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Indoor shooting range one step closer to reality

Lone dissenting P&Z commissioner mentions traffic issues near North Big Spring

By Rye Druzin
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Midland's first indoor shooting range is another step closer to reality after the city's Planning and Zoning Commission approved both the rezoning of the land and specific use permit Monday.

The shooting range by SK Arms will be a roughly 60,000 square-foot facility, according to architect Frank Richardson of Pross Design Group out of Dallas. The range will be located at 214 Spring Park Drive about 200 feet east of North Big Spring Street, near Pioneer Natural Resources regional headquarters.

Two months ago, Midland's City Council approved a gun range zoning ordinance, paving the way for indoor gun ranges to find their footing within Midland's city limits.

The presentation before P&Z showed that the current design will feature 29 shooting lanes, including five 100-yard rifle lanes and 24 pistol lanes of 25 yards. The first floor will include a café that will serve sandwiches and non-alcoholic drinks, while range users will walk through a 7,000 square-foot retail gun store to get to the shooting lanes. The current cost estimate of the building is $8 million, according to co-owner Kane Kolisek. A second-floor mezzanine will house offices, and a pair of conference rooms on the ground floor will be able to host up to 100 people.

Richardson said store officials hope to break ground in October and finish the building by Fall 2016. Kolisek said the current timeline could cause an overlap in having two stores open at once due to the lease agreement at their 4400 North Midland Drive SK Arms location and that they would probably end up closing the original store unless foot traffic was high enough.

Commissioner Jane Wolf brought up concerns that the Corporate Drive route to North Big Spring will become increasingly crowded as customers from the shooting range use the Corporate Drive intersection to leave. She voted against both the zone change and the SUP, while the five other commissioners voted for the measures.

The issue of safety was what one community member, whose mother lives in the area, brought up to the commission, saying that neither her mother or other members of the community knew what a gun range would bring to the area. Kolisek stressed that they will encourage that their members use caution and safety at the new shooting range.

"If you come in with a gun that needs work, ideally it's locked in a bag or something along those line," he said. "We will most likely have loaner bags at the front for people that come in and don't have one since we're going to see a lot more foot traffic than we currently do as far as actual weapons."

Additionally Kolisek said they will have concrete in the ceiling, something that Richardson said went "above and beyond" when it came to safety. He added that "we're sparing no expense especially when it comes to safety."

One instance that the commission did not bring up was the April 4 shooting in SK Arms' current store that involved

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READY TO ROAM

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Midland Christian School Superintendent Eddy Lee addresses the junior high and high school students Monday on the first day of school in chapel. Lee starts out with a devotional and then goes into the rules of MCS.

Measure fails to create green jobs

By Julia Horowitz
Associated Press

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Three years after California voters passed a ballot measure to raise taxes on corporations and generate clean energy jobs by funding energy-efficiency projects in schools, barely one-tenth of the promised jobs have been created, and the state has no comprehensive list to show how much work has been done or how much energy has been saved.

Money is trickling in at a slower-than-anticipated rate, and more than half of the $297 million given to schools so far has gone to consultants and energy auditors. The board created to oversee the project and submit annual progress reports to the Legislature has never met, according to a review by The Associated Press.

Voters in 2012 approved the Clean Energy Jobs Act by a large margin, closing a tax loophole for multistate corporations. The Legislature decided to send half the money to fund clean energy projects in schools, promising to generate more than 11,000 jobs each year.

Instead, only 1,700 jobs have been created in three years, raising concerns about whether the money is accomplishing what voters were promised.

"Accountability boards that are rubber stamps are fairly common, but accountability boards that don't meet at all are a big problem," said Douglas Johnson, a state government expert at Claremont McKenna College in Southern California.

The State Energy Commission, which oversees Proposition 39 spending, could not provide any data about completed projects or calculate energy savings because schools are not required to report the results for up to 15 months after completion, spokeswoman Amber Beck said.

Still, she said she believes the program is on track.

Not enough data has been collected for the nine-member oversight board of professors, engineers and climate experts to meet, she said.

The AP's review of state and local records found that not one project for which the state allocated $12.6 million has been completed in the Los Angeles Unified School District, which has nearly 1,000 schools. Two schools were scheduled this summer to receive lighting retrofits and heating and cooling upgrades, but no construction work has been done on either site, LAUSD spokeswoman Barbara Jones said.

The office of Senate President Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, D-Los Angeles, previously estimated LAUSD would save up to $27 million a year on energy costs; projects proposed by the district so far would save only $1.4 million.

De Leon, the primary booster of Proposition 39 in the state Legislature, was not available to comment, spokeswoman Claire Conlon said. She said the program is working as planned, and that school districts are encouraged to let funds build up to make "bigger, more comprehensive investments."

School district officials around the state say they intend to meet a 2018 deadline to request funds and a 2020 dead-

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EIA: Shale to decline again next month

By Jennifer Hiller
San Antonio Express-News

Oil production from the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas will dip again in September, according to the latest report from the U.S. Energy Information Administration.

Production of crude oil and the light oil condensate is expected to slide by 56,000 barrels daily, to around 1.48 million barrels per day.

It will be the sixth straight monthly drop for Eagle Ford output.

The industry has been hit hard by falling crude oil prices, with energy companies drilling and completing fewer wells. Oil prices were higher than $100 per barrel last summer but now are trading below $43.

Production in the Eagle Ford peaked in March at 1.71 million barrels but has dipped every month since, according to the EIA.

The Eagle Ford isn't alone — production started slipping in the Bakken field in North Dakota and eastern Montana in May, and in the Niobrara field (in Colorado, Wyoming, Nebraska and Kansas) in April.

Overall, the major U.S. shale oil fields are expected to pump 5.27 million barrels daily in September, around 93,000 fewer daily barrels than in August.

The Permian Basin in West Texas and eastern New Mexico, the largest overall crude producer in the U.S., is the only major shale oil field that still has rising oil production.

The Permian is expected to pump 2.04 million barrels of crude oil per day in August, up by around 8,000 daily barrels.

EOG: The largest operator in the Eagle Ford Shale says it has trimmed its well costs to $5.5 million.

Houston-based EOG Resources said in a recent call with analysts that it expects to shave its well costs even more, to $5.3 million by the end of the year.

EOG estimates it has about 3.2 billion barrels of recoverable oil in 7,200 Eagle Ford wells, averaging 40-acre spacing.

