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Inside

Crude oil's slump still taking a toll on Texas

Fed says a key measure of manufacturing activity in state falls to lowest point since June 2009

By Collin Eaton
Houstoh Chronicle

Crude prices slipped again Tuesday as more evidence emerged that the 11-month oil slump is ripping into the Texas economy, with manufacturing continuing to take a hit.

A barrel of U.S. oil ended the trading day $1.69 cheaper as the dollar made gains against foreign currencies and as traders weighed whether the recent rally in crude prices to around $60 a barrel could hasten the return of U.S. drilling. Oil is traded in dollars, so when the dollar rises, oil is more expensive for foreign buyers.

Wobbling oil prices don't speak well for the recent rally and belie expectations that crude will return quickly to the highs of last year, said Kent Bayazitoglu, an analyst at consulting firm Gelber & Associates in Houston.

"There's some real weakness in oil prices, and it's not going to get back to $80 a barrel anytime soon," he said. "Production isn't going to come off as quickly as people think."

The U.S. crude standard fell to $58.03 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent, the international benchmark, sank $1.55 to $63.97 a barrel in trading overseas.

During Tuesday's slide, the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas released more evidence that the oil slump is taking a toll on Texas.

One of the bank's key measures of Texas manufacturing activity fell to its lowest point since June 2009, when the nation was in the thick of a recession brought on by the housing-driven collapse of the financial system. That extended a three-month slide in manufacturing activity that in May prompted one in five Texas manufacturing executives to report increased layoffs and shorter workweeks for employees.

Twenty-eight percent of the state's manufacturers reported a slowdown, according to the Dallas Fed's monthly survey.

"We are seeing all industries hold cash," a fabricated metal manufacturing executive said in the survey. Others said that refineries are spending less money on machinery and that demand from the state's oil producers only worsened this month.

At the height of the 2009 recession, the Dallas Fed's manufacturing productivity index fell to minus 40, though it jumped back into positive territory by the end of that year.

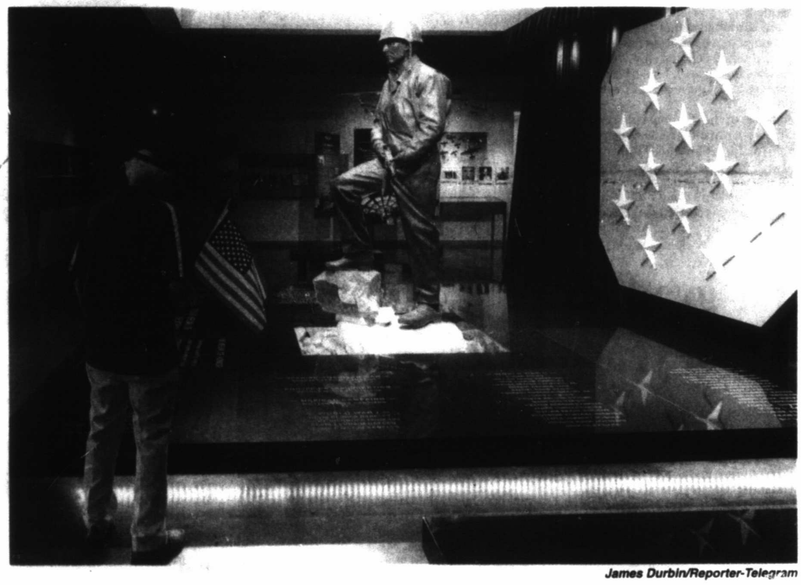
The measure, which gives the Fed's economists an idea of how the state's manufacturing sector is faring, dropped to minus 13.5 this month, the first time in years that the indicator has dropped anywhere near the recession numbers.

"We don't feel confidence anywhere, but we are feeling cost pressures," one manufacturing executive said.

The cost of raw materials increased

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A MOMENT TO REMEMBER



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A man pauses for a moment Wednesday at the veterans memorial at the Commemorative Air Force. The CAF hosted the Permian Basin Honor Flight sendoff Wednesday. According to Honor Flight, the organization sends World War II, Korea and Vietnam veterans to Washington, D.C., to see war memorials built in their honor. Honor Flight has planned two trips to Washington, D.C., this year. The flights are chartered by Southwest Airlines.

Honor Flight gives veterans chance to see memorials, remember their comrades

REP. MIKE CONAWAY
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The National Mall in Washington, D.C., is surrounded by monuments we have built as tributes to our greatest Americans. From Lincoln to Jefferson to Washington, we remember the American leaders who formed our nation and imbued it with the ideals of liberty and justice for all. But perhaps the most reverential memorials along the National Mall are those dedicated to the memory of the everyday American heroes who fought. The National World War II Memorial, the Korean War Veterans Memorial and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial represent the sacrifices made by our parents, our grandparents and all the other individuals who served in years past so that we could live freely as we do today. However, many veterans of these past wars have never been given the opportunity to see the memorials honoring their service.

The Honor Flight organization attempts to repay a small part of the debt we owe our veterans by paying homage to their sacrifice and patriotism. Honor flights provide veterans a chance to reflect and remember the soldiers they served alongside so many years ago, to touch the names etched in stone and to receive the recognition they deserve. In the words of President George Washington, "The willingness with which our young people are likely to serve in any war, no matter how justified, shall be directly proportional to how they perceive the Veterans of earlier wars were treated and appreciated by their nation." Without taking the time to honor and recognize the sacrifices of all service members, future generations will never understand how important our men and women of the military really are.

This morning, 100 veterans from the Permian Basin will take Honor Flight to our nation's capital. Many will be in wheelchairs, and many more will have white hair peaking from underneath their ball caps. But they will continue to stand tall as an example of American strength, service and sacrifice. For truly, it was these veterans who ensured that our country did not perish from this earth, and whose selfless actions — more than anything we can construct — are the true monuments to the forefathers of our great nation.

U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway represents the 11th District of Texas.

Mining and construction employment falls again

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Midland's mining, logging and construction employment figures have dropped for two months straight, according to preliminary figures from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

If confirmed, the two-month drop would be the first two-month fall since September 2009.

The BLS figures show that industry employment peaked in February at 30,000 employees. That number fell to 29,800 in March and a preliminary figure of 29,400 in April.

The last time that Midland saw a two-month drop in the mining, logging and construction industry was in mid-2009, which was part of a longer 10-month drop in employment. Employment hit 17,500 in October 2008 and then fell for 10 straight months, leveling off at 14,200 in September 2009. In the five years since, employment in the sector has more than doubled.

Trade, transportation and utilities

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Police opposition stalls open carry handgun bill

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Fierce opposition from police across the state on Wednesday derailed an effort that would allow people to openly carry handguns the streets of Texas in a move that could prevent the measure from passing this legislative session.

The bill would allow Texas residents licensed to carry concealed weapons to carry handguns openly. The House had appeared ready to pass it and send it to Gov. Greg Abbot to sign into law. But law enforcement groups rallied strong opposition, demanding lawmakers take out a provision restricting police powers to question people carrying weapons, asking them for their licenses if they had no other reason to stop them.

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WTI Posted	$54.00	▼ $0.25
WTS Posted	$50.20	▼ $0.25
Natural Gas	$2.615	▼ $0.007
Gasoline	$2.536	▼ $0.008

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FIRE IGNITES AT GISD SITE

A fire broke out Wednesday afternoon at the new middle school under construction in Greenwood.

Smoke could be seen billowing out of the structure surrounded by construction equipment. Multiple fire trucks and ambulances responded to the fire.

The fire was caused by plumbers who were soldering and set some wood on fire, according to Fire Marshal Dale Little. No injuries were reported.

The $34.3 million James R. Brooks Middle School was approved at the end of 2014 by GISD's board of trustees, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. The project is being done by Lee Lewis Construction.

Carver Center sixth-grader knocked out of national bee

By Brandon Mulder
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Midland's ace speller, sixth-grader Anna Ngo of Carver Center Elementary School, was knocked out in the third round of the Scripps National Spelling Bee on Wednesday afternoon.

After correctly spelling "fillibuster" in the second round, bee officials threw the young Midlander a curveball: Zelkova, a noun pronounced zel-KO-va, is a tall, widely spreading Japenese tree of the elm family that is often used as an ornamental and shade tree in place of the American elm because of its resistance to Dutch elm disease, according to the Merriam-Webster online dictionary.

"Z-E-L-K-A-V-A," Anna said after asking for the word to be repeated — a slight but costly misstep. Her first word in the preliminary round, "filibuster," Anna sailed through without hesitation. It was a word she had seen in the regional spelling bee. But "zelkova," a word of Russian origin according to the Merriam-Webster dictionary, was one she had never before encountered.

"I'm a little disappointed and relieved at the same time," Anna said after Wednesday's round. The pressure that comes with going on a large stage before a nationwide televised audience was nerve-racking.

"It was really scary, because if you misspelled a word, it would be on national television," she added.

Indeed, ESPN's telecast of the Scripps National Spelling Bee averages at least 4 million viewers each year since 2006, according to a 2011 ESPN report.

"From our country and around the globe, more than 11 million spellers in the regional competitions were part of this," said Paul Loeffler of ESPN after the day's rounds. "These 283 are here at our nation's capital."

Of the 283 spellers, 214 will go through to round four on Thursday.

But instead of facing the national stage again, Anna will go on tours and attend banquets throughout the rest of the week-a sweet deal.

Anna had won the Reporter-Telegram regional spelling bee last March and was awarded an all-expenses paid trip to the Scripps National Spelling Bee in D.C. to compete against 285 other students nationwide.

But will she take another stab at it next year? Anna gave a hard, "Maybe." Going through the months of studying will "depend on how much work I have," she said.

But this year's experience was worth it, she said.

Champions of the national bee receive a $30,000 cash prize from the Scripps National Spelling Bee, a $5,000 cash prize from Words With Friends, a $2,500 savings bond and a complete reference library from Merriam-Webster and Encyclopedia Britannica reference materials valued at $1,100.

Carver to add first-graders for upcoming school year

By Steve Kuhlmann
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Midland's Carver Center, along with the Midland ISD Advanced Academic Services, recently announced that the gifted-and-talented campus would be accepting two classes of first-graders, starting with the 2015-16 school year.

Carver Principal Amanda Magallan and MISD Advanced Academic Services Director Judy Bridges on Wednesday explained the motivation for the addition and how it will work.

"This will allow (the first-graders) to go ahead and get into the depth and the creative part of the gifted and talented curriculum that we start in second grade," Magallan said.

"Sometimes, the second grade is difficult after they've already established friendships and things at their campuses to transition over. In that first semester, we really have to work on those transitions and teaching that level of depth and that level of gifted thinking."

Magallan said that, by providing an opportunity for first-graders to get started earlier at Carver, the faculty expects an easier transition into second grade.

The addition, which Bridges said was possible by the 2012 bond election, will include about 40 first-graders. Although the students will be divided into two classes, Magallan said they will be housed in the same area and "flow between both classrooms."

"In second grade, they have four teachers and they rotate to all four teachers, and sometimes I think that is part of the difficulty coming from a general education campus because they have been self-contained with one teacher," Magallan said.

She said one of the teachers will "specialize in reading, writing and social studies and the other will specialize in math and science."

In addition to spending time with more than one teacher each day, Magallan said that one of the other changes for Carver's incoming first-graders — compared to those in "general education" — is that they will cover the state curriculum in about half the time, using the leftover time to expand on the lessons through "projects and different activities that extend those lessons to the next level."

Although Carver Center is currently undergoing construction and renovations, Magallan said parents of the incoming first-graders can tour the campus in the fall before classes start.

Bridges said that there aren't any current plans for kindergartners to attend Carver because of the difficulty of identifying gifted-and-talented students before school starts. She said that adding kindergarteners was originally part of the school's plan; a decision is still "several years away."

Disabled students funneled out for truancy

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Disabled students say they were charged with truancy and funneled out of public schools, according to an official complaint they filed Wednesday, accusing 13 districts and the Texas Education Agency of violating federal law.

Three nonprofits — Disability Rights Texas, the National Center for Youth Law and Texas Appleseed — mailed the complaint to the Texas Education Agency on behalf of the students, but seek an outside investigator. They accuse the agency and the districts, including those in Austin, Houston, Fort Worth and San Antonio, of violating the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

The Texas Education Agency declined to comment on the complaint, since it has not yet been received, spokeswoman DeEtta Culberson said.

Culberson added that the groups did email the agency informing them of the complaint.

The agency has 60 days to investigate the complaint and decide whether the districts are violating the federal law.

"Based on our review of available data and our conversations with students and parents, they have not appropriately overseen the districts in their implementation of the act," Deborah Fowler, executive director of Texas Appleseed, said about the agency.

The districts are accused of failing to give students with disabilities individualized education services.

Obituaries



Bonnie Jeffi (Rhea) Wilson

Bonnie Jeffi (Rhea) Wilson, of Odessa, died May 23, 2015. She was born in Pampa, Texas on October 6, 1931, to the late T.J. and Willie Rhea.

Bonnie was a member of The Church of Christ in Lefors, Texas.

She married Billy D. Wilson on September 7, 1948, attended school in Lefors and received a Bachelors of Arts degree from West Texas State University. She taught school in Kermit, Texas for 23 years, was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a past President of Midland Senior Citizens Center.

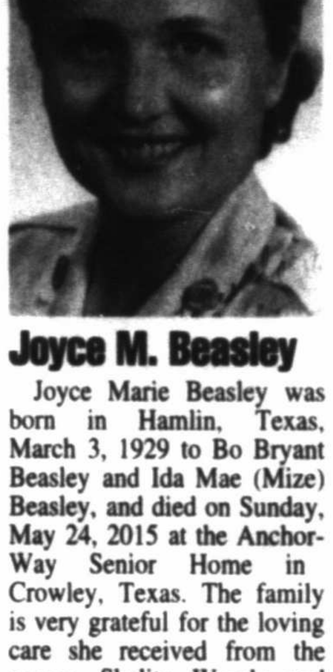
Bonnie is survived by her husband, Billy D. Wilson; son, Howard Wilson and wife Tanice; daughter-in-law, Cyndi Wilson; four grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her son, Ronnie Rhea Wilson; sister, Estelene Baer; and by her parents, T.J. and Willie Rhea.

In lieu of flowers, give to the charity of your choice.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

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The Healing Starts Here



Joyce M. Beasley

Joyce Marie Beasley was born in Hamlin, Texas, March 3, 1929 to Bo Bryant Beasley and Ida Mae (Mize) Beasley, and died on Sunday, May 24, 2015 at the Anchor-Way Senior Home in Crowley, Texas. The family is very grateful for the loving care she received from the owner, Shelita Woods and staff, and Envoy Hospice.

Before her third birthday, the family moved to Midland, Texas. Joyce attended Midland schools, graduating from MHS in 1947. She excelled at sports, and enjoyed playing on the volley ball team. After high school, she worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. Always a hard worker, she served as a role model for her four younger sisters, encouraging us to work and always save part of our salary.

Joyce enlisted in the Women's Air Force in 1951. She wound up working in Washington D.C. at the Pentagon. Joyce played on the WAF basketball team and was always happy to recount that the Women's Air Force team (underdogs) beat the elite team of United States Army Nurses representing Walter Reed Army Hospital.

After serving her country, Joyce returned to Midland and worked for the Civil Service at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring, commuting from Midland for several years. When she did retire, Joyce and her best friend, Jo Hill, bought and cultivated acreage near Garden City, which they turned into a state-of-the-art pecan ranch which they named "TheBack Forty." They grew prize winning pecans and enjoyed the trophies and accolades. Besides working on the pecans, Joyce was a life-long Democrat and worked tirelessly for the Texas Democrats. Also, as a member of The National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association, she enjoyed many years of fellowship with other retired government employees.

In 2012, Joyce moved to Cleburne, Texas to be nearer her sisters.

Joyce was predeceased by her mother and father, her brother Elvis Bryant Beasley, and sister, Vera Beasley Langley, and her special friend, Jo Hill.

She is survived by three sisters, Jean Beasley Fikes of Kingsland, Texas, Mary Beasley Schubert of Joshua, Texas, and Molly Beasley Schneider (Leo) of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also surviving are her brother-in-law, C.J. Langley of Midland; sister-in-law, Bobbie Beasley of Antlers, Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews.

Family will be receiving at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home on Thursday, May 28, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. A graveside service will be Friday, May 29, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Fairview Cemetery, with Pastor Danny Bisbee officiating.

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

Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com*.

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Juan Arras Gomez

Juan Arras Gomez, 80, of Midland, passed away on May 22, 2015. A rosary will be held at 7:00pm on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel. Services will be at 10:00 am Thursday, May 28, 2015 at San Miguel (Saint Michael) Archangel Catholic Church of Midland with burial following at 2:00pm at Toyah Cemetery in Toyah, Texas.

Juan A. Gomez was born November 24, 1934 in Banderas, Chihuahua, Mexico to Jose F. Gomez and Jenoveva Arras Gomez. He became a naturalized citizen as a young man and he moved to Kent, TX where he began to work for Union Pacific Railroad in 1955. He later met his beloved wife, Virginia Machuca Gomez and they were married on April 3, 1957 in Pecos, TX. A year and a half after they were married, they moved to Midland and had their children. He was involved in his church choir, loved playing his guitar, and he loved sports so much that he organized a baseball team. He loved to watch his grandkids play baseball, softball, and any other sport.

He is survived by his wife, Virginia Machuca Gomez; son, Juan M. Gomez Jr.; daughter, Grabiela Gomez Mireles; son, Rene M. Gomez; daughter, Eloise M. Gomez; daughter, Martha Machuca Gomez; daughter, Ufemia G. Rodriguez; daughter, Jessica Gomez Macias; a very dear friend and caretaker, Luz Maria G. Salazar; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Jenoveva Arras Gomez.

The family would like to express their gratitude towards his Doctor, Rosanna Catalasan, and his caretaker, Luz Maria G. Salazar.

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

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Death Notices

Sheila Marie Hopper

Sheila Marie Hopper, 64, of Midland, Texas, passed away Tuesday, May 26, 2015 in Midland, Texas.

She is survived by her son, Mike Hopper; and by two daughters, Tressa Gutierrez and Melissa Chapman.

A family viewing will be held on Friday, May 29, 2015 between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. at the American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home Chapel, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas 79707.

Services will be held at First Baptist Church in Midland on Saturday, May 30, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., followed immediately by a burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

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OTHERDEATH

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW YORK

U2's longtime tour manager, Dennis Sheehan, found dead

Dennis Sheehan, U2's longtime tour manager, has died at a Southern California hotel, a day after the band kicked off a five-night stint in the Los Angeles area.

U2 frontman Bono posted a statement Wednesday on the band's website about Sheehan's death.

"We've lost a family member, we're still taking it in," Bono wrote. "He wasn't just a legend in the music business, he was a legend in our band. He is irreplaceable."

Sheehan died at the Sunset Marquis Hotel in West Hollywood. He has managed U2's tours for more than three decades.

Los Angeles County Fire Inspector Chris Reade said first responders were called at about 5:30 a.m. to reports of a man in cardiac arrest. Sheehan was pronounced dead at the scene. Coroner's investigators are at the hotel.

The Irish quartet brought its "Innocence & Experience" tour to the Forum in Inglewood on Tuesday, the first of five nights in the Los Angeles area.

"With profound sadness we confirm that Dennis Sheehan, U2's longstanding tour manager and dear friend to us all, has passed away overnight," said Live Nation's Arthur Fogel. "Our heartfelt sympathy is with his wonderful family."

Live Nation said Wednesday night's show at the Forum would go on.

"Dennis always got the band on stage, pretty much on time. We're going to make sure we do that tonight, in his memory," Fogel said.

The death in the U2 camp comes after other recent setbacks for the veteran band. Bono crashed his bike in Central Park in New York late last year, suffering multiple injuries, including fractures to his left eye socket, shoulder blade and left elbow.

Guitarist The Edge took a less serious tumble when he fell off the stage near the end of a concert in Vancouver, where the band kicked of their tour earlier this month. The Edge later joked about the fall.

And the band's latest album, "Songs of Innocence," was met with criticism last year when it was delivered for free on iTunes by Apple and weeks later released for sale. It was nominated for best rock album at the Grammy Awards in February.

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Associated Press

Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, left, talks with state Sen. Craig Estes, R-Wichita Falls, right, in the Senate Chamber at the Texas Capitol on Wednesday. Law enforcement groups from across Texas are demanding Gov. Greg Abbott veto a handgun open carry bill if they can't strip out a restriction on police powers to question people carrying weapons.

POLICE

From 1A

That argument swayed House members, who rejected an attempt to pass the bill and chose instead to negotiate a new version.

The no-stop provision "handcuffs law enforcement," Austin Police Chief Art Acevedo said at a Capitol news conference. He was backed by members of the Texas Police Chiefs Association, the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, the Sheriffs Association of Texas and police unions from Dallas and Houston.

All said the no-stop provision would endanger the public and police who are trained to be wary of firearms in any situation.

"If it doesn't get removed, the only responsible thing to do is for the governor to veto," Acevedo said.

An Abbott spokeswoman did not return messages seeking comment.

It was a surprise reversal for the House, which supports open carry in general and approved the no-stop provision with little debate back in April. It didn't sound alarms until a boisterous Senate debate last week that was sparked by a rare coalition of liberals and tea party conservatives who supported it.

Conservatives argued police should not be allowed to stop someone engaging in law-abiding activity, and some minority lawmakers said it would prevent racial profiling.

The issue flared up again in the House on Wednesday.

"What's going to happen is more interaction between police and black and brown and poor people because of lawful activity," said Rep. Harold Dutton, a Houston Democrat who is black.

This time, a coalition of Democrats and Republicans rallied behind police to push for the provision being removed.

Republican Phil King, a former police officer from Weatherford, warned police would not be allowed to question someone carrying a gun outside of a day care.

King called open carry a "quantum shift" for police and the public and said the no-stop restriction would put officers in "an uncomfortable situation."

The delay could harm a bill that had been expected to pass this session and has been given strong support from Abbott, who has pledged to sign any bill that expands gun rights. With less than a week left, at least one senator, Rodney Ellis, has threatened a late-session filibuster to kill it if given a chance.

Wednesday's resounding 79-63 rejection of the bill in its current form could also indicate it will struggle to pass if police don't get their way.

Police sent a strong message to the Legislature's Republican majority that they will keep up the pressure.

"You can't be the party of law and order and not listen to us," Acevedo said. "If it doesn't get removed, the only responsible thing to do is for the governor to veto."

CAPITOLALMANAC

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Highlights from around the Capitol on Wednesday:

Gay marriage

Texas Republicans have stopped legislative efforts that sought to defy the U.S. Supreme Court if same-sex marriage is legalized this summer.

That means the first session under Republican Gov. Greg Abbott will end next week without new restrictions that gay rights activists and some Texas businesses intensely opposed.

The Texas Senate on Wednesday night had a final chance to vote on prohibiting government officials from giving marriage licenses to same-sex couples. But with only hours until a midnight deadline, the bill was scrapped.

Computer maker Dell Inc. was among businesses that had urged lawmakers to not pursue the measure.

Republicans instead passed a resolution that says they believe marriage is between a man and woman. The symbolic statement falls short of what some conservatives sought.

The Legislature adjourns June 1.

Filming rules

The House has altered a sweeping ethics bill, making it easier for lawmakers — and everyone at the Texas Capitol — to sue people who film them without permission.

Lawmakers voted 100 to 40 Wednesday to allow those being filmed to ask the person doing so what they're up to. If the person lies, but later releases footage, the amendment would facilitate lawsuits.

The Legislature has been rocked by the American Phoenix Foundation, a conservative group with cameras that has descended on the Capitol, hoping to embarrass veteran lawmakers.

Both Republicans and Democrats have complained about the group. But, since banning filming would violate state law, they've looked for other protections.

The House version of the ethics bill must be reconciled with the Senate's, meaning the amendment may not survive.

Austin residency

The Texas House has passed a proposed state constitutional amendment that would allow statewide officeholders to live somewhere other than Austin.

Drafted by tea party-backed Sen. Donna Campbell, the proposal would excuse the governor and other officials elected by voters statewide from living in the state capital. It already cleared the Senate.

As a proposed constitutional amendment, it needed two-thirds House support, or 100 minimum votes. It barely cleared that threshold Wednesday, passing 102 to 43.

The measure puts a referendum on this November's general election ballot. It lets voters decide whether to change the Texas Constitution, scraping a statewide officeholder residency requirement dating back to 1876.

The ballot question is expected to cost the state nearly $120,000. But Campbell argues that modern technology has made the requirement obsolete.

On deck

Facing a deadline to put bills that originated in the upper chamber to a floor vote, the Senate was scheduled to work until midnight Wednesday. The House was wrapping up earlier, after its midnight run the previous evening. Both chambers will convene today, but work should shift primarily to conference committees.

Quote of the day

"Do you know if the portrait will feature the hipster glasses, or be before the glasses?" Rep. Chris Turner, D-Grand Prairie, asking about an official portrait of former Gov. Rick Perry. The House subsequently voted 144-0 to authorize hanging the former governor's portrait in the Capitol rotunda. It's unknown if it will feature the glasses Perry began wearing in 2013.

Study: More were treated for Ebola-like symptoms in Texas

Associated Press

DALLAS — A study published this week in a medical journal says about a dozen more people were hospitalized with Ebola-like symptoms last year after being exposed to the disease in Texas.

The patients ultimately tested negative for the Ebola virus, The Dallas Morning News reported.

The study, which was published Tuesday in the Annals of Internal Medicine, said the patients had developed fevers, headaches, abdominal pain, nausea, vomiting or diarrhea. They were hospitalized for one to five days and were released after tests came back negative.

The study's lead investigator, Dr. Wendy Chung, said that some patients might not have reported their symptoms if they had believed their hospitalization would have been reported by news outlets.

"Our patients appreciated the sensitivity to their privacy," said Chung, who's the chief epidemiologist at Dallas County Health and Human Services. "It would be detrimental to society if fear prevented exposed persons from reporting developing illness."

The report analyzed the effort in which almost 180 people in the Dallas area were identified who needed to be monitored for symptoms. Two nurses, Nina Pham and Amber Vinson, at a Dallas hospital were treated after contracting Ebola while caring for a man who had it.

Dallas County Judge Clay Jenkins, who served as spokesman during the response effort, said not all of those hospitalized were considered likely to develop Ebola.

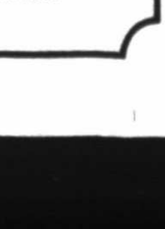
"We had maybe three we were on pins and needles about," he recalled. "The rest were the result of following the protocols that needed to be followed."

Thomas Eric Duncan was diagnosed with the virus in September after traveling to Dallas from Liberia, which was one of seve. He died later in October.

What's happening in Midland this weekend? Find out by reading
WEEKENDER
Look for it inside today's edition of the Reporter-Telegram



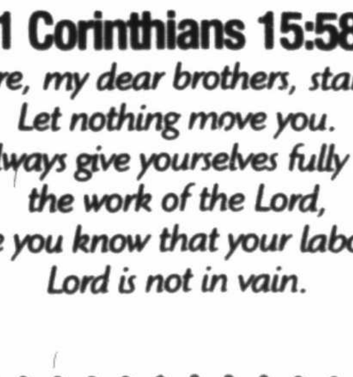
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

On this date in Midland history

On May 28, 1978, Al Unser drove Jim Hall's car to victory at the Indianapolis 500. It was the first Indy title for Hall.

Things to do

- Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m., The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.
- RockHounds baseball and Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m., Security Ballpark. milb.com.
- Thieving Birds, 7:30-10 p.m., Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Meeting schedule

Hospital board
11:30 a.m.
Administration boardroom

Support groups, club meetings today

- TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave., 694-8643.
- Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.
- Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m. at Sibley Nature Center; 687-6467.
- Sun Country Gentlemen, 7 p.m., Rea Greathouse Room at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 553-1952 or 425-5662

Water usage

Water delivered to the city of Midland from Colorado River Municipal Water District and T-Bar/Clearwater ranch sources:

May 12	18,713,000 gallons
May 13	15,806,000 gallons
May 14	17,990,000 gallons
May 15	17,821,000 gallons
May 16	15,480,000 gallons
May 17	18,511,000 gallons
May 18	19,056,000 gallons
May 19	16,515,000 gallons
May 20	18,312,000 gallons
May 21	19,401,000 gallons
May 22	16,179,000 gallons
May 23	14,713,000 gallons
Sunday	14,151,000 gallons
Monday	15,944,000 gallons
Tuesday	16,530,300 gallons

The average CRMWD delivery to Midland in April was 13,015,667 gallons (does not include delivery from T-Bar/Clearwater sources). The current average in May is 11,597,742.

Source: City of Midland

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 from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays from 6 p.m. until midnight.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Source: City of Midland

National Running Day

City of Midland, Midland Independent School District and USA Fit are teaming up to host a free run to celebrate National Running Day. Runners and joggers of all levels are invited to run around Wadley Barron Park's duck pond, North "A" Street and Cuthbert Avenue, 7-8 a.m. June 5.

The non-competitive event is free; door prizes will be given away throughout the event. Participants may park at Bowie Elementary, 805 Elk Ave.

National Running Day, which is June 3, is a day for runners to show their passion for running, according to a press release from the city.

Correction

Occidental Petroleum President and Chief Executive Officer Steve Chazen's last name was misspelled in Wednesday's caption that accompanied the photo for the Midland Wildcat Committee reception. Also, Vicki Hollub's title is senior executive vice president, Occidental Petroleum and president, Oxy Oil and Gas.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the errors.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-7-8
Pick 3 day: 2-8-6
Pick 3 evening: 9-6-1
Pick 3 night: 9-9-1
Daily 4 morning: 5-7-7-4
Daily 4 day: 2-2-5-8
Daily 4 evening: 8-3-1-8
Daily 4 night: 8-0-1-8
Cash Five: 1-8-17-26-28
Lotto Texas: 2-17-19-21-30-34
Powerball: 8-15-34-53-59 PB: 23 Power Play: 2
All or Nothing morning: 3-5-6-13-14-16-17-18-19-21-23-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-5-9-10-12-13-14-17-18-20-24
All or Nothing evening: 4-6-10-11-12-15-16-17-18-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 3-6-8-9-11-14-15-16-18-19-21-22

Today in history

In 1929, the first all-color talking picture, "On with the Show!", produced by Warner Bros., opened in New York.

In 1959, the U.S. Army launched Able, a rhesus monkey, and Baker, a squirrel monkey, aboard a Jupiter missile for a suborbital flight which both primates survived.

Today's birthdays: Basketball Hall-of-Famer Jerry West is 77. Former New York City Mayor Rudolph Giuliani is 71.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Protestors rally outside courthouse

Protestors gather outside the Midland County Courthouse on Wednesday.

In December of last year, Midland police shot 49-year-old Rosendo Gino Rodriquez after he allegedly swung a machete at Midland police officers in his home before he was fatally shot by two of them.

Midland Police Department Chief Price Robinson said afterward he supported the two officers involved in the shooting. MPD had reported that police found Rodriquez holding a machete and fired multiple bean bag rounds to get him to drop the weapon. When that failed and Rodriquez continued to swing the machete, officers responded with gunfire, killing Rodriquez.

In March, a Midland County grand jury indicted Rodriquez on an attempted capital murder charge. The charge was immediately dismissed because Rodriquez is deceased.

He was indicted for his actions in the Dec. 1 incident where he allegedly swung a machete at Midland police officers in his home before being fatally shot by two of them.

The officers involved in the case, Sgt. Mitch Russell and Officer Sean Sharp, were cleared by the grand jury of any wrongdoing from the incident.

Froms staff reports

Homeowners clean up in Texas; death toll climbs to 21

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Homeowners dragged soggy carpet to the curb and mopped up coffee-colored muck Wednesday after a barrage of storms and floods in Texas and Oklahoma left at least 21 people dead and 11 others missing.

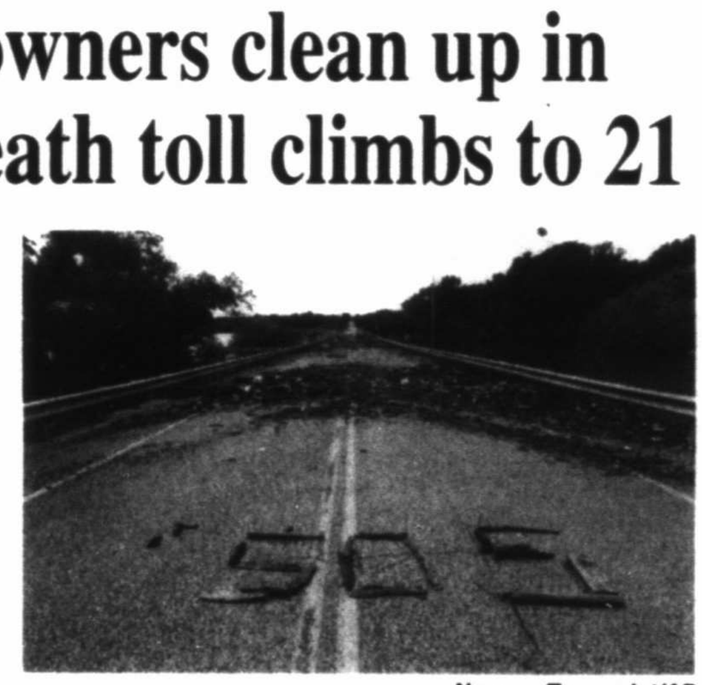
More rain fell on the hard-hit Houston area, temporarily complicating the cleanup a day after a downpour of nearly a foot triggered the worst flooding the nation's fourth-largest city has seen in years. Hundreds of homes were damaged.

Severe weather continued in other parts of Texas, with hundreds of people west of Fort Worth told to evacuate along the rising Brazos River and flash flood warnings posted in many areas.

Gadi Shaulsky spent the day cutting wet carpet and padding from his home in Houston's Meyerland section and taking it to the curb. His neighbors were doing the same. A water mark showed that up to 6 inches of water had seeped into the home.

