0	Boyd cf	5	1	2	2
Mejia 2b	5	0	1	0	Tarosovich 3b	5	0	1	0
Rios 3b	5	1	4	0	Schrock 2b	3	3	1	0
Ramos rf	5	0	3	0	Rosa 1b	4	2	1	1
Fernandez 1b	4	0	1	1	Sportman rf	4	1	1	1
Scavuzzo lf	5	0	0	0	Murphy c	4	0	1	3
Latimore dh	4	1	3	0	Ramirez lf	4	1	1	2
Gallen cf	4	0	0	0	Martin ss	3	1	1	0
Sawyer c	4	0	2	1	Paz dh	2	0	0	0
Totals	40	2	14	2	Totals	34	9	9	9

Tulsa									000	010	010	–2
Midland									004	122	00x	–9

E – Mejia (10), Rios 3 (15). DP – Midland 1. LOB – Tulsa 13, Midland 9. 2B – Rios (21), Sawyer (13), Latimore (5), Rosa (21), Boyd (20), Murphy (2). SB – Sportman (8), Boyd (8), Martin (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tulsa						
Sborz L, 3-6	2.1	3	4	2	4	
Spitzbarth	1.2	1	1	1	1	2
Cash	1.1	4	4	2	2	2
Johnson	1.2	1	0	0	1	3
Copping	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Fillmyer W, 5-2	5.0	8	1	1	1	6
Mann	2.0	2	1	1	0	2
Navas	2.0	4	3	3	1	2

WP – Spitzbarth; Cash; Fillmyer.
T – 3:20. A – 1,160.

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From 1C

swinging strikeouts, as well as a nice play by shortstop Velarde to record a force out at third.

"I just kept throwing strikes and my fielders did well today," Renz said. "I just take a deep breath and relax a little bit."

Chavez said watching his pitcher minimize damage and shut down a rally was impressive.

"That's huge," Chavez said. "He gets up there and it just doesn't faze him, whatever the situation is. He just keeps throwing quality pitches and gets it done."

After a scoreless second inning, Midland jumped out to a 6-1 lead in the third, courtesy of RBI singles by Trajan Chavez and Brody Chapman, a wild pitch by Lubbock starter Anthony Trevino and a beautifully executed safety squeeze that plated Janak Bhakta.

Midland added two more runs the next inning on singles by Stryker Blevins and Chavez. They then plated three more in the fifth on a two wild pitches and a hustle play by Velarde, who capitalized on a lazy throw back error to the pitcher.

Velarde, who joked that he didn't get to hit much in Tuesday's win, said he was still satisfied with his team's performance overall.

"We played our best," Velarde said.

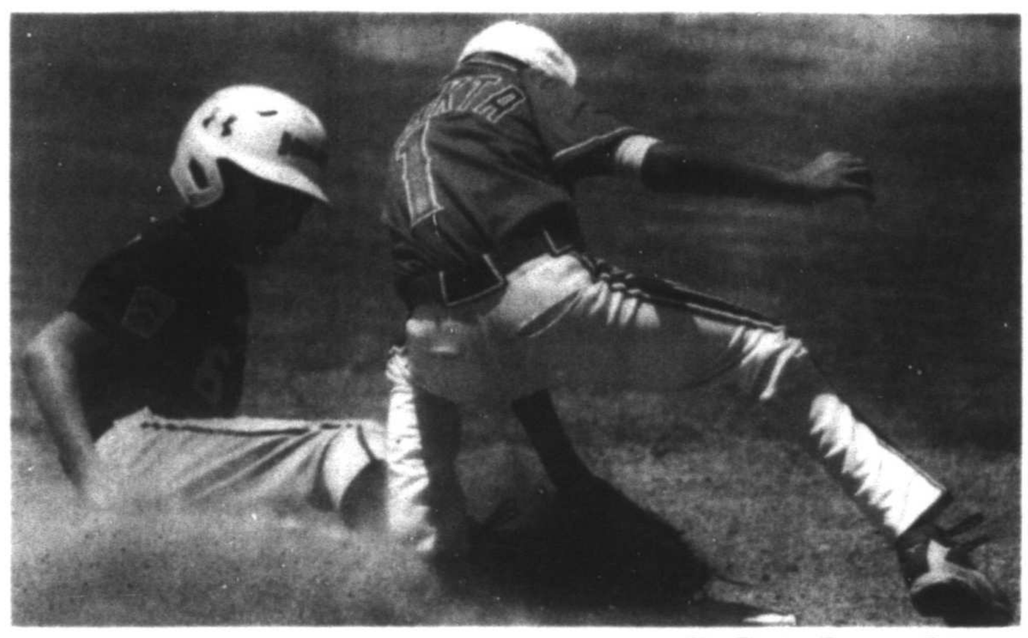
Added Trajan Chavez "I'm excited we beat that team and we're going to make it to state."

Chavez finished 2-for-4 with two RBI for Midland, while Blevins went 2-for-3 with a walk. Midland's bench — Harper Hall, Chapman, Calen Ramos and Corbin Lievens — went a combined 5-for-8 with an RBI.

Hall, who relieved Renz with one out in the fifth, pitched 2/3 of a scoreless inning with a walk and a strikeout.

For Lubbock, Hernandez finished 1-2 with a walk, while Jeremiah Ochoa was 1-for-1.

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Midland Northern's Janak Bhakta tries to make the tag at third on Lubbock Southwest's Hector Villegas but is late Tuesday during the sectional championship at John P. Butler Sports Complex

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	48	35	.578	—
New York	44	38	.537	3½
Tampa Bay	44	41	.518	5
Baltimore	40	43	.482	8
Toronto	38	45	.458	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	44	38	.537	—
Kansas City	43	40	.518	1½
Minnesota	43	40	.518	1½
Detroit	37	45	.451	7
Chicago	37	46	.446	7½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	57	27	.679	—
Los Angeles	43	45	.489	16
Seattle	41	44	.482	16½
Texas	40	43	.482	16½
Oakland	36	48	.429	21

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	50	34	.595	—
Atlanta	40	41	.494	8½
New York	38	45	.458	11½
Miami	37	45	.451	12
Philadelphia	28	54	.341	21

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	46	40	.535	—
Chicago	41	42	.494	3½
St. Louis	40	43	.482	4½
Pittsburgh	38	46	.452	7
Cincinnati	36	47	.434	8½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	55	29	.655	—
Arizona	52	31	.627	2½
Colorado	49	37	.570	7
San Diego	35	48	.422	19½
San Francisco	31	52	.388	22½

Scores and Schedules

American League
Today's Scores
Toronto 4, N.Y Yankees 1
Detroit 5, San Francisco 3
Minnesota 5, L.A. Angels 4
Tampa Bay 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Oakland 7, Chicago White Sox 6
Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 2
Kansas City 7, Seattle 3
San Diego 1, Cleveland 0
Houston 16, Atlanta 4
Boston 11, Texas 4

Today's Games
Toronto (Estrada 4-6) at N.Y Yankees (Pineda 8-4), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 0-5) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 5-9), 1:20 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Petfrey 3-6) at Oakland (Gray 3-4), 2:35 p.m.
Baltimore (Aguino 1-1) at Milwaukee (Garza 3-4), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Perdomo 3-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 7-6), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Blach 5-5) at Detroit (Norris 4-6), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Musgrove 4-7) at Atlanta (Garcia 2-6), 6:35 p.m.
Boston (Fister 5-11) at Texas (Cashner 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Bridwell 2-1) at Minnesota (Santana 10-5), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Vargas 12-3) at Seattle (Miranda 7-4), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Today's Scores
Washington 11, N.Y Mets 4
Detroit 5, San Francisco 3
Miami 5, St. Louis 2
Tampa Bay 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Pittsburgh 3, Philadelphia 0
Milwaukee 6, Baltimore 2
San Diego 1, Cleveland 0
Cincinnati 8, Colorado 1
Houston 16, Atlanta 4
Arizona at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Snell 0-5) at Chicago Cubs (Lackey 5-9), 1:20 p.m.
N.Y Mets (deGrom 8-3) at Washington (Roark 6-6), 6:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Cole 6-7) at Philadelphia (Lives 1-3), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Aquino 1-1) at Milwaukee (Garza 3-4), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Perdomo 3-4) at Cleveland (Bauer 7-6), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Blach 5-5) at Detroit (Norris 4-6), 6:10 p.m.
Houston (Musgrove 4-7) at Atlanta (Garcia 2-6), 6:35 p.m.
Miami (Volquez 4-8) at St. Louis (Lukie 6-6), 7:15 p.m.
Cincinnati (Feldman 7-9) at Colorado (Gray 1-0), 7:40 p.m.
Arizona (Godley 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Wood 9-0), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box

ASTROS 16, BRAVES 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Atlanta	ab	r	h	bi
Springer rf	5	3	3	4	Incarte cf	5	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	5	2	3	4	Bra Phi 2b	3	0	0	0
Reddick rf	6	3	3	4	Kroll p	0	0	0	0
Hoyt p	0	0	0	0	Motte p	0	0	0	0
Correa ss	2	1	1	0	Camargo ph	1	0	0	0
Aoki lf	3	0	0	0	F Freman 3b	4	0	1	0
Ma Gnza lf sva	2	2	1	1	M Kemp lf	3	1	0	0
B McCnn c	5	0	2	1	Mrkakis rf	4	1	2	0
Y Grisl 1b	5	1	3	4	M Adams 1b	4	1	2	0
Bregman 3b	4	3	3	1	Flowers c	3	1	1	2
Peacock p	3	1	0	0	Swanson ss	2	0	0	0
Tllver p	0	0	0	0	Newcomb p	1	0	0	0
M Feliz p	0	0	0	0	Lodsan p	0	0	0	0
Minnick ph-lf	1	0	0	0	L Adams ph	1	0	0	0
Brthers p	0	0	0	0					
Da Srtn ph 2b	2	0	1	2					
Totals	43	16	19	16	Totals	33	4	8	4

Houston									014	230	204	–16
Atlanta									000	000	310	–4

DP – Atlanta 2. LOB – Houston 6, Atlanta 7. 2B – Springer (19), Altuve (24), Ma Gonzalez (11), Gurrel 2 (23), Bregman 2 (16), Markakis (20), M Adams (11), Flowers (8). HR – Springer (25), Altuve (12), Reddick (9), SF – Flowers (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Peacock W 6-1	5	3	1	1	3	7
Tolliver	1	0	0	0	0	1
Feliz	1	0	0	0	0	1
Hoyt	2	0	0	0	0	2
Atlanta						
Newcomb L 1-1	3	4	3	3	1	2
Jackson	1	1	1	1	0	1
Brothers	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kroll	1	2	2	2	0	1
Motte	1	1	0	0	0	1

Peacock pitched to 3 batters in the 7th
HBP – by Newcomb (Gonzalez)
Umpires – Home: Mike Estabrook. First: Jerry Layne. Second: Dan Bellino. Third: Marvin Hudson.
T – 3:39. A – 41,456 (41,900).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 4, YANKEES 1

Toronto									000	000	100	–1
New York									000	100	000	–1

J.Happ, Leone (7), Belisvey (7), Tepera (8), Osuna (9) and Martin; Sabathia, Warren (8), Cessa (4), Shreve (8), Clippard (9) and G.Sanchez. W – J.Happ, 3-5. L – Sabathia, 7-7. Sv – Osuna (20). HRs – New York, Judge.

TWINS 5, ANGELS 4

Los Angeles									010	001	011	–4
Minnesota									010	022	00x	–5

Ramirez, Parker (6), Middleton (7), Morin (8) and Gratero; Maldonado, Gibson (6), Rogers (7), Kintzler (9) and Gimenez. W – Gibson, 5-6. L – Ramirez, 7-7. Sv – Kintzler (22). HRs – Los Angeles, Calhoun; Pujols. Minnesota, Buxton.

ATHLETICS 7, WHITE SOX 6

Chicago									002	030	001	–6
Oakland									002	220	001	–7

Shields, Jennings (5), Beck (6), Hoffenberg (7), Kahnle (8) and Narvaez; A.Smith, Gossett, Coulombe (6), Madson (7), Doolittle (8), Casilla (9) and Maxwell. W – Casilla, 2-3. L – Kahnle, 0-1. HRs – Chicago, Abreu, Cabrera. Oakland, Davis, Alonso 2, Barnes.