Conoco: ConocoPhillips has cut the number of U.S. onshore drilling rigs it's running to 13, down from 32 at the end of last year.

ConocoPhillips has six rigs running in the Eagle Ford Shale in South Texas, four in the Bakken field in North Dakota and three in the Permian Basin in West Texas.

Matthew Fox, executive vice president of exploration and production, said in a recent call with analysts that "this is the right pace of activity in this environment."

An analyst asked how long it takes the company to break even on its $8 million to $9 million Eagle Ford wells, and Fox said, "I think we're still in the 12-month to 18-month sort of level … for break-even on an individual well."

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Associated Press

The procession of hearses arrive for a memorial service at Fallbrook Church on Monday in Houston for a couple and six children killed in an Aug. 8 mass shooting in northwest Harris County. David Conley, the father of one of the children, faces capital murder charges from the shooting. Killed in the Aug. 8 shooting were: Conley's former domestic partner, 40-year-old Valerie Jackson; her husband, 50-year-old Dwayne Jackson; 13-year-old Nathaniel; 11-year-old Honesty; 10-year-old Dwayne; 9-year-old Caleb; 7-year-old Trinity; and 6-year-old Jonah. Authorities say Nathaniel was Conley's son with Valerie Jackson. The Jacksons were the parents of the other five children.

Grief and memories at funeral for 8 fatally shot

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dozens of relatives, friends, teachers and classmates converged on a Houston church Monday to share grief, hope and memories of a family of eight, including six children, who were killed at their home earlier this month.

The ceremony for the Jackson family took on a bittersweet tone as a gospel choir sang and ministers, public officials and others shared memories with about 200 mourners as eight white caskets were arrayed before the congregation at the Fallbrook Church in northwest Houston.

Killed in the Aug. 8 shootings were 40-year-old Valerie Jackson; her husband, 50-year-old Dwayne Jackson; 13-year-old Nathaniel; 11-year-old Honesty; 10-year-old Dwayne; 9-year-old Caleb; 7-year-old Trinity; and 6-year-old Jonah.

David Conley, the mother's former domestic partner and father of Nathaniel, is charged with capital murder in the slayings. Authorities say he handcuffed most of the family members and eventually shot each in the head.

"While I'm sure they're in a better place with the Lord, this is difficult for both families to accept," Paulette Jackson, Dwayne Jackson's sister, told KPRC-TV of Houston.

Some of those attending had no prior connection with the family but attended out of sympathy and solidarity.

"I have a family. I have seven grandchildren. I'm thinking this could have been my grandchildren," Lora Sims told the Houston Chronicle.

The bodies of the family will be taken for burial to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where Valerie Jackson lived for a time.

"I don't know if you could ever put it behind us what happened, just the very nature of what happened," Pastor Mike Pender told KTRK-TV of Houston. "I think you learn to cope. As time goes on it gets better, but I don't know if you ever put it behind you"

San Antonio missions tour to tell Native American story

By Scott Huddleston
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Gazing across the stone ruins, grassy expanse and restored white church that remains an active Catholic parish at Mission San Juan, Ramon Vasquez contemplated how hard it must have been for the first indigenous people to enter this new way of life.

"You can imagine that some of our people said, 'Life as we know it ends today, and we need to go into this mission,'" for safety and stability in the Texas frontier of the 1700s, he told the San Antonio Express-News.

"Others said, 'We'll die, as we are today, and we'll never enter that mission.' And they stayed out."

That choice — submission to a strange new culture and religion under Spanish rule, in exchange for protection from starvation and hostile invaders — may be hard for people in a free society to process today. But Vasquez, executive director of the American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions, wants to provide a tour that forces visitors to ponder the sacrifices, contributions and dilemmas of his ancestors.

The nonprofit group had talked about a tour of the San Antonio missions for at least 10 years before they were named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July, and now the organization plans to offer tours to the public in the fall. It already has scheduled tours as part of a four-day "Historic Discoveries" vacation package marketed to out-of-town visitors by the city's Convention & Visitors Bureau, with the first set for Sept. 24 to 27.

Casandra Matej, the bureau's executive director, said the agency partnered with Vasquez's group to "offer a personalized tour of San Antonio's missions from tribe descendents" as part of a fall package spotlighting "San Antonio's epic history."

"This is a phenomenal way to continue promoting the missions' recent World Heritage designation, while incorporating the American Indian perspective on the history of the missions," Matej said.

Vasquez said he offers the mission tour privately to groups but wants to open it to the local public, possibly in October. A 2½-hour tour will likely run about $50, with a 4½-hour tour that includes food, music and craft demonstrations at $75.

The tours will benefit the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation, a group of about 250 active individuals whose ancestors were among a mix of indigenous people, many linked by language and known collectively as Coahuiltecans, who built the missions and contributed to early South Texas farming, ranching and cultural traditions.

"I think that's a good beginning for healing, even though a lot of the history was not a very good one for our people," said Jesus Jose "Jesse" Reyes Jr., an anthropologist, board member of American Indians in Texas and, like Vasquez, a Tap Pilam descendant.

The Tap Pilam community, which for years has been engaged in a lengthy process to be federally recognized, has retained its songs and ceremonies but has "pretty much almost lost" its language, Reyes said. The group uses a documented dialect known as Pajalate as its "reconstruction language."

The tours begin at Mission Concepcion, then stop at Mission San Jose and Mission Espada before ending at Mission San Juan, where the remains of more than 100 mission inhabitants were unearthed and later repatriated in separate ceremonies in 1999 and 2013. Although the Alamo is a historic mission and part of the World Heritage designation, it is not included in the tour because of wait times at the popular 1836 battle site downtown, Vasquez said.

A long, painful chapter for the mission descendants unfolded after the Archdiocese of San Antonio let archaeologists excavate portions of San Juan in 1967. Human remains of at least 92 people were used in university studies in Texas.

STATEBRIEFS

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BEAUMONT

Home burglary suspect killed in Southeast Texas

Authorities said a Southeast Texas homeowner has fatally shot a masked burglary suspect after a confrontation in the kitchen.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said they got a call early Monday morning about a burglary of a home in the small community of Hamshire.

The homeowner told police that after being awoken by his dog barking, he retrieved his pistol and went into his kitchen. He then he confronted the suspect, who had a bandanna covering his face. Authorities said the homeowner fired several shots and then the suspect ran away.