"That was just really frightening. It was just flowing in," said Shaulsky's wife, Jodi. With tears in her eyes, she added: "It's hard to wrap your head around all that needs to be done."

Houston Mayor Annise Parker said two people whose boat capsized during a rescue were missing. Another person was missing in suburban Houston. And in Central Texas, crews resumed the search for nine people feared dead after the swollen Blanco River smashed through Wimberley, a small tourist town between San Antonio and Austin, over the Memorial Day weekend.



Norman Transcript/AP

A message spelled with debris sits on the Twin Bridges as water recedes from Lake Thunderbird on Tuesday after heavy rains hit Norman, Okla., over the weekend.

The storms that produced the flooding were part of a system that stretched from Mexico into the central U.S. The death toll from the system climbed to 35 — 14 in Mexico, 17 in Texas and four in Oklahoma. The Houston area alone had seven storm-related deaths.

Matt Meeks and his wife, Natalie, worked to clean up the resort on the banks of the Blanco that has been in his family for five generations, since the 1920s.

Of the 14 rock cabins at Rio Bonito Resort, probably only five will be salvageable, they said. Two were destroyed and seven appeared structurally unsound.

Meeks' parents own the resort, but he took charge of removing the debris and salvaging the furniture because "they're too emotionally tied to the place to decide what gets junked and what stays."

On the night of the flood, they got all 100 guests out safely after the fire chief called to warn that the river was rising. The river had never gotten so close to the cabins before, Meeks said.

This has been the wettest month on record for Texas, and there are still several days left. The state climatologist's office said Wednesday that Texas has gotten an average of 7.54 inches of rain in May, breaking the old record of 6.66 inches, set in June 2004.

Texas has been hit with almost continuous storms for the past week to 10 days. The wettest area has been from Dallas-Fort Worth to the Red River, where some places have gotten more than 20 inches of rain.

Authorities, meanwhile, defended their telephone and in-person warnings to residents ahead of the bad weather but acknowledged the difficulty in reaching tourists and said a messaging system in Houston is awaiting improvements.

Deaths highlight hidden danger from storm drains

Associated Press

The drowning of an Oklahoma firefighter and a Texas teenager in storms that swept through those states highlight the persistent dangers posed by storm drains that help protect neighborhoods during flash flooding but can suck in unsuspecting residents and rescue workers.

The deaths are renewing calls for cities to identify potentially dangerous drain openings and cover them with grates or add other safety measures.

Drainage systems constructed in many densely populated areas to collect stormwater feature wide drain openings at the bottom of open culverts or ditches that feed into long pipes. During floods, the drainage channels create powerful currents that can sweep people in, along with those trying to rescue them.

In Claremore, Oklahoma, on Saturday, Fire Capt. Jason Farley was leading a rescue crew that helped evacuate families from flooded duplexes in the Tulsa suburb when he stepped into a water-filled box culvert, said Fire Chief Sean Douglas.

Farley and another firefighter who tried to rescue him were pulled into a drain pipe. The other firefighter traveled 200 yards until he was ejected from the pipe and survived, but Farley got caught inside and died.

"The water was high enough you couldn't see the box culvert at all," Douglas said.

In the Dallas suburb of DeSoto, 14-year-old Damien Blade was walking his dogs when authorities believe he was swept into an opening in a neighborhood drainage system and drowned.

The two were among at least 21 people who died in holiday weekend flooding in Texas and Oklahoma.

Several deaths or near-drownings occur every year in storm drains. In 2002, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health recommended that municipalities take steps "to minimize potential for injury" after the death of a Denver firefighter who was swept into a pipe while rescuing a woman stranded in a flood near a water-filled culvert.

Some local officials fear that covering the drains with grates might worsen flood damage to homes and property if they get clogged with debris.

SLUMP

From 1A

nearly 10 percent from April to May, and prices for the manufacturers' products slipped 2 percent. For the fifth month in a row, executives took a dim view of the current business climate, and new orders declined.

Though May's manufacturing readings reminded economists of the Great Recession, the Fed's survey suggests the sector's executives believe they're not in for another prolonged contraction in activity. The recent rally in oil prices has stirred hopes that demand could pick up later this year, said Emily Kerr, an economist for the Dallas Fed.

"We're certainly seeing some optimism," Kerr said, noting that comments collected by the Dallas Fed suggest manufacturing executives saw the brunt of the oil slump earlier this year and expect a brighter future.

One executive said the recent rally in oil prices has given rise to "a general feeling" that the impact of the oil bust is leveling out. Another said their company just needs to survive until the third quarter of this year, when customers who have delayed purchasing products will probably begin ordering them again.

The manufacturing executives' outlook for business activity six months out improved in May. The Dallas Fed's measure for optimism about the future business climate climbed 11 percent, and roughly half of the manufacturers said they expect their production to increase and that they'll get an influx of new orders over the next six months.

"We are cautiously optimistic about future demand and the economy as a whole," a nonmetallic mineral product manufacturing executive said.

EMPLOYMENT

From 1A

also have seen a multi-month fall in employment figures since December's high of 21,000. Employment dropped slightly to 20,400 in February and has crept back up to 20,600 in April's preliminary BLS figures. Historical trends indicate that drops in employment in the trade, transportation and utilities industry during the first three months of the year may be normal. The mining, logging and construction industry does not reflect a similar yearly fluctuation.

Online metropolitan data group Headlight ranked Midland No. 8 nationwide for percent change in employment in the manufacturing sector between January 2014 and January 2015. Manufacturing employment grew by 10.5 percent year-over-year from 3,800 employees to 4,200. Preliminary numbers from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the manufacturing sector had 4,300 employees in April.

The January manufacturing employment number made up only 4.4 percent of Midland's employed labor force, compared to 31.5 percent for mining, logging and construction and 21.9 percent for trade, transportation, and utilities. In January, 7.1 percent of Midland's employed labor force worked for education and health services.

College Station-Bryan was the only other Texas city that ranked in the Top 10 nationwide for growth in manufacturing employment, with a year-over-year growth figure of 10.7 percent. Like Midland, College Station's manufacturing pool is small, making up only 5.5 percent of people employed in the College Station-Bryan area. Government in College Station-Bryan was the largest employer with 33,500 employees in January, or 29.9 percent of the workforce.

Against Islamic State group, airstrikes might not suffice

■ ANALYSIS

By Dan Perry and Vivian Salama
Associated Press

BAGHDAD — It is the modern era's military strategy of choice: overwhelming air power delivering precision-guided punishment backed by intelligence on the ground, with minimal exposure for soldiers of the striking side.

Seductive though it is to risk-averse governments with war-weary publics, the approach has its limits — and these are on display in Syria and Iraq, where a U.S.-led coalition has carried out more than 4,100 airstrikes against Islamic State radicals yet failed to stop the extremists.

August will mark a year since the campaign was launched after tens of thousands of minority Yazidis were forced to flee an onslaught by the militants in Iraq, causing a humanitarian crisis.

It was clear from the start that a ground force was needed, and Iraqi and Syrian Kurdish fighters have had successes on the battlefield. The Iraqi military was also expected to play a key role: air power would soften up the extremists, weakening them or getting them to flee, and the Iraqis were to deliver the final blow or retake areas abandoned by the militants.

That has not gone according to plan.

Badly humiliated and Shiite-dominated, Iraq's army has shown little stamina in the mostly Sunni cities taken by the Islamic State militants. In recent days, U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter assessed it lacked the "will to fight" after fleeing Ramadi, the strategic capital of Iraq's largest Sunni province, Anbar, leaving the Islamic State group in control of nearly all its territory, which stretches to the Jordan border.

Overall, the extremists remain in control of about a third of Iraq and Syria, equivalent to the amount of territory under its authority before the air campaign began. It continues to terrorize the population there, imposing its unforgiving brand of radical Islam and terrorizing minority groups in shocking fashion, including sexual enslavement of women.



AP file photo

A plume of smoke rises May 9 after an airstrike by the U.S.-led coalition against Islamic State group positions in an eastern neighborhood of Ramadi, the capital of Anbar province, 70 miles west of Baghdad. The U.S.-led coalition has carried out more than 4,100 airstrikes against Islamic State radicals, with limited results.

It has suffered some setbacks and also made some gains. The checklist appears to point to a tie — with advantage, Islamic State:

■ The group has held on to its main hubs in Iraq and Syria, Mosul and Raqqa, as well as Fallujah, a strategic Iraqi town a short drive from Baghdad.

■ It is battling to a tie around Beiji, home to Iraq's major oil refinery that has yet to fall but is surrounded. Iraqi security forces have poured resources and manpower into securing the refinery, and the militants stage periodic attacks on the complex.

■ In Syria, it was rebuffed by a massive air campaign in the Kurdish town of Kobani on the Turkish border, but in recent days, its fighters have captured the Syrian town of Palmyra, the site of 2,000-year-old Roman ruins. That has brought it closer to Damascus.

There are success stories — most recently in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, where 11th-hour U.S. airstrikes proved to be a game-changer after a large-scale Iraqi operation to retake the city stumbled.

While air power has proven well-suited to hitting command-and-control centers, storage facilities and infrastructure, Islamic State fighters have proven adept at reacting. The group "is nimble enough to move around their personnel and equipment to make up for any losses with tactical moves," said Dubai-based geopolitical analyst Theodore Karasik. "The battlefield is very fluid."

At a meeting of top Arab officials and business people sponsored by the World Economic Forum in Jordan last weekend, there was a strong sense that the coalition must reassess if it hoped to avoid a protracted conflict, or some other version of failure.

Some yearned for a return of the U.S. military, although none would say so on the record. After the grim experience for Americans in Afghanistan and Iraq since 2001, with thousands of U.S. lives lost and billions of dollars squandered, it simply wouldn't fly.

All seemed to agree that a rethink was in order. But for now, the Obama administration remains opposed to sending U.S. forces back into combat in Iraq and is calling for patience and time to train Iraqis. Perhaps in the long run, a new pan-Arab strike force being promoted by Egypt might be the answer.

As unhappiness mounts with coalition performance, here are some issues to consider:

Yemen

Another air campaign carried out by a coalition of Sunni Arab nations led by Saudi Arabia has had similarly disappointing results, this time against Shiite Houthi rebels who seized much of Yemen, including the capital, Sanaa. After two months of airstrikes, the Houthis have been damaged, but they haven't been expelled from any major areas they control.

Like Islamic State, the Houthis and their allies have devised tactics to avoid being hit from the air, using public transportation and motorcycles to deploy forces or traveling at night on foot or in vehicles with their headlights dimmed. And like the jihadis, they easily melt into urban civilian areas under their control — practically daring coalition forces to try to bomb them out. As long as the rebels control the local population and have little concern for the suffering of civilians, this can create pressure on the attacking side, which soon stands accused of humanitarian abuses.

By contrast, airstrikes did succeed for Israel in stopping Hamas rocket fire from Gaza last summer, and for NATO in 1999 in getting Serbia to eventually relinquish Kosovo. But this was against state actors that ultimately felt beholden to their suffering populations.

No ally in Syria

Whereas in Iraq the coalition has a weak ally, in Syria it is hampered by having no real ally at all. Indeed, it has gone out of its way to avoid the impression of working with the government of Bashar Assad, who many around the world see as having lost any legitimacy to rule.

Despite calls by antiquities officials to help save Palmyra this week, the coalition refrained from interfering, launching one airstrike that struck only after the town had already fallen and Syrian government troops defending the town had fled.

Instead, the U.S.-led coalition is working mainly in support of Syria's Kurds, launching daily airstrikes that concentrate on areas around Kobani and the predominantly Kurdish province of Hassakeh in the northeast. Kurdish fighters, supported by air cover from the coalition, have made significant advances, taking back dozens of villages in recent days.

Psychological edge

In any fight, it is the fearless side that usually enjoys the edge. Unlike Western troops, jihadis like the Islamic State group seem unafraid to die in airstrikes and are pleased to dispatch suicide attackers who are difficult to stop. Facing a declared offensive by the Iraqi army in Anbar province this week, the militants did just that, unleashing a wave of suicide car bombings that killed at least 17 troops, including a top commander.

It is part of the group's psychological warfare: a seemingly inexhaustible supply of willing bombers at the wheel of trucks loaded with explosives. High-definition propaganda videos follow, showing the trucks speeding toward their target before exploding into fire and clouds of black smoke, devastating Iraqi forces' morale.

The U.S. has promised to deliver more anti-tank weapons to counter the suicide bombers. But in an almost comical indication of the futility, the U.S. has had to devote some of its airstrikes to destroying tanks and other U.S.-supplied weaponry that the Iraqis have abandoned to the Islamic State fighters.

ISLAMICSTATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Man accused of conspiring to back Islamic State

A Houston-area man has been charged with conspiring to support the Islamic State group.

A U.S. Attorney's Office statement says Asher Abid Khan was arrested Tuesday and charged with conspiracy to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

A criminal complaint says the 20-year-old Spring resident and a friend planned to travel to Turkey, then Syria, with the intent of joining and fighting with Islamic State.

The documents allege Khan's friend made it to Syria with Khan's help. They say Khan, who had been living in Australia, made it to Istanbul but then his family deceived him into returning to Texas.

If convicted, he could be sentenced to up to 15 years in federal prison.

Federal court records list no attorney for him who could comment on the charge.

GEORGIA

Man pleads guilty to seeking to join Islamic State

AUGUSTA — A 37-year-old Georgia salesman pleaded guilty Wednesday to federal charges that he supported terrorists, saying he bought a one-way ticket overseas to join the Islamic State group.

Leon Nathan Davis of Augusta told a U.S. District court judge he planned last fall to fly to Istanbul, Turkey, where he said, "I was to be smuggled into Syria and at that point in time join ISIS."

A stocky, pale man with a shaved head, Davis answered with a pronounced Southern accent when the judge asked if he understood the U.S. considers the Islamic State to be a terrorist organization: "Yes, sir, I did."

Davis is among several dozen people charged in the last year with trying to fight alongside the Islamic State and other militants or with lending them material support. Federal charges against him were filed Wednesday just before his plea hearing.

Judge J. Randall Hall, who will sentence Davis at a later date, did not ask about his motivations for seeking to join Islamic militants. Prosecutors and Davis' defense attorney declined to discuss the case further after his plea hearing.

Charging documents filed with the court say Davis is also known by the names Abdul Wakil Khalil and Abu Hurairah Al Amreekee. Georgia Department of Corrections records show he was imprisoned in October 2005 after being sentenced to 10 years for cocaine trafficking. He was released in September 2008, but returned to prison for more than a year starting in February 2012.

Davis told the judge he worked as a salesman for a company selling mail-order medical supplements before his most recent arrest. He also said he's been married since 2013 and has a stepdaughter.

Federal authorities began watching Davis more than a year ago after he tried to contact Islamic State members through social media, FBI agent Gutis Zunde testified. He said Davis booked a flight to Turkey online last fall and traveled to Atlanta's Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport to catch his plane Oct. 24. Authorities arrested Davis at the Delta Air Lines check-in counter.

Zunde said Davis later told investigators he expected to teach English to other Islamic State members once he reached Syria.

"He said he wasn't sure if he would be a fighter or possibly a recruiter for them," Zunde said.

Davis faces up to 15 years in federal prison and a fine of up to $250,000 when he's sentenced on the charge of attempting to provide material support to terrorists.

Prosecutors since February held him on a charge of illegal firearms possession by a convicted felon, saying Davis owned six rifles, four handguns and two shotguns. The judge said prosecutors plan to drop that charge.

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Rand Paul's GOP chances fade by the day

■ Kentucky senator's candidacy fails to ignite or connect with an electorate to the right



DANA MILBANK
Washington Post Writers Group

Rand Paul took a left turn on his journey to the Republican nomination, and now his hopes seem to be headed south.

The libertarian Kentucky senator's new book, "Taking a Stand," came out Tuesday, and it is chock-full of lines that would position Paul well — if he were running against Hillary Clinton for the Democratic nomination.

On the environment: "You'll find I'm a tree hugger, literally .:. I'm a Republican who wants clean air, clean water, and the life-extending miracle of electricity ! compost."

On Wall Street: "Only in a world of crony capitalism would bankers whose faulty decisions caused bankruptcy be allowed to cash out as the middle class absorbs the losses."

On his party: "Right now, the Republican brand sucks. I promised Reince Priebus, the chairman of the Republican National Committee, that I would stop saying the GOP sucks, and I will (except for this last time)."

On racial minorities: "I want a New GOP that resonates with America, that looks like America — white and black. ... The face of the Republican Party should not be about suppressing the vote but about enhancing the vote."

On Ferguson, Missouri: "Thousands of peaceful protesters were met with rubber bullets, tear gas, and a police department that showed up at the protest in gear more fitting for Fallujah or Kandahar."

On drug sentencing: "We should free those who are in jail under the old guidelines. Our prisons are bursting with young men — and women — who are poor or of color."

But Paul has a problem: He isn't running for the Democratic nomination. And though Paul may think his Republican Party's brand sucks, the primary voters don't necessarily share his view that the party is too old and too white. His candidacy has so far failed to ignite — and, indeed, he seems to be fading as a force within the party.

The most recent national poll, by Fox News, has Paul in sixth place, with 7 percent, trailing Jeb Bush, Ben Carson, Scott Walker, Mike Huckabee and Marco Rubio. Paul averages only about half the support he had late in 2013. Paul doesn't appear to be winning over young voters — perhaps the most important justification for his candidacy — and does not do better than other Republicans, according to a survey released last month by Harvard University's Institute of Politics. Even in his home state, a media consortium poll this month found that Paul had lost his lead in a theoretical matchup with Clinton.

Paul's declining standing can be felt in Washington. Last week, he attempted to reprise his wildly successful 2013 filibuster, which caught fire on social media and forced party leaders to take notice. But this time Paul found indifference as he fought to limit government surveillance. As The Washington Post's Philip Bump reported, it got only about one-tenth of the Twitter attention that his first effort did. Senate GOP leader Mitch McConnell of Kentucky, who joined Paul's previous filibuster, openly opposed him this time.

On CBS' morning show Tuesday, Paul was asked to answer his Republican colleagues' complaint that his 11-hour speech was really a performance aimed at selling his new book; "Fox & Friends" minutes later asked him to respond to the charge that he is a "misguided ideologue."

"Rand Paul has now decided he wants to be a liberal Democrat," conservative commentator William Kristol said Sunday on ABC's "This Week."

Paul is no liberal; his new book repeats all his conservative ideas about ending Obamacare, slashing government spending, auditing the Fed and privatizing Medicare, and he has the requisite references to free-market economists Ludwig von Mises and Friedrich Hayek.

But Paul is clearly separating himself from the rest of the GOP, both in his new book and in recent remarks. (He told an audience last week that he "didn't run for office" because of the abortion issue.)

At least rhetorically, he is trying to get "rid of the old crust in the Republican Party," by declaring that the Bill of Rights protections are "especially for minorities," that Democrats are not "the only ones allowed to like the environment" and that gerrymandered districts must be undone.

Paul is outraged that "the connected rich didn't get a scratch" when Wall Street collapsed. "They convinced Congress to have the middle-class taxpayer bail them out and went on as if nothing had happened. It's infuriating."

It is infuriating. What's probably more infuriating to Paul is that so few in his party share his indignation.

OPINION EXTRA

Open carry produces strange and sad day in Texas Senate



KEN HERMAN
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There have been lots of strange and sad days in the Texas Senate, so I'll shy from branding a recent one as the strangest and saddest I've seen in Your State Capitol's easternmost chamber. But it was among the stranger and sadder.

We'll address strange first.

The topic was legalizing open carry of handguns by folks, bless their hearts, with concealed handgun licenses and a perceived need to openly carry handguns. As I've said before, open carry seems creepy to me, but I can find no reason to ban it. In fact, I might find it helpful to know that someone, perhaps a creepy someone, is carrying a gun.

Senate OK of the House-approved measure was a foregone conclusion when the debate began last Friday afternoon. Initially, things progressed as expected, meaning swift, certain death for amendments by Dems opposing the bill.

Things bogged down when Sen. Don Huffines, R-Dallas and a proponent of allowing folks to carry handguns without licenses, offered an amendment to bar cops from asking to see the CHLs of open carriers.

The House included that provision in an amendment that drew little attention when it was approved 133-10. As I noted after that vote, it seems weird to bar cops from asking somebody bearing an openly holstered handgun whether they're licensed to do that. But I do have sympathy for the notion that you shouldn't have to show your papers if you're doing something legal.

The provision was stripped in Senate committee. Huffines moved to put it back in on the floor, producing a Ripley's Believe It or Not allegiance between GOP/tea party types and Senate Dem minorities, who oppose open carry but also oppose allowing cops to ask to see CHLs of open carriers.

Nowhere was the strangeness more obvious than when Huffines was backed, literally, by Sen. Royce West, D-Dallas. West, the largest senator, stood right behind Huffines, a slight guy, during the debate. Quite the tableau.

At times — and to the ire of Sen. Joan Huffman, R-Houston, an open carry supporter who vehemently opposed the Huffines amendment as potentially dangerous to cops — West whispered advice into Huffines' ear as he debated Huffman. Pick your analogy: Healthy bipartisan alliance, puppet master and puppet, ventriloquist and dummy.

Strange grew stranger when Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston and an open carry opponent, rose to support the Huffines amendment some see as unduly handcuffing cops.

"I don't want members to think I started drinking the tea," Ellis told tea partier Huffines. "For totally different reasons, you and I end up on the same side on this issue."

And this is where we get to the intersection of strange and sad.

Ellis said he favors barring cops from asking open carriers to show their CHLs because it is "pretty clear to me if I had a license or one of my kids would have one who would be more apt to be asked the question."

Ellis and West are the Senate's only African-Americans. They joined five Hispanic Democrats in helping Huffines win approval for the amendment that drew emotional and bipartisan opposition.

"Your base is very interested in this," Ellis told Huffines, referring to open carry.

"I just want you to know my base is interested as well," he said, referring to racial profiling by cops.

As the debate ended, Ellis told colleagues, "I've heard of strange political bedfellows. This has been the strangest bed I have ever seen."

Strange indeed. And, to me, the sad part was embodied in a post-debate statement in which Ellis said, "Our state has an unfortunate record on racial profiling and selective enforcement when it comes to detaining people of color. I supported Senator Huffines' amendment because minority Texans, like all Texans, should be able to exercise their rights, whatever those rights might be, without fear of selective infringement and detention without any reasonable suspicion of unlawful activity."

Ellis is correct. Racial profiling has an ugly past and troubling present.

Sad, isn't it, when lawmakers feel moved to make law based on their lack of confidence in cops, especially when it's a law potentially relating to the safety of cops.

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Chris Christie tells it like it is

■ The potential GOP candidate talks the big talk like no one else these days



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What if Chris Christie gave an important and impassioned speech on U.S. foreign policy, domestic surveillance, the Patriot Act, military readiness, prosecuting terrorists, keeping the United States safe, and America's place in the world — and almost no one paid attention?

That's what happened last week when the New Jersey governor, a likely entrant into the 2016 presidential race, shared his thoughts on all these subjects and more to an audience in Portsmouth, N.H.

The speech received scant attention from the media, which has shown a reluctance to engage in long discussions about foreign policy.

Meanwhile, the public is increasingly concerned with what's happening in the world. In January, the Pew Research Center released a survey that found, for the first time in five years, Americans listed the need to defend the United States against terrorism as the top policy priority — ahead of strengthening the economy.

Christie vigorously defended the domestic surveillance tactics that have, since the Sept. 11 attacks, been utilized by both George W. Bush and Barack Obama to keep the country safe. He did so with the extra credibility of having served as U.S. attorney for New Jersey for seven years where, he said, he was "focused on fighting terrorism every day" and prosecuted terrorists with the aid of tools like the Patriot Act.

"I've seen what happens when our intelligence community, legal system and law enforcement work together," Christie said. "We can use information to save lives."

The governor also mocked the claim by left-leaning civil liberties groups -- who were more eager to criticize the Bush administration than they have been the Obama administration for the same policies — that surveillance is out of control.

"They want you to think that there's a government agent listening in every time you pick up the phone or Skype with your grandkids," he said of the critics. "They want you to think our intelligence community are the bad guys — straight out of 'The Bourne Identity' or some other Hollywood thriller."

Christie doesn't buy it, and he doesn't think other Americans should either.

"Let's be clear, all these fears are exaggerated and ridiculous," he said. "When it comes to fighting terrorism, our government is not the enemy."

There are plenty of issues out there that break neatly between Republicans and Democrats, but this isn't one of them.

Recently, Attorney General Loretta Lynch said that she is "very concerned" about what could happen if Congress doesn't reauthorize a section of the Patriot Act, which is set to expire in the next few days. As a former U.S. attorney herself, Lynch said that the Patriot Act provided government with "important tools" and that weakening it could make Americans "less safe."

Citing threats around the globe, Christie also said that we need to rebuild the U.S. military in order to restore tactical superiority on the ground, across the seas and in the air.

"We need to give our men and women in uniform the resources they need to get the job done," he said, listing the number of airplanes and warships needed to rebuild the U.S. arsenal.

Why aren't we hearing more of this sort of thing from other candidates? Who can deny that the world is a dangerous place, and becoming more dangerous all the time? With America's influence around the world in steep decline, the list of aggressors eager to test our limits is long — Russia, Iran, China, North Korea, etc. And, of course, there is the Islamic State, which — when it has completed its mission of taking control of major cities in Iraq — will no doubt continue its campaign to target Americans, wherever it finds them.

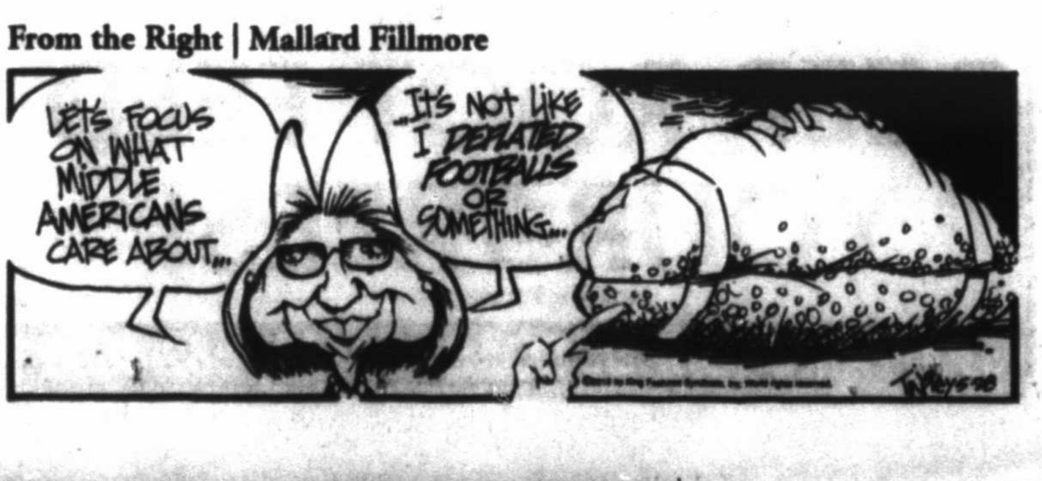
Finally, Christie insisted that President Obama is leaving America weaker than he found her.

"All these things are happening because American power is in retreat and we've backed away from the principles that made us a source of strength and stability," he told the audience. "No one understands any longer whom America stands with or whom we stand against. No one understands exactly what we stand for and what we're willing to sacrifice to stand up for it."

Christie was right to stand up, and say what needed to be said — whether or not the media thought it was newsworthy. Now that more Americans are looking beyond their domestic concerns, we need to hear more about how to keep Americans safe and restore America's place in the world from those individuals who want to be the next commander in chief.

Well, who's next?

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Rick Santorum announces second White House run

Associated Press

CABOT, Pa. — Conservative culture warrior Rick Santorum launched a 2016 White House bid on Wednesday, vowing to fight for working-class Americans in a new election season that will test his influence — and focus on social issues — in a changing Republican Party.

The former Pennsylvania senator may have exceeded his own expectations by scoring a second-place finish in the race for the Republican presidential nomination four years ago. Yet as he enters a more powerful and diverse 2016 field, he may struggle even to qualify for the debate stage in his second run.

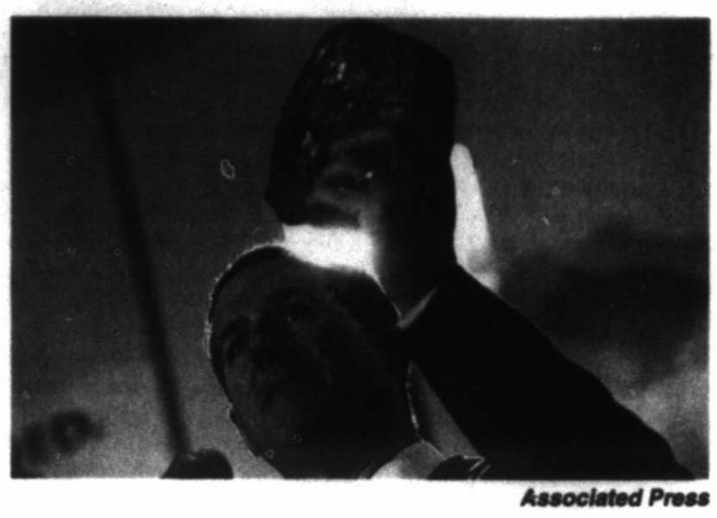
"I am proud to stand here, among you and for you, the American workers who have sacrificed so much, to announce that I am running for president of the United States," the 57-year-old senator said, flanked by factory workers and six of his seven children in a cinder-block warehouse near his western Pennsylvania hometown.

"The last race, we changed the debate. This race, with your help and God's grace, we can change this nation."

Santorum opens this political season as a heavy underdog in a race expected to feature more than a dozen high-profile Republicans — most of them newcomers to presidential politics. He is among the nation's most prominent social conservatives, having dedicated much of his political career to opposing same-sex marriage and abortion rights, while advocating for conservative Christian family values.

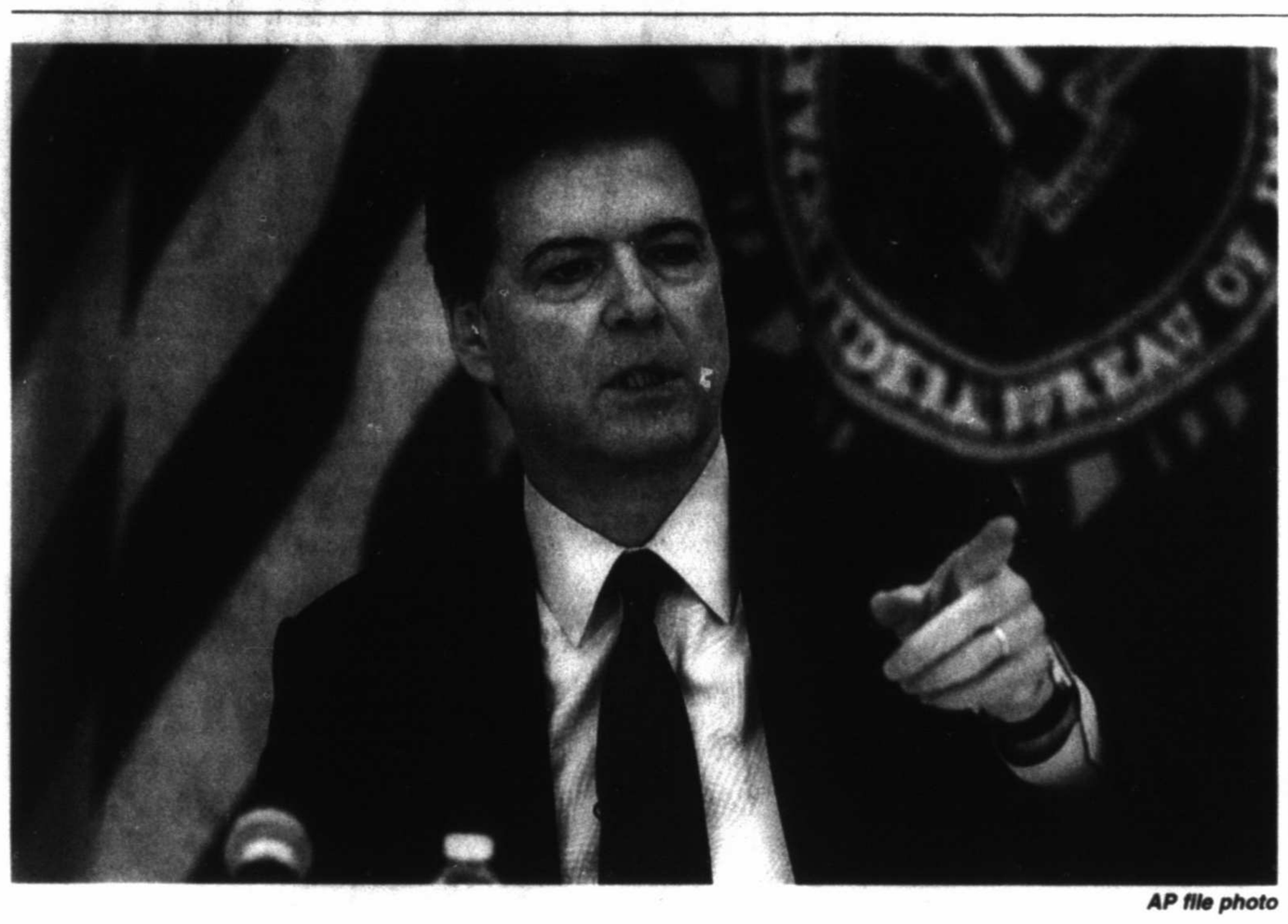
He mentioned cultural issues briefly Wednesday in remarks designed to broaden his appeal to working-class Americans. "As president, I will stand for the principle that every life matters — the poor, the disabled and the unborn," said Santorum, a Catholic.

He ultimately won 11 states in the GOP's 2012 primary election after an unexpected and narrow victory in the opening contest in Iowa, where he emerged as a conservative favorite after touring the state's 99 counties in a pickup truck.