ROYALS 7, MARINERS 3

Kansas City									100	320	001	–7
Seattle									200	000	100	–3

Duffy, Moylan (6), Minor (8), McCarthy (9) and S.Perez; Hernandez, Gallardo (7) and Ruiz. W – Duffy, 5-4. L – Hernandez, 3-3. HRs – Kansas City, Moustakas. Mariners, Heredia.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NATIONALS 11, METS 4

New York									100	100	02	–4
Washington									002	043	02x	–11

Logue, Goeddel (6), Edgin (6), Ramirez, Bradford (8) and R.Rivera; Roark, Treinen (8), Perez (9) and Ybabor. W – Roark, 5-3. L – Logue, 1-1. HRs – New York, Rivera. Bruce, Reyes.

MARLINS 5, CARDINALS 2

Miami									000	005	000	–5
St. Louis									000	020	000	–2

Hand, Steckenrider (6), Barraclough, Phelps (8), A.Ramos (9) and Ellis; Lynn, Johns (6), Brebbia (7), Rosenthal (8), Oh (9) and Moore. W – Hand, 3-1. L – Lynn, 6-6. Sv – A.Ramos (14). HRs – Miami, Yelich; St. Louis, Carlson.

PIRATES 3, PHILLIES 0

Pittsburgh									001	001	010	–3
Philadelphia									000	000	000	–0

Taillon, Hudson (8), Watson (7), Nicasio, Rivero (9) and Stewart; Lester, J.Garcia (6), Pena (8) and Knapp. W – Taillon, 5-2. L – Lester, 7-5. Sv – Rivero (1). HRs – Pittsburgh, McCutchen.

REDS 8, ROCKIES 1

Cincinnati									121	001	030	–8
Colorado									100	000	000	–1

Bailey, Peralta (7), Lorenzen (8), Wood, Arcia, Chavez (9) and Barnhart; Freeland, Lyles (6), Ottavino (8), Dunn (9) and Wolters. W – Bailey, 7-7. L – Freeland, 5-7. HRs – Cincinnati, Schebler, Peraza, Gennett.

INTERLEAGUE
TIGERS 5, GIANTS 3

San Francisco									100	000	200	–3
Detroit									010	200	02x	–5

M.Cain, Kontos (7), Crick (8) and Hundley. Fulmer, Wilson (9) and Avila. W – Fulmer, 8-8. L – M.Cain, 3-8. Sv – Wilson (9). HRs – San Francisco, Pence. Detroit, Martinez.

RAYS 6, CUBS 5

Tampa Bay									001	500	000	–6
Chicago									010	020	002	–5

Archer, Boxberger (7), Hunter (8), Colome (9) and W.Ramos. Lester, Rondon (6), Duensing, Grimm (7) and Contreras. W – Archer, 7-5. L – Lester, 9-5. Sv – Colome (27). HRs – Tampa Bay, Beckham.

BREWERS 6, ORIOLES 2

Baltimore									000	000	101	–2
Milwaukee									030	120	10x	–6

Jimenez, Wilson (6), Castro (8) and Joseph. Nelson, Barnes (8), Torres (9) and Vogt. W – Nelson, 7-4. L – Jimenez, 3-4. HRs – Baltimore, Schoop. Milwaukee, Vogt, Thames 2, Shaw.

PADRES 1, INDIANS 0

San Diego									000	000	001	–1
Cleveland									000	000	000	–0

Lamet, Torres (7), Stiles (8), Buchter (9), Hand (9), Maurer (9) and Hedges. Kluber, Allen (8) and Gomes. W – Torres, 5-2. L – Kluber, 7-5. Sv – Maurer (17).

MLB GLANCE

American League

BLUE JAYS 4, YANKEES 1

NEW YORK — CC Sabathia was chased during a four-run third inning in his return from the disabled list, with Kendrys Morales hitting a two-run single that helped the Toronto Blue Jays beat the New York Yankees 4-1 Tuesday and stop a five-game losing streak.

Aaron Judge dented a metal casement above a door behind the left-center field wall with his major league-leading 28th home run, a drive that would have traveled 456 feet had it landed unimpeded, according to MLB's Statcast. The liner rose only 59 feet above the field and was the fourth-hardest-hit homer of the season at 118.4 mph. Judge has the hardest at 121.1 mph and all of the top four.

That was the only run off J.A. Happ (3-5), who allowed four hits in six innings. A 20-game winner last year, Happ has won three of his last four decisions after losing his first four.

ROYALS 7, MARINERS 3

SEATTLE — Whit Merrifield hit the first pitch of the game from Felix Hernandez for his seventh home run, Mike Moustakas added his 24th homer of the season, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Seattle Mariners 7-3 on Tuesday for their fifth win in six games.

Kansas City knocked around Hernandez (3-3) for five earned runs in six innings. Merrifield set the tone jumping on an 89 mph pitch in the middle of the plate and clearing the wall in left-center. The Royals scored three times in the fourth inning thanks to Moustakas' two-run shot and a two-out error by second baseman Robinson Cano that allowed Brandon Moss to score. Salvador Perez had a two-run double and the five earned runs were the most allowed by Hernandez in his eight starts this season.

Kansas City starter Danny Duffy (5-4) returned after spending a month on the disabled list and allowed just two first-inning runs.

ATHLETICS 7, WHITE SOX 6

OAKLAND, Calif. — Franklin Barreto homered in the ninth inning, Yonder Alonso went deep twice and the Oakland Athletics snapped a season-high six-game losing streak by beating the Chicago White Sox 7-6 on Tuesday.

Matt Joyce's two-run homer and Alonso's long balls in the fourth and fifth helped stake the A's to a 6-5 lead, but Santiago Casilla was unable to close it out in the ninth. That set the stage for Barreto's late-inning theatrics.

With one out, Barreto hit a towering fly ball off Tommy Kahnle (0-3) that just cleared the wall in left field and sent the A's pouring out of the dugout for a rare celebration of late.

TWINS 5, ANGELS 4

MINNEAPOLIS — Kyle Gibson pitched into the seventh to snap his three-game winless streak, Byron Buxton hit his fifth homer and the Minnesota Twins held off the Los Angeles Angels 5-4 on Tuesday.

The 6 2-3 innings marked Gibson's (5-6) longest outing of the season. He allowed two runs off five hits with a pair of walks and four strikeouts.

Robbie Grossman had an RBI double off JC Ramirez (7-7) and eventually came around to score in a two-run fifth that put the Twins ahead for good. Ramirez — who allowed four runs off seven hits in five innings — also pitched tough but lost on the road for the first time since April 19 at Houston, ending his string of five straight road wins.

National League

PIRATES 3, PHILLIES 0

PHILADELPHIA — Jameson Taillon struck out a career-best nine in five innings, Andrew McCutchen hit a pair of solo homers and the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Philadelphia Phillies 3-0 Tuesday.

Taillon (5-2) allowed four hits and four relievers finished off the six-hitter. The right-hander is 3-1 in five starts since returning from surgery for testicular cancer.

McCutchen ripped his 15th homer to left in the sixth, one pitch after a high-and-tight fastball from Mark Leiter Jr. (1-1) knocked him down. He connected off Ricardo Pinto in the eighth, sending a drive off the facing of the upper deck in left.

MARLINS 5, CARDINALS 2

ST. LOUIS — Christian Yelich hit a three-run homer, Jose Urena tossed five solid innings and the Miami Marlins beat the St. Louis Cardinals 5-2 on Tuesday.

JT Riddle added a two-run single for the Marlins, who had dropped five of six. Dee Gordon had three hits, and Giancarlo Stanton reached three times.

Greg Garcia hit a two-run homer for St. Louis, which lost for just the second time in seven games. Matt Carpenter had two hits.

NATIONALS 11, METS 4

WASHINGTON — Daniel Murphy drove in five runs on four hits, Bryce Harper had three hits and two RBIs and the Washington Nationals routed the New York Mets 11-4 on Tuesday.

Murphy improved his career average to .405 against the Mets, his first and only former big league team. This was the third straight victory for NL East-leading Washington.

Joe Ross (5-3) allowed two runs over seven innings for the Nationals in his fourth consecutive start giving up two runs or fewer.

New York's Seth Lugo (3-2) yielded four of his sixth runs in his fifth and final innings, and failed to pitch beyond the fifth for the first time since his return from injury in June.

REDS 8, ROCKIES 1

DENVER — Homer Bailey went six solid innings for his first win since Aug. 12. Billy Hamilton had a two-out, two-run single after missing a game with a bothersome back and the Cincinnati Reds beat the Colorado Rockies 8-1 on Tuesday night.

Jose Peraza, Scott Schebler and pinch-hitter Scooter Gennett added homers for the Reds, who have won three of their last 18 road games.

The injury-plagued Bailey (1-2) scattered eight hits in the longest of his three starts this season. The right-hander with two career no-hitters was on the disabled list until June 24 as he recovered from offseason surgery to remove bone spurs in his pitching elbow.

Kyle Freeland (8-7) struggled early before settling down. He gave up five runs over 5 1/3 innings in his third straight loss.

Interleague

PADRES 1, INDIANS 0

CLEVELAND — Cory Spangenberg drove in the only run with a groundout, and six San Diego pitchers combined on a five-hitter as the Padres edged the Cleveland Indians 1-0 on Tuesday night despite a record-setting outing by All-Star Corey Kluber.

Cleveland manager Terry Francona missed the game after he was admitted to the Cleveland Clinic for tests. Francona was hospitalized twice last month after feeling lightheaded and having a rapid heart rate. He was fitted with a heart monitor last week and said at the time doctors had ruled out any serious health issues.

Team president Chris Antonetti said Francona did not experience the previous symptoms again, and the tests were being done to help determine what's causing the issue.

Bench coach Brad Mills ran the Indians in Francona's absence.

BREWERS 6, ORIOLES 2

MILWAUKEE — Eric Thames hit a pair of home runs and Jimmy Nelson pitched seven strong innings to lead the Milwaukee Brewers to a 6-2 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Tuesday.

Stephen Vogt and Travis Shaw also homered for the Brewers.

The Brewers jumped ahead on Stephen Vogt's two-run homer in the second off Orioles starter Ubaldo Jimenez (3-4). Keon Broxton followed with a bunt single, then stole second and scored on Orlando Arcia's single.

Thames belted a solo home run off Jimenez with one out in the fifth. With two outs, Shaw hit a solo shot as the lead ballooned to 5-0.

The Orioles got a run in the seventh on Joey Rickard's run-scoring single.

Milwaukee extended the lead to 6-1 in the seventh on Thames' second homer of the game.

RAYS 6, CUBS 5

CHICAGO — Tim Beckham homered, and the Tampa Bay Rays won their reunion with Joe Maddon, beating the Chicago Cubs 6-5 on Tuesday.

Beckham's two-run drive highlighted a five-run fourth against Jon Lester (5-5). Alex Colome gave up two runs in the ninth, but the Rays won their first meeting against Maddon since he left to manage Chicago following the 2014 season.

Colome threw 38 pitches in the ninth but came away with his 22nd save in 26 chances.

He gave up a leadoff single to pinch-hitter Albert Almora Jr. and walked Jon Jay to put runners on first and second. After Kris Bryant popped out, Anthony Rizzo lined an RBI single to make it 6-4.

Ben Zobrist then bounced into a force to bring home another run. Ian Happ walked on a 3-2 pitch to put men on first and second, before Jason Heyward hit a fly to left.

Chris Archer (7-5) picked up his third win in four starts, giving up three runs and eight hits in six innings. The former Cubs prospect also had an RBI single for his first career hit.

TIGERS 5, GIANTS 3

DETROIT — Victor Martinez homered, Michael Fulmer pitched eight innings and the Detroit Tigers snapped San Francisco's six-game win streak with a 5-3 victory over the Giants on Tuesday.

Justin Upton added three hits and two RBIs, helping make up for the loss of Miguel Cabrera. The slugger left after six innings due to left hip tightness.

Fulmer (8-6) allowed two homers for the first time this season. Justin Wilson pitched a perfect ninth for his ninth save.

San Francisco right-hander Matt Cain (3-8) surrendered five runs and seven hits in 6 1/3 innings. He dropped to 0-7 in nine starts since beating the Dodgers on May 15.



AP file photo

Jordan Spieth hits off the 18th tee during a playoff in the final round of the Travelers Championship golf tournament June 25, in Cromwell, Conn. Spieth says he wants to build a reputation for being a good closer in golf.

Jordan Spieth wants to be known as a good closer

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The club throw. The body bump.