Deputies found the suspect lying in a yard down the street and being held at gunpoint by neighbors.

The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

Authorities are continuing to investigate.

SUNSET VALLEY

Dog found tortured to death on Central Texas playground

Police in a small Central Texas town said a Chihuahua has been found tortured to death on an elementary school playground.

Police in Sunset Valley, located just southwest of Austin, said people playing basketball discovered the dog on Sunday morning on the playground behind Sunset Valley Elementary School.

Officer James Brownlow tells KTBC television station in Austin that the dog had obvious signs of trauma. He said, "We could definitely tell that it was intentional. So we processed the scene and collected evidence from there."

Police haven't found any information yet on who might have owned the dog.

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BRENHAM

Blue Bell to resume distributing ice cream to select markets

Blue Bell Creameries will resume distributing ice cream to select markets in Texas and Alabama this month after halting sales and production following listeria contamination.

The Brenham, Texas-based company said Monday that it plans to re-enter parts of 15 states in five phases. The first phase, which starts Aug. 31, will include the Brenham, Houston and Austin areas in Texas and the Birmingham and Montgomery areas in Alabama.

Blue Bell in April voluntarily recalled all products after its treats were linked to 10 listeria illnesses in four states, including three deaths in Kansas.

The Blue Bell production facility in Sylacauga, Alabama, began producing ice cream in July. Production facilities in Brenham, Alabama, and Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, are still undergoing upgrades.

Listeria is a bacteria that can cause serious illness.

SAN ANGELO

Wildfire in West Texas burns thousands of acres

An official said a wildfire that's burned about 5,500 of acres of ranchland over the weekend in West Texas is expected to be contained by the end of the day.

Tom Green County emergency services manager Steve Mild said that fire crews had been able to contain about 50 percent of the fire by midday Monday and are expected to get around the entire fire by the end of the day.

Lightning on Friday afternoon started the fire. Mild said that one unoccupied house and one barn have burned. He said that about 75 homes near the small community of Christoval were threatened at one point on Saturday, but are now out of danger.

The Christoval community is located just south of San Angelo.

GRANBURY

Texas gay couple settles suit over marriage license denial

Attorneys for a gay couple who sued a Texas county clerk who denied them a marriage license on religious grounds have announced they've reached a settlement in the lawsuit.

In a statement, attorneys for Jim Cato and Joe Stapleton said Monday that they've settled their federal lawsuit against Hood County Clerk Katie Lang for what they've spent in attorneys' fees — almost $44,000.

Hood County Attorney Lori Kaspar referred requests for comment to the county's special attorney, Grant Blaies of Fort Worth, Texas, who didn't return messages.

Cato and Stapleton filed the lawsuit July 6 after they'd been refused a marriage license for almost a week after the Supreme Court recognized the right of gay couples to marry.

The couple was granted a license the day they filed their lawsuit.

SAN ANTONIO

Burning body found on Central Texas road

Authorities are investigating after a burning body was found on a Central Texas road.

The Bexar County sheriff's office said that a driver called authorities early Monday morning after spotting a fire on a road. Fire crews extinguished the fire but the body was burned too badly to confirm cause of death or the victim's sex.

The Bexar County medical examiner's office is working to determine the victim's identity and cause of death.

Federal judge denies injunction in NM drilling case

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A federal judge has rejected an effort by environmental groups to stall oil and gas development in northwestern New Mexico while they fight the approval of dozens of drilling permits issued over the past two years by a federal agency.

U.S. District Judge James Browning issued his ruling late Friday. An environmental group said Monday it plans to appeal.

The judge said the groups put forth enough evidence to cast doubt on the thoroughness of permit decisions made by the Bureau of Land Management but did not provide enough evidence to show the agency failed to take a hard look at the environmental effects of its actions.

The judge also said the preliminary injunction sought by the groups would not be in the public interest.

"The public would gain more from reaping the gains — an influx of jobs and capital and an increase in royalties paid to the state and federal governments — from opening up the Mancos Shale formation to economically viable drilling now, rather than waiting until the resolution of this case," Browning wrote.

Jeremy Nichols with the group WildEarth Guardians said he was disappointed with the decision.

"While our environmental harms are dismissed as speculative, the speculative claims of lost profit and economic destruction from industry were accepted with open arms," he said.

Browning's decision stems from a court filing in May that sought to stop the BLM from approving permits to drill in the Mancos Shale formation.

Environmentalists say the BLM's Farmington office has approved 265 permits since 2013 and more than 90 wells have already been drilled and fractured — the practice of high-pressure injection of water, sand and chemicals underground to free deposits of oil and gas.

The groups have said in court filings and letters to federal officials that increased development in the San Juan Basin has led to more truck traffic and dozens of new well pads over the past year, and that's harming the region that includes Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

The BLM has declined to comment directly on the litigation but says it carefully reviews all permitted wells to ensure compliance with state and federal laws. The agency has also deferred all new leasing within a 10-mile radius of Chaco park until the basin's resource management plan can be updated.

The BLM has been working on a new plan in the face of an expected shale oil boom, but Browning's ruling suggests it could be 2017 or 2018 before that proposal is completed.

The basin is one of the largest natural gas fields in the U.S. and has been in production for more than 60 years. BLM officials said that since the 1950s, fracturing has been used with nearly every well in the basin.

In his ruling, Browning also cleared the way for the American Petroleum Institute to participate in the case.

Austin panel is set to consider a water fluoridation proposal

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Austin officials are set to consider a water fluoridation proposal from a city councilman, who wants the practice to end by December.

The city has fluoridated its water for several decades, and public health officials say that it's one of the primary ways to combat tooth decay, the Austin American-Statesman said.

But anti-fluoride activists contend that drinking the treated water can damage a person's bones and lower intelligence levels.

Councilman Don Zimmerman said it's "unethical" to force residents to drink fluoridated water, and his resolution is set to go before the council's Public Utilities Committee this week. The Health and Human Services Committee also will consider the issue.

The first city to add fluoride to its water was Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1945. Researchers monitored children there and in another community without a fluoridation program over 15 years, finding that those who drank the fluoridated water were less likely to experience tooth decay.

Federal officials say 67 percent of Americans drink fluoridated water, but cities across the nation have chosen not to fluoridate their water. Voters in Portland have rejected fluoridating city water four times since 1956. Residents in College Station and Elgin have voted to end the practice, and a group in San Marcos has been pushing for a vote on prohibiting water fluoridation.