Associated Press

Former Pennsylvania Sen. Rick Santorum holds up a piece of coal while announcing that he is entering the Republican presidential race Wednesday in Cabot, Pa.



AP file photo

FBI director James Comey speaks March 25 at FBI headquarters in Washington. As Congress debates whether to renew a program that collects and stores American phone records, federal law enforcement officials are trying to focus public attention on the jeopardy to lesser-known surveillance tools that they consider more valuable in fighting terrorism.

FBI: Surveillance tools in jeopardy

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Congress wrestles over renewing the bulk collection of Americans' phone records, federal law enforcement officials are warning that legal authority is also at risk for lesser-known surveillance tools that are even more valuable in fighting terrorism.

The Patriot Act authorities give the FBI flexibility to intercept the calls of terror suspects who continuously switch phones during the course of an investigation and to conduct surveillance on "lone wolf" individuals who pose threats but aren't affiliated with an international terrorism organization.

U.S. officials have defended the need for those powers over the last decade, but have amplified those efforts in recent weeks as the expiration dates for their authority nears without any signals of a congressional compromise that would keep them from lapsing along with other parts of the act on June 1.

The Senate returns to session Sunday, facing a deadline to reach a last-minute agreement to renew a once-secret National Security Agency program that collects Americans' phone records in bulk. Provisions of the Patriot Act dealing with lone-wolf targets and roving wiretaps would also expire at midnight with the phone records program.

FBI Director James Comey has called bulk phone collection a useful tool to the FBI's counterterrorism efforts. But recently he has expressed more concern about being able to maintain the lone wolf and roving wiretap capabilities, as well as a separate Patriot Act provision that allows the FBI to obtain secret court orders to collect documents such as hotel and travel records during terrorism investigations, and which also would be affected by the deadline.

"I sure hope Congress figures out a way to make sure I don't lose these essential tools," he said during a visit Tuesday to the New Haven, Connecticut, field office of the FBI.

Attorney General Loretta Lynch warned Wednesday against permitting the expiration of "vital and uncontroversial tools we use to combat terrorism and crime."

But civil liberties lawyers say the FBI already has the tools it needs and haven't presented enough information to justify the use of these additional authorities. The American Civil Liberties Union accuses intelligence officials and some in Congress of "scaremongering" about the Patriot Act and says the debated authorities give the government too much discretion in national security investigations.

"Existing laws provide ample authority for the government to obtain information about individuals who are planning attacks of terrorism," ACLU lawyers wrote in a memo urging Congress to let the provisions expire.

New rules on stream protection hailed, criticized

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — New federal rules designed to better protect small streams, tributaries and wetlands — and the drinking water of 117 million Americans — are being criticized by Republicans and farm groups as going too far.

The White House says the rules, issued Wednesday, will provide much-needed clarity for landowners about which waterways must be protected against pollution and development. But House Speaker John Boehner declared they will send "landowners, small businesses, farmers, and manufacturers on the road to a regulatory and economic hell."

The rules, issued by the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, aim to clarify which smaller waterways fall under federal protection after two Supreme Court rulings left the reach of the Clean Water Act uncertain. EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy said the waters affected would be only those with a "direct and significant" connection to larger bodies of water downstream that are already protected.

The Supreme Court decisions in 2001 and 2006 left 60 percent of the nation's streams and millions of acres of wetlands without clear federal protection, according to EPA, causing confusion for landowners and government officials.

The new rules would kick in and force a permitting process only if a business or landowner took steps to pollute or destroy covered waters.

EPA says the rules will help landowners understand exactly which waters fall under the Clean Water Act. For example, a tributary must show evidence of flowing water to be protected — such as a bank or a high water mark.

President Barack Obama said that while providing that clarity for business and industry, the rules "will ensure polluters who knowingly threaten our waters can be held accountable."

There is deep opposition from the Republican-led Congress and from farmers and other landowners concerned that every stream, ditch and puddle on their private land could now be subject to federal oversight. The House voted to block the regulations earlier this month, and a Senate panel is planning to consider a similar bill this summer.

House Speaker Boehner called the rules "a raw and tyrannical power grab."

EPA's McCarthy has acknowledged the proposed regulations last year were confusing, and she said the final rules were written to be clearer. She said the regulations don't create any new permitting requirements for agriculture and even add new exemptions for artificial lakes and ponds and water-filled depressions from construction, among other features.

These efforts were "to make clear our goal is to stay out of agriculture's way," McCarthy and Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works Jo-Ellen Darcy said in a blog on the EPA website.

Health care law court case winner could be political loser

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

■ ANALYSIS

WASHINGTON — The party that wins the impending Supreme Court decision on President Barack Obama's health care law could be the political loser.

If the Republican-backed challenge to the law's subsidies for lower-earning Americans prevails, the GOP would have achieved a paramount goal of severely damaging "Obamacare." But Republican lawmakers would be pressured to help the millions of Americans who could suddenly find government-mandated medical coverage unaffordable — and they'd face blame from many voters if they failed to provide assistance.

"If you win the case you actually have people who lost their insurance. You now share the responsibility for fixing it," said former Rep. Tom Davis, R-Va., who once led the House GOP campaign committee. "And you've got a lot of pissed off people. That hurts you."

Should the Obama administration win, relieved Democrats would crow that Obama's foremost domestic achievement had stood unscathed. But some say they'd have lost a potentially powerful cudgel for the 2016 campaigns: Being able to accuse Republicans of ending the assistance and disrupting health coverage for many.

If Democrats lose in court, "It completely reverses the issue and puts us back on offense on health care," said Rep. Steve Israel, D-N.Y., one of his party's chief message crafters.

Democrats have frequently bee.. ..ced to defend the 2010 law, including over Obama's promise that people could keep policies they liked and the snafu-plagued startup of the federal HealthCare.gov website.

Not everyone thinks their party will lose politically should they win in court. Many Republicans say if the Supreme Court rules that subsidies were provided illegally, it would be the Democratic administration's fault for doing so, not the GOP's.

"That's a win for us," said conservative Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio.

One staunch defender of the law, Sen. Chris Murphy, D-Conn., said a plaintiff's victory would hurt both parties "because people across the country don't always distinguish between the two sides."

The Supreme Court decision is expected by late June or early July.

Conservatives and Republicans say the law's wording limits subsidies to people buying coverage in states running their own insurance marketplaces. Thirty-seven states rely on HealthCare.gov, including 34 that would be most directly impacted if the court overturns the subsidies.

Democrats say the law was always intended to offer subsidies for all Americans who qualify.

According to government figures, about 8.8 million people have selected coverage from HealthCare.gov for this year. That includes 7.7 million who have qualified for subsidies, paid as tax credits, averaging $263 monthly.

The private Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and Urban Institute have estimated that a plaintiffs' victory would increase the number of uninsured people in 2016 by 8.2 million. The most heavily affected states are overwhelmingly run by GOP governors and are home to 22 of the 24 Republican senators facing re-election next year.

"If we're not prepared with a transition plan, it could be difficult to sustain the pressure that would come to cover people who all of a sudden lost their subsidy," said Sen. John Cornyn, the No. 2 Senate GOP leader.

Other damage could ripple through insurance markets, experts warn.

People who purchase coverage privately are in the same insurance pool as those buying from government-run networks. Many of the healthiest low-earning patients who lose subsidies would stop buying policies while many of the sickest would remain, boosting everyone's premiums and potentially threatening entire insurance markets.

"You can just see the press on this and the events on this, people saying, 'I had insurance yesterday and now I don't,'" said Rob Jesmer, a Republican strategist.

Cornyn and other Republicans say the GOP is moving toward a joint House-Senate proposal to provide assistance to people losing subsidies. It is also likely to weaken some of the law's requirements, perhaps eliminating required coverage for individuals or giving states more flexibility to decide the scope of required medical coverage, Republicans say.

They say the bill will be ready when the court announces its decision. But first, Republicans have to unite behind a single plan, which so far they've not done.

They also have to avoid alienating conservatives who'd view any steps to ease the sting of the court's decision as abetting a president and program they loathe. Failure to pass legislation temporarily aiding those who lost subsidies is not an option, many Republicans say, though there's debate over whether an Obama veto might inoculate them from blame.

"The question is, can Republicans thread the needle, can they put together a bill that gets most of their caucus on board," said Dean Rosen, a health policy expert and former Senate GOP aide. "The risk for them is they can't do that, they can't be unified."

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Sources say IRS believes identity thieves from Russia

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — IRS investigators believe the identity thieves who stole the personal tax information of more than 100,000 taxpayers from an IRS website are part of a sophisticated criminal operation based in Russia, two officials told the Associated Press.

The information was stolen as part of an elaborate scheme to claim fraudulent tax refunds, IRS Commissioner John Koskinen told reporters. Koskinen declined to say where the crime originated.

But two officials briefed on the matter said Wednesday the IRS believes the criminals were in Russia, based on computer data about who accessed the information. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss the ongoing criminal investigation.

An IRS spokeswoman said Wednesday the agency couldn't comment on the investigation.

The revelation highlights the global reach of many cyber criminals. And it's not the first time the IRS has been targeted by identity thieves based overseas.

In 2012, the IRS sent a total of 655 tax refunds to a single address in Lithuania, and 343 refunds went to a lone address in Shanghai, according to a report by the agency's inspector general. The IRS has since added safeguards to prevent similar schemes, but the criminals are innovating, as well.

The information was taken from an IRS website called "Get Transcript," where taxpayers can get tax returns and other tax filings from previous years. In order to access the information, the thieves cleared a security screen that required detailed knowledge about each taxpayer, including their Social Security number, date of birth, tax filing status and street address.

The IRS believes the criminals originally obtained this information from other sources. They were accessing the IRS website to get even more information about the taxpayers, which would help them claim fraudulent tax refunds in the future, Koskinen said.

The thieves have already used some of the information to claim as much as $50 million in fraudulent tax refunds, Koskinen said.

"We're confident that these are not amateurs," Koskinen said. "These actually are organized crime syndicates that not only we but everybody in the financial industry are dealing with."

The IRS believes the thieves started targeting the website in February. Technicians discovered the breach about two weeks ago, when they noticed an increase in the number of taxpayers seeking transcripts. The website was shut down last week.

Congress is demanding answers about how identity thieves were able to steal the information.

The Senate Finance Committee has scheduled a hearing for Tuesday. Koskinen and J. Russell George, the Treasury inspector general for tax administration, are scheduled to testify.

"When the federal government fails to protect private and confidential taxpayer information, Congress must act," said Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, chairman of the Finance Committee. "Taxpayers deserve to know what happened at the IRS regarding the data theft, and this hearing will be the first step of many that the committee takes to determine what happened and how the government can prevent such attacks from happening again."

Hatch also requested a confidential briefing by IRS officials. He said he wants to know where the scheme originated, and whether the IRS can link it to any other breaches at other organizations.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEBRASKA

State abolishes death penalty in landmark override vote

LINCOLN — Nebraska abolished the death penalty on Wednesday over the governor's objections in a move pushed through the Legislature with unusual backing from conservatives who oppose capital punishment.

Senators in the one-house Legislature voted 30-19 to override Gov. Pete Ricketts, a Republican who supports the death penalty. The vote makes Nebraska the first traditionally conservative state to eliminate the punishment since North Dakota in 1973.

Nebraska joins 18 other states and the District of Columbia in banning the ultimate punishment.

Some senators said they philosophically support the death penalty, but are convinced the state will never carry out another execution because of legal obstacles. Nebraska hasn't executed an inmate since a 1997 electrocution, and the state has never done so with its current lethal injection protocol.

Nebraska lost its ability to execute inmates in December 2013, when one of the three lethal injection drugs required by state law expired.

Ricketts announced this month that the state has purchased two of the drugs that the state now lacks, but opponents have said they still aren't convinced Nebraska will be able to resume executions. On Tuesday, Republican Attorney General Doug Peterson implored lawmakers to give state officials more time to prepare.

The repeal bill was introduced by independent Sen. Ernie Chambers, who has fought for nearly four decades to repeal the death penalty.

Nebraska's action to repeal the death penalty is unusual because of its traditionally conservative leanings. Maryland was the last state to end capital punishment, in 2013. Three other moderate-to-liberal states have done so in recent years: New Mexico in 2009, Illinois in 2011 and Connecticut in 2012.

TENNESSEE

Blues legend B.B. King honored with Memphis processional

MEMPHIS — A Dixieland jazz band walked ahead of a slow black hearse and a crowd of thousands followed as the city of Memphis said farewell Wednesday to blues legend B.B. King with a tribute and processional down Beale Street.

The street whose name is virtually synonymous with the blues is where a young, ex-sharecropper named Riley B. King was nicknamed the Beale Street Blues Boy — later shortened to B.B. — and where King rose to fame.

The Memphis-based Mighty Souls Brass Band played "When the Saints Go Marching In." Behind them and just ahead of the hearse, drummer Rodd Bland — son of the late blues singer Bobby "Blue" Bland — carried one of King's signature "Lucille" guitars.

The huge crowd filled Beale Street and spilled down side streets as onlookers pressed in making cellphone pictures.

"This is history," said Detroit resident Mary Springfield, standing at Beale and 3rd streets. "This is an awesome feeling. This is a legacy and I'm part of it today, and I'm blessed to be here." She traveled to Memphis for the processional.

"Such a beautiful day," said Memphis native Gary Daly. "It's a great tribute to a wonderful contributor to the world of music. It's been really amazing to see the people of Memphis coming out, having a great time together, celebrating a wonderful, loving man."

NEW JERSEY

Tracy Morgan settles suit with Wal-Mart over fatal crash

NEWARK — Actor-comedian Tracy Morgan has settled his lawsuit against Wal-Mart over a highway crash that killed one man and left Morgan and two friends seriously injured.

A filing in federal court in Newark on Wednesday referred to a confidential settlement reached by the two sides.

Morgan's lawyer, Benedict Morelli, said he and Walmart worked diligently to reach the settlement for the plaintiffs and their families.

"Walmart took full responsibility for the accident, which we greatly appreciate," he said in a statement.

In the same statement, Morgan said Wal-Mart "did right by me and my family, and for my associates and their families. I am grateful that the case was resolved amicably."

Bentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. called it an "amicable settlement." Details weren't disclosed.

A Wal-Mart truck slammed into the back of a limo van carrying Morgan and the others back from a show in Delaware last June. Comedian James "Jimmy Mack" McNair was killed. Morgan suffered head trauma, a broken leg and broken ribs and is still recovering.

Wal-Mart reached a settlement with McNair's two children in January. McNair, of Peekskill, New York, grew up with Morgan in New York City and was a friend and mentor to him over the years.

NEW JERSEY

Slow start, gradual improvement for US Internet gambling

ATLANTIC CITY — Gambling industry participants and analysts agree that Internet betting is off to a slow start in the U.S.

But despite challenges including hesitation by banks to approve credit card payments for online bets, casinos say and their observers say gradual improvement is happening.

Panelists at a major gambling conference in Atlantic City said Wednesday that Internet gambling has great potential for growth.

Three states offer Internet gambling: New Jersey, Delaware and Nevada. Other states are considering doing so, including California and Pennsylvania.

In March, Morgan Stanley cut its estimate of the potential U.S. Internet gambling market by nearly half.

The firm now estimates the nationwide online betting market at $2.7 billion by 2020, down from an initial estimate of $5 billion.

HONOLULU

Tours on USS Arizona Memorial suspended after ship hits dock

The National Park Service says tours on the USS Arizona Memorial are suspended after a Navy ship struck and damaged the memorial's dock.

Spokeswoman Abby Wines said Wednesday that boats are taking visitors to a spot near the memorial where they may view it from a distance, but visitors are not being taken on it.

Wines said the ramp and handrails connecting the dock to the memorial are mangled. Park service and Navy divers are expected to assess the damage from underwater Wednesday.

Wines said the incident occurred when the hospital ship USNS Mercy and a tug boat were maneuvering in Pearl Harbor. She says either the tug boat or the Mercy hit the dock.

Wines said it's unclear how long tours on the memorial will be suspended.

NEW YORK

Lawyer: Confinement of chimps for research akin to slavery

A lawyer seeking to free two chimpanzees from a state university told a judge Wednesday that their confinement for research purposes is akin to slavery, the involuntary detention of people with mental illnesses and imprisonment.

Steven Wise, an attorney with the Nonhuman Rights Project, told Manhattan Supreme Court Judge Barbara Jaffe in a nearly two-hour hearing that Hercules and Leo are "autonomous and self-determining beings" who should be granted a writ of habeas corpus and be moved from Stony Brook University on Long Island to a sanctuary in Florida.

"They're essentially in solitary confinement," Wise told the judge before a crowd of about 100 people packed into the Manhattan courthouse's ceremonial courtroom. "This is what we do to the worst human criminal."

The 8-year-old chimps are used for locomotion studies at Stony Brook.

Christopher Coulston, an assistant state attorney general representing the university, argued that the case was meritless on procedural grounds because the venue was improper and because granting the chimps personhood would create a slippery slope regarding the rights of other animals.

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TODAY



THIRSTY THURSDAY Enjoy drink specials while you watch the RockHounds game.

FRIDAY



DANCE PARTY Join the West Texas Salseros at Doubletree by Hilton.

SATURDAY



LIVE MUSIC Murf to perform at The Wine Rack.

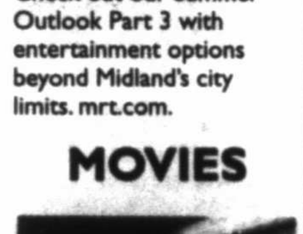
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ONLINE



SUMMER PREVIEW Check out our Summer Outlook Part 3 with entertainment options beyond Midland's city limits. mrt.com.

MOVIES



Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Aloha," "San Andreas"
Closing: "The Age of Adaline," "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Aloha," "San Andreas"
Closing: "Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "San Andreas"
Closing: "The Age of Adaline"

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 3**

INSIDE



GOT THE MUNCHIES? Our dining guide will help you figure out where to eat. **Page 6**

COMING SOON



KEEP ON ROCKIN Steve Miller Band to play Wagner Noel next week.



Fort Worth band has accidental identity crisis

By Rich Lopez
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If you go to Spotify to catch up on Fort Worth band Thieving Birds' music, expect a bit of confusion.

For 2015, Thieving Birds released the album "You Came Back Strong," a collection of acoustic tracks from previous albums.

But that was from a Canadian band by the same name.

"There's always a lot of iTunes or Spotify confusion when it comes to us," Ace Crayton said.

He's the vocalist and guitarist for the Texas-based band that performs today at Basin Burger House. As for the Canadians, well, it's part of the job.

"We just kind of deal with it, you know," he added.

The band is working on their new album, expected for a fall release. Although often lumped into the red dirt/Texas country genre, their sound has evolved into a mélange of soul, rock and, yes, country. But this time around, Crayton feels the band knows better who they are.

This album will mark the band's third full-release.

"This is close to who we are," he said. "I think this album is the one we've been trying to make all along. And this time, all of our hands are in the pie and we're in every part of the creative process."

And after five years together as Thieving Birds, the band is still evolving.

"Growth is key especially when creating art. We're not bored if we're creating. And we have to stay entertaining to ourselves and not produce the same thing over and over," Crayton said.

That's also the way he would mark the band's accomplishments.

"Yeah, to me it's not about a monetary scale or anything like that. It goes back to our growth and that there's no dictator telling us what to do," he said. "It's just cool to see what people can come up with together."

If anything, Crayton would say he and the rest of the band are lucky guys.

"We've known each other for 15 years. We're old friends; we get to hang out and play music and create something together. That's pretty good."

WANT TO GO?

Thieving Birds at Basin Burger House, 607 N. Colorado St. 7:30 p.m. today. thievingbirdsmusic.com.



Courtesy photo

A 1967 Cobra Shelby 427 replica roadster will be up for bids Saturday at the Dan Kruse Classic Auctions at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

Wishful thinking: What we'd bid on at a classic car auction

By Rich Lopez
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When Midlander Gene Plunk puts 10 of his classic vehicles on the auction block Saturday, it will be hard not to drool over his beautiful collection.

And for most of us, it will be a day of wishful thinking.

Plunk is a local businessman and philanthropist who also collects some pretty fancy cars. He teamed up with Dan Kruse Classic Auctions to pay it forward to other collectors. Ten vehicles from his collection will be among those up for auction at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

The auction will feature some 200 cars that will cross the auction block starting at 10 a.m.

"Gene has been a dear friend of mine for 30-plus years," auctioneer and auction owner Daniel J. Kruse said in a press release. "He has been collecting classics for more than half of his life and his collection of vehicles range from early models to cars from the '70s. The 10 we have at auction are a great sample of Gene's passion in collecting."

Plunk's collection of cars includes a 1928 Overland Whippet street rod; a 1932 Ford 1-1/2 ton Stake custom bed truck; a 1932 Ford 5-window street rod coupe; a 1934 Ford Street Beast custom coupe; a 1938 Cadillac Fleetwood RestoMod formal sedan; a 1941 Lincoln Continental Club coupe; a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air custom two-door hardtop; a 1963 Ford Fairlane 500 two-door hardtop; a 1965 Pontiac GTO two-door hardtop; and a 1970 Chevrolet Chevelle two-door hardtop.

And we want all of them — an impossibility for any journalist.

So instead, we just made a wish list.

■ **1970 Chevrolet Chevelle two-door hardtop:** Named one of the top 10 muscle cars of all time by AllCarBrandsList.com, we can't resist the idea of looking like a renegade from a '70s cop

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LiveWire: It's a hip-hop, wang dang weekend for area shows

By Rich Lopez
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THURSDAY

Grayskul will bring its alt hip-hop to a headlining show at Kamiposi. The Seattle-based duo takes the genre to deeper artistic levels as heard on the title track of their 2013 album "Zenith" with Raekwon or the dramatic track "Electric Gray." The album is perhaps their most experimental and polished to date. Previous releases had a raw force behind them but "Zenith" plays more pensive and thoughtful. As a whole, Grayskul is absolutely electric — as their live show should be.

WANT TO GO?

Grayskull at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. 8 p.m. With Simple Steven, Is Lo Pro, Sick Ill Kids, Stonewall Klaxon. $10. Facebook.com/kamiposi.

SATURDAY

Tall City Blues Fest has been getting us in the mood for its upcoming music festival by throwing their Wang Dang Doodles. This edition of the Fest's Saturday night soiree will feature Memphis musician Jeff Jensen as the headliner. Good thing, too. He's on tour for his 2015 album "Morose Elephant." Known as a raucous bluesman, he took a tamer route for his latest album. With tunes that are languid and soulful, this is a different side of Jensen's usual delivery, which should make Saturday's concert a

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. today at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Thieving Birds, 7:30-10 p.m. today at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Midland Community Band's Musical Variety Show with special guest Marc Oliver, 7 p.m. Friday at Allison Fine Arts auditorium at Midland College. facebook.com/pages/Midland-Community-Band.

Murf, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Saturday at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Rodney Parker and 50 Peso Reward, 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Jeff Jensen, 8:30-11:30 p.m. Saturday at Doubletree by Hilton. tallcitybluesfest.com.

ART & DANCE

West Texas Salseros Latin Nights, 9 p.m. Friday at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

GAMES & SPORTS

RockHounds baseball and Thirsty Thursday, 7 p.m. today at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

RockHounds baseball, 7 p.m. Friday at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

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RockHounds baseball, 2 p.m. Sunday at Security Ballpark. milb.com.

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

SciFriday Show: "Pacific Rim," 8 p.m. Friday at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

"Fixing Up," through Saturday at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

EVENTS

Book signing with author Frank Romano, 4-6 p.m. Friday at Barnes and Noble. barnesandnoble.com.

Kruse Classic Car Auction, 1-10 p.m. Friday and 8 a.m.-10 p.m. May 30 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

"Permian Monsters: Life Before the Dinosaurs" through July 26 at Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum and the Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. museumsw.org.



MEX-TEX FAMILY FIESTA



FAMILY SCIENCE NIGHT

COMING SOON

JUNE

Bush Tennis Center summer camps, sessions June 1-Aug. 11 at Bush Tennis Center. bushtenniscenter.com.

Camp Fire West Texas summer day camp, 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. June 1-Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. campfirewtx.org.

YMCA Mini Camp: Indoor Soccer Camp, 1-4 p.m. June 1-5 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "How to Train Your Dragon 2," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 2 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Art Walk, 1:30-7:30 p.m. June 3 at Green Tree Country Club. 528-0316.

Artizen After Hours, 6-8 p.m. June 4 at Artizen Outlet. artizenoutlet.com.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 4 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Steve Miller Band, 8 p.m. June 4 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Jason Eady, 7:30 p.m. June 4 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Tiki Island grand opening event, June 5 at Tiki Island Inflatable Water Park. tiwptickets.com.

Mini Day Camp: Blast from the Past, 9 a.m.-noon June 5 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Fridays: Science Spectacular, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 5 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

First Friday 1 Year Anniversary, 6:30 p.m.-2 a.m. June 5 at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

Hot Summer Nights: Texas Gypsies, sundown June 5 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts

West Texas Salseros Latin Night, 9 p.m. June 5 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Mex-Tex Family Fiesta, June 5-6 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. midlandhcc.com.

"Outlaw Josey Wales," 7:30 p.m. June 5-6 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Tall City Splash Run, 9 a.m. June 6 at Scharbauer Sports Complex. midlandhcc.com.

Booksigning with author Cheryl Kincaid, 10:30 a.m. June 6 at Barnes and Noble. barnesandnoble.com.

"A Look Through Time" art by Diane K. Browne opening reception, 6:30-8 p.m. June 6 at Artquest. artquestttx.com.

Diva and Dino, 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 6 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Summer Reading Kickoff event "Superheroes in Training," noon-3 p.m. June 6 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Dovetail, 7:30 p.m. June 6 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Workshop with artist Kay Smith, June 8-11 at Midland Palette Club. palleteclubmidland.com. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

MCT Summer Theatre School, 9 a.m.-noon June 8-11 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Midland Festival Ballet Princess Camp, 10:30-11:30 a.m. June 8-11 at Midland County Public Library downtown location.

Double Diamond Equestrian summer riding camps, June 8-12, June 15-19, July 13-17, July 20-24 and Aug. 3-7 at Double Diamond Equestrian Center. doublediamondequestriancenter.com.

YMCA Mini Camp: Basketball Camp, 1-4 p.m. June 8-12 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "The Book of Life," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 9 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Chuggington "The Great Rescue Adventure" Live, 6:30 p.m. June 9 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

12th annual Mariachi Workshop & Competition, June 10-12 at Abell Junior High. hccmidland.org.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 11 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Improv at the Yucca, June 11 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Summer Science Class "Scaly Science," 9 a.m.-noon June 12 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Mini Day Camp: Magnificent Birds of Prey, 9 a.m.-noon June 12 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Fridays: Let's Go Outside, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 12 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Gary Gorence Band, 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 12 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Cleto Cordero, 7:30 p.m. June 12 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Hot Summer Nights: Hey Gurl, sundown June 12 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts.

West Texas Salseros Latin Night with performance by Favian Bustos and Cynthia Mendez of Austin, 9 p.m. June 12 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Great Outdoor Expo, June 12-14 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Touring Pro Bull Riding, June 12-13 at the Horseshoe. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Artist Garage Sale, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 13 at Artizen Outlet. artizenoutlet.com.

Bachata workshop with Favian Bustos and Cynthia Mendez of Austin, 1 p.m. June 13 at Love to Dance Studio in Odessa. wtxsalseros.com.

Kidgits Lil' Chefs, 2-4 p.m. June 13 at Midland Park Mall. simon.com

Pumpjack Paradise golf and entertainment with Bill Engvall and Tracy Byrd benefiting Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, June 13 at Midland Country Club. 498-2053.

UFC 188: Velasquez vs. Werdum, 7 p.m. June 13 at Cinemark 12 in Odessa. fathomevents.com.

5K Hot Dog Fun Run & 1K K9 Walk benefiting Midland Humane Coalition, 7:30 a.m. June 13 at Midland College Fine Arts Center. midlandhumane.org.

Summers on the Green movie series: "Back to the Future 2," June 13 at Hotel Settles lawn. 263-8235.

158 Breakdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 13 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

7th annual PBR Rodeo, 7 p.m. June 13 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Calamity Janes, 7:30 p.m. June 13 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Permian Basin Gun Show, June 13-14 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Move: Live on Tour, 7:30 p.m. June 14 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Steve Earle and the Dukes, June 14 at Crowley Theater in Marfa.

Summer Bug Camp, June 15-19, July 13-17 and Aug. 17-21 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

MCT Summer Theatre School, 9 a.m.-noon June 15-18 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Camp Tiki: Shipwrecked: An Island Adventure, June 15-18 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

YMCA Mini Camp: Volleyball Camp, 1-4 p.m. June 15-19 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Yoga for third- to fifth-graders, 2:30 p.m. June 15, 22 and 29 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Summer Movie Camp "Big Hero 6," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 16 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

IndieFlix free film festival, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. June 17 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Kids mini football clinic with LaDainian Tomlinson and other retired NFL players, June 17 at Midland Christian School. Benefiting Boys & Girls Club. basinkids.org.

Pink Petro launch event, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. June 18 at Teen Flow Ministries. molly@mollyremes.com.

Summer Exhibit Opening, 6 p.m. June 18 at The Gallery at Midland Shared Spaces. midlandsharedspaces.org.

Laura Bush Literary Program free reading event, 4:30-5:30 p.m. June 18 at George W. Bush Childhood Home. bushchildhoodhome.org.

Lowdown, 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 18 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

If Birds Could Fly, 7:30 p.m. June 18 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Gary Allan, 8 p.m. June 18 at Hacienda Event Center. haciendamidland.com.

JB and the Moonshine Band, June 18 at Rockin Rodeo. jbandthemoonshineband.com.

Gabriel "Fluffy" Iglesias, 8 p.m. June 18-20 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Crash Masters Summer Festival, June 18-21 at Horseshoe Outdoor Arena. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Mini Day Camp: Wonderful World of Wildlife, 9 a.m.-noon June 19 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Family Fridays: Super Sleuth, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. June 19 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Unsweet Ts, 7:30 p.m. June 19 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Improv at the Yucca, June 19 at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Hot Summer Nights: Rankin Twins, sundown June 19 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts

West Texas Salseros Latin Night, 9 p.m. June 19 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

"The Cowboys," 7:30 p.m. June 19-20 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Bully Breeds Dog Show, June 20 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Wolf 359, 6:30-9:30 p.m. June 20 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Seth Walker, 7:30 p.m. June 20 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Longest Day Zumbathon, 6:30 p.m. June 22 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

MCT Summer Theatre School, 9 a.m.-noon June 22-July 2 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

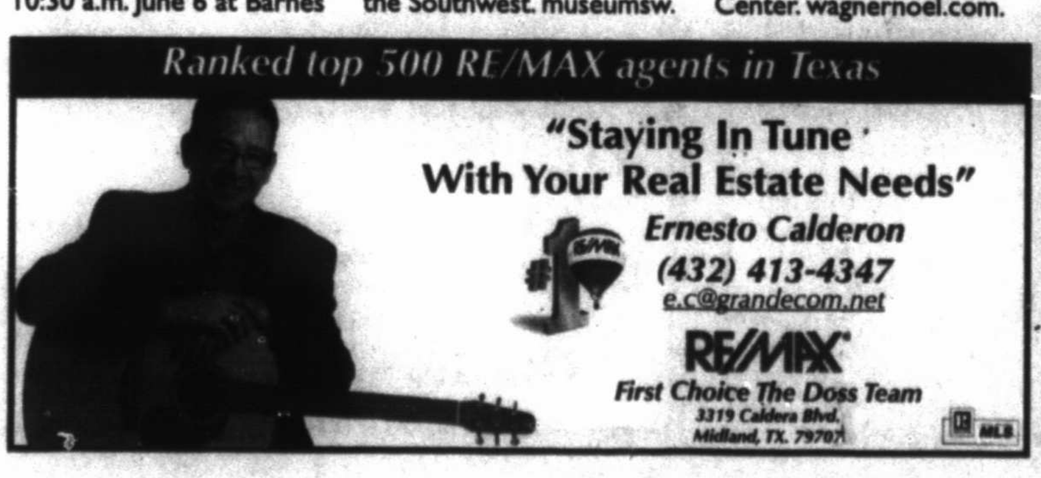
Summer Art Camp: Ceramics and Art & Imagination, June 22-26 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

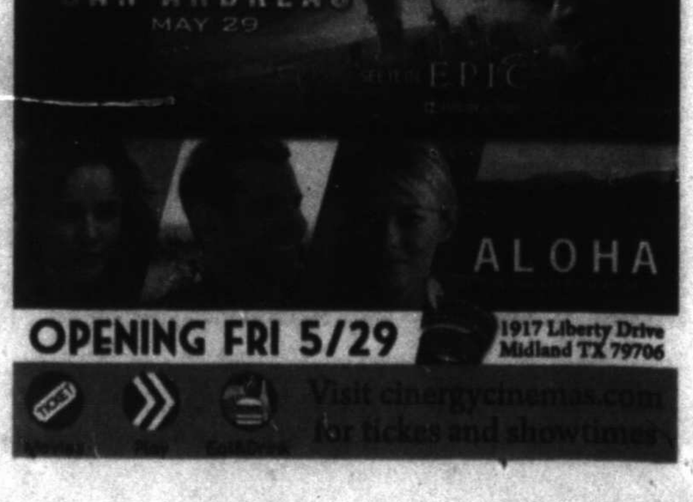
Camp Tiki: Amazaon Jungle Safari, June 22-25 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

YMCA Mini Camp, 1-4 p.m. June 22-26 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "The Nut Job," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. June 23 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

The Storybook Theatre of Texas Puppet Show, 2 p.m. June 24 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.





MUSIC & MORE



DOLLY SHINE



Courtesy photo

A 1958 Chevrolet Del Ray 2-door street rod, top, and a 1957 Chevrolet Bel Air 2-door hardtop, above, will be up for bids Saturday at the Dan Kruse Classic Auctions at the Horseshoe Pavilion.