Those are the indelible images from Jordan Spieth's victory in the Travelers Championship, where he holed a 60-foot bunker shot in a playoff to defeat Daniel Berger and capture his 10th title on the PGA Tour a month before his 24th birthday.

Not to be overlooked was a more serene snapshot — Spieth posing with the trophy.

It was the most comfortable he looked all day, even though he never trailed. This did not appear to be a case of enjoying the journey.

"I wanted the holes to go by quickly," Spieth said. "That's the only time I could say that about my wins."

At the heart of such uneasiness was the uncertainty with his putting stroke on the greens of the TPC River Highlands. A normal putting round, at least by his standards, and there would have been no drama, no playoff and no celebration that ended with Spieth slinging his sand wedge with his left hand. He's a natural southpaw, running out of the bunker and colliding with caddie Michael Greller.

The fact that Spieth had the 54-hole lead by one shot only exacerbated the tension he felt on the back nine. At stake was more than just a victory, but the chance to build on his reputation as a closer. That's what Tiger Woods did better than anyone else.

"Winning is winning. Comebacks are cool. But great players take pride in closing.

"I take more pride in it because I feel totally different," Spieth said. "I'm a lot more uncomfortable in the closing scenario, playing with the lead. It's more uncomfortable and makes it more challenging. The expectation is as long as I play the same as these guys, I win. If I'm not leading and I don't win, then it wasn't my day."

Don't get the idea Spieth is a nervous wreck when leading a tournament. He talks about chasing a ghost when he has the lead, which is a target score, and that can be more difficult than having to make up a deficit.

"By uncomfortable, I don't mean that in a negative way," he said. "I mean that in an added, rapid heart rate from when you wake up, which is uncomfortable. But I don't want that to seem negative, because that's the position to be in."

He already has been there 13 times.

Spieth isn't big on comparisons with anybody, least of all Woods. That's a good thing when it comes to closing, because there is no comparison.

Woods won at a 92 percent clip (57-5) when he had at least a share of the lead going into the final round on the PGA Tour. That includes a 3-1 mark for Match Play, which effectively is the same as being tied for the lead with one round to play.

With his victory at Hartford, Spieth improved to 8-5. And what would he call that?

"A phenomenal rate," he said. "I think 50 percent is an awesome rate — 50 percent is fantastic."

Spieth knows all about Woods and his records, and many of them would seem to be out of reach. What made him curious were the closing marks of other Hall of Fame players, such as Phil Mickelson, Ernie Els and Vijay Singh.

It would make him feel better about his own mark.

Mickelson was 24-14 when he had at least a share of the lead going into the final round, a rate of 63 percent. Singh was 18-14 (56 percent), which included a streak of converting 11 straight times over three years (2002-04) when the big Fijian was at the top of his game. Els had the best rate (75 percent) with the fewest opportunities of those three. His record is 12-4, though that's only on the PGA Tour.

And as a testament to Woods as the consummate closer in golf, Jack Nicklaus had a 38-25 record in his career. That's 60 percent.

It didn't take a moment like Hartford — or even his failure at the Masters last year when he lost a five-shot lead on the back nine — for Spieth to contemplate the pride he takes in being a good closer. Coming off his 2015 season, when he won five times and chased the Grand Slam, he was asked what he could consider a great encore.

"Got to close tournaments out," Spieth said that day at Kapalua. "I've been close a lot and closed out a little, and you've got to have the breaks go your way. But closing it out is something that's a different mental edge than I really knew the last couple years prior to the 2015 season."

Compared with his generation, Spieth is on the right track.

Dustin Johnson is 6-5 with at least a share of the lead going into the final round, while Jason Day is 8-7. Rory McIlroy has a 6-5 mark (only on the PGA Tour).

The common thread in all those records is opportunities, which is all any player should want.

Poulter makes it back to Royal Birkdale for British Open

Associated Press

SOUTHPORT, England — Ian Poulter earned his way back to Royal Birkdale and the footprints he left behind a decade ago at the British Open.

Poulter shot rounds of 70-68 at Woburn Golf Club, his home club and one of five final qualifying sites Tuesday. He earned one of three spots available from each of the sites.

"Job done today," Poulter tweeted .

Shiv Kapur of India shot a 65 in the second round and was the medalist at Woburn to return to the British Open for the first time since 2013. The third spot went to Toby Tree, who along with Poulter finished two shots behind Kapur.

Poulter had his best major at Royal Birkdale in 2008 when he was runner-up to Padraig Harrington. He holed a 15-foot par putt on the final hole that he thought might be enough to get into a playoff until Harrington pulled away with a strong finish marked by a 5-wood to 4 feet for eagle on the 17th hole. Harrington won by four shots.

Poulter left his own indelible mark at Royal Birkdale. He worked so hard on his putting that week that he stood for hours in the same spot on the putting green on the eve of the championship, so long that it killed the grass beneath his shoes and a brown shade of footprints was left behind.

The British Open is July 20-23.

In other qualifiers:

■ Connor Syme, an amateur from Scotland, had rounds of 71-67 at Gailes Links in Scotland to lead three qualifiers. Julian Suri, a two-time state high school champion in Florida who played at Duke, earned his first trip to the Open. The other qualifier was Ryan McCarthy of Australia, who advanced from a 4-for-1 playoff.

■ At Hillside, the neighboring links to Royal Birkdale, three Englishmen advanced to the Open. Haydn McCullen shot a 64 in the second round and was the medalist, joined by Nicholas McCarthy and Adam Hodkinson.

■ Mark Foster, whose last victory was the Dunhill Championship in South Africa at the start of 2003, was the medalist at Notts Honninwell with rounds of 68-66. Also advancing were Joe Dean and Laurie Canter, who won a 3-for-1 playoff.

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players that tried, at least," Federer said. "It's unfortunate that it happened."

Two other men also stopped mid-match Tuesday, 19th-seeded Feliciano Lopez (left foot) and Janko Tipsarevic (right leg), bringing the first-round retirement total to seven. That equals 2008 for the most by men in the first round during the 50 editions of Wimbledon in the Open era.

It sparked discussion about whether Grand Slam tournaments should change their rules to allow players to still receive prize money if they withdraw before an event. That's a system being employed on a trial basis this season on the ATP Tour — which doesn't run majors — and lets someone who lost in qualifying take the spot in the main draw of an injured player.

The theory behind that setup: Players who are injured won't step on court simply to collect their prize money as an entrant, before calling it a day without finishing the match.

"Even if I had a torn muscle today, and the doctor says, 'You shouldn't go on court, you have serious damage to risk,' I could have faked it, stayed there for two less games, and still picked up the paycheck," said Tipsarevic, who stopped while trailing 5-0 after only 12 minutes against Jared Donaldson of the U.S.

A first-round loser at Wimbledon earns 35,000 pounds (about $45,000).

"Unless you're (in the) top 10 ... it's significant money," said Dolgopolov, who is ranked 84th.

Tipsarevic, Dolgopolov and Federer all would like to see the majors follow the ATP's lead.

"A player should not go on court if he knows he (can) not finish. The question is: Did they truly believe they were going to finish? If they did, I think it's OK that they walk on court. Otherwise, I feel they should give up the spot," Federer said. "The ATP has adjusted its rule, but maybe the Slams should ... look at what they could do for the players to make it just a little bit easier."

At Centre Court on Tuesday, Federer and Djokovic had an easy go of things. Kerber, last year's runner-up to Serena Williams at the All England Club, had more to do to get past Irina Falconi of the U.S. 6-4, 6-4, and Wozniacki, a two-time U.S. Open finalist, needed three full sets to edge Timea Babos 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.

But it was the short men's matches that had everyone talking.

Wimbledon Results
Tuesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $41.1 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Ernesto Gutbis, Latvia, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.
Mikhail Youzhny, Russia, def. Nicolas Mahut, France, 6-2, 7-5, 6-4.
Mischa Zverev (27), Germany, def. Bernard Tomic, Australia, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Kyle Edmund, Britain, def. Alexander Ward, Britain, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2, 6-1.
David Ferrer, Spain, def. Richard Gasquet (22), France, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-2.
Mikhail Kukushkin, Kazakhstan, def. Taro Daniel, Japan, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Steve Darcis, Belgium, def. Ricardas Berankis, Lithuania, 4-6, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4, 6-3.
Adam Pavlasek, Czech Republic, def. Ernesto Escobedo, United States, 6-7 (7), 6-1, 6-3, 6-1.
Juan Martin del Potro (29), Argentina, def. Thanasi Kokkinakis, Australia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Radu Albot, Moldova, def. Facundo Bagnis, Argentina, 4-6, 6-4, 7-6 (9), 7-6 (3).
Gael Monfils (15), France, def. Daniel Brands, Germany, 6-3, 7-5, 6-4.
Albert Ramos-Vinolas (25), Spain, def. Jordan Thompson, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (4).
Novak Djokovic (2), Serbia, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 6-3, 2-0 (30-0), retired.
Milos Raonic (6), Canada, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, 7-6 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (4).
Andrey Rublev, Russia, def. Stefano Travaglia, Italy, 6-7 (3), 6-3, 7-5, 1-6, 7-5.
Gilles Simon, France, def. Nicolas Jarry, Chile, 7-6 (4), 6-3, 6-3.
Roger Federer (3), Switzerland, def. Alexandr Dolgopolov, Ukraine, 6-3, 3-0 (30-30), retired.
Alexander Zverev (10), Germany, def. Evgeny Donskoy, Russia, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, def. James Ward, Britain, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
Jack Sock (17), United States, def. Christian Garin, Chile, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.
Yuichi Sugita, Japan, def. Brydan Klein, Britain, 7-6 (5), 6-3, 6-0.
Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, def. Stefanos Tsitsipas, Greece, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Sebastian Ofner, Austria, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 6-2, 6-3, 6-2.
Ryan Harrison, United States, def. Borna Coric, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 6-4, 7-6 (6).
Jared Donaldson, United States, def. Janko Tipsarevic, Serbia, 5-0, retired.
Grigor Dimitrov (13), Bulgaria, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 7-6 (4), 6-2, 6-2.
Dominic Thiem (8), Austria, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 6-4, 6-4, 6-3.
John Isner (23), United States, def. Taylor Fritz, United States, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Tomas Berdych (11), Czech Republic, def. Jeremy Chardy, France, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-4.
Frances Tiafoe, United States, def. Robin Haase, Netherlands, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5.
Adrian Mannarino, France, def. Feliciano Lopez (19), Spain, 5-7, 6-1, 6-1, 4-3, retired.
Dudi Sela, Israel, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 4-6, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Paolo Lorenzi (32), Italy, leads Horacio Zeballos, Argentina, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-6 (8), 2-2, suspended, darkness.

Women
First Round

Tatjana Maria, Germany, def. Anastasia Potapova, Russia, 6-3, 2-2, retired.
CoCo Vandeweghe (24), United States, def. Mona Barthel, Germany, 7-5, 6-2.
Sorana Cirstea, Romania, def. Kiki Bertens (23), Netherlands, 7-6 (4), 7-5.
Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, 6-4, 6-1.
Angelique Kerber (1), Germany, def. Irina Falconi, United States, 6-4, 6-4.
Kirsten Flipkens, Belgium, def. Misaki Doi, Japan, 6-4, 6-3.
Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, def. Magda Linette, Poland, 1-6, 6-2, 6-3.
Arina Rodionova, Australia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (16), Russia, 3-6, 7-6 (6), 9-7.
Garbine Muguruza (14), Spain, def. Ekaterina Alexandrova, Russia, 6-2, 6-4.
Varvara Lepchenko, United States, def. Lauren Davis (28), United States, 6-4, 7-5.
Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, def. Han Xinyun, China, 6-3, 6-4.
Viktorija Golubic, Switzerland, def. Zhang Shuai (30), China, 6-3, 6-7 (2), 6-1.
Petra Martic, Croatia, def. Daria Gavrilova (20), Australia, 6-4, 2-6, 10-8.
Polona Hercog, Slovenia, def. Annika Beck, Germany, 6-2, 6-1.
Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, def. Kateryna Bondarenko, Ukraine, 6-2, 7-5.
Agnieszka Radwanska (9), Poland, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia, 7-6 (3), 6-0.
Denisa Allertova, Czech Republic, def. Risa Ozaki, Japan, 7-6 (5), 2-6, 6-3.
Karolina Pliskova (3), Czech Republic, def. Evgeniya Rodina, Russia, 6-1, 6-4.
Christina McHale, United States, def. Katie Boulter, Britain, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3.
Shelby Rogers, United States, def. Julia Boserup, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 6-3.
Daria Kasatkina (29), Russia, def. Zheng Saisai, China, 6-2, 6-4.
Alison Riske, United States, def. Sloane Stephens, United States, 6-2, 7-5.
Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, def. Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, 6-2, 6-4.
Kristina Mladenovic (12), France, def. Pauline Parmentier, France, 6-1, 6-3.
Timea Bacsinszky (19), Switzerland, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, 6-1, 3-6, 6-0.
Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, 6-7 (5), 7-6 (6), 6-4.
Caroline Wozniacki (5), Denmark, def. Timea Babos, Hungary, 6-4, 4-6, 6-1.
Lucie Safarova (32), Czech Republic, def. Oceane Dodin, France, 6-2, 6-2.
Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, def. Sara Errani, Italy, 6-1, 6-4.
Svetlana Kuznetsova (7), Russia, def. Ons Jabeur, Tunisia, 6-3, 6-2.
Ekaterina Makarova, Russia, def. Alison Van Uytvanck, Belgium, 6-3, 6-1.
Kristina Kucova, Slovakia, def. Bianca Andreescu, Canada, 6-4, 6-3.