Austin has fluoridated its water since 1973, after a public vote on the issue prior, though the level has changed at least once.

The Austin Water Utility last changed its target in 2008 to 0.7 milligrams per liter, which is the same level in a new recommendation the federal government finalized this summer. The previous recommendation was 0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter.

The water utility adds fluorosilicic acid, which is heavily diluted, to increase the naturally occurring level of fluoride in the water, said Jane Burazer, assistant director of the utility's treatment program.

Anti-Semitic graffiti found on Texas synagogue property

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Anti-Semitic graffiti has been found on a property belonging to a Jewish congregation just day after swastikas and references to the Ku Klux Klan were spray painted on buildings and cars in a San Antonio neighborhood near an Orthodox synagogue.

San Antonio police said they are investigating the incident and were dispatched to the Conservative synagogue Monday morning for a burglary.

Linda Moad, executive director of the Agudas Achim congregation, told the San Antonio Express-News that a maintenance worker discovered the graffiti on a storage shed belonging to the synagogue. The words "Jew Jew" were painted on the shed and two grills were missing, she said.

This comes just days after about 30 buildings and vehicles were vandalized in a San Antonio neighborhood near Rodfei Sholom, an Orthodox synagogue. The two synagogues are just a few miles apart on the city's north side.

Gov. Greg Abbott called the recent vandalism "an offensive and disturbing attack on people of all faiths."

"Religious discrimination has no place in the State of Texas, and I have faith that law enforcement spearheading this investigation will redouble their efforts to swiftly bring those responsible to justice," he said in a statement.

After the initial incident, the FBI announced that it was opening a civil rights investigation and offered a $5,000 award for information leading to the vandals. It has since increased to $11,500 as a result of other donations.

Democratic Texas Congressman Joaquin Castro said in a statement last Wednesday that "the ugly vandalism targeting San Antonio's Jewish community is saddening and disgraceful."

Officer says police saved his life by shooting homeless man

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A K-9 officer testified Monday that two Albuquerque police officers saved his life by shooting a knife-wielding homeless man during a tense standoff in 2014.

Scott Weimerskirch said he was close to James Boyd when Boyd refused commands by officers to get off the ground. He said Officer Dominique Perez and former Detective Keith Sandy then shot the 38-year-old Boyd.

"I was in a helpless position ... trying to control my dog," Weimerskirch said.

Weimerskirch testified during a preliminary hearing for Perez and Sandy, who are facing murder charges in the death of the 38-year-old Boyd.

A judge will decide after the hearing if the officers should stand trial. Lawyers for both sides are expected to give closing arguments on Tuesday.

Defense attorney Sam Bregman asked Weimerskirch some questions from a 4-foot platform to illustrate whether Boyd being on higher ground was a threat to officers.

Holding fake knives, Bregman asked if Boyd's position and his actions put officers in danger. Standing next to Bregman, Weimerskirch answered yes.

Not to be outdone, Special Prosecutor Randi McGinn also got on the platform, turned slightly away to Weimerskirch and asked how the perceived threat changed with different angles.

"He still had knives," Weimerskirch said.

Prosecutors say Perez and Sandy shot Boyd despite signs he was surrendering after a standoff.

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Federal officials have said concentrations of metals including lead, thallium, silver and antimony have increased in Colorado's Animas River since the spill from the inactive mine near Silverton, Colorado.

Tucson officer suffers minor injuries in scuffle

By Astrid Galvan
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — A Tucson police officer suffered non-life threatening injuries when a suspect who had previously attacked other officers choked him, took his service weapon and shot him, authorities said.

Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Bay said details were scarce and the suspect has not been identified.

The incident began around 12:30 a.m. Monday when a convenience store clerk in the city's east side called police about a man who wouldn't leave. Police escorted the man away without incident but found him on the property again an hour later.

The man attacked officers when they approached him again, Bay said.

One officer was punched in the face while another had his police badge ripped off his uniform. Bay said the back of the badge has a sharp pin that the suspect used in the attack on the officers.

Bay said officers called for backup and were able to subdue the man, who was arrested and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital to be treated for injuries he sustained in the altercation.

At about 4 a.m., the man attacked a different officer who was guarding him at the hospital, Bay said.

The suspect choked the officer before taking his gun and shooting him with it, she said.

Authorities said help arrived to end the incident but no details were immediately released.

Bay said she didn't know where in his body the officer was shot or how many times. She also did not know the officer's age or number of years on the force but said more information would be available in the afternoon.

"The officer inside that hospital really had a fight. Even after he was shot he was still able to sustain it and was fighting for his life," Bay said.

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The procession of hearses arrive for a memorial service at Fallbrook Church on Monday in Houston for a couple and six children killed in an Aug. 8 mass shooting in northwest Harris County. David Conley, the father of one of the children, faces capital murder charges from the shooting. Killed in the Aug. 8 shooting were: Conley's former domestic partner, 40-year-old Valerie Jackson; her husband, 50-year-old Dwayne Jackson; 13-year-old Nathaniel; 11-year-old Honesty; 10-year-old Dwayne; 9-year-old Caleb; 7-year-old Trinity; and 6-year-old Jonah. Authorities say Nathaniel was Conley's son with Valerie Jackson. The Jacksons were the parents of the other five children.

Grief and memories at funeral for 8 fatally shot

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dozens of relatives, friends, teachers and classmates converged on a Houston church Monday to share grief, hope and memories of a family of eight, including six children, who were killed at their home earlier this month.

The ceremony for the Jackson family took on a bittersweet tone as a gospel choir sang and ministers, public officials and others shared memories with about 200 mourners as eight white caskets were arrayed before the congregation at the Fallbrook Church in northwest Houston.

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David Conley, the mother's former domestic partner and father of Nathaniel, is charged with capital murder in the slayings. Authorities say he handcuffed most of the family members and eventually shot each in the head.

"While I'm sure they're in a better place with the Lord, this is difficult for both families to accept," Paulette Jackson, Dwayne Jackson's sister, told KPRC-TV of Houston.

Some of those attending had no prior connection with the family but attended out of sympathy and solidarity.

"I have a family. I have seven grandchildren. I'm thinking this could have been my grandchildren," Lora Sims told the Houston Chronicle.

The bodies of the family will be taken for burial to La Crosse, Wisconsin, where Valerie Jackson lived for a time.