WEEKEND

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textured performance of sounds.

WANT TO GO?

The Reserve Lounge at the Doubletree Hilton, 117 W. Wall St. 8:30 p.m. $15 advance, $20 door. tallcitybluesfest.com.

Local students will present An Evening of Percussion at the Wagner Noel. With ensembles from Odessa High School, Bowie Junior High School, Crockett Junior High School and Ector Junior High School plus the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, the 12th annual event will showcase a high energy show. The night also featuers guest artists Lalo Davila and Fausto Cuevas.

WANT TO GO?

An Evening of Percussion at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. 7 p.m. $10. Wagnernoel.com.

Stephenville band Dolly Shine brings their Americana sound to Lone Star Bar. For the uninitiated, Dolly Shine is giving folks a free download of "The Bootleg Exclusive" on their website. Featuring live performances and a new song, listeners will find the band's no-nonsense delivery both solid and honest.

WANT TO GO?

Dolly Shine at Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St. 9 p.m. midlandlonestarbar.com.

MORE LIVE MUSIC

MAY

28 Midland Heirs Band @ Cafe at Aldredge Garden
28 Thieving Birds @ Basin Burger House
28 Lowdown @ The Wine Rack
28 Goodtimers @ West Texas Dance Club
28 Justin Langston @ Bottoms Up
28 Shane Smith & The Saints @ Rockin Rodeo
28 The Rocketz, OC 45, Matthew James, Erik Arvoy/ The Drunken Drunks @ Blue Max
29 Glove Box @ The Detour
29 Cami Maki @ 10 Sports Bar
29-30 Who'z Drivun' @ Your Place
29-30 Cory Dutton @ The Bar
30 Rodney Parker & The 50 Peso Reward @ Basin Burger House
30 Murf @ The Wine Rack
30 Dolly Shine, Tanner Louis And The Aviators @ Lone Star Bar
30 Brad Good Band @ Redneck's
30 Cami Maki @ Beer Garden
30 Kiel Groove, Matt Woods @ Blue Max
31 10 Years, Skytown Riot, Islander @ Club Patron

AUCTION

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show.

■ **1941 Lincoln Continental Club Coupe:** Two words: The. Godfather.

■ **1957 Chevrolet Bel Air Custom 2-door hardtop:** That side-fin effect is everything!

But we couldn't stop there with 190 other cars to fantasize about.

The rest of the auction will feature cars both classic and modern.

"There literally is something for everyone at every price level available," auction coordinator Tiffany Kruse said.

She went on to list a sampling of Corvettes dating back to a 1963 Chevrolet Corvette Sting Ray to a 2003 50th anniversary edition.

The auction will also feature such vehicles as a 1962 Chevrolet Impala 2-door hardtop, a 1967 Cobra Shelby 427 replica roadster, a 1970 Ford Mustang Mach 1 Fastback, a 1954 Chevrolet 5-window pickup and even a military 1989 BMY M936A2 truck.

With that, we added a couple more to our wish list:

■ **427 replica roadster:** On the list simply because it's a roadster. We think Loop 250 exiters would yield to us on the service road rather than the other way around.

■ **1965 Chevrolet C10 pickup:** Keep your white Ford 150s. We'll take this beautiful bodied truck that has personality from its stunning front grill and hood, its side detail all the way to the back end.

The general public can join in on our swooning with a preview Friday from 1-6 p.m. But Saturday is the real deal for collectors and whichever new toy they bid highest on.

WANT TO GO?

Dan Kruse Classic Auction at Horseshoe Pavilion, 2514 Arena Trail. 10 a.m. $10 adults, $5 children. Telephone, absentee and online bidding available. DanKruseClassics.com.

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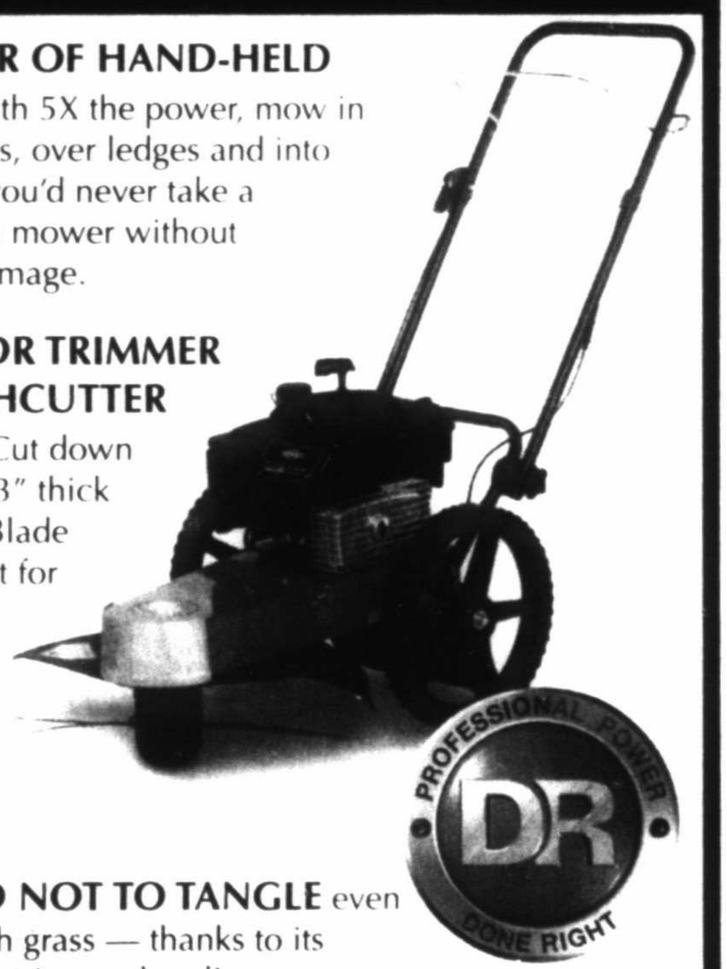
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MOVIES

Forget the controversy; Eastwood makes movie magic — again

PICK O' THE WEEK

"American Sniper" (R) There are a couple of technical issues I had with the film, such as star Bradley Cooper's inordinate distance between his eye and the scope when aiming his rifle. Otherwise, Clint Eastwood's ode to Chris Kyle is both gritty and touching. It also doesn't make this lifelong Texan doubt for a second — from accents to mannerisms — this is a story about a family from the Lone Star State. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Ghoul" (unrated) Laughably bad horror film with a title character that would have a hard time mustering any scares from even the most delicate audience. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"After the Fall" (R) Wes Bentley's fine performance caries the film for the first two acts but when the momentum stops, so does the interest. **C+**

"Chasing Ghosts" (unrated) Former SNL funnyman Tim Meadows is the ideal combination of sympathetic and playful in this tale of a boy whose video that captures a ghostly image goes viral. **B-**

"Curse of the Witching Tree" (unrated) A couple of Brownie points are deserved for trying to come up with an original theme, but the execution is simply horrendous. **F**

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

"Cymbeline" (R) When the heavens aligned for Joss Whedon's modern take on Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing," other filmmakers must have delighted in hopes of doing the same. Sadly, a splendid cast for this lesser-known work from the Bard doesn't fare as well. **C+**

"From the Dark" (unrated) If you can get past the ridiculous production errors that include finding working lanterns within arm's length of the characters after falling into a long-abandoned mine shaft, then you might be able to enjoy this silly horror film. **D+**

"The Girl is in Trouble" Above-average crime thriller features Wilmer Valderrama in a breakout role that shows his range. **B**

"Hot Tub Time Machine 2" (R) The elements that made the first movie a guilty pleasure fail to materialize this time. **D**

"Icetastrophe" (TV-14) The most creative thing about the film is its title, which is pretty lame. I think IMDb user dredloc summed it up best when he wrote on the message boards "I hate all of these cheap sci fi channel movies ... yet I watch them. I really can't explain it." **D-**

"Immigrant" (not rated) Not to be confused with "The Immigrant," this low-budget film features noble performances of a subpar script. **C**

"Just Before I Go" (R) Dark comedy directed by Courteney Cox never gets its footing, making it impossible to believe the main character would want to kill himself. **C+**

"The Kill Team" (unrated) Documentary about the infamous Army platoon that murdered unarmed Afghani citizens sheds new light on the story with an in-depth and fascinating account of the whistle-blower who exposed the situation. **B**

"Listen Up, Philip" (R) Elisabeth Moss ("Mad Men") shines in this offbeat, hilarious story of an arrogant, pretentious author. **A-**

"Matthew 18" (R) Film claims to promote the African-American culture as related to spirituality seems more intent on promoting the stereotypes of said community. **D**

"Maya the Bee Movie" (G) The animation is first class but the story misses a golden opportunity to educate its audience about the plight of the honeybee, which is dying out in many parts of the world. **B**

"My Dad's a Soccer Mom" (TV-PG) Cute but formulaic tale of a pro football player who takes an active role in his daughter's life when he's dropped by his team. **B-**

"These Final Hours" (unrated) The special effects are remarkable for a film of this nature and the story is brimming with originality, as well. All in all, an impressive film for its kind. **B**

FILM CAPSULES

The Age of Adaline (PG-13) A solitary woman who hasn't aged for almost eight decades after a freak accident has a chance encounter with a charismatic philanthropist that changes everything. With Blake Lively, Michiel Huisman and Kathy Baker. Written by J. Mills Goodloe and Salvador Paskowitz. Directed by Lee Toland Krieger.

Aloha (PG-13) A military contractor returns to the site of his greatest career triumph and reconnects with an old flame while unexpectedly falling for the hard-charging Air Force watchdog assigned to him. With Bradley Cooper, Emma Stone and Rachel McAdams. Written and directed by Cameron Crowe.

Avengers: Age of Ultron (PG-13) When Iron Man's plan to develop an artificially intelligent peacekeeping force backfires, he and his fellow Avengers must save the world from a megalomaniacal android. With Robert Downey Jr., James Spader, Chris Evans and Scarlett Johansson. Written and directed by Joss Whedon. In 3-D and Imax.

Furious 7 (PG-13) A crew of fast-driving outlaws battle the vengeful brother of a vanquished enemy. With Vin Diesel, Paul Walker and Dwayne Johnson. Written by Chris Morgan. Directed by James Wan.

Home (PG) When the Earth is taken over by overconfident aliens in search of a new home, a resourceful girl and an outcast extraterrestrial become unlikely partners in crime. With the voices of Jim Parsons, Rihanna and Steve Martin. Written by Tom J. Astle and Matt Ember. Directed by Tim Johnson. In 3-D.

Hot Pursuit (PG-13) An uptight police officer tries to protect the brassy widow of a drug boss as they race through Texas pursued by criminals and dirty cops. With Reese Witherspoon, Sofia Vergara and John Carroll Lynch. Written by David Feeney, John Quaintance, Dana Fox and Katherine Silberman. Directed by Anne Fletcher.

The Longest Ride (PG-13) When their love is tested, a bull rider looking to make a comeback and a college student about to enter the New York art world draw inspiration from a decades-long romance. With Scott Eastwood, Britt Robertson and Alan Alda. Written by Craig Bolotin. Directed by George Tillman Jr.

Mad Max: Fury Road (R) In a post-apocalyptic desert wasteland, a loner haunted by his past gets swept up in a battle against a ruthless warlord. With Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron and Nicholas Hoult. Written by George Miller, Brendan McCarthy and Nico Lathouris. Directed by Miller. In 3-D.

Noble (PG-13) A biopic about Christina Noble, who escaped the slums of Ireland and established a foundation to help orphaned and abandoned children in Vietnam. With Deirdre O'Kane, Brendan Coyle and Sarah Greene. Written and directed by Stephen Bradley.

Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 (PG) A mall security guard heads to a convention in Las Vegas with his college-bound daughter and stumbles upon a heist. With Kevin James, Raini Rodriguez and Neal McDonough. Written by James and Nick Bakay. Directed by Andy Fickman.

Pitch Perfect 2 (PG-13) After a mishap mars their performance for the president, the Barden Bellas enter an international a cappella competition to redeem themselves. With Anna Kendrick, Skylar Astin and Rebel Wilson. Written by Kay Cannon. Directed by Elizabeth Banks.

Poltergeist (PG-13) A suburban family must come together to rescue their youngest daughter from evil apparitions in this reboot of the 1982 film. With Sam Rockwell, Rosemarie DeWitt and Jared Harris. Written by David Lindsay-Abaire. Directed by Gil Kenan. In 3-D.

San Andreas (PG-13) When a massive earthquake strikes California, a helicopter pilot and his estranged wife travel from Los Angeles to San Francisco to save their daughter. With Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino and Alexandra Daddario. Written by Carlton Cuse. Directed by Brad Peyton. In 3-D.

Tomorrowland (PG) A bright teenager and a jaded former boy genius embark on a dangerous mission to unearth the secrets of a mysterious place somewhere in time and space. With Britt Robertson, George Clooney and Hugh Laurie. Written by Damon Lindelof and Brad Bird. Directed by Bird. In Imax.

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Dwayne comes to the rescue, but he forgot the script

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press

REVIEW

It's sure been a rough year for Hollywood. First, there was the stinging Sony hacking scandal. And now, we have the humbling image of the Hollywood letters themselves toppling to the ground, as most of California is pulverized by an earthquake — make that earthquakes, plural — in "San Andreas."

If those letters toppling sounds like a pretty obvious image, well, duh. Everything in "San Andreas," which stars Dwayne Johnson and his amazing musculature as a powerful-yet-sweet rescue pilot, is obvious, over-the-top, and occasionally laugh-out-loud cheesy.

But really, you weren't expecting Ingmar Bergman, were you? Summer's upon us, and you could do worse than watch the undeniably appealing Johnson try to save the day while uttering the silliest dialogue imaginable. Plus, if you live far from the West Coast, there's the juicy schadenfreude factor — though we can count on the inevitable sequel ("San Andreas 2: Eastward," perhaps?) to fix that.

But remember, you weren't expecting Bergman, right? So roll with it.

"San Andreas," a Warner Bros. release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America "for intense disaster action and mayhem throughout, and brief strong language. " Running time: 114 minutes. One and a half stars out of four.

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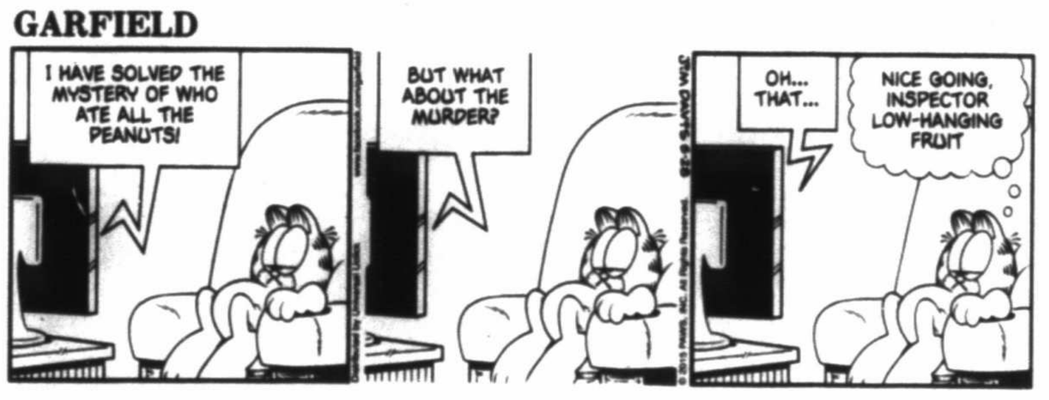
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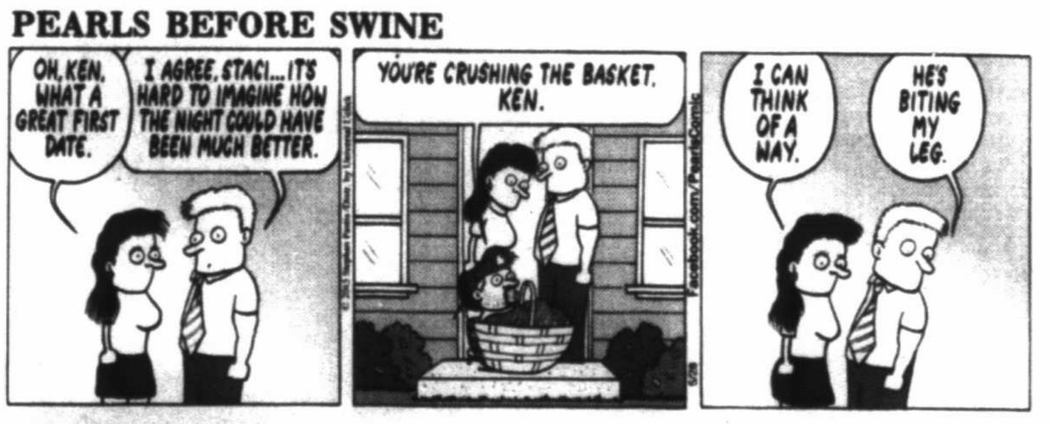
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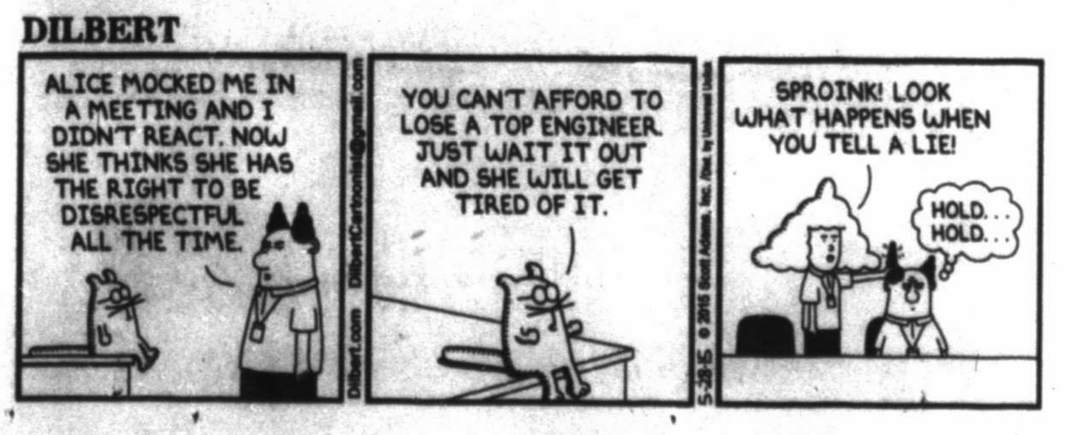
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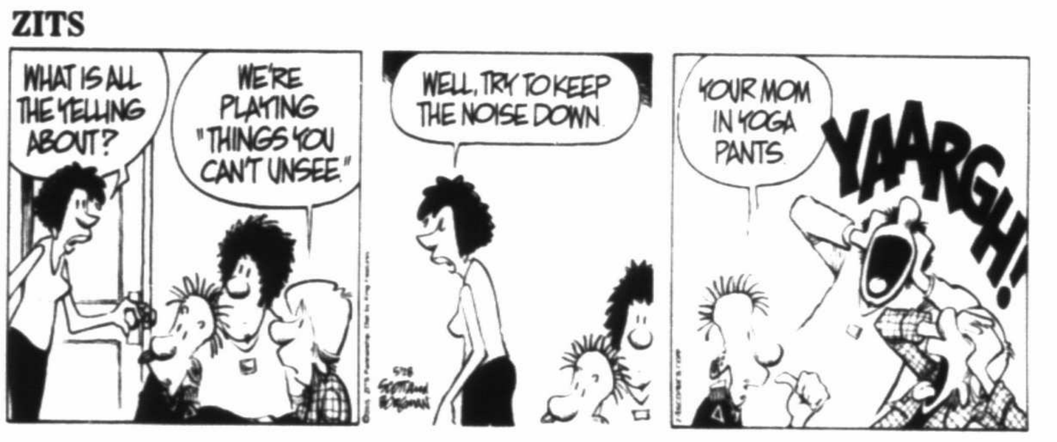
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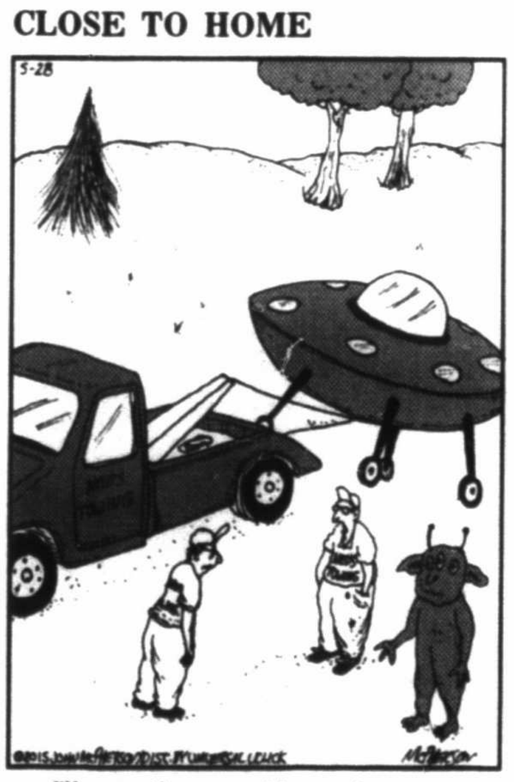
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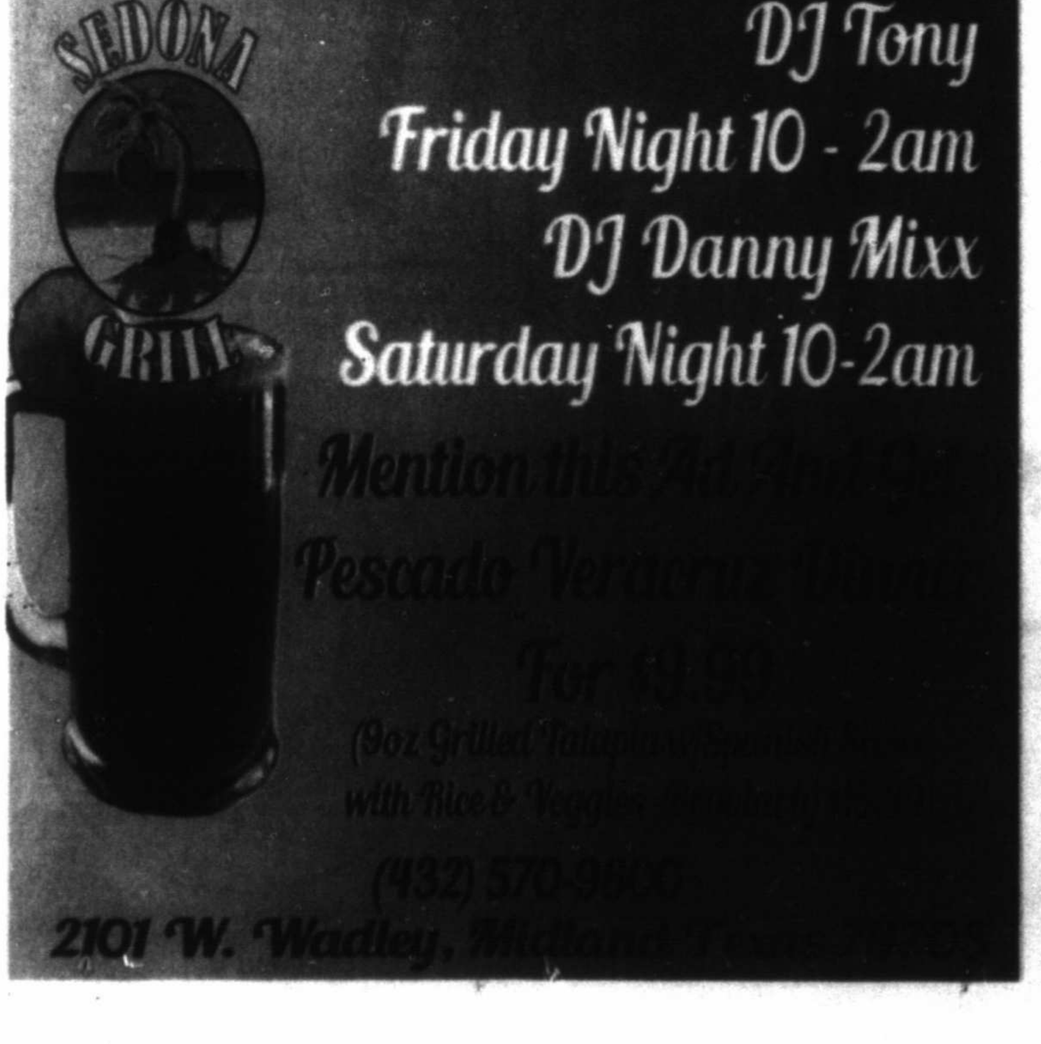
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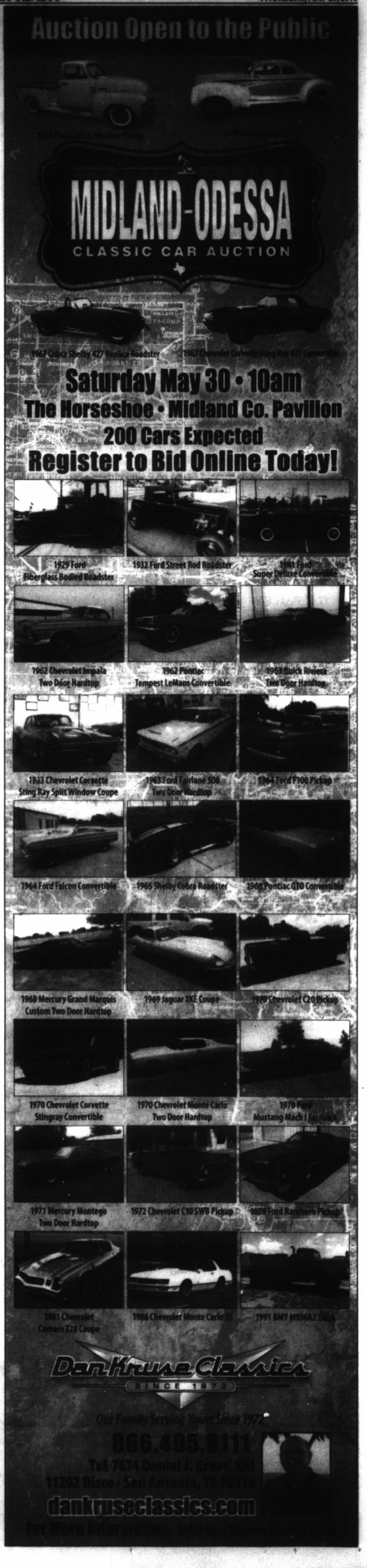
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Soccer officials arrested in corruption probe

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

ZURICH — The U.S. government launched an attack on what it called deep-seated and brazen corruption in soccer's global governing body Wednesday, pulling FIFA executives out of a luxury Swiss hotel to face racketeering charges and raiding regional offices in Miami.

Swiss officials also invaded FIFA headquarters, seizing records and computers to investigate whether the decisions to award World Cups to Russia and Qatar were rigged.

Scandals and rumors of corruption have dogged FIFA throughout the 17-year reign of its president, Sepp Blatter, but he was not named in either investigation. He is scheduled to stand Friday for re-election to a fifth, four-year term, and the organization said the vote would go ahead as planned, despite the latest turmoil.

FIFA also ruled out a revote of the World Cup bids won by Russia in 2018 and Qatar in 2022.

"We welcome the actions and the investigations by the U.S. and Swiss authorities and believe that it will help to reinforce measures that FIFA has already taken to root out any wrongdoing in football," Blatter said in a statement. The organization said it was cooperating fully with the investigation.

Some of the biggest names in soccer said they had complained for years about corruption in FIFA, which oversees the world's most popular sport and generates billions in revenue each year.

"I was treated like a crazy person," former soccer great Diego Maradona told radio station Radio La Red in Buenos Aires. "Now the FBI has told the truth."

Former Brazilian star Romario, an outspoken FIFA critic, said "someone had to eventually arrest them one day."

Authorities conducted early morning raids in Zurich at FIFA headquarters and the five-star Baur au Lac Hotel. In Miami, FBI and IRS agents carried computers and boxes out of the headquarters of CONCACAF, the governing body of North and Central America and the Caribbean, whose past and current presidents were among 14 defendants under indictment for corruption.

Swiss police arrested seven soccer official at the request of American prosecutors and threatened them with extradition to the U.S. Four other soccer and marketing officials

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Associated Press

Federal agents carry out boxes of evidence taken from the headquarters of the Confederation of North, Central America and Caribbean Association Football (CONCACAF,) Wednesday in Miami Beach, Fla.

The absent players

McClain, Bryant on missing list for Dallas Cowboys

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

IRVING — The Cowboys figured they would be without receiver Dez Bryant most of the offseason because of the star receiver's contract situation.

Now Dallas is adding linebacker Rolando McClain to the missing list for spring workouts after arthroscopic surgery on his right knee.

Throw in defensive end Greg Hardy skipping Thursday's practice to attend the appeal of his 10-game suspension over a domestic violence case, and the story for the Cowboys at the moment is as much about who isn't on the field as who is.

And that's with linebacker Sean Lee returning after missing a year with a knee injury and quarterback Tony Romo getting his first real offseason work since 2012.

"You want every guy here working," defensive coordinator Rod Marinelli said. "We're so selfish as coaches. We want every rep. But we adjust."

Coach Jason Garrett said McClain was in his home state of Alabama doing rehab work and taking care of personal business. Garrett said the team was in contact with McClain, but suggested the former top 10 pick who walked away from football in 2013 might not return until training camp after surgery within the past two weeks.

Dallas re-signed McClain after he revived his career with a solid season following a trade before camp last year. He was an emergency replacement when Lee tore a knee ligament in the first offseason practice a year ago.

"Last time we got him right before the season started," Marinelli said of the trade with Baltimore after McClain twice told the Ravens he was finished with football. "And he'd been on the couch for a year. He made unbelievable progress during that time."

The Cowboys don't doubt that Bryant is working even though the 2014 All-Pro hasn't signed his one-year offer of $12.8 million under the franchise tag. He's been trying to get a long-term deal for a year.

Bryant missed all the less formal workout sessions before this week's start of voluntary practices, and he's now three weeks away from a mandatory minicamp.

"I know for a fact that Dez is working harder than anybody else right now," said running back Joseph Randle, who was getting first-team work Wednesday after NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray signed with Philadelphia in free agency. "When he comes back, he'll be ready to roll."

Terrance Williams, a third-round pick out of Baylor in 2013, is the de facto No. 1 receiver with Bryant missing. And Devin Street, a fifth-rounder with just two catches as a rookie last year, had one of the highlights Wednesday by catching a long pass down the sideline from Romo.

"Perfect world, you want to have everybody here," offensive coordinator Scott Linehan said. "But that's the business that we're in. There's so many positives

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Associated Press

Dallas Cowboys head coach Jason Garrett answers questions from the media before an NFL organized team activity, Wednesday in Irving.

Tulsa's De Leon turning heads on the mound

By Christopher Hadorn
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Tulsa Drillers right-hander Jose De Leon has pitched only one Texas League game and it didn't take long for him to win over manager Razor Shines.

Making his Texas League debut last Friday, De Leon allowed only three hits and struck out eight in a six-inning start versus Northwest Arkansas.



De Leon

Shines is looking forward to his next start Friday against the Frisco RoughRiders. De Leon was originally scheduled to start today against the RockHounds.

"Wow! That was my impression," Shines said of De Leon's first start. "This guy is electric. The ball jumps out of his hand. It's like it's got two different levels. Obviously, he was facing one of the better hitting teams in the league and they didn't smell him. They hit two balls hard. Two! This guy was really good. I'm excited. I can't wait to see him pitch again."

De Leon, the Los Angeles Dodgers' 24th round selection out of Southern University in 2013, has made a meteoric rise in short time. The Puerto Rican wasn't even ranked as one of the Dodgers' top 30 prospects by Baseball America before the 2014 season.

Now he has emerged as one of the most notable arms in the minors. On Tuesday, De Leon was ranked as the No. 24 prospect in all of baseball by ESPN's Keith Law, a former Toronto Blue Jays executive.

Prior to his recent promotion, De Leon dominated the high Single-A California League, a notorious hitter's circuit. De Leon went 4-1, with a 1.67 ERA and registered a 58:8 strikeout-to-walk ratio in 37 2/3 innings with Rancho Cucamonga.

Before experiencing success, De Leon was humbled when he wasn't assigned to a full-season club after spring training in 2014. De Leon had posted a 6.96 ERA in his professional debut in 2013 and was already at a crossroads in his career. The 6-foot-2 righty was held back at extended spring training at the Dodgers' facility in Glendale, Arizona.

"It was really an eye-opening experience," De Leon said. "When spring training was done, I saw the list and I saw my name, saying 'extended'. I was frustrated because I wanted to make the club. But I think it was the best thing that ever happened to me because it really opened my eyes and it really made me want to work harder and harder every day."

De Leon made a full-fledged commitment to the Dodgers' strength and conditioning program. The 22-year-old said he eventually lost 25-30 pounds from his college playing weight. Now trim and fit, De Leon says has a flexible body and he can easily repeat his delivery. He also credited the Dodgers for providing him healthy, organic foods to complement his workout regimen.

After leaving extended spring training in 2014, De Leon's career took off when he combined to go 7-0, with a 2.22 ERA and 119 strikeouts in 77 innings with rookie level Ogden and low Single-A Great Lakes.

On the mound, De Leon has developed a deceptive delivery that makes it difficult for hitters to differentiate between his fastball and changeup. Drillers radio broadcaster Dennis Higgins says De Leon hides the ball behind his hip during the first part of his wind up.

De Leon said the deceptive delivery wasn't by cognitive design, it just happened naturally.