After injuries, Stephens plays 1st match of '17 at Wimbledon

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — Sloane Stephens hadn't played a competitive match in nearly a year because of an injured left foot, so when she stepped on the grass of Wimbledon on Tuesday, simply being there was significant.

"Just getting on the court, I was relieved. I was happy, excited," Stephens said. "I mean, all good emotions."

Less than six months after foot surgery, Stephens returned to action with a 6-2, 7-5 loss to Alison Riske in an all-U.S. matchup in the first round at the All England Club.

Stephens was a quarterfinalist at Wimbledon in 2013, back when she appeared to be a rising star in tennis, making at least the fourth round at six consecutive Grand Slam tournaments. She reached the semifinals at the Australian Open earlier that year and climbed to a career-high No. 11 in the WTA rankings.

But she had a stress reaction in her foot last year, something she said was bothering her when she lost in the first round at the Rio Olympics. That was Stephens' fourth loss in a row — her most recent victory came in the second round of Wimbledon a year ago — and the last time she participated in a tournament until Tuesday.

Stephens wore a walking boot for months after the Olympics, waiting to heal.

"They're like, 'It will get better,' and whatever. Obviously it didn't," she said.

She thought she'd be able to play again at the start of this year and even traveled to Australia, intending to enter a tournament in Sydney. But while Stephens was there, the foot wasn't feeling right, and an MRI showed that it had worsened: She had a stress fracture and wound up having surgery in January, which alleviated the pain.

During her time off, she did some television work for Tennis Channel.

And about 1½ months ago, she resumed training.

Her ranking now down to 336th, the 24-year-old Stephens had permission from her doctor to get back to tournament play, she said, "So I was like, 'Why not?'"

"I did the best I could. I'm pleased with — I mean, obviously not that I didn't win — but that I was able to get out there and I was pain-free," she said. "I played decent."

Stephens recognizes that it will take time for her to get her game back to where it used to be and to grow accustomed to dealing with match play.

"When they said I was playing her, I thought, 'Oh my gosh, I didn't even know she was coming back.' So it was a surprise. But obviously she's been through a lot, so it's awesome she's back on the court," said Riske, who is ranked 46th.

"I thought she did a heck of a job. She was running well. She was hitting solid shots. I mean, I'm sure as time goes on, she's only going to get closer to where she was, if she's not there already."



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Sloane Stephens of the United States returns to Alison Riske of the United States during their Women's Singles Match on day two at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships on Tuesday in London.

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	FX		31	56	59	64	69	★★★ Kingsman: The Secret Service ('14, Act) Taron Egerton.						Snowfall "Pilot" (P) (N)			Snowfall	"Pilot"	Snowfall
	HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
	HGTV		63	69	26	48	44	Buying and Selling		Property Brothers		Brother vs. (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Brother "The Finale"	
	HISTORY		71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers (N)		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers		(:05) Amer. Pickers	
	LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	Women "Interventions and Infidelity"		Women (N)	(:50) Little Women	Little Women: LA "80s Prom" (N)		★★ Enough Said (2013, Romance) James Gandolfini, Toni Collette, Julia Louis-Dreyfus.				Little Women	(:50) Little Women
	MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
	NBCSN		38	43				American Ninja (N)		Cycling Tour de France Stage 5 Vittel - La Planche de Belles Filles						Motocross Highl. (N)		Cycling Tour de France	
	NICK		55	·	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
	SPIKE		30	·	55	53	58	★★ I, Robot ('04, Sci-Fi) Bridget Moynahan, Will Smith.						Lip Sync		★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Eva Mendes, Will Smith.			
	SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Movie		★★ xXx ('02, Act) Samuel L. Jackson, Vin Diesel.				Blood Drive (N)		★★ From Dusk Till Dawn			
	TBS		25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Contest"	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Full Frontal	Conan Wanda Sykes, Dead Man Winter		Seinfeld-	Conan
	TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(4:45) The Getaway		★★ The Ring Carl Brisson.		(:45) ★ Downhill				(:15) ★ The Farmer's Wife Jameson Thomas.			
	TELE		20	·	10	20		Caso cerrado		El Capo		Querida centauro		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Querida centauro	
	TLC		51	61	32	38	52	I Am Jazz: More Jazz	"Double Trouble" (N)			I Am Jazz "Getting to the Bottom of It"		Hair Goddess "Failure to Launch" (N)		(:05) Jazz "Getting to the Bottom of It"		(:05) Hair Goddess "Failure to Launch"	
	TNT		24	34	40	26	50	(5:00) ★★ Daddy's Little Girls		★★ Why Did I Get Married? ('07, Com/Dra) Sharon Leal, Tyler Perry.				Race "The Divided States of America"		★★ Why Did I Get Married? ('07, Com/Dra) Sharon Leal, Tyler Perry.			
	TVLAND		49	·	35	54	35	MASH	M*A*S*H	MASH	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
	USA		26	55	42	27	49	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Big Star Little Star "Episode 6" (SF) (N)		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Big Star Little Star "Episode 6"	
	WGN		19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

Widow reconsiders romantic overture from an old friend

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: This is something I can't talk about in my grief support group. I'm a 70-year-old widow. I lost my dear husband of 35 years 17 months ago. I always was more sexual than he was. Since the funeral, I have had a one-night stand with a nice, younger man, but it was a failure for me physically. Since then, I am leery.

Last night, a dear friend visited. He knew both of us for years. I had flirted with him last year, but nothing happened. Last night, he came on to me. I was upset about my failure to perform with the nice, young man, so I turned him down. Now, I don't know what to do.

If I sleep with him, will it destroy our friendship? Will I be able to keep him from becoming a major presence in my home? — WONDERING WIDOW

DEAR WIDOW: Please accept my condolences for the loss of your husband. That your first experience after your husband's death wasn't all that you fantasized it would be isn't unusual. Good sex is all about communication. It takes time for couples to adjust to each other and feel comfortable enough to talk frankly about their individual needs.

If you sleep with this old friend, I can't see why it would destroy your friendship. You are both adults and, I assume, available. Sex with him may — or may not — bring you closer for a variety of reasons.

However, if you would not welcome someone becoming "a major presence in your home," allow me to point out that it might be better not to go to bed with him. Once a door is opened, it's not unusual for a guest to become comfortable and crave more "hospitality."

DEAR ABBY: I am a mother of two, and I'm afraid the baby's dad is with me only for them. He pays no attention to me unless he has something to complain about. When he does, he says hurtful things that make me cry and then he tells the kids to call me a crybaby. It's almost as if he is trying to turn them against me.

I want a relationship with him. I want love and attention, but I don't know how to get it. Please help! — NOT WANTED IN THE EAST

DEAR NOT WANTED: What your partner is doing is unhealthy not only for you, but also for your children. He is emotionally abusing you, while at the same time encouraging those children to disrespect you and minimize your feelings.

For your sake — and theirs — you must not allow this to continue. If you do, they will think the abuse is normal behavior and perpetuate it in their own relationships when they are older.

Offer your partner the option of couples counseling to repair your relationship. If he refuses, go without him. If you do, I promise you will find it enlightening. Please do not procrastinate, because his verbal abuse could escalate.

DEAR ABBY: Is there a way to respond to individuals who use swear words often and loudly in a public place such as a restaurant? Hearing the F-word used by people at the next table ruins my enjoyment of my meal. — OFFENDED IN THE WEST

DEAR OFFENDED: I don't advise you to approach the "offenders." If you have a complaint, direct it to the manager of the restaurant, who can then inform the "F-worders" they are disturbing other patrons and to please keep it down. And if they don't, ask to change tables and sit in a quieter section of the restaurant.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Anticipate and handle

Neither vulnerable. North deals

NORTH
♠Q 7 5
♡A 6 5
◇K Q 5
♣Q 10 9 3

WEST
♠9
♡K Q J 8 3
◇8 7 4 3
♣A 8 6

EAST
♠10 8 3 2
♡10 9 4 2
◇9 6 2
♣K 5

SOUTH
♠A K J 6 4
♡7
◇A J 10
♣J 7 4 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1♠	2♡
Dbl*	Pass	4♠	All pass

*Exactly three spades

Opening lead: King of ♡

Support Doubles, whereby opener can show three-card support for responder's suit, are extremely popular among modern tournament players. A bid of two spades in the given auction would have promised four spades.

South won the opening heart lead and took stock. There would be an easy overtrick if the trumps split 3-2, but a good declarer will anticipate a 4-1 split and plan a way to handle it. He cashed the queen of spades and led a spade to his jack, getting the bad news. Next was a low club to dummy's nine and East's king. South was hoping East would take a club ruff, if possible, because it would make the rest of the hand a breeze. East, however, reverted to hearts forcing declarer to ruff.

South led another club, which West took with the ace. West continued with the queen of hearts. South couldn't discard on this as a club ruff would then defeat him. Declarer ruffed with the king of spades, leaving him with one trump in each hand while East still held two trumps. South led a club to the queen, hoping East would ruff. East refused to ruff and discarded a diamond.

Declarer led a diamond to the ace and then another club, East shedding another diamond. South led dummy's king of diamonds and East could do no better than to ruff and lead a heart. South ruffed this in dummy while shedding his last diamond, and then took the last trick with the ace of trumps. Well played!