"I don't know if you could ever put it behind us what happened, just the very nature of what happened," Pastor Mike Pender told KTRK-TV of Houston. "I think you learn to cope. As time goes on it gets better, but I don't know if you ever put it behind you"

San Antonio missions tour to tell Native American story

By Scott Huddleston
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — Gazing across the stone ruins, grassy expanse and restored white church that remains an active Catholic parish at Mission San Juan, Ramon Vasquez contemplated how hard it must have been for the first indigenous people to enter this new way of life.

"You can imagine that some of our people said, 'Life as we know it ends today, and we need to go into this mission,'" for safety and stability in the Texas frontier of the 1700s, he told the San Antonio Express-News.

"Others said, 'We'll die, as we are today, and we'll never enter that mission.' And they stayed out."

That choice — submission to a strange new culture and religion under Spanish rule, in exchange for protection from starvation and hostile invaders — may be hard for people in a free society to process today. But Vasquez, executive director of the American Indians in Texas at the Spanish Colonial Missions, wants to provide a tour that forces visitors to ponder the sacrifices, contributions and dilemmas of his ancestors.

The nonprofit group had talked about a tour of the San Antonio missions for at least 10 years before they were named a UNESCO World Heritage Site in July, and now the organization plans to offer tours to the public in the fall. It already has scheduled tours as part of a four-day "Historic Discoveries" vacation package marketed to out-of-town visitors by the city's Convention & Visitors Bureau, with the first set for Sept. 24 to 27.

Casandra Matej, the bureau's executive director, said the agency partnered with Vasquez's group to "offer a personalized tour of San Antonio's missions from tribe descendents" as part of a fall package spotlighting "San Antonio's epic history."

"This is a phenomenal way to continue promoting the missions' recent World Heritage designation, while incorporating the American Indian perspective on the history of the missions," Matej said.

Vasquez said he offers the mission tour privately to groups but wants to open it to the local public, possibly in October. A 2½-hour tour will likely run about $50, with a 4½-hour tour that includes food, music and craft demonstrations at $75.

The tours will benefit the Tap Pilam Coahuiltecan Nation, a group of about 250 active individuals whose ancestors were among a mix of indigenous people, many linked by language and known collectively as Coahuiltecans, who built the missions and contributed to early South Texas farming, ranching and cultural traditions.

"I think that's a good beginning for healing, even though a lot of the history was not a very good one for our people," said Jesus Jose "Jesse" Reyes Jr., an anthropologist, board member of American Indians in Texas and, like Vasquez, a Tap Pilam descendant.

The Tap Pilam community, which for years has been engaged in a lengthy process to be federally recognized, has retained its songs and ceremonies but has "pretty much almost lost" its language, Reyes said. The group uses a documented dialect known as Pajalate as its "reconstruction language."

The tours begin at Mission Concepcion, then stop at Mission San Jose and Mission Espada before ending at Mission San Juan, where the remains of more than 100 mission inhabitants were unearthed and later repatriated in separate ceremonies in 1999 and 2013. Although the Alamo is a historic mission and part of the World Heritage designation, it is not included in the tour because of wait times at the popular 1836 battle site downtown, Vasquez said.

A long, painful chapter for the mission descendants unfolded after the Archdiocese of San Antonio let archaeologists excavate portions of San Juan in 1967. Human remains of at least 92 people were used in university studies in Texas.

STATEBRIEFS

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BEAUMONT

Home burglary suspect killed in Southeast Texas

Authorities said a Southeast Texas homeowner has fatally shot a masked burglary suspect after a confrontation in the kitchen.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said they got a call early Monday morning about a burglary of a home in the small community of Hamshire.

The homeowner told police that after being awoken by his dog barking, he retrieved his pistol and went into his kitchen. He then he confronted the suspect, who had a bandanna covering his face. Authorities said the homeowner fired several shots and then the suspect ran away.

Deputies found the suspect lying in a yard down the street and being held at gunpoint by neighbors.

The suspect was pronounced dead at the scene.

Authorities are continuing to investigate.

SUNSET VALLEY

Dog found tortured to death on Central Texas playground

Police in a small Central Texas town said a Chihuahua has been found tortured to death on an elementary school playground.

Police in Sunset Valley, located just southwest of Austin, said people playing basketball discovered the dog on Sunday morning on the playground behind Sunset Valley Elementary School.

Officer James Brownlow tells KTBC television station in Austin that the dog had obvious signs of trauma. He said, "We could definitely tell that it was intentional. So we processed the scene and collected evidence from there."

Police haven't found any information yet on who might have owned the dog.

Officers said if the dog's owner is not located the animal will be given a proper burial.

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BRENHAM

Blue Bell to resume distributing ice cream to select markets

Blue Bell Creameries will resume distributing ice cream to select markets in Texas and Alabama this month after halting sales and production following listeria contamination.

The Brenham, Texas-based company said Monday that it plans to re-enter parts of 15 states in five phases. The first phase, which starts Aug. 31, will include the Brenham, Houston and Austin areas in Texas and the Birmingham and Montgomery areas in Alabama.

Blue Bell in April voluntarily recalled all products after its treats were linked to 10 listeria illnesses in four states, including three deaths in Kansas.

The Blue Bell production facility in Sylacauga, Alabama, began producing ice cream in July. Production facilities in Brenham, Alabama, and Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, are still undergoing upgrades.

Listeria is a bacteria that can cause serious illness.

SAN ANGELO

Wildfire in West Texas burns thousands of acres

An official said a wildfire that's burned about 5,500 of acres of ranchland over the weekend in West Texas is expected to be contained by the end of the day.

Tom Green County emergency services manager Steve Mild said that fire crews had been able to contain about 50 percent of the fire by midday Monday and are expected to get around the entire fire by the end of the day.

Lightning on Friday afternoon started the fire. Mild said that one unoccupied house and one barn have burned. He said that about 75 homes near the small community of Christoval were threatened at one point on Saturday, but are now out of danger.

The Christoval community is located just south of San Angelo.

GRANBURY

Texas gay couple settles suit over marriage license denial

Attorneys for a gay couple who sued a Texas county clerk who denied them a marriage license on religious grounds have announced they've reached a settlement in the lawsuit.

In a statement, attorneys for Jim Cato and Joe Stapleton said Monday that they've settled their federal lawsuit against Hood County Clerk Katie Lang for what they've spent in attorneys' fees — almost $44,000.