"Honestly, I didn't even try," De Leon

Please see **DE LEON**/3C

Warriors eliminate Rockets, end NBA Finals drought

By Antonio Gonzalez
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Stephen Curry had 26 points and eight rebounds, Harrison Barnes added 24 points and the Golden State Warriors advanced to the NBA Finals for the first time in 40 years with a 104-90 victory over the Houston Rockets on Wednesday night.

After decades of wishing and waiting for this moment, the Warriors have finally arrived. They shook off a slow start and sweated out a shaky finish in Game 5 to close out the Rockets and set up a matchup with LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers beginning June 4.

All five Rockets starters scored at least 10 points, but MVP runner-up James Harden had a forgettable finale. Harden had a playoff-record 13 turnovers and scored 14 points on 2-of-11 shooting.

Warriors	104
Rockets	90

Golden State wins series 4-1

Dwight Howard led Houston with 18 points and 16 rebounds.

Yellow streams and confetti fell from the rafters when the final buzzer sounded. The Warriors shared hugs and handshakes, and the crowd chanted "M-V-P!" for Curry, who relished the moment on the court with his 2-year-old daughter, Riley.

"We deserve to celebrate tonight but we've still got unfinished business and it's a long time coming for the Bay Area," All-Star Klay Thompson said.

Curry said he had no lingering effects from his frightening fall in Game 4 that left him with a bruised head and right side. The MVP wore a protective yellow sleeve on his right arm, which he shed in the third quarter after shooting 4 for 12 and the Warriors clinging to a 52-46 halftime lead.

Things got tougher on Curry when backcourt mate Thompson faked a shot that drew Trevor Ariza in the air early in the fourth quarter. Thompson absorbed Ariza's knee to the side of his head, sending him to the floor.

Please see **WARRIORS**/3C

'HOUNDSWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 8, Tulsa 3

TODAY'S GAME
Tulsa at Midland, 6:30 p.m., Security Bank Ballpark

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DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

AUSTRALIAN RULES FOOTBALL
Sydney Swans vs. Carlton Blues, 4:30 a.m., FS2

COLLEGE SOFTBALL - WOMEN'S COLLEGE WORLD SERIES
Tennessee vs. Florida, 11 a.m., ESPN
LSU vs. Auburn, 1:30 p.m., ESPN
Michigan vs. Alabama, 6 p.m., ESPN2
UCLA vs. Oregon, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

CYCLING
Giro d'Italia, Stage 18: Melide to Verbania, 7:30 a.m., beIN/beIN2

GOLF
European PGA: Irish Open, 1st Round, 10 a.m., GOLF
PGA: AT&T Byron Nelson, 1st Round, 3 p.m., GOLF

MLB
Boston at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

MINOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
El Paso Chihuahuas at Round Rock Express, 8 p.m., CBSSN

MEN'S SOCCER
Toulon International U-21: Ivory Coast vs. Mexico, 10:30 a.m., beIN/beIN2
Toulon International U-21: England vs. Morocco, 11:50 a.m., beIN/beIN2
Scottish Premier Final, Leg 1: Rangers vs. Motherwell, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOC+
Copa Libertadores: Racing Club vs. Club Guarani, 7 p.m., FOXDEP
Liga MX Final, Leg 1: Santos Laguna vs. Queretaro, 7:30 p.m., AZTECA

NBA
Eastern Conference Finals, Game 5 (if necessary): Cleveland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m., TNT

TENNIS
French Open, 9 a.m., TENNIS
French Open, 4 a.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON RADIO

MLB
Boston at Texas, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Tulsa at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Designated OF Alejandro De Aza for assignment. Activated INF Ryan Flaherty from the 15-day DL. Signed LHP Ariel Miranda to a minor league contract.
BOSTON RED SOX — Acquired OF Carlos Peguero from the Texas Rangers for cash considerations. Transferred RHP Anthony Varvaro to the 60-day DL.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Announced C Brett Hayes has accepted live outright assignment to Columbus (IL).
LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Acquired OF Kirk Nieuwenhuis from the New York Mets for cash considerations. Designated RHP Chad Smith for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHP Jon Edwards from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned OF Jake Smolinski to Round Rock.
National League
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Traded 3B Juan Uribe and RHP Chris Withrow to Atlanta for INF Alberto Callaspo. LHP Eric Stults, LHP Ian Thomas and RHP Juan Jaime. Recalled OF Chris Heisey from Oklahoma City (PCL). Designated RHP Sergio Santos for assignment.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed 1B Matt Adams on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Ed Easley from Memphis (PCL).
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Signed RHP Richard Barnett.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released INF Ryan Soares and OF Ryan Mathews.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP Charlie Rosario.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed INF Rob Zinsmeister.
Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Signed INF Clayton Brandt. Released C Josh Adams.
TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed RHP Ben Carlson. Sold the contract of RHP Casey Delgado to the New York Mets.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived OL Nick McDonald with an injury designation.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed WR Phillip Dorsett.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed LB Horace Miller. Re-signed WR Milton Williams, III.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Terminated the contracts of G Chris Chester and CB Tracy Porter.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Signed DB Dominique Franks, DB Shaquille Richardson, WR Greg Childs, WR David Gettis, LB Garrett Waggoner and WR Addison Richards.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Signed Fs Ryan Kujawinski and Blake Pietila to entry-level contracts.
American Hockey League
BAKERSFIELD CONDORS — Signed G Ty Rimmer. LW Braden Christoffer and LW Connor Rankin.
ECHL
ECHL — Suspended Ontario's Derek Couture one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for his actions in a May 26 game at Allen.
MOTORSPORTS
INDYCAR — Fined driver Gabby Chaves $10,000 ($5,000 suspended) and placed him on probation for six races after hitting a crew member with his car in the Indy 500. Fined driver James Davison $10,000 ($5,000 suspended) and placed him on probation for six races because of an unsafe release from the pit box that led to contact with two crew members. Fined drivers Juan Pablo Montoya and Stefano Coletti $500 each for running over air hoses.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
MLS — Suspended Seattle assistant equipment manager Brett Johnson one game and fined him an undisclosed amount for violating the League's policy on entering the field/leaving the bench area during a May 23 game against Sporting Kansas City.
ATLANTA — Named Ann Rodriguez vice president of business operations, effective June 22.
SPORTING KC — Announced it has mutually agreed with G Luis Mann to terminate his contract. Announced G Jon Kempin was returned from his loan to San Antonio (NASL).
COLLEGE
GRAND CANYON — Signed men's basketball coach Dan Majerle and baseball coach Andy Stankiewicz to four-year contract extensions through 2019.
PURDUE — Named Andrew Warsaw director of football operations.
SUSQUEHANNA — Brandon Kates men's assistant soccer coach.
TENNESSEE-MARTIN — Named Heather Butler women's assistant basketball coach.
THE CITADEL — Named Derek Satterfield assistant athletic director for media relations.
UTAH STATE — Named Jana Dogget interim athletic director.

FISHING REPORT

WEST
ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 68-73 degrees; 0.4 feet high. Black bass are fair on flukes, Senkos and frogs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 67-71 degrees; 0.25 feet low. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.
COLORADO CITY: 22.27 feet low. No report available.
FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 66-71 degrees; 14.26 feet low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.
HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 66-71 degrees; 26.06 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and chartreuse or white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.
NASWORTHY: No report available.
OAK CREEK: Water stained; 67-72 degrees; 23.2 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, Texas rigs and split shot rigged flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.
O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 66-72 degrees; 44.31 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, weightless Grande Bass Rattlesnakes and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.
POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 66-72 degrees; 0.73 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, weightless Senkos and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.
SPENCE: 85.7 feet low. No report available.
STAMFORD: 7.99 feet low. No report available.
SWEETWATER: Water off color; 66-71 degrees; 28.07 feet low. No report available.
SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water murky; 70-74 degrees; 28.68 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits, jerkbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Red Fins. White bass are fair on live minnows, jigging spoons, and small white crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are very good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.
BRAUNIG: Water stained. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair down rigging spoons near the dam and jetty. Redfish are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp, cheesebait, and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.
CALAVERAS: Water stained. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
CHOKE CANYON: Water murky; 68-72 degrees; 24.50 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits and Texas rigged soft plastic worms and lizards. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnow tipped jigs. Drum are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.
COLETO CREEK: Water murky; 75 degrees in main lake, offline at hot water discharge; 0.62 feet high. Black bass are fair on crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and green tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on perch and shrimp. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.
FALCON: Water murky; 68-72 degrees; 19.33 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Carolina rigged soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait in the river. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.
SOUTHEAST
CONROE: Water murky; 69-73 degrees; 0.64 feet high. Black bass are good on green pumpkin Carolina rigged soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Striped bass are fair on chartreuse striper jigs. Crappie are fair on minnows and green tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and cheesebait.
GIBBONS CREEK: Water clear. Black bass are good on green pumpkin soft plastics, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Catfish are slow.
HOUSTON COUNTY: Water stained; 75-79 degrees; 1.52 feet high. Black bass are fair on chartreuse spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and frogs. Smallmouth bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live minnows near the islands. Bream are good on live worms. Channel and blue catfish to 5 pounds are good on shad and live worms. Yellow catfish are slow.
LIVINGSTON: Water fairly clear; 70-74 degrees; 1.52 feet high. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on pet spoons, slabs, and troll tubes. Crappie are fair on minnows. Blue catfish are very good on shad. Yellow catfish are fair on live bait.
SAM RAYBURN: Water stained; 69-73 degrees; 6.87 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Bream are slow. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait.
STEINHAGEN: 1.19 feet high. No report available.
TOLEDO BEND: Water murky; 68-72 degrees; 0.10 feet high. Black bass are good on chartreuse crankbaits, spinnerbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are fair on silver spoons and slabs in the river. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live bait, cut bait, and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.
CENTRAL
BASTROP: Water stained; 72-76 degrees. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on liver, nightcrawlers, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.
BELTON: Water murky; 68-70 degrees; 1.45 feet low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.
BROWNWOOD: Water murky; 72-76 degrees; 5.27 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are fair over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.
BUCHANAN: Water murky; 68-72 degrees; 27.72 feet low. Black bass are good on shad colored Rat-L-Traps, white Terminator spinnerbaits, and weightless wacky rigged Whacky Sticks in 5-15 feet. Striped bass are fair drifting live bait in 25-30 feet. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps above Paradise Point. Crappie are fair on minnows and Curb's crappie jigs. Channel catfish are good on live bait and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on juglines and trotlines.
CANYON LAKE: Water murky; 69-73 degrees; 14.39 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

Midland High's Rogers signs with MC

By Oscar LeRoy
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Rogers

In the two years that Jordan Dreiling has been the head coach of the Midland College men's basketball team, he's gotten to watch Midland High's Nathan Rogers improve on the court.

Dreiling believes that Rogers' best years are still to come and that is why he signed the 6-foot-10 former center for the Bulldogs to a letter-of-intent to play for the Chaparrals next season.

"I'm real excited about him," Dreiling said. "He's got a really high ceiling. I've gotten to see him since the day I got here. I got to watch him and evaluate him over the last two years, and I think the next two years you are going to see a dramatic improvement. I've seen his body change, his demeanor change and he's really starting to love the game but also the competition that comes with it."

Rogers, who was a three-year varsity player for the Bulldogs and was named as District 3-6A's Defensive MVP for the 2014-15 season, said he mulled over the decision with his family and decided that junior college would be the best way to go for next season.

"We decided that it would be good for me to get an extra year in to develop and mature more," Rogers said. "We talked about prep school, maybe some different junior colleges and maybe a Division II (program), but I felt like I wanted to be at home for one more year. I also know Coach Dreiling. We're really good friends and I look forward to playing for him and being coached by him."

Rogers is also aware that he's got some adjusting to do to play well at the collegiate level.

"At this level everything is quicker," he said. "In high school, as you move up everything gets quicker but if you're behind it's not a big deal. In this league, if you don't put in the extra work you're never going to catch up."

Rogers said he first started to see his game improve during the summer before his junior year when all he did was play basketball either at the YMCA, the MHS gymnasium or at the Midland College gymnasium.

"It was definitely full time," Rogers said. "That's what really helped me improve."

Dreiling said it's that work ethic that Rogers has that has him confident about the player's future development.

"I think he's going to improve so much, even over the summer," Dreiling said. "Just to see where he's come in the last few months, I think he's come a long way. He's a guy that loves to work, he loves the gym, he loves the weight room, so he's going to be in there a lot this summer to get ready for his freshman year."

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Little leads MCS all-district, all-state honors

From staff reports

Several Midland Christian baseball players received postseason honors on both the TAPPS 4A All-State baseball teams and the TAPPS 1-4A All-District teams just released.

Junior pitcher/infielder Grant Little earned a selection to the TAPPS 4A First Team All-State team and was also named the TAPPS 1-4A District MVP.

Senior catcher/pitcher Ray Calhoun, as well as senior pitcher/infielder Brayden Tidwell were both selected to the second team All-State and the first team All-District teams.

Senior outfielder Jaren Rodriguez and freshman pitcher/outfielder Nolen Hester were also named to the first team all-district squad. Hester earned the district's Newcomer of the Year award.

Senior infielder/pitcher Davis Fender and junior pitcher/infielder Blake Letcher earned second team all-district honors.

Luke Fender and Justin Fender, both seniors, were honorable mentions to the all-district team, while Rodriguez was honorable mention to the All-State team.

TAPPS 4A ALL-STATE BASEBALL TEAMS
First Team
Coopar Goen, Sr., Austin Hyde Park; Landon Opel, Sr., Austin Regents School of Austin; Calvin Bush, Sr., Austin St. Michael's; Grant Gilmore, Jr., Austin St. Michael's; Alex Scherff, So., Fort Worth Christian; Pablo Salazar, Sr., Houston Lutheran South Academy; Trent Franson, Sr., Houston Lutheran South Academy; Cade Edwards, Sr., Houston Second Baptist School; Jake Bedevian, Sr., Houston Second Baptist School; **Grant Little, Jr., Midland Christian**; Jeremy Martinez, Sr., San Antonio Holy Cross; Trent Bohny, Sr., Sugar Land Fort Bend Christian Academy; Parker Towns, Sr., Tyler All-Saints Episcopal School; Dylan Sumpter, Sr., Tyler Grace Community School.

Second Team
Hill Alexander, Sr., Arlington Pantego Christian Academy; Sam Stewart, So., Austin Hyde Park; Brad Sbookey, Sr., Austin Regents School of Austin; Rieke Maddox, Sr., Bullard the Brook Hill School; Colton Lunday, Sr., Dallas Christian School; Cal Smith, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Connor Towle, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Evan McDonald, Sr., Houston Lutheran South Academy; Christopher Cunningham, Sr., Houston Second Baptist School; **Brayden Tidwell, Sr., Midland Christian**; **Ray Calhoun, Sr., Midland Christian**; Mark Trimble, San Antonio Cornerstone Christian School; Coleton Oldhamm, Sr., Tyler All-Saints Episcopal School; Andrew Meihart, Sr., Tyler Grace Community School; Michael Braemer, Sr., Victoria St. Joseph's High School.

TAPPS 1-4A ALL-DISTRICT BASEBALL TEAMS
First Team
Grant Little, Jr., Midland Christian; Alex Scherff, So., Fort Worth Christian; Cal Smith, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; **Brayden Tidwell, Sr., Midland Christian**; Hill Alexander, Sr., Arlington Pantego Christian Academy; Connor Towle, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; **Ray Calhoun, Sr., Midland Christian**; Noah Postema, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian School; Colton Eager, So., Fort Worth Christian; **Jaren Rodriguez, Sr., Midland Christian**; Tyler Todd, Sr., Arlington Pantego Christian Academy; Mason McDonald, Jr., Grapevine Faith Christian School; Isaac Schueller, Jr., Fort Worth Christian; Cole Jorge, Sr., Colleyville Covenant Christian Academy; **Nolen Hester, Fr., Midland Christian**

Second Team
Grant Collins, Sr., Colleyville Covenant Christian Academy; Jacob McDougal, Sr., Lubbock Trinity Christian Schools; Storm Driggers, Jr., Lubbock Trinity Christian Schools; **Davis Fender, Sr., Midland Christian**; **Blake Letcher, Jr., Midland Christian**; Christian Thorpe, Sr., Arlington Pantego Christian Academy; Alex Griggs, Jr., Colleyville Covenant Christian Academy; Joshua Turner, So., Colleyville Covenant Christian Academy; Russell Clower, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Michael Burgess, Jr., Fort Worth Christian; Caleb Stone, Sr., Fort Worth Christian; Blake Jamieson, Jr., Fort Worth Christian; Riley Severide, Sr., Grapevine Faith Christian School; Matthew McElwain, So., Fort Worth Southwest Christian School; John Beck III, Sr., Lubbock Trinity Christian Schools.

Dodgers send 3B Juan Uribe to Braves in 6-player trade

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Dodgers dealt third baseman Juan Uribe to the Atlanta Braves on Wednesday in a six-player trade that was initially blocked.

The Dodgers also sent right-handed pitcher and Midland Christian grad Chris Withrow to the Braves for infielder Alberto Callaspo, left-handers Eric Stults and Ian Thomas, and minor league right-hander Juan Jaime.

The 36-year-old Uribe was batting .247 with one home run and six RBI in 29 games. He became expendable after losing his starting job to veteran Justin Turner and rookie Alex Guerrero, who was hitting .313 with eight homers in 83 at-bats.

"I had some great times here, four-plus years here, and I want to thank God for the chance I had with the Dodgers and now the opportunity I'm going to get with the Braves," Uribe said through a translator from the visitors dugout before Wednesday's game. "I'm happy to still be playing baseball. Anytime anybody wants you it's a good thing."

Callaspo originally nixed the trade under a provision that prevents any player who became a major league free agent from being traded without his approval until after June 15. He agreed to a $3 million, one-year contract with the Braves in December.

Uribe had a career-best .311 average last season, along with nine homers and 54 RBIs in 103 games. He is making $6,925,000 in the final season of a two-year contract.

"From some conversations we had he wanted to play more, he expressed that, and this does that for him," Dodgers manager Don Mattingly said.

Callaspo, who has the same agent as Uribe, played for the Los Angeles Angels from 2010-13 before spending last season with Oakland.

Withrow is on 60-day disabled list and hasn't pitched in more than a year. He underwent Tommy John surgery last June and lower back surgery during the offseason. He appeared in 46 games for the Dodgers over two seasons, going 3-0 with one save and a 2.73 ERA. The 26-year-old was first-round pick in 2007.

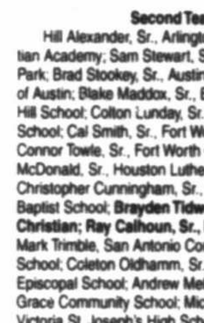
"Withrow is a guy that when I was with the Rays I actually tried to acquire, so I appreciate how good he can be," Friedman said. "He's obviously rehabbing from Tommy John and also back surgery and is going to take a little bit of time to come back. The immediacy of being able to add pitching depth now as opposed to waiting until 2016 was something that kind of pushed it over for us."

MC softball players win NJCAA honors

From staff reports

Former Midland College utility player Tyneesha Houkamau has been named as a first team NJCAA Division I Softball All-American.


Alcocer


Houkamau

Also named as a third team NJCAA All-American was MC teammate and sophomore pitcher Dominique Lozano Alcocer.

Houkamau, who is from New Zealand, was the 2015 Western Junior College Athletic Conference MVP after leading the Lady Chaparrals with a .506 batting average to go with three home runs and 57 RBI. Houkamau was also 11-0 with a 1.33 ERA as a pitcher.

Lozano Alcocer, who is from Mexico City, was 28-6 with a 1.38 ERA this past season at MC.

Also named as a first team NJCAA All-American was Howard College sophomore infielder Samantha Ohmie, who was second in the nation with 25 home runs

SPORTSBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IRVING

Masters champ Spieth home at Nelson, where he got 1st test

Before he even got out of high school, Jordan Spieth had already made the cut as a teenage amateur at the Byron Nelson.

Spieth missed his high school graduation ceremony after making the cut a second time.

"Going back to each year, it's a little more blurry. I've hit more shots in tournament play here," the Masters champion said Wednesday. "It's cool being on that 10th tee box and remembering the first shot that I ever hit in a professional tournament when I was 16."

That was five years ago, when the Dallas player finished 16th in his first head-to-head test against some of the best players in the world.

Now playing in his "home" PGA Tour event for the first time since winning the green jacket, Spieth is the No. 2-ranked player in the world behind only Rory McIlroy.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 8, DRILLERS 3

At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Rock-Hounds designated hitter Carson Blair went 3-for-4 with two triples, a double, two RBI and two runs. Dating back to Tuesday night, Blair has hit extra-base hits in four of his last five at-bats. Blair's four triples this season are tied with teammate Jeycob Brugman, Northwest Arkansas' Alex Liddi and Springfield's Charlie Tilson for the Texas League lead. ... Midland second baseman Colin Walsh reached base safely in four of five plate appearances and finished with three hits and a pair of RBI.

TOP PITCHER: Midland starting pitcher Chris Jensen settled down after allowing three runs in the second inning, closing out his outing with six consecutive shutout innings. Jensen improved to 4-3 after allowing two earned runs, seven hits and two walks over eight frames. At one point, Jensen retired 10 straight batters.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Rock-Hounds scored three runs to take a 4-3 lead in the bottom of the fifth and never looked back. Blair led off the stanza with a triple. Midland's first four batters reached base safely in the inning. ... The RockHounds added three more runs in the seventh inning. Blair's two-run double to right center was the highlight of the frame. Matt Olson began the inning with a double to the center field wall.

NOTES AND QUOTES: Tulsa manager Razor Shines was ejected for the second straight game. After being tossed in the sixth, Shines tore up his lineup card at the home plate area and walked off the field. Drillers catcher Ali Solis was also ejected. ... Midland (24-22) is now two games over .500 after winning its second straight versus Tulsa. ... "I have never have (had two triples in the game)," Blair said. "I have never been a guy who runs well. Two triples is usually a full season." ... "That's shocking that at any point in the year that I would be tied in the lead for triples," Blair said of his four triples that are tied for the Texas League lead. "DH days I feel like I have a little more spring in my legs not squatting down behind the plate," said Blair of when he's not playing his natural position of catcher. "But by no means am I a speed guy when I am a DH."

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Tulsa — RHP Mickey Storey (first start). Midland — RHP Nate Long (2-3, 3.25).

ROCKHOUNDS 8, DRILLERS 3

Tulsa	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Mateo ss	5	0	0	0	Obercker cf	3	1	1	1
Lavin cf	3	0	1	0	Walsh 2b	4	0	3	2
Dixon 2b	4	0	1	0	Pinder ss	5	0	2	0
Anderson tb	3	0	0	0	Olson rf	5	1	1	0
Drake rf	4	0	1	0	Rhealy 3b	4	1	1	0
Cuningham dh	4	1	1	0	Nunez 1b	3	0	0	1
Mayora 3b	4	1	2	1	Brugman lf	3	1	0	0
Lee lf	4	1	1	1	Blair dh	4	2	3	2
Solis c	2	0	1	1	Maxwell c	3	2	1	1
Zarraga c	2	0	0	0					
Totals	35	3	8	3	Totals	34	8	12	7

Tulsa.....000 000 000 —3
Midland.....001 031 30x —8

E — Dixon (6), Nunez (6), Rhealy (4). DP — Tulsa 1. Midland 0. LOB — Tulsa 7, Midland 10. 2B — Mayora (10), Blair (8), Olson (10). 3B — Cunningham (1), Blair 2 (4). SB — Lavin (2), Walsh (3). CS — Lavin (2). SF — Obercker, Nunez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tulsa						
Kehrt L, 3-4	4.2	6	4	3	2	6
Jor.DeLeon	1.1	2	1	1	2	2
Dennick	1.0	3	3	3	1	1
Cash	1.0	1	0	0	1	2
Midland						
Jensen W, 4-3	8.0	7	3	2	2	3
Wahl	1.0	1	0	0	0	2

PB — Solis (4)

Texas League

First half				
North Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Northwest Arkansas	29	19	.604	—
Arkansas	26	19	.578	1½
Tulsa	19	24	.442	6½
Springfield	15	32	.326	15
South Division				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Corpus Christi	31	14	.689	—
Midland	24	22	.522	7½
San Antonio	18	27	.400	13
Frisco	16	29	.356	15½

Wednesday's Scores
Springfield 4, Frisco 3
Midland 8, Tulsa 3
Corpus Christi 8, Northwest Arkansas 3
Arkansas 5, San Antonio 4
Today's Games
Tulsa at Midland, 8 p.m.
Springfield at Frisco, 8:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Northwest Arkansas, 8:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Arkansas, 8:10 p.m.

DE LEON

From 1C

said. "It just happens. Some guys just hide the ball really well and some guys don't. When you can hide the ball, that's always a weapon because you don't have to throw as hard every time. A 91 (mph fastball) can look like a 94 or 95 if you can hide it really well. Some guys throw 98 but they don't hide it well and they get hit pretty good. It's a weapon, but honestly I didn't even try to do it, it's just happened."

The 2015 Baseball America Prospect Handbook characterized De Leon's changeup as an average pitch, but De Leon now feels it has become his favorite offering.

"My changeup is my go-to (pitch)," De Leon said. "I know that was the pitch that I needed to work the most on so I did and right now it just clicked...I just feel really confident in throwing that pitch in any count and it's a good thing to have. You know when you don't have your fastball and you're not locating your fastball well, it's always great to have something else to go to."

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TEXASMLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

INDIANS 12
RANGERS 3

CLEVELAND — The best moments of Josh Hamilton's career occurred in Texas with the Rangers. He hopes to add more in his homecoming.

Texas wrapped up its nine-game road trip Wednesday with a 12-3 loss to the Cleveland Indians, setting the stage for Hamilton to play at home for the first time since rejoining the franchise on April 27.

The Rangers host the Boston Red Sox at Globe Life Park tonight.

"I'm looking forward to being back in the area and in the ballpark and playing in front of Rangers fans again," said Hamilton, who last played at home for Texas in the 2012 postseason.

Hamilton, who made his season debut Monday in Cleveland, went 1 for 11 (.091) in the three-game set. The five-time AL All-Star got his first hit in the series finale, but was thrown out by Indians left fielder Mike Aviles when he attempted to turn it into a double in the seventh inning.

ORIOLES 5
ASTROS 4

BALTIMORE — Chris Davis hit two homers, including a go-ahead solo shot in the eighth inning, to lead the Baltimore Orioles to a 5-4 victory over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Jimmy Paredes had two hits and stole home for the Orioles, who took the three-game series after winning 4-3 on Monday. Steve Pearce hit his sixth home run for Baltimore.

Ubaldo Jimenez started strong for the Orioles but faded in the seventh when he allowed three of his four runs. He gave up a season-high 10 hits with five strikeouts and one walk over seven innings.

Evan Gattis had three hits, including his 10th homer of the season. Colby Rasmus entered the game on an 0-for-11 skid, but had three hits off Jimenez. Rasmus is 13 for 31 (.419) lifetime against him.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	25	22	.532	—
Tampa Bay	24	24	.500	1½
Baltimore	21	23	.477	2½
Toronto	22	27	.449	4
Boston	21	26	.447	4
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	28	18	.609	—
Minnesota	28	18	.609	—
Detroit	28	20	.583	1
Cleveland	21	25	.457	7
Chicago	20	24	.455	7
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	30	18	.625	—
Los Angeles	23	23	.500	6
Seattle	23	23	.500	6
Texas	23	24	.489	6½
Oakland	17	32	.347	13½

Wednesday's Scores
Cleveland 12, Texas 3
Chicago White Sox 5, Toronto 3, 10 innings
N.Y.Yankees 4, Kansas City 2
Minnesota 8, Boston 4
Seattle 3, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 3, Oakland 2
Baltimore 5, Houston 4
San Diego at L.A. Angels, late
Today's Games
Chicago White Sox (Sale 3-2) at Baltimore (T.Wilson 1-0), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Chicago White Sox (Beck 0-0) at Baltimore (M.Wright 1-0), 3:35 p.m., 2nd game
Boston (E.Rodriguez 0-0) at Texas (N.Martinez 4-0), 7:05 p.m.
Detroit (Farmer 0-0) at L.A. Angels (C.Wilson 2-3), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y.Yankees (Sabathia 2-6) at Oakland (Graveman 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Kluber 2-5) at Seattle (Paxton 3-2), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	28	19	.596	—
New York	27	21	.563	1½
Atlanta	22	23	.489	5
Philadelphia	19	30	.388	10
Miami	18	30	.375	10½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	31	16	.660	—
Chicago	25	21	.543	5½
Pittsburgh	24	22	.522	6½
Cincinnati	19	27	.413	11½
Milwaukee	16	32	.333	15½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	28	17	.622	—
San Francisco	28	20	.583	1½
San Diego	22	25	.468	7
Arizona	21	25	.457	7½
Colorado	19	26	.422	9

Wednesday's Scores
Colorado 8, Cincinnati 4
Pittsburgh 5, Miami 2
N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 0
San Francisco 5, Milwaukee 1
Washington 3, Chicago Cubs 0
St. Louis 4, Arizona 3
San Diego at L.A. Angels, late
Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Burnett 4-1) at San Diego (Kennedy 3-4), 8:10 p.m.
Atlanta (S.Miller 5-1) at San Francisco (Heston 4-3), 9:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY'S TEXAS BOXES
INDIANS 12, RANGERS 3

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
DOrtiz cf-2b	4	0	0	0	Kipnis 2b	5	2	3	0
Choo rf	4	1	2	0	CSantn 1b	3	2	1	3
Fielder dh	4	0	1	0	Brantly lf	2	1	2	1
Beltre 3b	3	0	1	0	JRmrz ss	1	0	0	0
LMartn cf	1	1	1	2	Dvidsy rf	5	1	1	1
JSmith lf	4	0	1	0	Swisher dh	5	1	2	1
MoYng 1b	4	0	1	0	Chsnhll 3b	5	2	3	0
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	Aviles ss-f	5	1	1	0
Rosales 2b-3b	2	0	0	0	Bourn cf	5	1	3	2
Chirins c	2	1	1	1	RPerez c	4	1	1	1
Field 2b-ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	33	3	8	3	Totals	40	12	17	12

Texas.....000 010 002 — 3
Cleveland.....028 110 00x — 12

E — Field (3). DP — Cleveland 1. LOB — Texas 4, Cleveland 8. 2B — Beltre (8), Kipnis (14), Brantley (17), Chisenhall (9). 3B — Kipnis (4). HR — L.Martin (3), Chirinos (5), C.Santana (6), Swisher (2), Chisenhall (4). SB — Bourn (4). CS — Brantley.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Lewis L, 4-3	2 2/3	11	10	9	1	2
Bass	4 1/3	5	2	2	2	2
Edwards	1	1	0	0	0	2
Cleveland						
Carrasco W, 6-4	8	5	1	1	1	8
Atchison	1	3	2	2	0	1

WP — Edwards. Carrasco
T — 2:47. A — 15,956 (36,856)

ORIOLES 5, ASTROS 4

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Baltimore	ab	r	h	bi
Springr rf	5	1	1	0	MMchd 3b	4	0	1	0
Altuve 2b	5	0	2	0	Snider lf	3	0	0	0
Tucker lf	5	1	1	1	Lough lf	1	0	0	0
Gattis dh	4	2	3	2	Paredes dh	4	1	2	0
CRisms cf	4	0	3	0	A.Jones cf	4	1	1	0
Valuen 3b	3	0	0	0	C.Davis 1b	4	2	2	3
Carter 1b	4	0	1	1	Pearce rf	4	1	1	1
JCastro c	4	0	0	0	JHardy ss	4	0	2	0
MGnzlz ss	3	0	0	0	Flahrty 2b	3	0	0	0
Villar ph	1	0	0	0	Joseph c	3	0	0	0
Totals	38	4	11	4	Totals	33	5	10	4

Houston.....010 000 300—4
Baltimore.....000 400 01x—5

DP — Houston 1. LOB — Houston 8, Baltimore 5. 2B — Altuve (10), Tucker (5), Gattis (8), Col. Rasmus (10), Carter (3), Paredes (9). HR — Gattis (10), C.Davis 2 (10), Pearce (6). SB — Paredes (3), A.Jones (3).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
McHugh	6	9	4	4	0	5
Fields	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Sipp L,2-2	2-3	1	1	1	0	2
Baltimore						
U.Jimenez	7	10	4	4	1	5
Brach W,3-0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Britton S,12-13	1	1	0	0	0	0

HBP — by McHugh (Snider)
T — 2:26. A — 16,401 (45,971)

WEDNESDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
WHITE SOX 5, BLUE JAYS 3

Chicago.....000 001 000 2 — 5 14 0
Toronto.....000 000 111 0 — 3 13 1

Samardzija, Petricka (8), Putnam (8), Duke (8), Robertson (9) and Soto; Estrada, Loup (8), Cecil (9), Osuna (10) and Pu.Martin. Thole. W — Robertson 4-1. L — Osuna 1-1. HRs — Toronto, Donaldson (13).

YANKEES 4, ROYALS 2

Kansas City.....100 000 010 —2 8 0
New York.....013 000 00x —4 9 1

C.Young, Madson (7), FMoralez (8) and S.Perez; Pineda, D.Carpenter (7), J.Wilson (7), Betances (8), A.Miller (9) and B.McCann. W — Pineda 6-2. L — C.Young 4-1. Sv — A.Miller (14). HRs — Kansas City, Moustakas (5); New York, B.McCann (6), A.Rodriguez (11).

MARINERS 3, RAYS 0

Seattle.....000 000 003 —3 3 0
Tampa Bay.....000 000 000 —0 4 0

F.Hernandez and Zunino; Archer, Badenhop (9) and Rivera. W — F.Hernandez 8-1. L — Boxberger 2-3. HRs — Seattle, N.Cruz (16).