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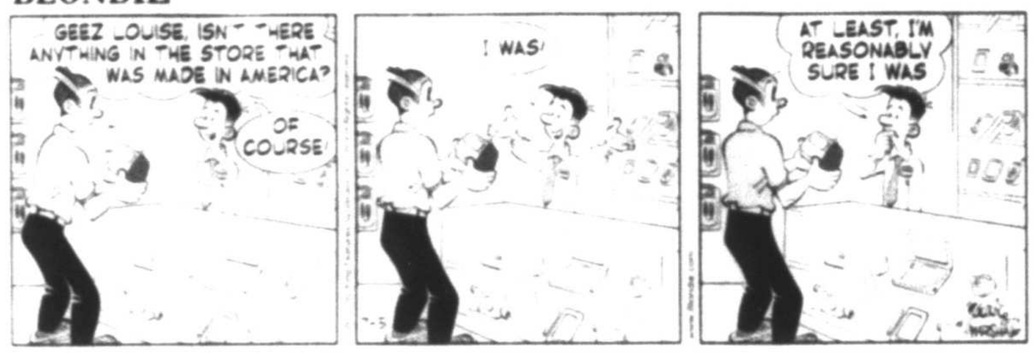
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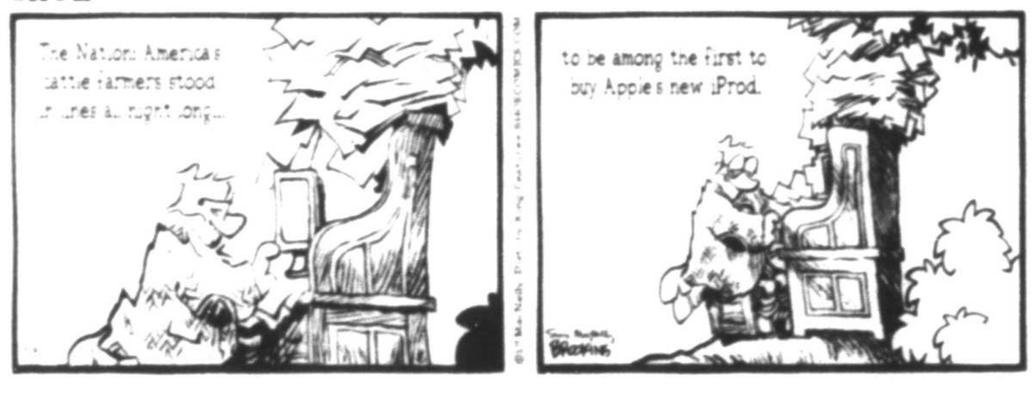
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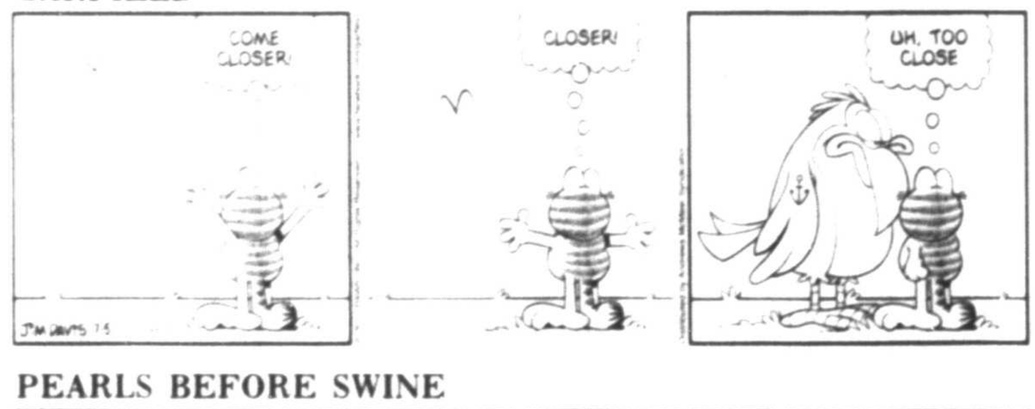
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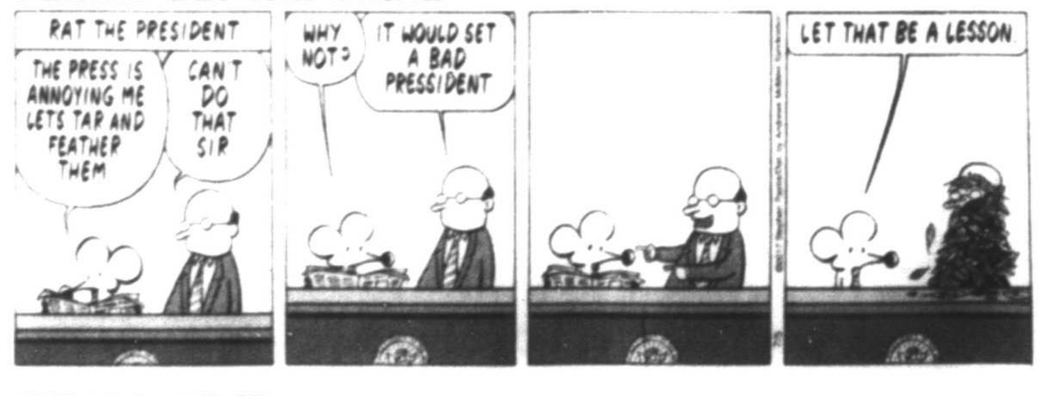
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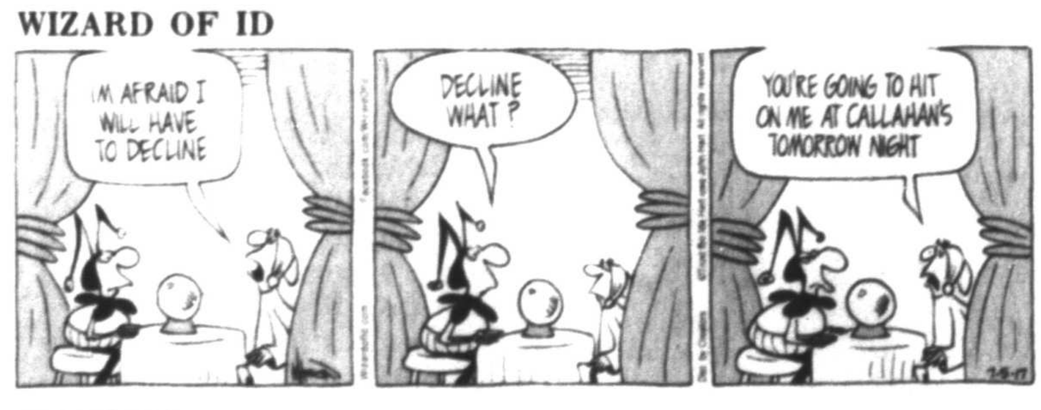
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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE



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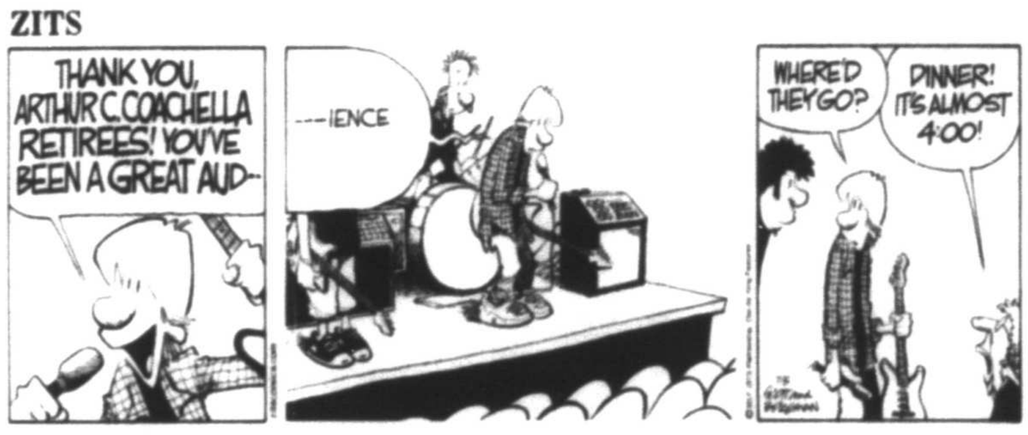
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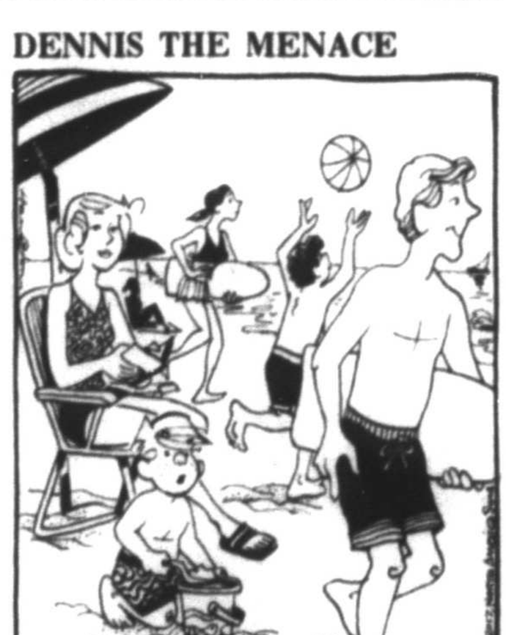
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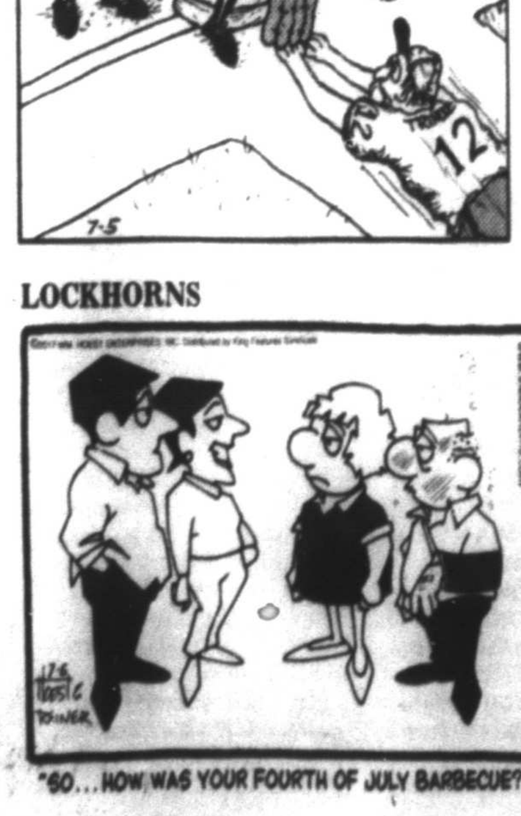
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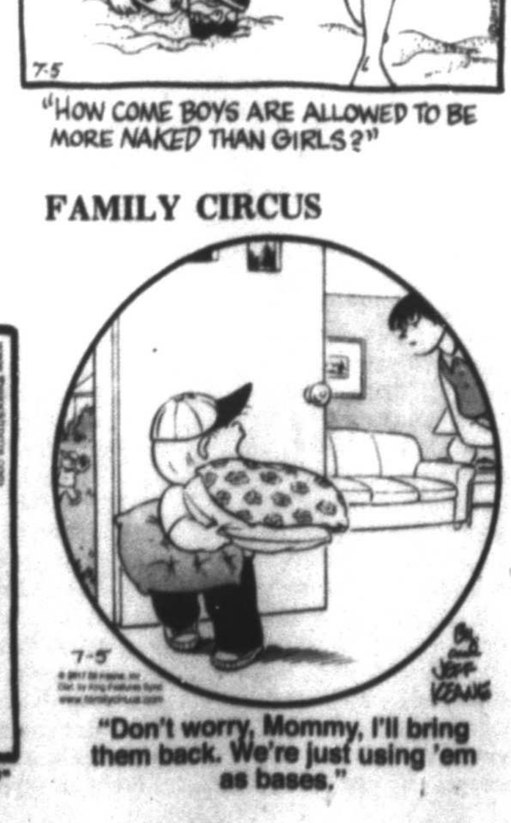
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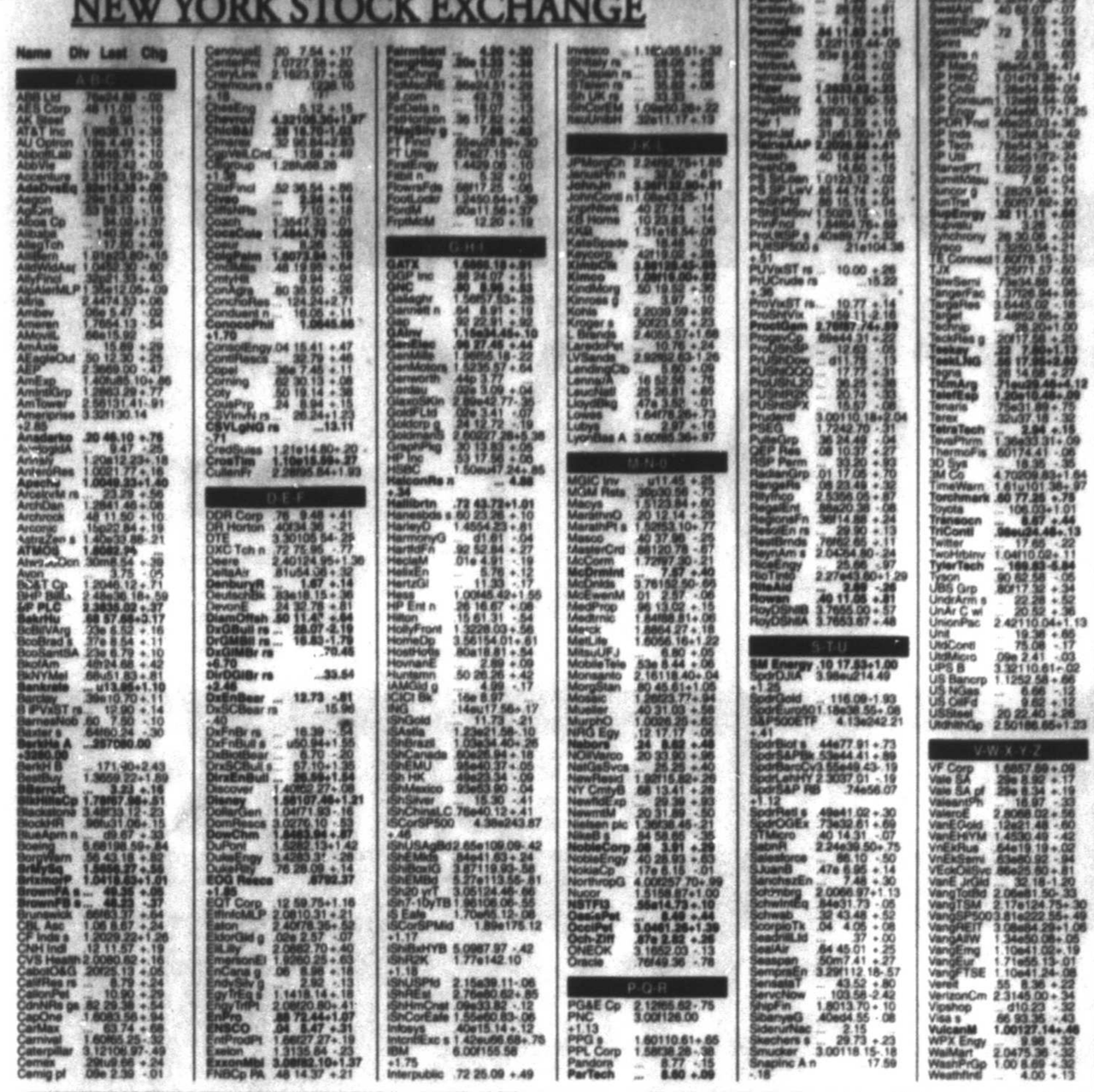