Hood County Attorney Lori Kaspar referred requests for comment to the county's special attorney, Grant Blaies of Fort Worth, Texas, who didn't return messages.

Cato and Stapleton filed the lawsuit July 6 after they'd been refused a marriage license for almost a week after the Supreme Court recognized the right of gay couples to marry.

The couple was granted a license the day they filed their lawsuit.

SAN ANTONIO

Burning body found on Central Texas road

Authorities are investigating after a burning body was found on a Central Texas road.

The Bexar County sheriff's office said that a driver called authorities early Monday morning after spotting a fire on a road. Fire crews extinguished the fire but the body was burned too badly to confirm cause of death or the victim's sex.

The Bexar County medical examiner's office is working to determine the victim's identity and cause of death.

Federal judge denies injunction in NM drilling case

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A federal judge has rejected an effort by environmental groups to stall oil and gas development in northwestern New Mexico while they fight the approval of dozens of drilling permits issued over the past two years by a federal agency.

U.S. District Judge James Browning issued his ruling late Friday. An environmental group said Monday it plans to appeal.

The judge said the groups put forth enough evidence to cast doubt on the thoroughness of permit decisions made by the Bureau of Land Management but did not provide enough evidence to show the agency failed to take a hard look at the environmental effects of its actions.

The judge also said the preliminary injunction sought by the groups would not be in the public interest.

"The public would gain more from reaping the gains — an influx of jobs and capital and an increase in royalties paid to the state and federal governments — from opening up the Mancos Shale formation to economically viable drilling now, rather than waiting until the resolution of this case," Browning wrote.

Jeremy Nichols with the group WildEarth Guardians said he was disappointed with the decision.

"While our environmental harms are dismissed as speculative, the speculative claims of lost profit and economic destruction from industry were accepted with open arms," he said.

Browning's decision stems from a court filing in May that sought to stop the BLM from approving permits to drill in the Mancos Shale formation.

Environmentalists say the BLM's Farmington office has approved 265 permits since 2013 and more than 90 wells have already been drilled and fractured — the practice of high-pressure injection of water, sand and chemicals underground to free deposits of oil and gas.

The groups have said in court filings and letters to federal officials that increased development in the San Juan Basin has led to more truck traffic and dozens of new well pads over the past year, and that's harming the region that includes Chaco Culture National Historical Park.

The BLM has declined to comment directly on the litigation but says it carefully reviews all permitted wells to ensure compliance with state and federal laws. The agency has also deferred all new leasing within a 10-mile radius of Chaco park until the basin's resource management plan can be updated.

The BLM has been working on a new plan in the face of an expected shale oil boom, but Browning's ruling suggests it could be 2017 or 2018 before that proposal is completed.

The basin is one of the largest natural gas fields in the U.S. and has been in production for more than 60 years. BLM officials said that since the 1950s, fracturing has been used with nearly every well in the basin.

In his ruling, Browning also cleared the way for the American Petroleum Institute to participate in the case.

Austin panel is set to consider a water fluoridation proposal

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Austin officials are set to consider a water fluoridation proposal from a city councilman, who wants the practice to end by December.

The city has fluoridated its water for several decades, and public health officials say that it's one of the primary ways to combat tooth decay, the Austin American-Statesman said.

But anti-fluoride activists contend that drinking the treated water can damage a person's bones and lower intelligence levels.

Councilman Don Zimmerman said it's "unethical" to force residents to drink fluoridated water, and his resolution is set to go before the council's Public Utilities Committee this week. The Health and Human Services Committee also will consider the issue.

The first city to add fluoride to its water was Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1945. Researchers monitored children there and in another community without a fluoridation program over 15 years, finding that those who drank the fluoridated water were less likely to experience tooth decay.

Federal officials say 67 percent of Americans drink fluoridated water, but cities across the nation have chosen not to fluoridate their water. Voters in Portland have rejected fluoridating city water four times since 1956. Residents in College Station and Elgin have voted to end the practice, and a group in San Marcos has been pushing for a vote on prohibiting water fluoridation.

Austin has fluoridated its water since 1973, after a public vote on the issue prior, though the level has changed at least once.

The Austin Water Utility last changed its target in 2008 to 0.7 milligrams per liter, which is the same level in a new recommendation the federal government finalized this summer. The previous recommendation was 0.7 to 1.2 milligrams per liter.

The water utility adds fluorosilicic acid, which is heavily diluted, to increase the naturally occurring level of fluoride in the water, said Jane Burazer, assistant director of the utility's treatment program.

Officer says police saved his life by shooting homeless man

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A K-9 officer testified Monday that two Albuquerque police officers saved his life by shooting a knife-wielding homeless man during a tense standoff in 2014.

Scott Weimerskirch said he was close to James Boyd when Boyd refused commands by officers to get on the ground. He said Officer Dominique Perez and former Detective Keith Sandy then shot the 38-year-old Boyd.

"I was in a helpless position ... trying to control my dog," Weimerskirch said.

Weimerskirch testified during a preliminary hearing for Perez and Sandy, who are facing murder charges in the death of the 38-year-old Boyd.

A judge will decide after the hearing if the officers should stand trial. Lawyers for both sides are expected to give closing arguments on Tuesday.

Defense attorney Sam Bregman asked Weimerskirch some questions from a 4-foot platform to illustrate whether Boyd being on higher ground was a threat to officers.

Holding fake knives, Bregman asked if Boyd's position and his actions put officers in danger. Standing next to Bregman, Weimerskirch answered yes.

Not to be outdone, Special Prosecutor Randi McGinn also got on the platform, turned slightly away to Weimerskirch and asked how the perceived threat changed with different angles.

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Anti-Semitic graffiti found on Texas synagogue property

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Anti-Semitic graffiti has been found on a property belonging to a Jewish congregation just day after swastikas and references to the Ku Klux Klan were spray painted on buildings and cars in a San Antonio neighborhood near an Orthodox synagogue.

San Antonio police said they are investigating the incident and were dispatched to the Conservative synagogue Monday morning for a burglary.

Linda Moad, executive director of the Agudas Achim congregation, told the San Antonio Express-News that a maintenance worker discovered the graffiti on a storage shed belonging to the synagogue. The words "Jew Jew" were painted on the shed and two grills were missing, she said.