TWINS 6, RED SOX 4

Boston.....002 020 000 —4 7 0
Minnesota.....003 201 00x —6 8 0

Porcello, Tazawa (8) and Swihart; Pelfrey, Duensing (7), Pressly (8), A.Thompson (8), Tonkin (9), Perkins (9) and Hwrmann. W — P.Hughes 4-4. L — Porcello 4-4. Sv — Perkins (18). HRs — Boston, Pedroia 2 (7), Minnesota, Hicks (1), E.Rosario (2).

TIGERS 3, ATHLETICS 2

Detroit.....000 000 030 —3 8 0
Oakland.....000 000 110 —2 6 0

A.Wilson, Ryan (4), Alburquerque (7), B.Hardy (8), Chamberlain (8), Sona (9) and Holaday. Kazmir, Otero (4), Doolittle (6), Fe.Rodriguez (7), Scribner (9) and Vogt. W — Ryan 1-0. L — Otero 2-3. Sv — Soria (15). HRs — Detroit, Cespedes (6).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
ROCKIES 6, REDS 4

Colorado.....320 010 000 —6 10 0
Cincinnati.....100 000 030 —4 6 0

K.Kendrick, Logan (8), Betancourt (8), A.Ottrd (9) and McKenry. Leake, M.Parra (F); Badenhop (7), Cingrani (9) and Barnhart. W — K.Kendrick 2-6. L — Leake 2-4. Sv — Axford (6). HRs — Colorado, Arenado (10), Blackmon (7). Cincinnati, Frazier (14), Barnhart (3).

PIRATES 5, MARLINS 2

Miami.....010 000 100 —2 9 0
Pittsburgh.....000 000 50x —5 11 1

Hand, Morris (6), Dunn (7), S.Dyson (7), Capps (7), Mazzaro (9) and Realmuto. G.Cole, Watson (8), Melancon (9) and Stewart. W — G.Cole 7-2. L — S.Dyson 2-2. Sv — Melancon (12). HRs — Miami, Bour (3), Yelich (2).

METS 7, PHILLIES 0

Philadelphia.....000 000 000 —0 8 1
New York.....103 111 00x —7 12 0

O'Sullivan, Diekman (6), Papelbon (8) and Rupp; Syndergaard, Gilmartin (8), Goeddel (9) and Plawecki. W — Syndergaard 2-2. L — O'Sullivan 1-4. HRs — New York, Duda 2 (8), Cuddyer (5), Syndergaard (1).

GIANTS 3, BREWERS 1

San Francisco.....000 020 001 —3 9 0
Milwaukee.....000 100 000 —1 6 0

Vogelsong, Strickland (7), Romo (8), Casilla (9) and Posey. Fiers, Blazek (6), Broxton (8), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Maldonado. W — Vogelsong 4-2. L — Fiers 1-5. Sv — Casilla (14). HRs — San Francisco, Panik (3).

CARDINALS 4, DIAMONDBACKS 3

Arizona.....000 102 000 —3 7 1
St. Louis.....110 000 002 —4 10 1

Collmenter, Delgado (6), O.Perez (7), J.C.Ramirez (8), Ziegler (9) and Gosewisch. Pacheco; Lynn, M.Harris (7), Choate (9), Maness (9) and Molina. W — Maness 1-0. L — Ziegler 0-1. HRs — Arizona, Trumbo (8). St. Louis, Wong (6), Heyward (5).

TUESDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
TWINS 2, RED SOX 1

Boston.....010 000 000 —1 7 1
Minnesota.....200 000 00x —2 7 0

Buchholz, Ogando (8) and S.Leon; Pelfrey, Boyer (8), Perkins (8) and K.Suzuki. W — Pelfrey 4-1. L — Buchholz 2-6. Sv — Perkins (17).

TIGERS 1, ATHLETICS 0

Detroit.....100 000 000 —1 6 1
Oakland.....000 000 000 —0 7 1

Price, Chamberlain (8), Gorzelanny (8), Soria (8) and J.McCann; Chavez, Clippard (9) and Pengsy. W — Price 4-1. L — Chavez 1-5. Sv — Soria (14).

PADRES 4, ANGELS 0

San Diego.....000 000 004 — 4 9 1
Los Angeles.....000 000 000 — 0 5 1

Despaigne, Maurer (7), Benoit (8), Garces (9), Thayer (9), Kimbrel (10) and De.Norris. Shoemaker, Salas (8), Street (9), J.Smith (10), Pastano (10), C.Ramos (10) and Iannetta. W — Thayer 1-0. L — J.Smith 1-2.

DODGERS 6, BRAVES 0

Atlanta.....000 000 000 — 0 5 0
Los Angeles.....000 020 00x — 2 11 1

Teheran, Stults (5) and Bethancourt; Kershaw, Howell (6), Santos (9) and Ellis. W — Kershaw 3-3. L — Teheran 4-2. HRs — Los Angeles, A.Gonzalez (10).

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL PAIRINGS

BASEBALL
UIL Region I playoffs
*** denotes if necessary**
Class 6A
Regional Semifinals

Arlington Martin (23-3, W4) vs. Southlake Carroll (25-7, T7), Quik'Trip Park, Grand Prairie
Game 1: 7:30 p.m. today; Game 2: 7:30 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: TBA, Saturday
Wolfforth Frenship (27-8, W2) vs. Keller (25-4-1, W5), Texas Tech University/McKinney Boyd HS
Game 1: Noon, Friday; Game 2: 30 minutes after Game 1 (if Keller wins) at Tech, or 6:00 p.m. Saturday at McKinney Boyd HS (if Frenship wins); *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2 (if game 2 at McKinney Boyd HS) or 7 p.m. Saturday (if game 2 at Texas Tech)

Class 4A
Regional Semifinals

Venus (16-4, W7) vs. Fort Stockton (18-13, F4), Odessa Permian HS/Brock HS
Game 1: 1 p.m. today at Permian; Game 2: 1 p.m. Saturday at Brock HS; * Game 3: 30 minutes after Game 2
Bushland (21-5, W1) vs. Abilene Wylie (24-4, W6), Lubbock Cooper HS/ Lubbock Christian University
Game 1: Game 2: 3 p.m. Saturday, Lubbock Christian University; * Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2

SOFTBALL
UIL Region I playoffs
*** denotes if necessary**
Class 6A
Regional semifinals

Arlington Martin (W4, 24-6) vs. Lewisville (R6, 23-5) at Argyle HS
Game 1: Lewisville 3, Martin 0; Game 2: Lewisville 9, Martin 2; Lewisville (25-6) wins series 2-0
Lubbock Coronado (W2, 30-0-1) vs. Keller (W5, 24-4) at Abilene Christian University
Game 1: Keller 3, Coronado 1; Game 2: Keller 5, Coronado 2; Keller (26-4) wins series 2-0

Regional finals

Lewisville (R6, 25-5) vs. Keller (W5, 26-4), at Argyle HS
Game 1: 7 p.m. today; Game 2: 7 p.m. Friday; *Game 3: 7:30 p.m. Saturday

Class 4A
Regional semifinals

Fort Stockton (W4, 26-4) vs. Kennedale (W7, 20-2) at Angelo State University, San Angelo
Game 1: Kennedale 10, Fort Stockton 2; Game 2: Kennedale 8, Fort Stockton 1. Kennedale (22-2) wins series 2-0
Snyder (W2, 26-4) vs. Mineral Wells (W6, 17-8) at Angelo State University
Game 1: Snyder 11, Mineral Wells 6. 11 innings, Game 2: Snyder 8, Mineral Wells 4. Snyder (28-6) wins series 2-0

Regional finals

Kennedale (W7, 22-2) vs. Snyder (W2, 28-6)
Game 1: 9 p.m. today at Snyder HS; Game 2: 2 p.m. Saturday at Kennedale HS; *Game 3: 30 minutes after game 2

Class 3A
Regional semifinals

Shallowater (R2, 22-15) vs. Comanche (W7, 15-4) at Hermleigh HS
Game 1: Shallowater 7, Comanche 2. Game 2: Comanche 6, Shallowater 4. Game 3: Comanche 8, Shallowater 5. Comanche (17-5) wins series 2-1
Presidio (R4, 17-9) vs. Colorado City (W5, 15-4-1) at Rattler Softball Complex, Odessa
Game 1: Colorado City 4, Presidio 1. Game 2: Colorado City 12, Presidio 7. Colorado City (17-4-1) wins series 2-0

Regional finals

Colorado City (W5, 17-4-1) vs. Comanche (W7, 17-5), 2 p.m. Saturday at Abilene Christian University



Associated Press

Houston Rockets center Dwight Howard, bottom, dunks against Golden State Warriors center Andrew Bogut during the first half of Game 5 of the NBA Western Conference finals in Oakland, Calif., on Wednesday.

WARRIORS

From 1C

Thompson, who finished with 20 points, lay on the ground for a minute before walking to the locker room. He came back to the bench with what the team called a right ear laceration.

The Warriors said he could've returned, but they never needed him. They started the fourth on a 13-4 run and held off Houston's last-ditch efforts on free throws.

Barnes highlighted the decisive spurt with a dunk that gave Golden State an 87-72 lead with 7:10 remaining. He flexed his muscles to the yellow-shirt wearing sellout crowd of 19,596, which spent the final quarter on its feet in anticipation of a celebration a generation in the works.

Now it's LeBron vs. Curry.

King James vs. the Baby-Faced Assassin.

The four-time NBA MVP vs. the newly crowned MVP.

The hype has already started for two of the most popular and entertaining players in the world to take center stage for the championship, and it has a week to build even more before starting at Oracle Arena.

The conference title is the biggest accomplishment yet in what has been a rapid rise for a Warriors team that is beloved in the basketball-united Bay Area despite decades of futility.

Warriors co-owners Joe Lacob and Peter Guber, sitting courtside next to rapper Kanye West, have turned the franchise into a contender since they bought the team in 2010. General manager Bob Myers, the NBA Executive of the Year, has constructed a talented roster around Curry that has exceeded all expectations. And first-year coach Steve Kerr blended it all together beautifully after Mark Jackson's messy firing last May.

The Warriors rolled to a franchise-record 67 wins in the regular season and had little trouble dispatching New Orleans, Memphis and Houston in the playoffs. Now they're in the finals for the first time since winning the title in 1975 behind Rick Barry and coach Alvin Attles, who enjoyed it all sitting in his usual spot at the top of the arena's lower bowl.

NBA FINALS GLANCE

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Cleveland 4, Atlanta 0

Wednesday, May 20: Cleveland 97, Atlanta 89
Friday, May 22: Cleveland 94, Atlanta 82
Sunday, May 24: Cleveland 114, Atlanta 111, OT
Tuesday, May 26: Cleveland 118, Atlanta 88

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Golden State 4, Houston 1

Tuesday, May 19: Golden State 110, Houston 106
Thursday, May 21: Golden State 99, Houston 98
Saturday, May 23: Golden State 115, Houston 80
Monday, May 25: Houston 128, Golden State 115
Wednesday, May 27: Golden State 104, Houston 90

FINALS
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Golden State vs. Cleveland

Thursday, June 4: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Sunday, June 7: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.
Tuesday, June 9: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
Thursday, June 11: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Sunday, June 14: Cleveland at Golden State, 7 p.m.
x-Tuesday, June 16: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m.
x-Friday, June 19: Cleveland at Golden State, 8 p.m.

Wednesday's Box
WARRIORS 104, ROCKETS 90

HOUSTON (90)	Anza 5-9 4-4 15, Smith 1-12 3-6 11, Howard 5-13 8-13 18, Terry 6-13 2-2 16, Harden 2-11 10-13 14, Jones 0-3 0-0 0, Prigioni 1-1 0-0 2, Brewer 5-12 6-6 16, Capela 0-0 0-0 0, Totals 26-74 33-44 90.
GOLDEN STATE (104)	Barnes 10-20 2-2 24, Green 3-15 1-3 9, Bogut 0-1 0-0 0, Curry 7-21 4-5 21, Thompson 8-14 0-0 20, Ezeli 5-7 2-4 12, Iguodala 3-8 0-0 6, Livingston 0-3 0-0 0, Barbosa 2-3 4-4 8, Lee 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 37-91 21-31 104.
Houston	22 24 22 22— 90
Golden State	17 35 22 30—104

3-Point Goals — Houston 5-24 (Smith 2-7, Terry 2-8, Anza 1-3, Jones 0-1, Brewer 0-1, Prigioni 0-1, Harden 0-3), Golden State 9-29 (Thompson 4-8, Curry 3-11, Barnes 2-5, Iguodala 0-1, Barbosa 0-1, Green 0-3). Fouled Out — None. Rebounds — Houston 51 (Howard 16, Golden State 12, Bogut 12). Assists — Houston 16 (Harden 5), Golden State 25 (Iguodala, Curry 6). Total Fouls — Houston 26, Golden State 18. Technicals — Howard, Bogut A. - 19,596. (19,596).

Blackhawks beat Ducks 5-2 to force Game 7 in West finals

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

Blackhawks	5
Ducks	2

Series is tied 3-3

CHICAGO — Duncan Keith had three assists and saved a goal in the third period, and the Chicago Blackhawks beat the Anaheim Ducks 5-2 on Wednesday night to force a Game 7 in the Western Conference finals.

Brandon Saad, Marian Hossa and Patrick Kane scored in the second to help the Blackhawks hand the Ducks their first regulation loss of the playoffs. Andrew Shaw had two goals in the third, and Corey Crawford finished with 30 saves.

The Blackhawks improved to 31-0 when leading after two periods and erased some of the sting from Monday night's 5-4 overtime loss. Game 7 is Saturday night in Anaheim.

Patrick Maroon and Clayton Stoner scored for the Ducks, and Frederik Andersen made 18 saves.

Anaheim caught a break when Jakob Silfverberg brushed up against Crawford's glove on Stoner's first goal of the playoffs at 1:57 of the third, trimming Chicago's lead to 3-2. There was no call on the play and Crawford threw up his hands in exasperation after Stoner's big slap shot went into the net.

But Crawford quickly put the play behind him, hanging tough while the Ducks made a frantic push for the tying goal. He got some help from Keith when the two-time Norris Trophy winner swept a shot away from the goal line about 3 1/2 minutes into the period.

Shaw finally got the Blackhawks some breathing room when he beat Andersen with a nifty backhander high into the net with 3:32 left. Andrew Desjardins made a nice hustle play to get the puck over to Shaw for his third playoff goal.

Shaw then added an empty-netter in the final minute as Chicago improved to 7-1 at home in the playoffs.

The Blackhawks' biggest stars stepped up during a key stretch in the second, led by another terrific all-around performance for Keith.

NHL CONFERENCE FINALS

CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7; z-if necessary)
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Tampa Bay 3, N.Y. Rangers 3

Saturday, May 16: N.Y. Rangers 2, Tampa Bay 1
Monday, May 18: Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Rangers 2
Wednesday, May 20: Tampa Bay 6, N.Y. Rangers 5, OT
Friday, May 22: N.Y. Rangers 5, Tampa Bay 1
Sunday, May 24: Tampa Bay 2, N.Y. Rangers 0
Tuesday, May 26: N.Y. Rangers 7, Tampa Bay 3
Friday, May 29: Tampa Bay at N.Y. Rangers, 7 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE
Anaheim 3, Chicago 3

Sunday, May 17: Anaheim 4, Chicago 1
Tuesday, May 19: Chicago 3, Anaheim 2, 3OT
Thursday, May 21: Anaheim 2, Chicago 1
Saturday, May 23: Chicago 5, Anaheim 4, 2OT
Monday, May 25: Anaheim 5, Chicago 4, OT
Wednesday, May 27: Chicago 5, Anaheim 2
Saturday, May 30: Chicago at Anaheim, 7 p.m.

PROBE

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agreed to plead guilty.

"Beginning in 1991, two generations of soccer officials ... used their positions of trust within their respective organizations to solicit bribes from sports marketers in exchange for the commercial rights to their soccer tournaments," U.S. Attorney General Loretta E. Lynch said at a news conference in New York. "They did this over and over, year after year, tournament after tournament."

U.S. prosecutors said they will seek forfeiture of more than $151 million the government alleges was illegally obtained. They said the indictments represented only the beginning of their efforts.

Richard Weber, head of the IRS Criminal Division, called the case "the World Cup of fraud."

Two current FIFA vice presidents were among those arrested and indicted, Jeffrey Webb of the Cayman Islands and Eugenio Figueredo of Uruguay, the Justice Department said. The others are Eduardo Li of Costa Rica, Julio Rocha of Nicaragua, Costas Takkas of Britain, Rafael Esquivel of Venezuela and Jose Maria Marin of Brazil.

All seven are connected with the regional confederations of North and South America and face up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

FIFA suspended 11 people, including Webb and Figueredo, from all soccer-related activities following the U.S. announcement.

Webb called himself a reformer when he was elected as CONCACAF president in 2012. Prosecutors alleged that part of the bribe money directed to Webb was transferred to the account of a contractor building a swimming pool at Webb's home in Loganville, Georgia.

The seven soccer officials arrested are connected with CONCACAF or CONMEBOL, South America's governing body. Each faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

The Swiss justice ministry said six of the seven officials arrested oppose extradition to the United States, adding that U.S. authorities now have 40 days to submit the formal extradition request.

One of those detained, who was unidentified, agreed to "a simplified extradition procedure," meaning he can be sent to the U.S. in the coming days.

Four of the men indicted are sports marketing executives and another works in broadcasting. Jack Warner, a former FIFA vice president from Trinidad and Tobago, was among those indicted, and he turned himself in to police in Port-of-Spain after they issued an arrest warrant at the request of U.S. authorities. Warner, who has proclaimed his innocence, was forced out of FIFA in 2011 over a bribery scandal.

The Justice Department cited bribes and kickbacks involving media rights deals involving World Cup qualifying matches in the Caribbean and Central America, the Copa America — South America's continental championship — plus the CONCACAF Gold Cup and Champions League.

Prosecutors said CONMEBOL reached an agreement in 2013 with a new company, Datisa, on a $240 million contract for rights to the Copa America in 2015, 2019 and 2023, and the following year to a $112.5 million deal for the 2016 Copa America Centenario in the U.S. As part of the deals, prosecutors said Datisa agreed to pay $110 million in bribes to South American soccer officials.

"They were expected to uphold the rules that keep soccer honest and to protect the integrity of the game," Lynch said. "Instead, they corrupted the business of worldwide soccer to serve their interests and to enrich themselves."

U.S. prosecutors said they had uncovered a dozen different schemes, including $10 million in payments from a FIFA account in Switzerland to an account in New York for credit to an account controlled by Warner. South Africa, with the backing of Nelson Mandela, beat rival bids from Morocco and Egypt to host the tournament in 2010, four years after narrowly losing out to Germany for the previous tournament.

The Swiss prosecutors' office said the U.S. probe was separate from its investigation but that authorities were working together.

The votes to award the World Cups to Russia and Qatar have been surrounded in controversy and accusations of corruption.

The Swiss prosecutors' office said in a statement it seized "electronic data and documents" at FIFA's headquarters Wednesday as part of the probe. Swiss police said they will question 10 FIFA executive committee members who took part in the World Cup votes in December 2010.

The Swiss investigation against "persons unknown on suspicion of criminal mismanagement and of money laundering" again throws into the doubt the integrity of the voting.

Qatar, a tiny Gulf nation with little soccer tradition, was criticized from the start for its extreme summer heat. FIFA has since been forced to move the tournament to November-December instead of the usual June-July time slot.

FIFA also hired former U.S. attorney Michael Garcia to investigate the 2018 and 2022 bid process. His findings were never fully released and both Russia and Qatar were confirmed as hosts. Garcia's full report was turned over to Swiss authorities in November, prompting Wednesday's raid on FIFA headquarters.

Russian Sports Minister Vitaly Mutko, who is also a FIFA executive committee member, told The Associated Press "we've got nothing to hide."

"We're prepared to show everything," Mutko said in a telephone interview. "We've always acted within the law."

Qatari soccer officials declined to comment.

Hundreds of soccer officials are in Switzerland for the FIFA congress, where Blatter is widely expected to win re-election.

But European football's governing body, known as UEFA, said the election should be postponed and that it would consider boycotting this week's FIFA congress following the arrests. UEFA general secretary Gianni Infantino said the corruption investigations into FIFA "tarnish the image of football as a whole." In a sign of the loyalty that Blatter enjoys, however, the 46-voter Asian Football Confederation said it opposed a delay and repeated its support for the 79-year-old president.

COWBOYS

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coming out of it in my mind with other players getting opportunities this time of year that normally wouldn't get it."

Linehan was saying that last year about his extra quarterbacks, with Romo largely sidelined by back surgery for the second consecutive spring. The flip side is that Romo is missing a chance for extra work with Bryant, the most productive receiver through five seasons in the storied franchise's history.

"It hurts us just by the passion that he brings to the table and the competitive spirit of practice," receiver Cole Beasley said. "But since he's gone, a lot of guys are getting more time to show what they can do. It both hurts and helps."

NOTES: OL Chaz Green, a third-round draft pick, has signed his rookie contract. The remaining unsigned picks are first-rounder Byron Jones (CB, Connecticut), and LB Damien Wilson, a fourth-round pick out of Minnesota. Jones and Wilson are practicing. ... RB Ryan Williams missed practice Tuesday with knee soreness but was on the field Wednesday.



Associated Press

LEFT: Gael Monfils, left, hugs his opponent, Diego Schwartzman, after winning the second round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, in Paris, France, on Wednesday. **RIGHT:** Jo-Wilfried Tsonga celebrates after defeating Dudi Sela in their second round match of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium, Wednesday in Paris.

Good day for Monfils, Tsonga at French Open

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — Gael Monfils delivered one final ace, his 21st, and closed out his latest raucous, five-set victory on Court Philippe Chatrier to the delight of roaring, partisan spectators.

An entertainer at heart, Monfils pounded his chest with his right fist repeatedly and, after hugging opponent Diego Schwartzman at the net, used his right shoe to etch a sketch of a smiley face on the French Open main stadium's red clay.

Needless to say, his adoring public loved that, too.

Since 1983, when Yannick Noah became the most recent man from France to win the championship at Roland Garros, the locals have not had a whole lot to cheer about at their Grand Slam tennis tournament. So mark Wednesday as a rare bright light along the way: All five of the host country's men in action advanced to the third round, including three who were seeded — No. 12 Gilles Simon, No. 13 Monfils and No. 14 Jo-Wilfried Tsonga — and two who defeated seeded players — Nicolas Mahut and Benoit Paire.

"Everybody," Tsonga said, "remembers Yannick's victory."

Monfils trailed Argentina's Schwartzman two sets to one, before coming back and improving to 14-10 in five-setters with a 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3 win filled with loud cheers between points and plenty of supportive cries of "Allez!"

"Actually, today I won because I had the crowd behind me," Monfils said. "They give me, let's say, some wings."

The 5-foot-7 Schwartzman, who is 9 inches shorter than Monfils, noticed the fans' effect, saying: "He always uses the people (to his advantage), in all his matches."

While some French players through the years have found the expectations of their countrymen too much to bear during these two weeks — Amelie Mauresmo comes to mind — Monfils and Tsonga occasionally thrive in the setting.

Both men have reached the semifinals in Paris — Monfils in 2008, and Tsonga in 2013. And both say they find the attention from the crowds more help than hindrance.

"For me," Tsonga said, "it's something positive."

What, he was asked, might the reaction in France be if someone could end its 32-year wait for a men's French Open title?

"First of all, I would be interested in winning! What would happen next? I don't really know. I have absolutely no idea. The fans are happy when we win a first-round match," a grinning Tsonga replied, enjoying his own one-liner, "so I guess winning the tournament would be something extraordinary for a country like ours."

Tsonga, the Australian Open runner-up in 2008, had little trouble Wednesday while defeating Israel's Dudi Sela 6-4, 6-1, 6-1. Simon also was a straight-set winner, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3 over Slovakia's Martin Klizan.

"If everything goes fine," Simon said, "I feel capable of doing great things."

He'll next face the 116th-ranked Mahut, best known for losing the longest match in tennis history to John Isner at Wimbledon in 2010. Mahut eliminated No. 24 Ernests Gulbis of Latvia, a French Open semifinalist last year, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3. Paire, ranked 71st, beat No. 28 Fabio Fognini 6-1, 6-3, 7-5.

FRENCH OPEN RESULTS

Wednesday
At Stade Roland Garros
Paris
Purse: $30.86 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Clay-Outdoor
Singles
Men
First Round

Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, def. Paolo Lorenzi, Italy, 4-6, 4-6, 7-6 (1), 7-6 (5), 6-4

Second Round

Gilles Simon (12), France, def. Martin Klizan, Slovakia, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3
Stan Wawrinka (8), Switzerland, def. Dusan Lajovic, Serbia, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 6-3
Benjamin Becker, Germany, def. Fernando Verdasco (32), Spain, 6-4, 0-6, 1-6, 7-5, 10-8
Steve Johnson, United States, def. Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 2-6, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 7-6 (6)
Kei Nishikori (5), Japan, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, 7-5, 6-4, 6-4
Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Marcel Granollers, Spain, 6-2, 7-6 (1), 6-3
Pablo Cuevas (21), Uruguay, def. Dominic Thiem, Austria, 7-6 (7), 7-5, 6-7 (5), 7-5
Teymuraz Gabashvili, Russia, def. Juan Monaco, Argentina, 6-3, 6-4, 6-2
Damir Dzumhur, Bosnia-Herzegovina, def. Marcos Baghdatis, Cyprus, 6-4, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2
Nicolas Mahut, France, def. Ernests Gulbis (24), Latvia, 6-3, 3-6, 7-5, 6-3
Benoit Paire, France, def. Fabio Fognini (28), Italy, 6-1, 6-3, 7-5
Lukas Rosol, Czech Republic, def. Roberto Bautista Agut (19), Spain, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (14), France, def. Dudi Sela, Israel, 6-4, 6-1, 6-1
Gael Monfils (13), France, def. Diego Schwartzman, Argentina, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-2, 6-3
Tomas Berdych (4), Czech Republic, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-7 (7), 6-3, 6-3
Philipp Kohlschreiber (22), Germany, leads Pablo Andujar, Spain, 1-6, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 6-3, 4-2 susp. darkness

Women
Second Round

Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Vitalia Diatchenko, Russia, 6-3, 6-1
Sam Stosur (26), Australia, def. Amandine Hesse, France, 6-0, 6-1
Sabine Lisicki (20), Germany, def. Dana Gavrilova, Australia, 6-1, retired
Annika Beck, Germany, def. Paula Kania, Poland, 6-2, 6-2
Lucie Safarova (13), Czech Republic, def. Kurumi Nara, Japan, 6-2, 6-0
Alize Cornet (29), France, def. Alexandra Dulgheru, Romania, 6-2, 7-5
Mirjana Lucic-Baroni, Croatia, def. Simona Halep (3), Romania, 7-5, 6-1
Donna Vekic, ... ia, def. Bojana Jovanovski, Serbia, 6-4, 6-3
Angelique Kerber (11), Germany, def. Ajla Tomljanovic, Australia, 6-3, 6-2
Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Polona Hercog, Slovenia, 2-6, 6-1, 6-3
Elina Svitolina (19), Ukraine, def. Yulia Putintseva, Kazakhstan, 1-6, 7-5, 9-7
Garbine Muguruza (21), Spain, def. Camila Giorgi, Italy, 6-1, 6-4
Flavia Pennetta (28), Italy, def. Magdalena Rybarikova, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-0
Carla Suarez Navarro (8), Spain, def. Virginie Razzano, France, 6-3, 1-0, retired
Ekaterina Makarova (9), Russia, def. Tetiana Perena, Brazil, 6-2, 5-7, 6-3
Ana Ivanovic (7), Serbia, def. Misaki Do Japan, 3-6, 6-3, 6-4

Doubles
Men
First Round

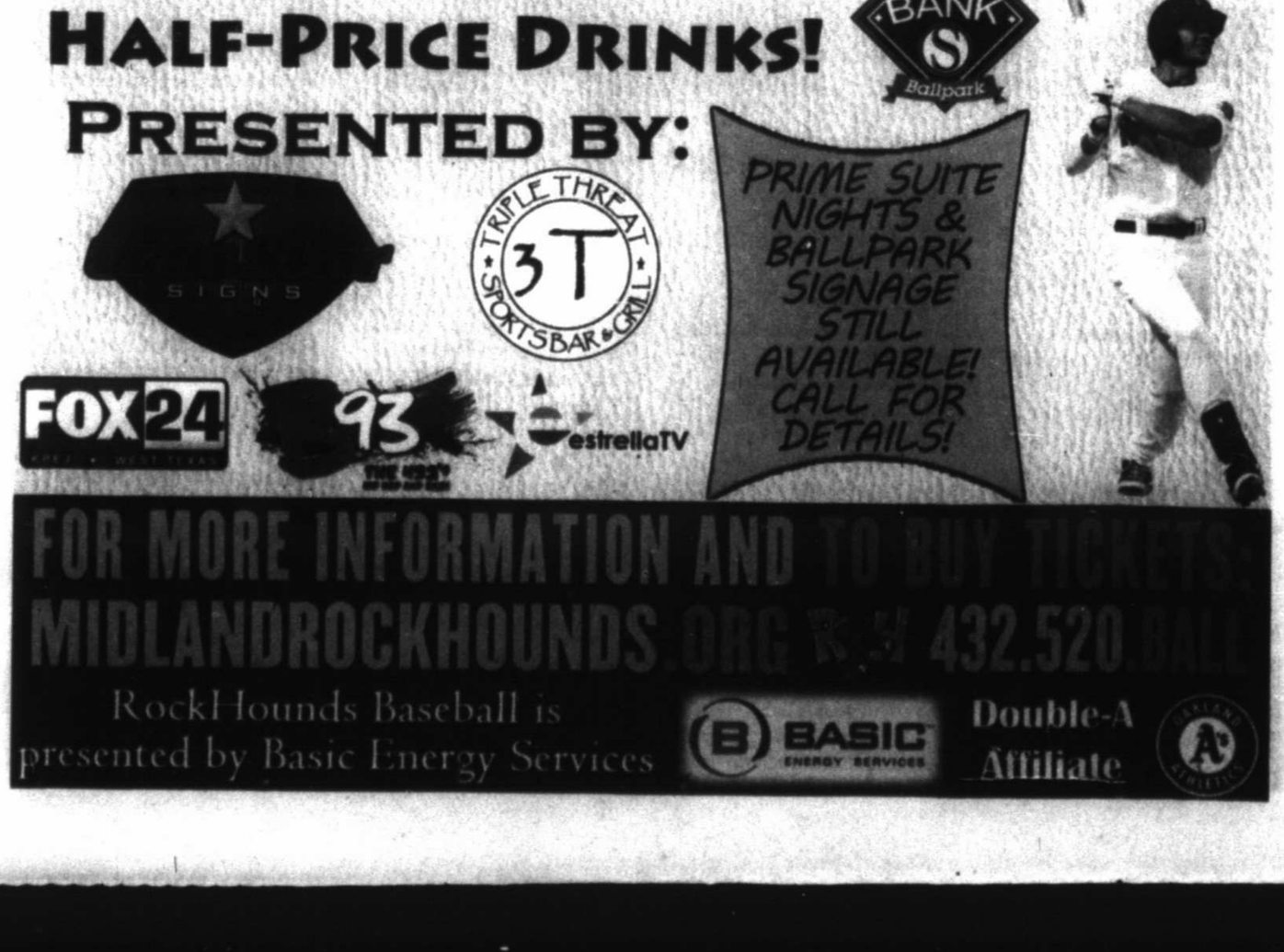
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (5), Romania, def. Rameez Junaid, Australia, and Adil Shamasdin, Canada, 6-4, 7-6 (5)
Daniel Nestor, Canada, and Leander Paes (10), India, def. James Duckworth and Chris Guccione, Australia, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5
Rohan Bopanna, India, and Florin Mergea (9), Romania, def. Filip Krajinovic and Viktor Troicki, Serbia, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4
Frantisek Cermak and Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, def. Aljaz Bedene, Britain, and Albert Ramos-Vinolas, Spain, 6-4, 7-5
Jeremy Chardy, France, and Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Juan Sebastian Cabal and Robert Farah (16), Colombia, 6-4, 6-3
Austin Krajicek and Donald Young, United States, def. Florent Serra and Maxime Teixeira, France, 6-1, 6-3
Carlos Berlocq and Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, def. Jerzy Janowicz, Poland, and Jarkko Nieminen, Finland, 6-7 (5), 6-3, 7-6 (4)
Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock (2), United States, def. Victor Estrella Burgos, Dominican Republic, and Joao Souza, Brazil, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 7-6 (4)
Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (8), Brazil, def. Andreas Sepp, Italy, and Sergiy Stakhovsky, Ukraine, 6-2, 6-1
Bob and Mike Bryan (1), United States, def. Raven Klaasen, South Africa, and Yen-hsun Lu, Taiwan, 7-6 (8), 6-2
Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers (11), Australia, def. Thomaz Bellucci, Brazil, and Joao Sousa, Portugal, 6-7 (6), 6-4, 6-2
Florian Mayer and Frank Moser, Germany, def. Gilles Muller, Luxembourg, and Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, 6-3, 4-6, 7-6 (1)
Andre Begemann, Germany, and Julian Knowle, Austria, def. Eric Butorac, United States, and Sam Groth, Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-4
Maximo Gonzalez, Argentina, and Andre Sa, Brazil, def. Santiago Gonzalez and Miguel Angel Reyes-Varela, Mexico, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-2
Pablo Carreno Busta and Daniel Gimeno-Traver, Spain, def. Jan-Lennard Struff, Germany, and Dominic Thiem, Austria, 7-6 (3), 7-5