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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



A DAY ON WALL STREET



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NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR Fncl	579818	25.03	+.36
BkofAm	565588	24.68	+.42
RiteAid	446429	2.69	-.26
Ford M	415670	11.56	+.37
VanEGold	415670	21.48	-.60

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Teekay	7.80	+1.13	+16.9
TeekLNG	17.95	+2.60	+16.9
TlcmArg	29.46	+4.12	+16.3
Cemig	2.75	+.33	+13.6
Willbros	2.76	+.29	+11.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FangHdg	3.33	-.38	-10.2
DGMBR rs	16.83	-1.79	-9.6
NeboTch	4.40	-.40	-8.3
RiteAid	2.69	-.26	-8.8
FMajSilv g	7.68	-.63	-7.6

DIARY

Advanced	2,088
Declined	814
Unchanged	102
Total issues	3,004
New Highs	107
New Lows	81
Volume	1,830,220,007

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	25037	3.07	-.11
BarcGSOil	19024	4.90	+.04
Globalstar	13747	2.15	+.02
SRC Eng	12948	7.01	+.28
UraniumEn	12818	1.64	+.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
StnEn wt	2.20	+.28	+14.6
TelInstEl	3.59	+.39	+12.3
InteligSys	3.90	+.40	+11.4
Innsulte	2.00	+.16	+8.7
Planex	4.34	+.33	+8.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Allo Gld rs	4.15	-.38	-8.4
Myomx n	10.10	-.75	-6.9
NeboTch	4.00	-.25	-5.9
RexahnPh rs	2.71	-.15	-5.2
SlvrcpMt n	3.06	-.15	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	180
Declined	140
Unchanged	24
Total issues	344
New Highs	4
New Lows	3
Volume	46,490,841

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	359436	29.14	-.72
PwShs QQQ	303026	136.19	-1.45
Nvidia	171042	139.33	-5.23
Microsoft	152290	68.17	-.76
Apple Inc	134718	143.50	-.52

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Precipio n	12.10	+3.10	+34.4
PranBio rs	2.89	+.60	+26.2
BeiGene n	54.36	+9.36	+20.8
Intellph	2.48	+.39	+18.7
Spherix rs	3.06	+.46	+17.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Yd10Bio rs	4.29	-.86	-16.7
ObsEva n	7.17	-1.38	-16.1
Fredsinc	7.76	-1.47	-15.9
Trivago n	20.79	-2.87	-12.1
PulseBio n	30.53	-4.00	-11.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,659
Declined	1,114
Unchanged	257
Total issues	3,030
New Highs	69
New Lows	23
Volume	1,033,173,654

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET



MUTUAL FUNDS



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net % Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
21,535.03	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	21,479.27	+129.64	+.61	+8.69	+19.67
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,639.63	+75.90	+.79	+6.59	+27.55
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	703.36	-3.55	-.50	+6.63	-1.76
11,837.60	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,835.77	+74.07	+.63	+7.04	+12.55
6,341.70	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,110.06	-30.36	-.49	+13.50	+25.65
2,453.82	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,429.01	+5.60	+.23	+8.49	+15.50
1,771.05	1,409.53	S&P Midcap	1,758.04	+1.39	+.08	+5.87	+17.19
25,473.41	20,583.79	Wilshire 5000	25,285.08	+54.67	+.22	+7.94	+16.31
1,433.78	1,085.88	Russell 2000	1,426.68	+1.32	+.09	+5.12	+23.33

PERMIAN BASIN STOCKS

How stocks of local interest fared

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		22	6.38	-.19	-37.5
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.11	+.38	-10.4
Abraxas			**1.69**	**+.07**	**-34.2**
AdaDvsEq	**.92e**		**14.35**	**+.06**	**+12.9**
AMD			12.15	.33	+7.1
AlonUSA	60		13.32		+17.0
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e		12.05	+.09	-4.4
Ambev	.06e	5	5.47	.02	+11.4
Amgen	**4.60f**	**15**	**172.80**	**+.57**	**+18.2**
Anadarko	**.20**		**46.10**	**+.76**	**-33.9**
Apache	**1.00**		**49.33**	**+1.40**	**-22.3**
Apple Inc	2.52f	17	143.50	.52	+23.9
ApldMatl	**.40**	**16**	**41.01**	**-.30**	**+27.1**
Arlchrck	.48		11.50	+.10	-12.9
ATMOS	**1.80**	**23**	**82.95**		**+11.9**
AutoData	2.28	26	102.42	-.04	-.4
BP PLC	**2.38**	**52**	**35.02**	**+.37**	**-6.3**
BakrHu	.68		57.68	+3.17	-11.2
BkofAm	.48f	16	24.68	+.42	+11.7
Bankrate			13.95	+1.10	+26.2
BBVtxST rs			12.90	+.14	-49.4
BaringsCp s	1.20		15.17	+.08	-2.0
BarrickG	.12f	26	15.61	.30	-2.3
BasicEnS			45		
Berkhire A			**17257980.00**	**+3280.00**	**+5.7**
BkNHilthCp	**1.87f**	**20**	**67.84**	**+.51**	**+10.8**
BrMyBq	**1.56**	**33**	**56.27**	**+.55**	**-3.7**
BrcdeCm	.22	47	12.66	+.05	+1.4
BrownFA s		**29**	**49.35**	**+.05**	**+6.7**
BrownFB s			**48.23**	**-.37**	**+7.4**
CVS Health	2.00	14	80.62	+.16	-2.2
CalloonPet			**10.90**	**+.29**	**-29.1**
CaraThera			16.43	+1.04	+76.9
Caterpillar	3.12	33	106.97	.49	+15.3
Celestic g		10	13.56	.02	+14.4
Cemex	.29f		9.66	+.24	+25.1
CenturyLink	2.16	11	23.97	+.09	+.8
ChesEng		47	5.12	+.15	-27.1
Chevron	**4.32**		**106.30**	**+1.97**	**-9.7**
Chicos	33	13	9.65	+.23	-32.9
Cimarex	32	45	96.84	+2.83	-28.7
Cisco	1.16	16	31.33	+.03	+3.7
Citigroup	1.28f	14	68.26	+1.38	+14.9
CocaCola	**1.48**	**27**	**44.76**	**-.09**	**+8.0**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**26**	**73.94**	**-.19**	**+13.0**
Comcast s	.63	21	38.36	-.56	+11.1
ConAgra	**.80**	**20**	**35.50**	**-.26**	**-10.2**
ConchoRes			**134.24**	**+2.71**	**-6.3**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**51**	**48.66**	**+1.70**	**-8.9**
CrackerB	4.80f	26	168.45	+1.20	+.9
CSVelIVST			82.30	-1.16	+76.0
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**15**	**15.89**	**+.27**	**-13.3**
DCP Mid	3.12	21	35.01	+1.16	-8.8
DTE	3.30	24	105.54	-.25	+7.1
Delcath rs			.20	+.01	-77.9
DevonE	**.24**		**32.78**	**+.81**	**-28.2**
Dexteras hrs			.33	+.03	-65.6
DxGBull rs			28.07	-2.19	
DrGMBR rs			16.83	-1.79	
DxSCBear rs			15.96	+.40	-19.6
Disney	**1.56**	**19**	**107.46**	**+1.21**	**+3.1**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.94**	**+.87**	**+11.7**
EOG Resrc	**.67**		**92.37**	**+1.86**	**-8.6**
Energen	.08		50.43	+1.06	-12.6
EnPro	**.88**	**65**	**67.34**	**+1.07**	**+7.8**
ENSCO	.04	1	5.47	-.31	-43.7
EntProdPt	1.66f	21	27.27	+.19	+.9
Ericsson	.11e		7.13	-.04	+22.3
ExxonMbl	**3.08f**	**36**	**82.10**	**+1.37**	**-9.0**
Facebook		33	148.43	-2.55	+29.0
FordM	.60a	6	11.56	+.37	-4.7
FrptMcM			12.20	+.19	-7.5
FrontierCm	.16m		1.18	+.02	-65.1
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**65.18**	**+.91**	**+5.8**
GasMatT	**.94e**		**9.03**	**+.09**	**+24.7**
GAImv	**1.15e**		**34.46**	**+.10**	**+10.5**
GenElec	**.96**	**19**	**27.65**	**+.44**	**-13.1**
GenMotors	1.52	5	35.57	+.64	+2.1
GtPlainEn	**1.10**	**18**	**29.25**	**-.03**	**+6.9**
Halliblrtn	.72		43.72	+1.01	-19.2
iShGold			11.73	-.21	+5.9
iShBrazil	1.03e		34.40	-.26	+3.2
iShSilver			15.30	-.41	+1.3
iShChinaLC	.76e		40.12	+.41	+15.6
iShEMkts	.84e		41.63	+.24	+16.9
iSh20 yrT	3.05		124.46	-.66	+4.5
iS Eafe	1.70e		65.12	-.08	+12.8
iShBdHYB	5.06		87.97	-.42	+1.6
iSh25	1.77e		142.10	+1.18	+5.4
iShREst	2.76e		80.62	+.85	+4.8
Intel	**1.09f**	**15**	**33.46**	**-.28**	**-7.7**
InterDig	1.20	9	77.40	+.10	-15.3
JPMorgCh	**2.24f**	**15**	**92.75**	**+1.85**	**+7.5**
John,Jn	**3.36f**	**20**	**132.90**	**+.81**	**+15.4**
KimbCla	**3.88**	**21**	**128.43**	**-.68**	**+12.5**
LegacyRes	80m		1.47	+.01	-30.7
Lubys			**2.97**	**+.16**	**-30.6**
MGM Rsts	39p	27	30.56	.73	+6.0
MarathnO	20		12.14	+.29	-29.9
McDnlds	3.76	28	152.50	+.96	+25.3
Merck	1.88	17	64.27	+.31	+9.2
MeritMed		**48**	**37.65**	**-.50**	**+42.1**
MexcoEn			4.46	-.15	-10.8
MicronT		11	29.14	.72	-32.9
Microsoft	1.56	28	68.17	.76	+9.7
MorstDg hn			17.20	+.78	-27.4
MorgStan	.80	14	45.61	+.05	+8.0
Nabors	24		8.62	+.48	-47.4
NOilVarco	20	26	33.90	+.96	-9.5
NikeB s	84	23	58.65	+.35	-15.4
NobleCorp	.08	4	3.91	+.29	-34.0
NSTRG	**.55a**		**14.73**	**+.10**	**+4.0**
NTXQI	**.65**		**14.29**	**+.05**	**+4.2**
Nvidia	56	44	139.33	-5.23	+30.5
OcciPet	**3.04**		**61.26**	**+1.39**	**-14.0**
OpexaT hrs			1.17	+.52	+27.2
Oracle	.76f	23	49.36	+.78	+28.9
PDC Engy			**44.41**	**+1.30**	**-38.8**
ParTech		21	**8.60**	**+.09**	**+54.1**
PatUtI			20.38	+.69	-22.4
Penney		15	4.76	+.11	-42.7
PennaRE	**.84**	**9**	**11.82**	**+.01**	**-37.8**
Primian	.63e	25	8.83	-.13	-14.5
Petrobras			8.04	-.05	-20.5
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**33.82**	**+.23**	**+4.1**
PioNtr	.08		162.77	+3.19	-9.6
PlalnsAAP	**2.20**	**29**	**26.68**	**+.41**	**-17.4**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e		136.19	+.45	+14.9
Praxair	**3.15**	**24**	**134.18**	**+1.63**	**+14.5**
PrmEgy			**47.05**		**-12.9**
PUVixST rs			10.00	+.26	
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RangeRs	.08	33	23.49	+.32	-31.6
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RoyDShlA	3.76	81	53.67	+.48	-1.3
SpdrDJIA	3.98e		214.49	+1.25	+8.6
SpdrGold			116.09	-1.93	+5.9
S&P500ETF	4.13e		242.21	+1.41	+8.4
SpdrOGEx	.73e		32.61	+.69	-21.3
SabnR	2.24e	19	39.50	+.75	+12.4
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SiriusXM	.04	36	5.38	-.09	+20.9
Smucker	3.00	15	118.15	-.18	-7.7
SwstnEngy			6.30	+.22	-41.8
Spherix rs			3.06	+.46	+194.2
SP Engy	2.04e		66.17	+1.25	-12.1
SPDR Fncl	.46e		25.03	+.36	+7.7
SP Tech	.78e		54.34	.38	+12.4
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3M Co	4.70	26	209.83	+1.64	+17.5
Torchmark	**.80**	**17**	**77.25**	**+.75**	**+4.7**
Transocn		8	8.67	+.44	-41.2
TriContl	**.98e**		**24.48**	**+.13**	**+11.0**
Twitter			17.65	-.22	+8.3
TylerTech		**54**	**169.83**	**-5.84**	**+19.0**
UBSI	**1.32**	**20**	**39.90**	**+.70**	**-13.7**
US NGas			6.66	-.12	-28.7
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USSteel	.20		22.40	+.26	-32.1
Vale SA	.29e		8.92	+.17	+17.1
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ValeroE	2.80	18	68.02	+.56	-.4
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VanE JrGld			32.18	-1.20	+2.0
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Vipshop		22	10.23	-.32	-7.1
VulcanM	**1.00**	**40**	**127.14**	**+.46**	**+1.6**
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WellsFargo	**1.52**	**14**	**55.78**	**+.37**	**+1.2**
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WmsCos	1.20	44	30.83	+.55	-1.0
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**21**	**45.57**	**-.31**	**+12.0**
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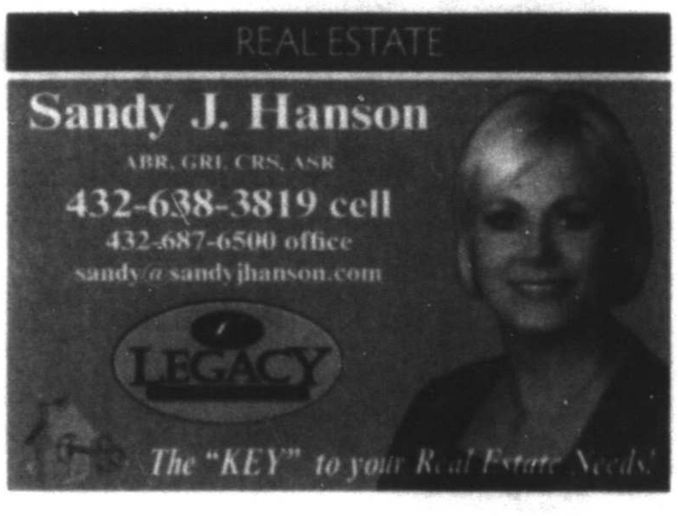
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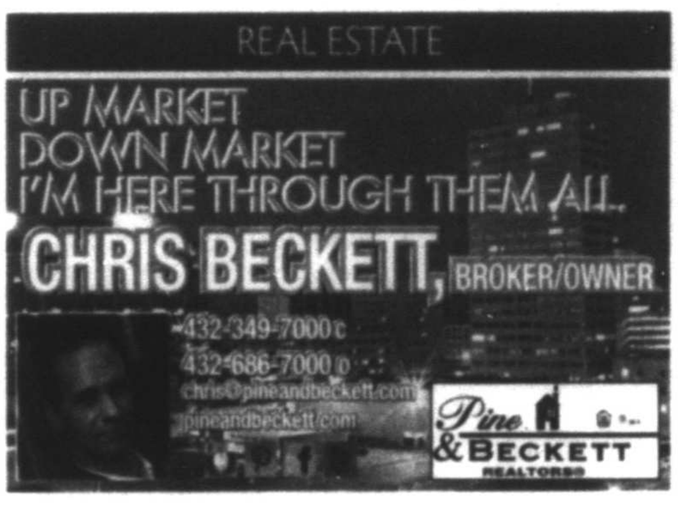
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CRMWD is an equal opportunity employer. Benefits include health insurance, retirement plans, and sick, vacation and holiday leave.