This comes just days after about 30 buildings and vehicles were vandalized in a San Antonio neighborhood near Rodfei Sholom, an Orthodox synagogue. The two synagogues are just a few miles apart on the city's north side.

Gov. Greg Abbott called the recent vandalism "an offensive and disturbing attack on people of all faiths."

"Religious discrimination has no place in the State of Texas, and I have faith that law enforcement spearheading this investigation will redouble their efforts to swiftly bring those responsible to justice," he said in a statement.

After the initial incident, the FBI announced that it was opening a civil rights investigation and offered a $5,000 award for information leading to the vandals. It has since increased to $11,500 as a result of other donations.

Democratic Texas Congressman Joaquin Castro said in a statement last Wednesday that "the ugly vandalism targeting San Antonio's Jewish community is saddening and disgraceful."

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Utah's agriculture department has lifted advisories against using the water saying most of the contamination from the spill flowed through days earlier.

A Utah State University veterinary toxicologist said the highest levels of remaining contamination carried short-term and minimal exposure risks but posed no harm to animals, plants and soil.

Federal officials have said concentrations of metals including lead, thallium, silver and antimony have increased in Colorado's Animas River since the spill from the inactive mine near Silverton, Colorado.

Tucson officer suffers minor injuries in scuffle

By Astrid Galvan
Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — A Tucson police officer suffered non-life threatening injuries when a suspect who had previously attacked other officers choked him, took his service weapon and shot him, authorities said.

Police spokeswoman Sgt. Kimberly Bay said details were scarce and the suspect has not been identified.

The incident began around 12:30 a.m. Monday when a convenience store clerk in the city's east side called police about a man who wouldn't leave. Police escorted the man away without incident but found him on the property again an hour later.

The man attacked officers when they approached him again, Bay said.

One officer was punched in the face while another had his police badge ripped off his uniform. Bay said the back of the badge has a sharp pin that the suspect used in the attack on the officers.

Bay said officers called for backup and were able to subdue the man, who was arrested and taken to St. Joseph's Hospital to be treated for injuries he sustained in the altercation.

At about 4 a.m., the man attacked a different officer who was guarding him at the hospital, Bay said.

The suspect choked the officer before taking his gun and shooting him with it, she said.

Authorities said help arrived to end the incident but no details were immediately released.

Bay said she didn't know where in his body the officer was shot or how many times. She also did not know the officer's age or number of years on the force but said more information would be available in the afternoon.

"The officer inside that hospital really had a fight. Even after he was shot he was still able to sustain it and was fighting for his life," Bay said.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series with Greg West on "The Heart of the Bride," 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Meetings

City Council tax rate hearing
9 a.m.
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Midland College
4 p.m.
Gibson boardroom, Administration Building
Midland College campus

Start of school

- Midland Christian School, St. Ann's School started Monday
- Midland Academy Charter School, today
- Trinity, Wednesday
- Midland College, Midland Classical Academy, Hillander, Greenwood ISD, Aug. 24
- Midland ISD, Aug. 26

Support groups, club meetings today

- Survivors of sexual abuse; interactive Bible study to help deal with the consequences of sexual abuse meets Tuesdays. Child care available; House of Hope, 570-5935.
- Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's; 685-7486.
- The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.
- National Active & Retired Federal Employees meet 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.
- Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.
- Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.
- Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.
- Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; 520-4343.

Military support groups

- A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.
- Peer to Peer support group for veterans, active duty, guard, reserves and their families, 6 p.m., Permian Basin Community Center, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Suite 403; Wil Hoggard, 213-5342, william.hoggard@wtcmhmr.org.
- American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.
- Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

VFW Post 4149 Motorcycle Group 4, 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, 684-9226.

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

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

County road closure extended

The road closure of South County Road 1150 from Farm-to-Market 307 to Highway 158 will be extended to Sept. 22, according to a press release from Midland County.

Extensive rains over the weekend meant that the anticipated re-opening of the road on Aug. 31 was postponed. The Midland County Road Department is repairing the road and has closed off all traffic until road repairs are finished.

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a pair of part-time employees. The two part-time employees, 33-year-old Odessan Charles Brown and 30-year-old Howard Holmes of Hurst, were involved in an altercation within the store that led to what the Midland Police Department deemed an accidental shooting. Brown was critically wounded when he took a hollow point round to the chest as he and Holmes wrestled over a pistol.

Police determined that alcohol was involved in the incident. Both men were fired but neither decided to press charges.

"We made the tactical error of allowing an individual to stay late to do stuff. ... Since then nobody can be at the store after hours unless a manager is present," Kolisek said. "So that helps facilitate ensuring that no idiocy ensues yet again. As human beings, it's hard to control individuals, but we're going to take every effort we can do to educate and ensure that we hire and prep people."

He added that when it comes to employees they will try to focus on CHL holders as well as former military and law enforcement personnel. He does not believe that they will have additional security beyond cameras and controlled entrances and exits, but hopes to hire off-duty police officers as range instructors.

When asked about if he will have a zero-tolerance policy toward alcohol and drugs, Kolisek said that any employee or member caught under the influence will be fired or have their membership revoked.

Richardson and Kolisek were joined by co-owner James Gripp and SK Arms representative Robert Rendall of Midland's Stubbeman, Mcrae, Sealy, Laughlin & Browder law firm.

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Repeatedly delayed trial for Grim Sleeper suspect now set for October

By Brittny Mejia
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — More than five years after authorities charged the man they claim is the so-called Grim Sleeper serial killer, the court case involving the killings of 10 women in South L.A. has devolved into this: eye rolls, sighs and laughter.

Amid repeated delays in the start of the trial, sniping between attorneys for the prosecution and defense took center stage Monday, provoking some relatives of slain victims to laugh aloud as they watched the courtroom squabbling.

One of the lead prosecutors accused a defense attorney of "gamesmanship," alleging that he intended to ambush the prosecution with new information during the upcoming trial.

The defense lawyer, Seymour Amster, shot back by accusing the prosecutor of engaging in personal attacks, saying time would show who really was "hiding the ball."

"Well, apparently there's no love lost between you," Superior Court Judge Kathleen Kennedy said to the lawyers at one point.

"I would stipulate to that," Amster cut in.

"And I would agree with counsel for the first time," the prosecutor, Deputy District Attorney Beth Silverman said.

"Well, at least we can agree on something," Amster responded.

When the dust settled, the judge postponed the trial once again — from Sept. 9 to Oct. 14 — but vowed she would not put off the case endlessly.