Women
First Round

Zarina Diyas, Kazakhstan, and Xu Yi-Fan, China, def. Nadiia Kichenok, Ukraine, and Raluca Olaru, Romania, 5-7, 7-6 (5), 6-4
Kimiko Date-Krumm, Japan, and Francesca Schiavone, Italy, def. Denisa Allertova and Petra Cetkovska, Czech Republic, 2-6, 7-6 (8), 6-1
Annika Beck, Germany, and Shahar Peer, Israel, def. Klara Koukalova and Tereza Smitkova, Czech Republic, 7-5, 6-4
Anastasia and Arina Rodionova (15), Australia, def. Darija Jurak, Croatia, and Alison Riske, United States, 6-3, 6-2
Daniela Hantuchova, Slovakia, and Sam Stosur, Australia, def. Oksana Kalashnikova, Georgia, and Tsvetana Pironkova, Bulgaria, 6-2, 7-5
Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, and Barbora Strycova (13), Czech Republic, def. Julie Coin and Pauline Parmentier, France, 7-6 (3), 6-0
Anna-Lena Grönefeld, Germany, and Alexandra Panova, Russia, def. Petra Martic, Croatia, and CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-3, 6-3
Karin Knapp and Roberta Vinci (14), Italy, def. Alize Lim and Laura Thorpe, France, 6-4, 6-3
Lara Arruabarrena, Spain, and Irina-Camelia Begu, Romania, def. Manon Arcangioli and Chloe Paquet, France, 6-2, 6-0
Timea Bacsinszky, Switzerland, and Chuang Chia-jung, Taiwan, def. Monica Niculescu, Romania, and Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-4, 6-3
Timea Babos, Hungary, and Kristina Mladenovic (3), France, def. Marina Erakovic, New Zealand, and Heather Watson, Britain, 6-4, 7-6 (2)
Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Sania Mirza (1), India, def. Julia Goerges, Germany, and Barbora Krejcikova, Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-0
Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (9), Czech Republic, def. Vera Dushevina, Russia, and Maria Jose Martinez Sanchez, Spain, 6-3, 6-4
Belinda Bencic, Switzerland, and Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, def. Monica Puig, Puerto Rico, and Shelby Rogers, United States, 6-2, 6-1
Lyudmyla Kichenok and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-4, 7-6 (5)
Vanvara Lepchenko, United States, and Zheng Saisai, China, def. Christina McHale, United States, and Kurumi Nara, Japan, 7-6 (4), 7-5
Chan Hao-ching, Taiwan, and Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, and Lesia Tsurenko, Ukraine, 6-3, 6-1

Mixed
First Round

Zheng Jie, China, and Henri Kontinen, Finland, def. Clothilde de Bernardi and Vasume Hamou, France, 6-2, 6-3
Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Horia Tecau, Romania, def. Stephanie Foretz and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, 6-2, 6-4
Raquel Kops-Jones, United States, and Robert Farah, Colombia, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova, Russia, and Ivo Karlovic, Croatia, 7-6 (4), 6-3



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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Odd Couple	Mom	Mike & Molly	Elementary "The Five Orange Pipz"		CBS 7 News	(:35) The Mentalist		(:35) J. Corden
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A&E		27	32	28	35	47	The First 48		★ Cleveland Abduction ('15, Dra) Raymond Cruz, Samantha Droke, Taryn Manning.		Beyond Headlines "Cleveland Abduction"		The First 48 "Fast Friends/ The Thin Line"		★ Cleveland Abduction	
AMC		40	21	23	42	51 (5:00) ★ The Bucket ...			★★★ National Lampoon's Vacation				★ National Lampoon's European Vacation		★ National Lamp...	
BET		58	26		40	(5:00) ★★ The Cookout Ja Rule.			★★ Poetic Justice ('93, Dra) Janet Jackson.				Nellyville		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	63		41	(5:00) Real Housewives	Kandi's Ski Trip		Real Melbourne (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Kandi's Ski Trip		Shahs
CNBC		46	45		39	72 Profit "Tonnie's Minis"	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Dishonesty (P) (N)		Dishonesty		White Collar	
CNN		43	24	51	30	56 OutFront	A. Cooper 360		Somebody's Gotta		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		Somebody's Gotta	
DISC		50	20	31	24	42 Naked and Afraid	Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid (N)		Naked and Afraid		Naked and Afraid	
DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36 KC Under	KC Under		★★ Ella Enchanted		Mickey		Austin Girl	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck GoodLuck
ESPN		32	29	48	31	30 (5:00) SportsCenter			Scripps Spelling Bee "2015" (L)				Baseball Tonight (L)	SportsCenter		SportsCenter
ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31 NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)			NCAA		NCAA Softball Division I Tournament (L)			Baseball Tonight (L)		Featured
FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33 (5:00) ★ Mean Girls			★★ Twilight ('08, Dra) Robert Pattinson, Kristen Stewart.				The 700 Club		Boy MW	Boy MW
FNC		45	58	53	23	55 On the Record			The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor	The Kelly File
FOOD		64	59	27	68	54 Chopped			Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Chopped
FSSW		37	43	50	45	29 Sportsday (N)	Pre-game (L)		MLB Baseball Boston Red Sox at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)				Rangers Live (L)	Texans Huddle	Spotlight	SportsDay OnAir
FX		31	31	59	64	69 Movie			★★ Identity Thief ('13, Com) Jason Bateman.				Comedian	Louie (N)	Louis C.K.: Live (N)	Louie 1/2
HALLMARK		54	49	58		34 The Waltons			The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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MSNBC		47	51		49	73 Hardball			All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	39			Men in Blazers			Premier League		EPL Soccer				Men in Blazers		Live	Soccer
NICK		55	34	39	34	37 H.Danger	Sponge		F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	FreshP.	FreshP.
SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58 Lip Sync	Lip Sync		Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync	Lip Sync
SYFY		66	64	41	57	67 (4:00) Die Another...			WWE Smackdown! (N)				Lost Girl (N)		Olympus (N)		Lost Girl	
TBS		25	11	44	66	41 Seinfeld	Seinfeld		Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan		The Office	Conan
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TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "The Human Factor"		NBA Tip-Off		NBA Basketball Playoffs Cleveland Cavaliers at Atlanta Hawks Eastern Conference Final Game 5 (L)				Inside the NBA		The Last Ship "Trials"	
TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	(:35) Gilligan	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Friends	Friends
USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Resilience"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Appearances"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Futility"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Grief"		Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family
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Big 12 schools could face big penalties for court storming

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

IRVING — Big 12 Conference schools could now face fines, and even the loss of future home games, for failing to keep fans from storming courts or rushing fields after games.

Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said the measure passed Wednesday gives him a broad authority to deal with such violations.

"I don't know that there's anything off the table in dealing with those issues," Bowlsby said at the end of the first full day of the league's spring meetings. "I think I've been given broad prerogatives to deal with those issues."

In February, Bowlsby publicly reprimanded Kansas State for failing to prevent Wildcats fans from pouring onto the court after the school's men's basketball upset victory over rival and then eighth-ranked Kansas

The surge of humanity crushed Kansas coach Bill Self against a press table. His junior forward, Jamari Traylor, was body-checked by another fan. Assistant coach Kurtis Townsend had to peel away still more fans shouting profanities and making obscene gestures at his players.

Bowlsby said then that revisions to policies must guarantee that no such incidents like that should occur in the future.

"We are certainly most interested in the safety of our participants and would include home team, visiting team, officials, table crew and the like," the commissioner said Wednesday. "And we have pretty good video evidence of all our big events so we can review them."

The Southeastern Conference has been fining its schools since 2004, and at its meetings this week in Florida is looking to substantially increase fines for such on-field violations.

By agreeing earlier this month in Phoenix on a football tiebreaker, the league took care of one of its most publicly visible items after last season, when Baylor and TCU were declared co-champions and both were then left out of the first four-team College Football Playoff.

The league has slowed talk on a move to bring back a conference football championship game — the Big 12 is the only of the Big Five conference without one. But that couldn't even be an option until changes in NCAA legislation that currently allow only leagues with at least 12 members to host a title game.

"That's one thing we didn't talk about today, because we haven't gotten the enabling deregulation yet," said Bowlsby, adding that he felt that deregulation could happen this fall and could become a topic of discussion during a regular Big 12 meeting in October.

The commissioner said, however, that he gets a sense now that everybody in the league feels good about its place in the football playoff system.

"I don't think a year makes a trend," he said. "We aspire to compete at the very top of the nation, and if you can win our league with a full round-robin, you're a good football team."

Among some other items Wednesday:

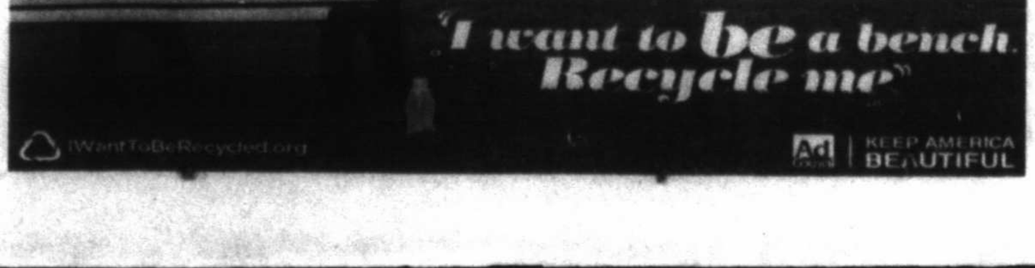
—The league adopted a "return to learn" provision in its protocol about post-concussion treatment.

"There are certainly well-enunciated protocols to return to competition, but there's also a period of relative inactivity from a cognitive standpoint after a concussive event," Bowlsby said. "Student-athletes who are injured with head injuries aren't immediately ready to return to their educational activities."

—On future football and basketball schedules, Bowlsby said it was just "nuts and bolts scheduling stuff."

Some talk related to NCAA legislation that would limit the number of basketball games to 30 without any exempted events. In football, the commissioner said there have been no steps taken to prohibit Big 12 teams from scheduling an FCS opponent, or requiring them to play at least one team from another power-five league.

"I think nine games with a full round-robin is as strong a schedule as anybody in America plays," Bowlsby said. "That's the foundation on which we start. And because that foundation is so strong, I don't think we have the imperative to do some of the things other leagues have done."



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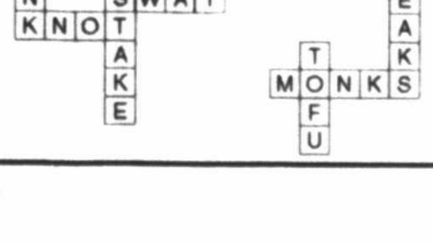
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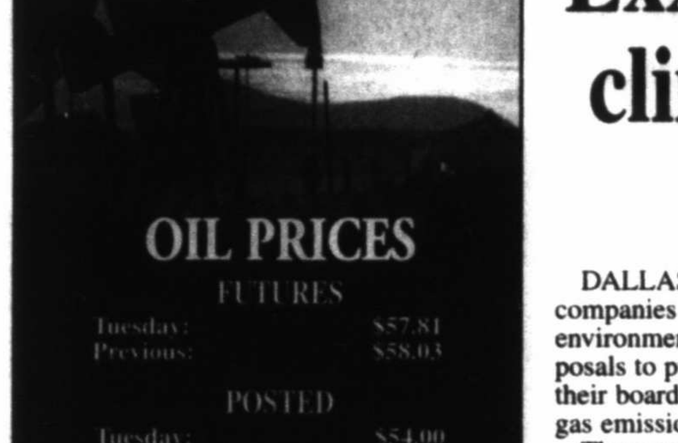
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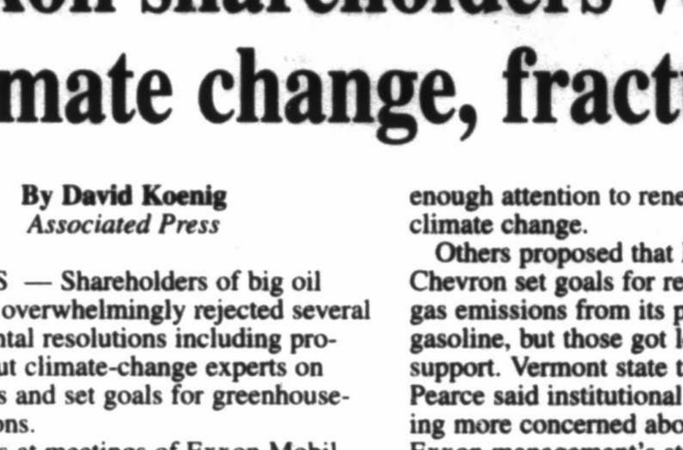
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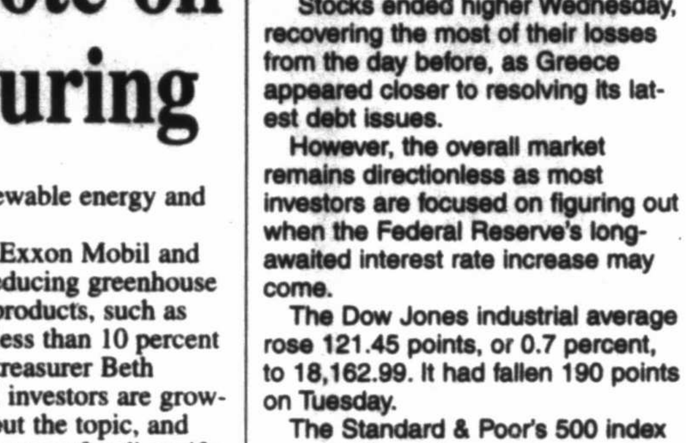
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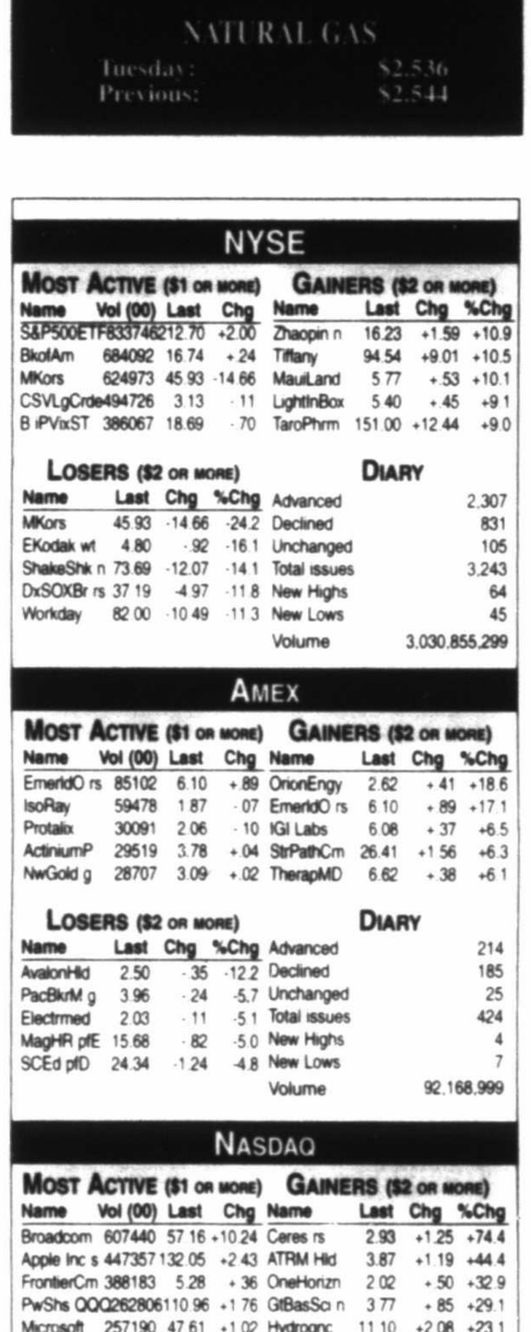
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A DAY ON WALL STREET









Exxon shareholders vote on climate change, fracturing

By David Koenig
Associated Press

DALLAS — Shareholders of big oil companies overwhelmingly rejected several environmental resolutions including proposals to put climate-change experts on their boards and set goals for greenhouse-gas emissions.

The votes at meetings of Exxon Mobil Corp. and Chevron Corp. shareholders on Wednesday were expected. Some of the ideas had lost badly at previous annual meetings.

Lower prices for crude have cut into the oil giants' profits. At the Exxon Mobil meeting in Dallas, CEO Rex Tillerson said the company is positioned to withstand ups and down in oil prices and give shareholders a good return on their money.

Tillerson has said that said that oil prices will remain low over the next two years because of large global supplies and weak economic growth.

The company is adjusting by cutting costs. Exxon has completed more than a dozen major projects in the past three years and expects an equal number to begin production through 2017. Exxon plans to cut capital spending as those projects are completed — from $38.5 billion last year to $34 billion this year and less in 2016 and 2017.

Shareholders rejected a proposal by an organization of Catholic priests in Milwaukee to put a climate-change expert on the board. The Exxon board opposed the resolution, saying several board members have engineering and scientific backgrounds and can handle climate issues, and it gained only 21 percent support. The outcome was the same at the Chevron meeting.

Michael Crosby, sponsor of the resolution at the Exxon meeting, said the company is fixated on oil and gas and isn't paying enough attention to renewable energy and climate change.

Others proposed that Exxon Mobil and Chevron set goals for reducing greenhouse gas emissions from its products, such as gasoline, but those got less than 10 percent support. Vermont state treasurer Beth Pearce said institutional investors are growing more concerned about the topic, and Exxon management's strategy for diversifying its production beyond oil and gas has been "wholly inadequate."

Measures calling for reports on the impact of hydraulic-fracturing drew 25 percent support at Exxon and 27 percent at Chevron.

On climate change, Exxon CEO Tillerson said that models predicting the effects of global warming aren't very good and that it would be very hard for the world to meet aggressive emission-reduction targets. He said technology can help deal with rising sea levels or changing weather patterns "that may or may not be induced by climate change."

Exxon Mobil and other oil companies have faced frequent proposals dealing with climate change and other environmental issues, and they are regularly defeated. In January, Royal Dutch Shell agreed to back a shareholder resolution requiring the company to commit to reduce emissions and invest in renewable energy.

Tillerson repeated his long-held view that renewable energy is not economical yet, adding, "We choose not to lose money on purpose." Shareholders in the hall broke into applause.

Exxon earned $32.5 billion last year, down less than 1 percent from 2013. However, oil prices fell by about half in late 2014, and Exxon's profit in the first quarter of 2015 tumbled 46 percent compared with the same period in 2014, although it still earned $4.9 billion.

Stocks recover from slump

Stocks ended higher Wednesday, recovering the most of their losses from the day before, as Greece appeared closer to resolving its latest debt issues.

However, the overall market remains directionless as most investors are focused on figuring out when the Federal Reserve's long-awaited interest rate increase may come.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 121.45 points, or 0.7 percent, to 18,162.99. It had fallen 190 points on Tuesday.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 19.28 points, or 0.9 percent, to 2,123.48 and the Nasdaq composite rose 73.84 points, or 1.5 percent, to 5,106.59.

The stock market was barely higher for the first half of the day, but gained momentum in the afternoon after Greece's Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras said his country is near a deal with its creditors. Tsipras stressed that "calm and determination" were needed in the final stretch of negotiations.

Greece might miss a debt payment on June 5 if it fails to receive bailout funds from creditors, who are demanding that the country make reforms to its economy.

It is unclear whether an agreement can be reached in time and Greece is dealing with three different creditor institutions: the International Monetary Fund, European Commission and European Central Bank.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	833748	212.70	+2.00
BkofAm	684092	16.74	+.24
MKors	624973	45.93	-14.66
CSVLgCrde	494726	3.13	-.11
B iPVixST	386067	18.69	-.70

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Zhaopin n	16.23	+1.59	+10.9
Tiffany	94.54	+9.01	+10.5
MauiLand	5.77	+.53	+10.1
LgthnBox	5.40	+.49	+9.1
TaroPhrm	151.00	+12.44	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MKors	45.93	-14.66	-24.2
EKodak wt	4.80	-.92	-16.1
ShakeShk n	73.69	-12.07	-14.1
DxSOXBr rs	37.19	-4.97	-11.8
Workday	82.00	-10.49	-11.3

DIARY

Advanced	2,307
Declined	831
Unchanged	105
Total issues	3,243
New Highs	64
New Lows	45
Volume	3,030,855,299

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
EmerldO rs	85102	6.10	+.89
IsoRay	59478	1.87	-.07
Protalix	30091	2.06	-.10
AdtnumP	29519	3.78	+.04
NwGold g	28707	3.09	+.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
OrionEngy	2.62	+.41	+18.6
EmerldO rs	6.10	+.89	+17.1
IGI Labs	6.08	+.37	+6.5
StrPathCrn	26.41	+1.56	+6.3
TherapMD	6.62	+.38	+6.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AvalonHld	2.50	-.35	-12.2
PacBkrM g	3.96	-.24	-5.7
Electrmed	2.03	-.11	-5.1
MagHR pfE	15.68	-.82	-5.0
SCEd pfD	24.34	-1.24	-4.8

DIARY

Advanced	214
Declined	185
Unchanged	25
Total issues	424
New Highs	4
New Lows	7
Volume	92,168,999

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Broadcom	607440	57.16	+10.24
Apple Inc s	447357	132.05	+2.43
FrontierCm	388183	5.28	+.36
PwShs QQQ	262680	110.96	+1.76
Microsoft	257190	47.61	+1.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ceres rs	2.93	+1.25	+74.4
ATRM Hld	3.87	+1.19	+44.4
OneHorizn	2.02	+.50	+32.9
GtBasSci n	3.77	+.85	+29.1
Hydrognc	11.10	+2.08	+23.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Globelmn n	4.01	-4.23	-51.3
Nervet n	4.74	-1.04	-18.0
Sajan rs	4.85	-.65	-11.8
CymaBay n	3.48	-.38	-9.8
ChGerux rs	2.15	-.23	-9.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,914
Declined	840
Unchanged	148
Total issues	2,902
New Highs	87
New Lows	49
Volume	1,761,143,264

Ford recalls vehicles for power steering problems

Associated Press

DETROIT — Under pressure from U.S. safety regulators, Ford is recalling nearly 423,000 cars and SUVs in North America because the power-assisted steering can fail while they're being driven.

The recall covers certain Ford Flex and Taurus vehicles, as well as the Lincoln MKS and MKT from the 2011 through 2013 model years. Also covered are the Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ from 2011 through 2012 and some 2011 Mercury Milans.

Ford said an intermittent electrical connection can cause the power steering to stop. That sends the steering into manual mode, making the vehicles harder to control. The company said it knows of four crashes because of the problem but no injuries.

Dealers will either update power steering control software or replace the steering gear depending on the problem with individual vehicles.

In October, the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration began investigating complaints of power-steering failures on three Ford Motor Co. midsize car models. The probe covered 938,000 Ford Fusion and Lincoln MKZ cars from the 2010 through 2012 model years, as well as the 2010 and 2011 Mercury Milan.

The company also is recalling 19,500 2015 Mustangs with 2.3-Liter engines because of high underbody temperatures that could degrade the fuel tank and fuel vapor lines, increasing the risk of a fire. No fires have been reported. The heat also can damage the parking brake cable.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $52.00 Up 0.06

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Closing Price $118.52 Down 0.93

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.58 Down 0.07

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $79.18 Down 0.05

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $10.63 Down 0.18

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.95 Down 0.05

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.54 Up 1.76

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.43 Down 0.01

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $11.65 Up 0.63

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.61 Down 0.08

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	34.95	+.28	+4.0
AbbVie	2.04f	61	67.38	+1.28	+3.0
Abraxas	...	5	**2.87**	**-.04**	**-2.4**
AdaDvsEq	**1.17e**	...	**14.29**	**+.16**	**+4.5**
AMD			2.28	+.06	-14.6
Alcoa	.12	20	12.79	+.03	-19.0
AlonUSA	.60t	18	16.55	+.21	+30.6
Ambev	.24e		5.85	-.01	-5.2
AmAirlines	.40	9	42.24	+.69	-21.2
Amgen	**3.16**	**22**	**160.44**	**+1.43**	**+.7**
Anadarko	**1.08**	...	**84.15**	**-.03**	**+2.0**
Apache	**1.00**	...	**60.77**	**-.64**	**-3.0**
Apple Inc s	2.08f	16	132.05	+2.43	+19.6
ApldMatl	**.40**	**20**	**20.34**	**+.35**	**-18.4**
ATMOS	**1.56**	**18**	**53.41**	**+.21**	**-4.2**
AutoData	1.96	29	85.91	+.49	+3.0
Avon	.24	...	6.70	-.18	-28.6
BP PLC	**2.43**	**46**	**41.79**	**+.16**	**+9.6**
BabsCClrv	1.20		16.11	...	+1.4
BakrHu	.68	32	64.90	+.30	+15.7
BcoBrad s	.42e		9.25	+.20	-17.0
BkofAm	.20	25	16.74	+.24	-6.4
B iPVixST			18.69	-.70	-40.7
BasicEnSv			8.77	+.16	+25.1
BerkHa A	...	**18217440.00**	**+1740.00**		**-3.8**
BlkHillsCp	**1.62**	**17**	**48.06**	**+.80**	**-9.4**
BrMySq	**1.48**	**51**	**68.40**	**+.90**	**+15.9**
Broadcom	.56	50	57.16	+10.24	+31.9
BrownFA	**1.26**	**32**	**101.30**	**+.55**	**+15.4**
BrownFB	**1.26**	**30**	**93.96**	**-.27**	**+7.0**
CVS Health	1.40	25	103.48	+.63	+7.4
Cameron		12	51.80	+.60	+3.7
Caterpillar	2.80	14	87.92	+.08	-3.9
Celestic g		16	12.75	+.03	+8.6
Cemex	.40t	...	9.88	+.25	+.8
CntryLink	2.16	25	33.94	+.34	-14.2
Ceres rs	...	...	2.93	+1.25	+52.6
ChesEng	.35	...	14.76	-.16	-24.6
Chevron	**4.28**	**11**	**103.11**	**-.18**	**-8.1**
Chicos	.31	...	16.64	-.08	+2.7
Cimarex	.64	...	116.97	+.54	+10.3
Cisco	.84f	17	29.31	+.36	+6.1
Citigroup	.20f	22	54.87	+.63	+1.4
ClayEng	...	**44**	**52.00**	**+.06**	**-18.5**

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Coach	1.35	20	35.36	-1.20	-5.9
CocaCola	**1.32**	**26**	**41.12**	**+.13**	**-2.6**
ColgPalm	**1.52f**	**27**	**67.54**	**+.39**	**-2.4**
Comcast	1.00	18	59.34	+.75	+2.3
ConAgra	**1.00**	...	**38.70**	**+.26**	**+8.7**
ConchoRes	...	**30**	**118.52**	**-.93**	**+18.8**
ConocoPhil	**2.92**	**16**	**63.82**	**-.02**	**-7.6**
CrackerB	4.00	23	141.61	+1.35	+.6
CSVLgNGs			2.38	-.02	-40.2
CSVLgCrde			3.13	-.11	-36.0
CroeTim	**2.24e**	**7**	**17.60**	**-.24**	**+1.8**
DCP Mid	3.12	15	38.82	+.77	-14.5
DTE	2.76	16	79.20	+.04	-8.3
Dataram h			2.04	-.06	+20.0
DeltaAir	.36	14	42.53	+.68	-13.5
DevonE	**.96**	...	**66.05**	**-.24**	**+7.9**
DrxSCBear			9.84	-.38	-18.0
Disney	**1.15f**	**24**	**110.37**	**+.93**	**+17.2**
DowChm	**1.68**	**16**	**51.20**	**+.51**	**+12.3**
EOG Resrc	**.57**	**17**	**88.00**	**-.1s**	**-3.3**
EmpDist	**1.04**	**17**	**23.58**	**+.12**	**-20.7**
Energen	.08	40	68.12	-.54	+6.8
EngyTsfr	4.06f	73	56.95	+.02	-12.4
EnPro	**.80**	**85**	**61.97**	**+.31**	**-1.3**
EntPrdPt s	1.50f	24	33.13	...	-8.3
Ericsson	.39e	...	11.10	...	-8.3
ExterranH	**.60**	**23**	**32.37**	**+.29**	**-.6**
ExxonMbl	**2.92f**	**13**	**86.11**	**-.24**	**-7.9**
Facebook		78	80.55	+1.22	+3.2
FordM	.60	20	15.32	+.13	-1.2
FrptMcM	.20m	...	20.15	+.07	-13.7
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.28	+.36	-20.8
GATX	**1.52**	**17**	**56.16**	**+1.24**	**-2.4**
GasMatT	**1.06e**	...	**9.82**	**+.13**	**-4.9**
GalenaBio			1.59	+.17	+5.3
GAInv	**3.50e**	...	**36.76**	**+.16**	**+2.2**
GenElec	**.92**	...	**27.52**	...	**+8.9**
GileadSci	1.72	15	112.46	+2.69	+19.3
GtPlainEn	**.98**	**17**	**25.95**	**+.25**	**-8.7**
HalconRes			1.06	-.01	-40.4
Hallibrtn	**.72**	**17**	**45.82**	**+.17**	**+16.0**
HewlettP	.64	14	33.78	+.40	-15.8
iShBrazil	1.38e		33.44	+.40	-8.6
iShJapan	.15e	...	13.20	+.09	+17.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	51.55	-.05	+23.9
iShEMkts	.88e	...	42.07	+.01	+7.1
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	67.41	+.65	+10.8
iShR2K	1.59e	...	124.75	+1.51	+4.3
iShUSEngy	1.01e	...	44.47	-.04	-.8
IntegrysE	2.72	24	71.99	-.26	-7.5
Intel	**.96**	**14**	**33.71**	**+.61**	**-7.1**
InterDig	.80	...	57.79	+1.20	+9.2
ItauUnibH	.41e	...	11.26	+.19	-13.4
JohnJn	**3.00f**	**18**	**101.13**	**+.31**	**-3.3**
KimbClk	**3.52**	**27**	**110.33**	**+.42**	**-4.5**
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	10.63	-.18	-7.0
Lorillard	2.64	22	72.82	+.70	+15.7
Lubys	...	...	**5.31**	**+.06**	**+16.7**
MannKd	...	...	5.27	+.45	+1.1
MidVGold	.12e	...	19.44	+.20	+5.8
MarvelT	.24	17	13.90	+.46	-4.1
McDnlds	3.40	21	98.86	+.20	+5.3
Merck	1.80	15	59.46	+.49	+4.7
MerMMed	...	**35**	**20.54**	**+.26**	**+18.5**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.95	-.05	-8.8
MKors	...	12	45.93	-14.66	-38.8
MicronT	...	9	28.13	+.81	-19.7
Microsoft	1.24	20	47.61	+1.02	+2.5
Nabors	.24	12	14.82	+.06	+14.2
NBGreece	...	...	1.41	+.16	-21.2
NatGrid	**3.35e**	...	**71.34**	**+1.06**	**+1.0**
NOilVarco	1.84	9	50.30	+.34	-23.2
NokiaCp	.51e	...	7.35	+.17	-6.5
NvMAd	**.79e**	...	**13.41**	**+.03**	**-1.8**
NvPhII	**.82e**	...	**13.13**	...	**-6.0**
NuvPI	**.82e**	...	**13.36**	**+.04**	**-3.6**
NSTFI3	**.99e**	...	**14.42**	**+.06**	**+1.3**
NTXOI	**.85e**	...	**13.92**	**+.02**	**-3.7**
OccilPet	**3.00f**	**20**	**76.82**	**+.10**	**-4.7**
Oncothyr	...	...	3.36	-.13	+76.8
ParTech	...	...	**3.84**	**-.13**	**-37.6**
ParkDrl	...	**11**	**3.47**	**-.04**	**+13.0**
PattUTI	**.40**	**22**	**20.32**	**+.26**	**+22.5**
Penney	...	...	8.60	-.13	+32.7
PennaRE	**.84**	...	**22.94**	**+.14**	**-2.2**
Pmrian	.72e	10	8.35	-.23	-12.6
PetrbrasA	...	...	7.98	+.11	+5.3
Petrobras	...	...	8.60	+.09	+17.6
Pfizer	**1.12**	**24**	**34.30**	**+.19**	**+10.1**

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PioNtrl	.08	30	151.53	-1.67	+1.8
PlainsAAP	**2.74f**	**22**	**47.39**	**+.33**	**-7.7**
PwShs QQQ	1.49e	...	110.96	+1.76	+7.5
Praxair	**2.86**	**21**	**121.53**	**-.14**	**-6.2**
PrmEgy	...	...	**55.13**	**-2.82**	**-24.2**
ProctGam	**2.66f**	**24**	**79.39**	**+.25**	**-12.8**
Qualcom	1.92f	17	71.02	+1.66	-4.5
RangeRs	.16	23	57.28	+.25	+7.2
RiteAid	...	22	8.74	+.11	+16.2
Rowan	.40	...	22.38	-.25	-4.0
RoyDShlA	3.76	12	60.12	+.44	-10.2
SpdrDJIA	3.53e	...	181.52	+1.15	+2.0
S&P500ETF	3.94e	...	212.70	+2.00	+3.5
SabnR	3.95e	10	39.36	+.34	+10.0
SanderFm	**.88e**	**7**	**84.50**	**+.06**	**+.6**
SandRdge	...	...	**1.21**	**+.01**	**-33.5**
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	91.00	+.26	+6.5
SeadrillLtd	...	2	12.73	-.18	+6.6
SigmaAld	**.92**	**33**	**139.18**	**+.06**	**+1.4**
SiriusXM	...	43	3.90	+.03	+11.4
Smucker	2.56	21	119.80	+.43	+18.7
SophirisB H	...	...	1.08	+.20	+100.0
SpdrDJIA	.30f	22	36.99	+.99	-12.6
Sprint	...	...	4.72	-.01	+13.7
SP HlthC	.90e	...	75.08	+.86	+9.8
SPDR Fncl	.41e	...	24.85	+.27	+.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
SP Tech	.75e	...	43.78	+.81	+5.9
SunocoL s	1.68f	...	40.23	-.27	-3.7
T-MobileUS	...	99	38.65	+.10	+43.5
TaiwSemi	.50e	...	24.60	+.34	+9.9
TeleflEsp	**1.03e**	...	**14.19**	**+.12**	**-.1**
Tesoro	1.70	13	88.40	+.06	+18.9
3M Co	4.10	21	161.02	+1.43	-2.0
Torchmrk s	**.54**	**14**	**97.37**	**+.38**	**+6.9**
TriCntl	**.78e**	...	**22.01**	**+.24**	**+2.8**
Twitter	...	...	36.41	-.10	+1.5
TylerTech	...	**65**	**134.90**	**+3.15**	**+14.1**
UBWV	**1.28**	**20**	**38.23**	**+.58**	**+2.1**
US OilFd	...	...	19.48	-.21	-4.3
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.64	+.10	-18.8
Vale SA pf	.60e	...	5.63	+.10	-22.5
ValeroE	1.60	8	59.15	-.38	+19.5
VerizonCm	2.20	22	49.57	+.15	+6.0
VulcanM	**.40**	**67**	**90.97**	**+.89**	**+38.4**
WalgBoots	**1.35**	**34**	**86.18**	**+.63**	**+13.1**
WstnRefin	**1.36f**	**7**	**43.64**	**-.76**	**+15.5**
WhitingPet	...	14	32.83	-.17	-.5
WmsCos	2.36f	94	51.86	-.39	+15.4
XcelEngy	**1.28**	**19**	**34.10**	**+.11**	**-5.1**
Xerox	**.28**	**15**	**11.43**	**+.22**	**-17.5**
Yahoo	...	6	43.38	+.53	-14.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,162.99	+121.45	+.67	+1.91	+9.20
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,444.32	+93.82	+1.12	-7.61	+4.56
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	588.21	+1.82	+.31	-5.16	+8.47
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	11,143.36	+78.04	+.71	+2.81	+4.12
5,119.83	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,106.59	+73.84	+1.47	+7.82	+20.86
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,123.48	+19.28	+.92	+3.14	+11.19
1,845.79	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,837.63	+12.93	+.71	+5.87	+11.89
22,536.78	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,422.94	+198.55	+.89	+3.48	+10.84
1,278.63	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,254.36	+15.60	+1.26	+4.12	+10.36



Local forecast

Showers return to the forecast in a big way with a 50 percent chance of showers today and Saturday. On Friday, the chance of rain is 40 percent, meaning there could be more rain to add to one of the wettest starts in the city's history.