Applications are required and are available at the District's office, 400 E. 24TH Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or by calling (432) 267-6341.

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Hiring Experienced Professionals

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- Electronic Technician
- Heavy Equipment Painter
- Welder Fabricator/Helper

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- **Required education. High School or equivalent**

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SALES JOBS

Concrete Sales Representative

Ingram Concrete, a growing manufacturing company, is currently seeking a results driven, personable, Concrete Sales Representative. This is a full-time and permanent position covering Midland and surrounding areas. This position requires a minimum of 3 years sales experience preferably in concrete sales with a genuine focus on customer service. Bachelor degree preferred. Some travel required. Salary based on verifiable experience. Full Benefits/401k. Please apply at 2608 N. FM 1788 in Midland or call 432-561-8922 for more information. EOE M/F/D/V

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TRANSPORTATION AND LOGISTICS

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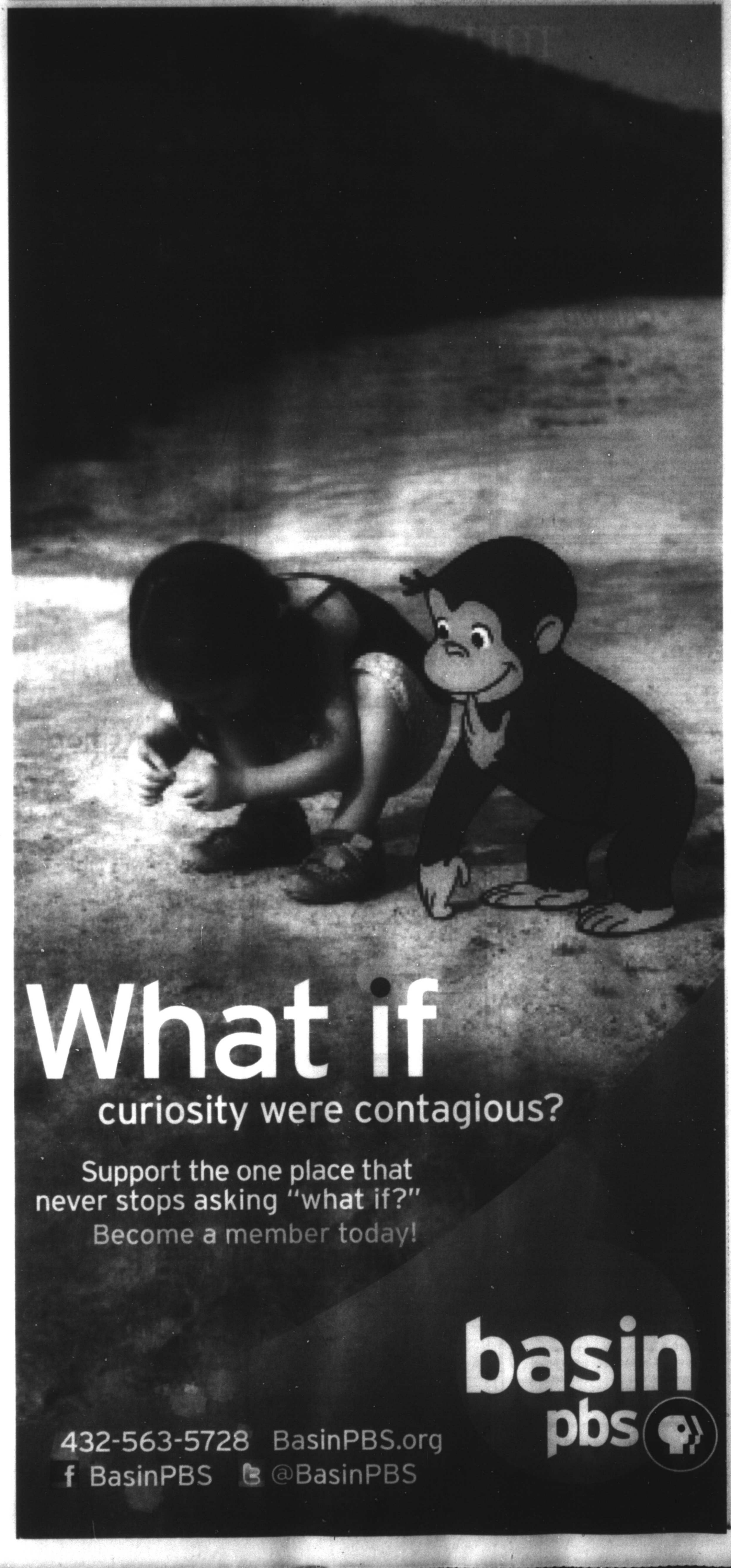
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Will Childress unit#L159 house hold goods, boxes. John Lawrence unit#D378 household items, John Lawrence unit#P521 household items, Antonio Castro unit#N734 BBQ pit Entertainment center, bikes, Queen/twin bed sets, couch
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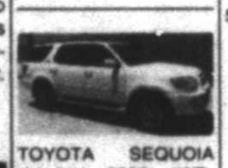
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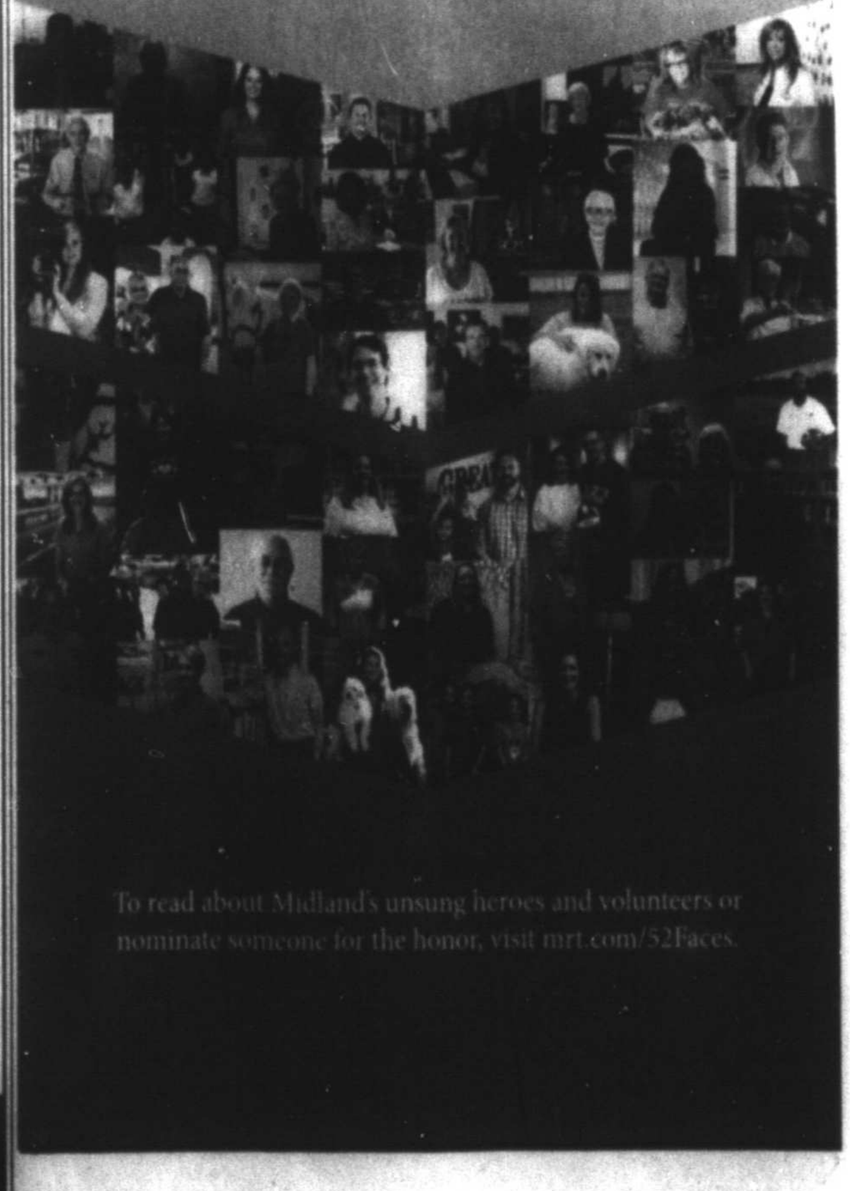
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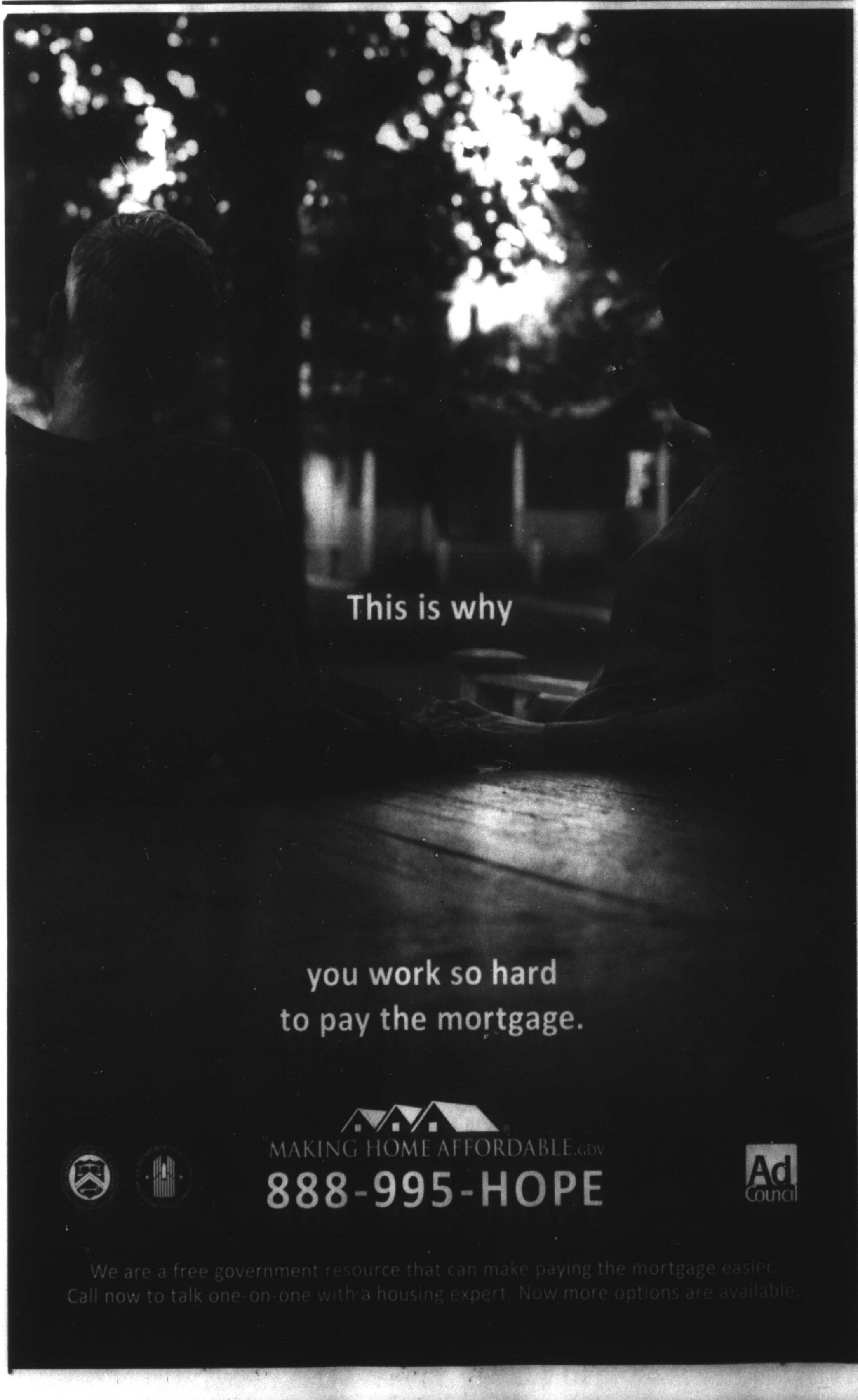
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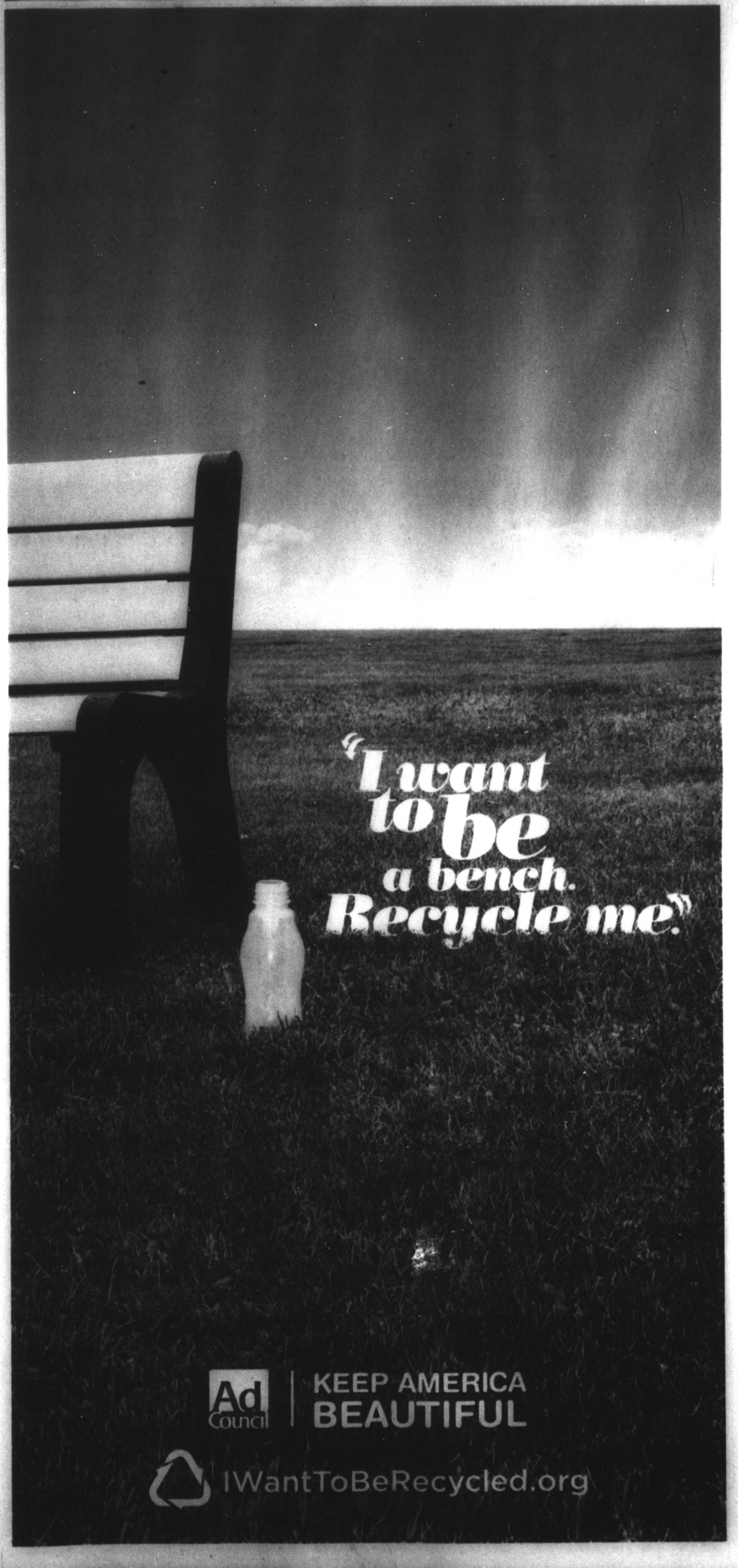
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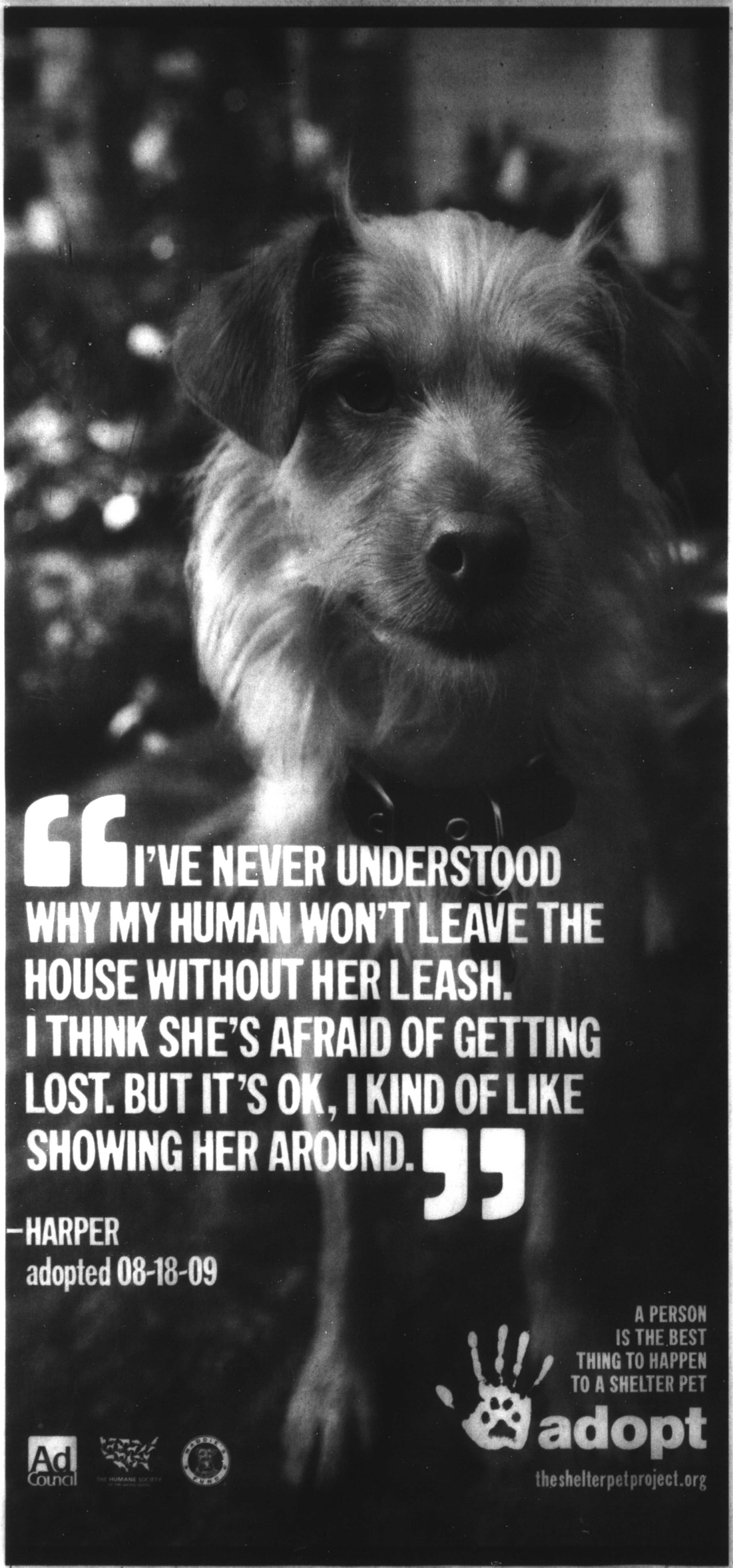
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