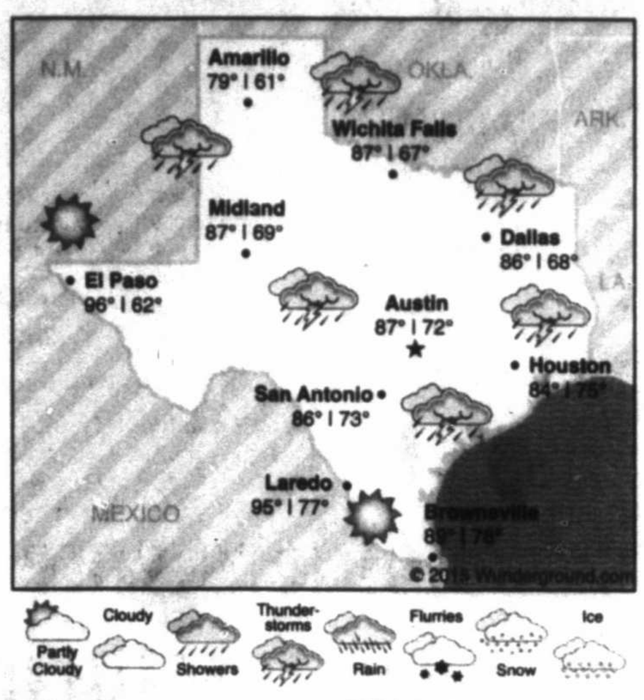
The record high for May 27 is 106 set in 2011. The record low is 48 set in 1947. The high last year was 91. The low was 62.

National forecast

A weak push of cool air will settle slowly east across the Great Lakes today. A small area of high pressure will help lower humidity in the region.

Showers and thunderstorms will extend ahead of the cool push from New England to the Mid-Atlantic and the Ohio Valley. Some storms may become heavy and gusty in the afternoon and evening.

Warm and humid air will hold in the coastal Northeast and the South, while another warm and humid mass pushes north over the Plains. Showers and thunderstorms will occur within this zone. Storms in this area may bring localized flooding, along with damaging winds.

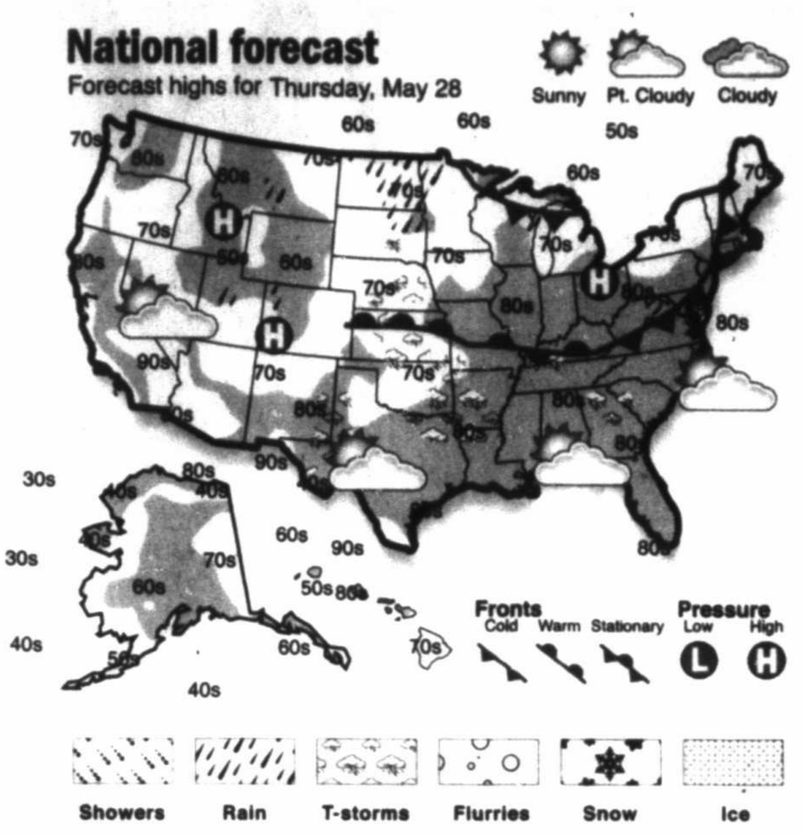


Precipitation

Tuesday	0.00 in.
Wednesday	0.00 in.
Month total	3.13 in.
Year total	8.77 in.
Normal total (year to date)	3.96 in.

Wednesday's temperatures

High	91
Low	67
Normal high	90
Normal low	63
Sunrise	6:45 a.m.
Sunset	8:47 p.m.



Mom seeks detour to safety around in-laws' driving habits

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: My in-laws are fabulous. They love me and think the world of our 2-year-old daughter, "Hayley." They do anything to support us.

Recently, they asked to take Hayley overnight and drive a number of places with her. My concern is the driving part. My father-in-law doesn't believe in car seats.

On a few occasions he has asked me to just hop in the car with Hayley without a car seat. I refused. Another time, they had a circa-1980 car seat and asked to take Hayley with them to church. When I went to put her in the seat, the buckles wouldn't work. When I reached over to the other side, the seat fell over. It wasn't even strapped in!

Now for my biggest fear: My mother-in-law is a notorious distracted driver — she applies makeup, eats food, talks on the phone and texts. I am not comfortable with her taking Hayley in the car with her.

How do I approach this with them? I don't want to harm our relationship, and I'd like them to spend time with their grandchild independently. But I can't put my daughter in a dangerous situation. Any thoughts would be appreciated. — FEARFUL MOM IN SAN ANTONIO

DEAR FEARFUL MOM: Your fears appear to be well founded. Your "fabulous" in-laws cannot be trusted to transport your little girl.

My first thought was that you and your husband could buy them a car seat and have it installed. But if you can't trust your father-in-law to use it, or your mother-in-law to devote her full attention to her driving when her grandchild is in the car, then the child's safety must come first. As a mother, your job is to be conscientious, even if it makes you less popular. And your husband should back you up 100 percent.

DEAR ABBY: My husband is very affectionate. He loves to cuddle, snuggle and sweet-talk morning, noon and night. However, he doesn't do it with me — he does it with our cats.

Don't get me wrong — he's a good husband, and I get a quick hug and kiss goodbye when I leave for work in the mornings and he holds my hand when we walk. But when we go to bed at night, he turns his back to me, reaches behind him, pats me on the arm and says goodnight. There is no cuddling and no sweet-talk with me.

Sometimes I would like a little scratch behind MY ears. We married late in life, so maybe the sex is out, but my late husband used to hold me and make me feel special. I'm only 62, and I can't imagine living this way for the rest of my life, but I love this man, so divorce is out. Any advice? — "MEOW" IN OGDEN, UTAH

DEAR "MEOW": Was your husband like this before you married him? If so, did you accept his proposal thinking you could change him? If not, then it appears you have a serious communication problem.

If you haven't already, you need to tell him what you need in order to feel as loved and cherished as the cats. And if that doesn't work, you both need marriage counseling because I can't imagine you living the rest of your life starved for affection. As you said, you're only 62.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, May 28, 2015:

This year your creativity merges with your curiosity. You might be inspired to produce something that can be put on display for the public or perhaps just your immediate circle. Harnessing your creativity will take some understanding of how to use your self-discipline. If you are single, romance will be a frequent visitor in your life. For some, a new loved one could serve as a muse. If you are attached, the two of you can be seen out and about during the summer, but a strong nesting instinct is likely to take over in the fall. LIBRA knows how to divert your attention!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Follow someone else's lead, even if he or she suggests something that confuses you. You will gain clarity quickly. News from a distance will make you feel very cared about. Know what you need to do to push a project to the finish line. Tonight: Just say "yes" to an invitation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You have ideas about what works, yet you rarely express them completely. A project appears to be moving on its own. You might want to assess certain items, like the projected cost. Detaching from a hot situation could be difficult. Tonight: Squeeze in some exercise.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity pops up in nearly every situation today. You might be feeling confused by someone you must answer to, as he or she could be sending you mixed messages. Deal with what you know, and add enthusiasm to your interactions. Tonight: Cheer up a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You'll be coming from an anchored point of view, but getting others to respond might be difficult right now. Write down your thoughts, and then go off and find someone upbeat who wants to smile more than grumble. Tonight: The moment leads to a fun happening.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Listen to news more openly. You might want to reorganize your schedule in order to make more time for a creative project. Lady Luck could make an appearance today. Still, use care with taking risks. Make sure you can handle the outcome. Tonight: Visit over dinner.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding on your present course. A friend who means to be helpful just might not be. Tension builds around someone's expectations, which you are inclined to meet. Your ingenuity can't be tamed. Tonight: Schedule some downtime.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You seem to be on the right path, despite a mild fog of confusion that surrounds you. You might want to handle a matter that involves travel and/or a matter that you'll need an expert for. Recognize that there are no shortcuts to resolving this particular situation. Tonight: Out late.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★ You might choose to play it low-key right now. You'll need some downtime, as you have done more than your fair share on several different projects. Everyone needs to recharge his or her batteries — including you! Use this period well. Tonight: Vanish into the night.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You need to focus on your desires. You could have a difficult exchange with a partner who seems to want to shut you down. Glide past this problem, and keep your eye on the big picture. Once you have a more complete perspective, you'll know what to do. Tonight: Accept an offer.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to let others run the show, especially as you recognize how complicated an issue seems to be. You tend to be negative when dealing with those in a higher position of authority. Avoid getting into a power play. Tonight: A loved one reels you in.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Slow down and detach from the here and now. You need to get a better perspective of what is happening around you and of the people you need to involve in order to realize a goal. A friend who wants to be helpful could prove to be the exact opposite. Tonight: Make weekend plans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Relate to a friend on a one-on-one level, as this person often supports you through difficult times. Your creativity surges when dealing with others, especially a close loved one. Listen to an offer that might seem too good to be true. Tonight: Honor a sense of fatigue.

BORN TODAY

Olympic athlete Jim Thorpe (1888), author Ian Fleming (1908), musician John Fogerty (1945)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

The battle

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ K 8 6
♡ J 3 2
♢ 10 9 8
♣ Q 8 7 3

WEST
♠ A J
♡ Q 10 7 6
♢ J 5 3
♣ 9 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 10 9 7 4 3 2
♡ 9 8 5
♢ K 7 6
♣ 10

SOUTH
♠ Q 5
♡ A K 4
♢ A Q 4 2
♣ A K J 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	Pass	2 ♦	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

*Negative, 0-6 points

Opening lead: Six of ♢

Rubber bridge players don't care much about overtricks, but at duplicate, where overtricks are hugely important, the battle over them can be good fun to watch.

West started with the unfortunate, but normal, lead of a low heart. Declarer put up dummy's jack and was off to a good start. South ran the 10 of diamonds at trick two, losing to the jack, and West stopped to think. There was room for only one honor card in his partner's hand, and declarer's play told him that it was in diamonds. It was clear to West that declarer would re-enter dummy with the queen of clubs and repeat the diamond finesse successfully. The defense would have to settle for one diamond and one spade for a likely poor score.

West found the only card in his hand to give declarer a problem — he shifted to the jack of spades! This ran around to South's queen and it was his turn to think. He, of course, believed that the ace of spades was in the East hand, and that meant that repeating the diamond finesse was dangerous. Should it lose to West, a spade continuation would defeat him. Believing that he was already ahead one trick from the lead, he tried for an end-play on East. He cashed his hearts and his clubs, then played the ace and another diamond. His contract was safe and, should East hold the king of diamonds, at least he would have to give dummy the king of spades. Instead, he ended up with only nine tricks and a great score went to East-West.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Help with a heist
5 Senate __
9 Rascal
14 First name in fashion
15 First name in fashion
16 Transmission repair franchise
17 Digging tool with an abstract pattern?
20 Wrecks
21 How a scolding may be given
22 First and last words of "Green Eggs And Ham"
23 Winter Palace resident
24 Mathematical array with a spotted pattern?
31 Champagne label word
32 Olympic hawk
33 Reunion attendee
34 3-Down is in it
36 Arafat of the PLO
39 Broadway feature
40 Carne __
42 Pupil's place
44 Letters from your parents?
45 Fish with a linear pattern?
49 Snaps
50 Much
51 College milieu
55 Ghoulish
59 Volume with a plaid pattern?
61 Son of Abraham
62 Top
63 Run without moving
64 "Married to the Mob" director
65 Appealed
66 Some votes

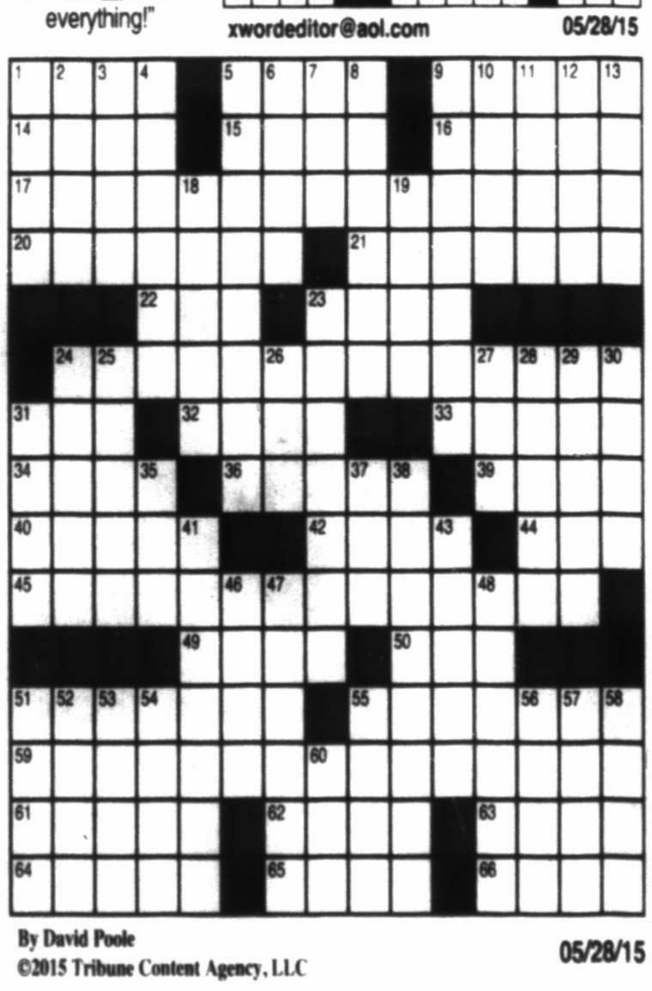
DOWN

1 Twice vier
2 Lout
3 Besides Chile, the only S.A. country that doesn't border Brazil
4 Neck tissue
5 Italian cuisine herb
6 Cockpit figs.
7 Satya Nadella of Microsoft, e.g.
8 Self-seeker
9 Like nearly one-third of Africa
10 Kirk or Picard: Abbr.
11 Brest friend
12 Year in which Frederick II died
13 Snail-paced
18 Bangladesh capital
19 Streetcar relative
23 Hard-to-call contests
24 It was originally named Brad's Drink
25 Indian __
26 Bust gp.
27 Bronze component
28 Orchestra section
29 Madonna and Lady Gaga
30 Gabrielle's friend
31 Hotel freebie
35 Collection to burn
37 "Now __ seen everything!"
38 Embarrassed
41 Tranquil
43 One way to be taken
46 What some eyeglasses lack
47 Polar concern
48 Oil-rich peninsula
51 Within
52 One taken to court
53 Leading man?
54 Eighth of a fluid ounce
55 Fast-spreading Internet phenomenon
56 Murder mystery staple
57 Something to cast
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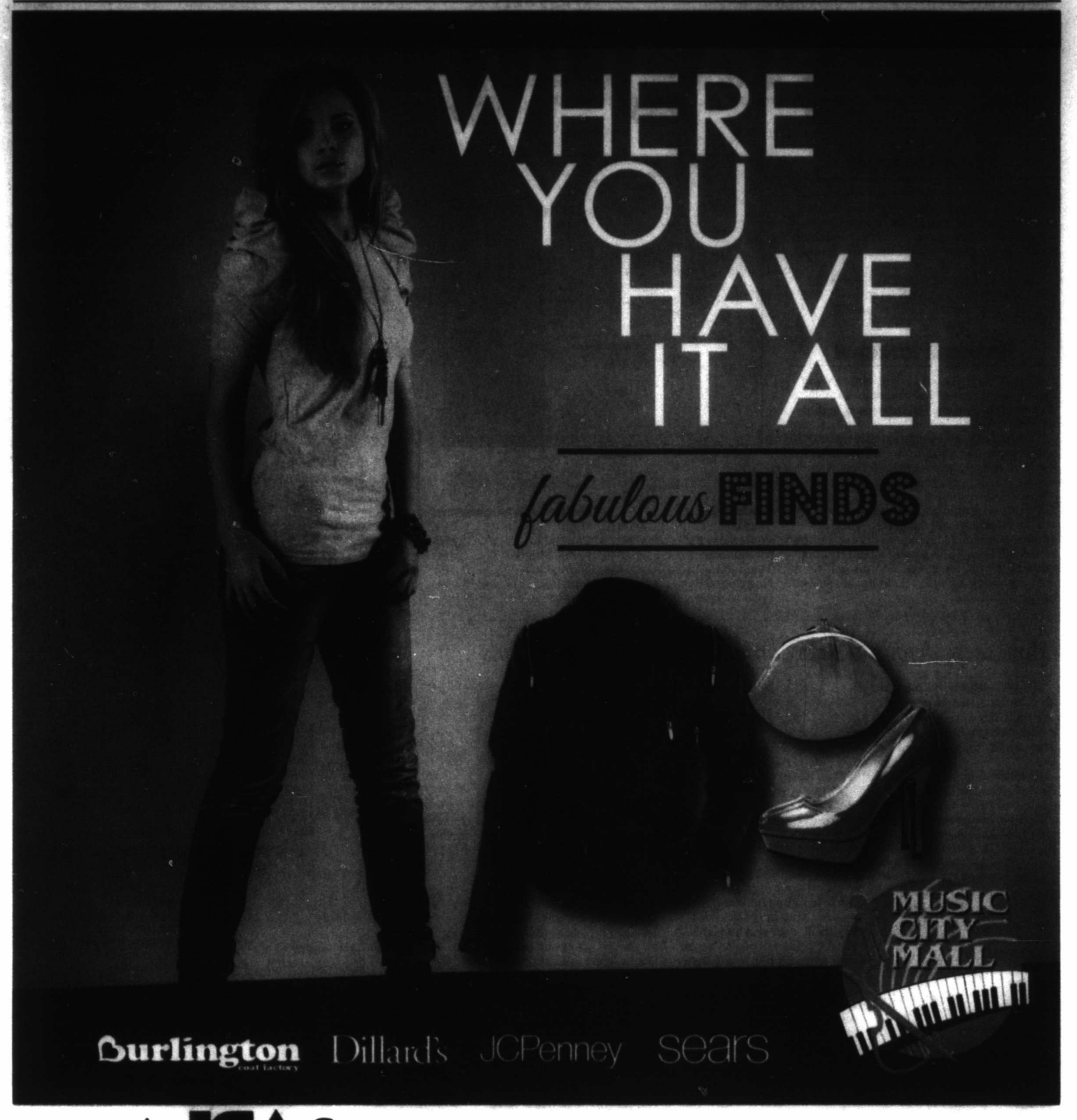
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A Midstream company with locations in West Texas and New Mexico is searching for a **Controller for its Midland corporate office**. Applicants must be able to managing accounting processes and an accounting department, analyzing information, develop budgets and have knowledge of accounting systems. Someone with 5+ years of Controller experience is preferred. A CPA is desired, but is not a requirement. Benefits include paid vacation and holidays, health, dental, vision, life insurance and a 401k with company match.
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The Midland (Texas) Reporter-Telegram, a Hearst Corp. newspaper in West Texas, is looking for an online editor to help continue the transformation into a digital newsroom.

We need someone who will not only work with reporters to post breaking news immediately on our Facebook page, Twitter and on our website, www.mrt.com. We also want a talented person who can help us take the necessary steps with video, alternative story formats, slideshows, blogs and other digital extras.

We have an expectation to grow our numbers on the website and develop our social media presence.

The previous online editors have taken positions at larger Hearst newspapers -- the Houston Chronicle and San Antonio Express-News -- so the position offers opportunities to grow, make an impact and be a part of a product that will be seen by others.

If you are interested in being a part of our newsroom, please send a resume to Editor Stewart Doreen (sdoreen@mrt.com). If you have any questions, please contact Stewart Doreen at 432-687-8856.

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Office Assistant

Fannin Terrace Baptist Church is looking for a part-time office assistant. Basic computer skills are needed for this 12 to 15 hour a week position. For more information please contact Paula Guell at 682.5272.

Secretarial Assistant

Needed energetic, Secretarial Assistant for fast paced office. Send resume to: bettytaylor@suddenlinkmail.com

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Mechanic

Ector County Energy Center (TX) - Invenergy LLC
Invenergy LLC is currently constructing the Ector County Energy Center, a natural gas-fired power generation plant, located in Goldsmith, TX.

Must possess a minimum of 3 years directly related experience in either electrical, instruments and controls, or mechanical industrial background. Candidates must be willing and capable of becoming multi-skilled and be part of a work team in a team environment. Each employee will perform both operations and maintenance. Invenergy will train extensively in the operations area to complement your skills. To apply, please visit www.invenergyllc.com and click on "Career Opportunities."

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LCDC

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Physician needed for Addiction Medicine Clinic. Odessa or Midland positions available. 2-3 days per week 6:30am-8:30am. Paid by hourly contract rate. Physical exams, medication adjustments, assist counseling staff with treatment planning. Any medical specialty acceptable, will train. No hospital association, no insurance billing. Texas licensure must be in good standing. Fax cover letter and CV to Dr. Garcia, 214-732-1622

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR FLUID INJECTION WELL PERMIT

XTO Energy Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to inject fluids by well injection into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres Formation in the Parker, J.E., Well No. 95W. The proposed injection well is located 1880' FSL & 660' FEL, Sec. 18, Blk. A-41, P.S.L., A-2045, 16 miles southwest from Andrews, Texas in the Martin (Consolidated) Field, in Andrews County, Texas. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4700' to 5160 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO DISPOSE OF OIL & GAS WASTE BY INJECTION INTO A FORMATION NOT PRODUCTIVE OF OIL & GAS

Bold Operating, LLC, 600 N. Marienfeld, Suite 1000, Midland, TX 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to dispose of produced salt water or other oil & gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil or gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil & gas waste into the San Andres, Bold Hamman #1WD. The proposed disposal well will be located 4 miles East of Midland, TX, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4550 feet to 6825 feet.

Legal Authority: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil & Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR EXCEPTION TO SWR 26/27 SURFACE COMMINGLING PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that XTO Energy Inc., Operator 945936, has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission. The following P-17 application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases in (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4301 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4302 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4303 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4304 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4311 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field; (New Lease ID) Midkiff 42-43 Allocation 4313 lease, Spraberry (Trend Area) field in Midland County. This application is for common separation and common storage. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to Ericka Davis, P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days after the date the application is filed.

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF BRIZZ MONTE SLIGER, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of Brizz Monte Sliger, deceased, were issued to Kris Martyn Sliger, Independent Administrator, on May 22, 2015, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Brizz Monte Sliger, Deceased," Cause No. P18212 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas, are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Administrator, c/o W. Scott Ryburn, 300 N. Marienfeld, Ste. 700, Midland, Texas 79701, before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is closed, and within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

Kris Martyn Sliger, IndependentAdministrator of the Estate of Brizz Monte Sliger, Deceased, Cause No. P18212 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas

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Yard & Garage Sales

79701

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79703

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79705

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79707

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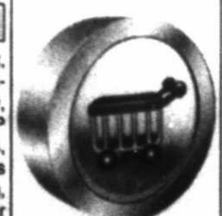
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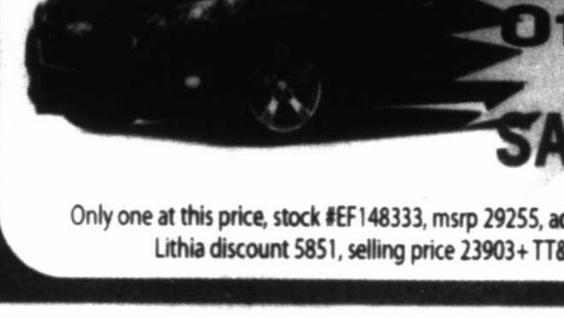
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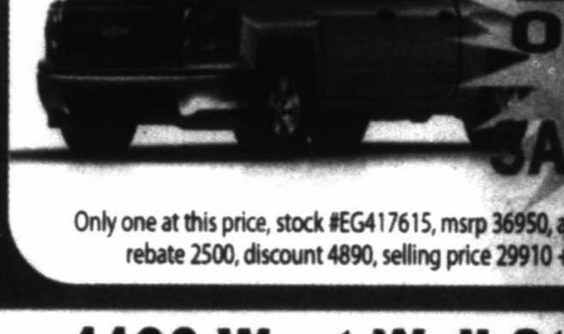
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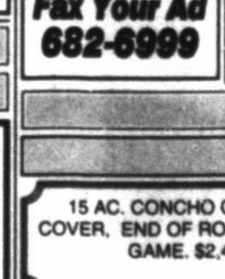
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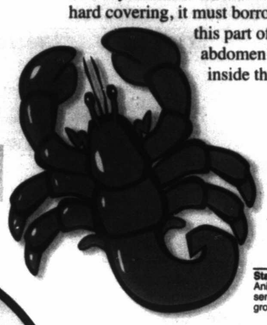
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Hermit Crabs
The Inside Story

Hermit crabs are different from true crabs in one important way. True crabs have a short abdomen that is folded up under the large shell on its back. A hermit crab has a long abdomen that sticks out at the rear end of its body. Because its abdomen does not have a hard covering, it must borrow a shell to protect this part of its body. The abdomen's curled shape fits inside the spiral of a shell.



Draw a line from each body part to its description.

Small legs to hold body at shell opening.

Abdomen

Antennae, used to feel, smell and taste things.

Eyestalks

Front claws

Walking legs, two on each side.

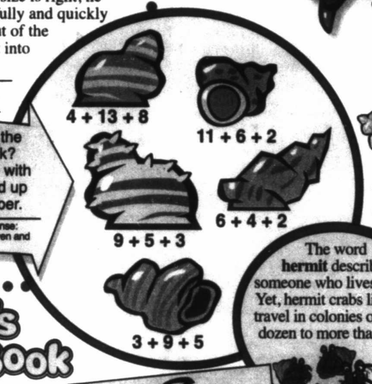
Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival and reproduction.

Anybody Home?

This growing hermit crab is feeling cramped. He has outgrown his borrowed shell home and is looking for a new home. When he finds an empty shell, he uses his claws to check out the size. If the size is right, he cleans the shell carefully and quickly pulls his abdomen out of the old shell and sticks it into the new one!



Standards Link: Life Science: Students know animals inhabit different kinds of environments.

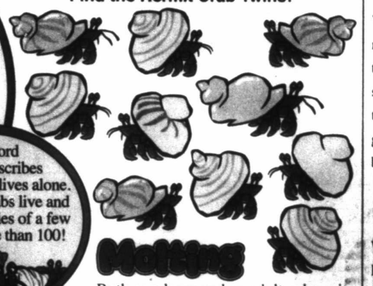


Which shell will the hermit crab pick? He'll pick the one with numbers that add up to an even number.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums; recognize even and odd numbers.

The word **hermit** describes someone who lives alone. Yet, hermit crabs live and travel in colonies of a few dozen to more than 100!

Find the Hermit Crab Twins!



Molting

Both as a larva and an adult, a hermit crab grows by molting. A hermit crab has a hard outer covering called an exoskeleton. This hard covering doesn't grow like human skin. Instead, it must be shed when a new, larger exoskeleton is ready. The new exoskeleton is soft at first, and the hermit crab must stay in its shell until it hardens.

Hermit's Baby Book

Which picture goes with each sentence telling about how a hermit crab grows?

1. Mother hermit crab carries eggs inside shell.
2. Mother hermit crab releases eggs that are ready to hatch into the ocean.
3. The hermit crab larva has large bulging eyes and a long shrimp-like body.
4. After its third molt, the hermit crab looks more like an adult hermit crab and will move closer to the shore and find a shell home.



Standards Link: Life Science: Students know sequential stages of life cycles are different for different animals

Extra! Extra!
House for Sale

Read some of the **Houses for Sale** ads in the newspaper. Then, create a **House for Sale** ad for a hermit crab!

Standards Links: Writing Applications: Write brief expository descriptions.

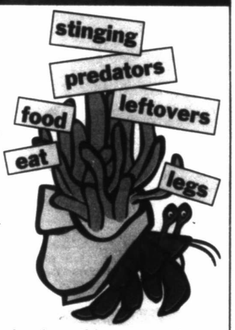
Let Go, Legs!

If a predator tries to grab a hermit crab, the crab must pull into its shell quickly. If a predator manages to catch a claw, the crab can break it off, leaving the predator holding the claw and nothing else. The hermit crab will grow a new claw to replace the missing one!



Hermit Crab Buddies

Some hermit crabs carry sea anemones on their shells. The sea anemone's _____ tentacles keep _____ away. In return, the anemone, an animal without _____, gets carried to new _____ supplies. Sometimes the anemone gets to ____ the hermit crab's _____!



Replace the words missing from this paragraph.

Standards Link: Life Science: Animals have structures that serve different functions in survival.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

LARVA
TENTACLES
HERMIT
ANEMONE
CRAB
MOLTING
ABDOMEN
SHELL
HOME
SKIN
SHED
CLAW
ALONE
HATCH
PREDATOR

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Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

When I Am Crabby I....

When I am crabby I scream. I also get annoyed really easy. Also, when I am crabby my mom gets frustrated. I sometimes throw a baby fit. As you can see, I can get really crabby.

Danny Niegos,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I am cranky nothing goes my way. My favorite thing to do when I am cranky is to fight with my sister. I usually lose those fights. Another thing I like to do when I am cranky is go in my room and slam the door and don't come out till dinner time. When this happens, I usually get in trouble for slamming the door. The best care for my crankiness is a nap.

Sarah Reed,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I am crabby, I start to yell at my siblings. My siblings always like to give me hugs so I yell for them to stop. I get crabby when my brothers tell me to do stuff. In conclusion, I get very crabby when my siblings bother me

Gus Ledbetter,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I am crabby, I get irritated. I don't get enough sleep; I go to bed at 10 PM because I have a lot of homework. I wake up at 6AM to go to school. I get so crabby. I just get so frustrated and angry. Sometimes I don't when I wake up. I just ignore it. As you can see, I can get crabby because I go to bed late

Alejandro Hinojos,
4th grade, St Ann's

I feel crabby when I do stuff weird. I do weird stuff like turn stuff on and off, throw stuff around and just kick anything in my way. When I am crabby, I torture my little brother. As you can see, this is how I behave when I'm crabby.

John Andrew Gomez,
4th grade, St Ann's

When I am crabby I am usually tired. For example, going to bed late or having a lot of homework will make me tired. I'm not in the mood for doing many things. I just want to be alone for a couple of minutes. When feeling like this, I don't feel like laughing either. Although I get crabby sometimes, when I come home and see my dogs, I feel a lot better.

Vanessa Ramos,
4th grade, St Ann's

Write On!
Wonder Words

Write a sentence in which most of the words start with the same letter. For example: *Betty's brother bought buckets of beetles.*

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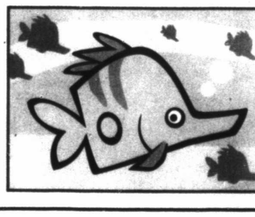
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Community Adviser

Imagine you have been selected to advise on the growth of your neighborhood. Look through the newspaper for news articles showing things that your community is concerned about. Make a list of ways you think you could help your community.

Standards Link: Social Science: Students understand the ways in which individuals and groups interact to solve problems in a community.



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