The decision marked the latest delay in a case that has dragged on despite pleas from the relatives of the victims. Some tearfully complained to the judge earlier this year about anxiety and nightmares they were experiencing as they awaited the trial of Lonnie Franklin Jr., who could face execution if convicted.

Though murder cases often take years to reach trial, particularly when the death penalty is at stake, many of the victims' relatives lay the blame on Amster.

"He turned it into a circus for a long time," said Donnell Alexander, whose sister, Alicia Alexander, was killed in 1988 and is believed to be the eighth victim of the Grim Sleeper. "Finally the judge put her foot down."

Margaret Prescod, who founded an organization 24 years ago to press for a more aggressive response by law enforcement to the killings, called Monday's hearing "surreal."

"It's been outrageous that the defense has dragged this on for as long as it has. It's been very difficult on the families, it's been very difficult on the community," Prescod said.

Outside court, Amster defended his handling of the case and blamed the prosecution for delays after a defense expert reported the discovery of genetic material at two of the crime scenes matching DNA from convicted serial killer Chester Turner.

During Monday's hearing, Franklin, dressed in orange jail scrubs, said only that he didn't object to a later trial.

Franklin, 62, faces 10 counts of murder and one of attempted murder. He has pleaded not guilty.

Authorities say the Grim Sleeper preyed on poor and vulnerable girls and women whose deaths spanned more than two decades beginning in 1985. Many of those killed were found along a South L.A. corridor straddling Western Avenue.

Prosecutors contend that ballistics evidence and DNA link Franklin to the crimes. Though Franklin is accused of killing 10 women, investigators have said they believe he is responsible for more slayings.

Franklin's arrest in 2010 closed one chapter in the investigation into the Grim Sleeper, but the case is far from wrapping up in court.

Silverman and Amster butted heads throughout Monday's hearing.

Silverman criticized the defense lawyer for failing to turn over some material from his case, saying the prosecution wouldn't be prepared if the judge kept the Sept. 9 trial date.

"I understand what counsel's suggestion is, that we go to trial and be ambushed by him," Silverman said. "This is a game. This is pure gamesmanship."

While the judge acknowledged that she also believed there was some gamesmanship going on, she also admonished the prosecutor.

"I also think that you're taking the bait hook, line and sinker," Kennedy told her. "What you should do is call his bluff."

"Well, that's your opinion. I don't go to trial unprepared, especially not on a case like this," Silverman snapped, later cutting off the judge as she spoke.

The judge later said she was sure Silverman was "as prepared, or more prepared, than anybody walking the planet" to try the case.

Kennedy appeared to lose her patience at times with both attorneys, occasionally rolling her eyes or sighing.

Amster — who stood for a majority of the hearing — also raised his voice and cut off Silverman during the hearing. He said he had not been able to turn over everything the prosecution is asking for because he has not received all the reports from the defense's expert witnesses.

"The record will be clear at the end of the day as to who is doing the ambush, who is hiding the ball, when this trial is over," Amster said. "Because we are comfortable to know it won't be us."

Kennedy eventually set an Aug. 31 deadline for Amster to turn over reports from experts to the prosecution, a decision that drew claps from a few relatives of victims.

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More millennials stuck renting for years before buying home

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Home ownership, that celebrated hallmark of the American dream, is increasingly on hold for younger Americans.

Short of cash, burdened by student debt and unsettled in their careers, young adults are biding time in apartments for longer periods and buying their first homes later in life.

The typical first-timer now rents for six years before buying, up from 2.6 years in the early 1970s, according to a new analysis by the real estate data firm Zillow. The median first-time buyer is age 33 — in the upper range of the millennial generation, which roughly spans ages 18 to 34. A generation ago, the median first-timer was about three years younger.

The delay reflects a trend that cuts to the heart of the financial challenges facing millennials: Renters are struggling to save for down payments as wages have largely stagnated. Increasingly, too, they're facing delays in some key landmarks of adulthood, from marriage and children to a stable career, according to industry and government reports.

These shifts help explain why homeownership, long a source of middle class identity and economic opportunity, has started to decline. The share of the U.S. population who own homes has slid to 63.4 percent, a 48-year low, according to the Census Bureau.

And when young adults do sign the deed, their purchase price is now substantially more, relative to their income, than it was decades ago. First-time buyers are paying a median price of $140,238, nearly 2.6 times their income. In the early 1970s, the starter home was just 1.7 times income.

Millennials are "still very interested in buying a house, but they're delaying that decision," said Svenja Gudell, chief economist at Zillow. "Once they start having kids, they begin looking for homes. We're also finding that — given how much rental rates are currently rising — a lot of folks are having a hard time saving for a down payment and qualifying for a mortgage."

Low mortgage rates have eased some of the pressures caused by the higher prices. But in many of the hottest job markets, the gap between home prices and median income is prohibitively high.

Around the Silicon Valley tech corridor in California, the median home price exceeds eight times the typical income. That disparity is nearly six times in metro New York City, almost five times in Boston and Seattle and above four times income in Miami and Denver.

Millennials increasingly find themselves in a situation like that of Lou Flores, a 30-year-old property portfolio manager in San Diego. He shares a one-bedroom apartment with his boyfriend, paying $1,400 a month to live within walking distance of Balboa Park and the zoo.

Flores' parents had built their nest egg by steadily upgrading their homes, ingraining him with the notion that "renting was a waste of money." But the median home in San Diego costs more than a half million dollars, according to the area's association of Realtors.

"Here in California, if you're not married or with someone, it's impossible to buy a home without financial backing from your parents," Flores said.

Few first-timers around the country can lean on their parents. Among homebuyers last year under age 34, 14 percent received down payment help from family or friends, according to a Federal Reserve survey.

ENERGY

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line to complete projects. They say the money will go to major, long-needed projects and are unconcerned schools have applied for only half of the $973 million available so far, or that $153 million of the $297 million given to schools has gone for energy planning by consultants and auditors.

"If there's money out there, we're going for it," said Tom Wright, an energy manager for the San Diego Unified School District, which has received $9.5 million of its available $9.7 million.

Leftover money would return to the general fund for unrestricted projects of lawmakers' choosing.

"It's probably high time there is a hearing that shows where the jobs have landed in these communities," said Strela Cervas, director of the California Environmental Justice Alliance.

WEATHERBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

How low could it get?

The National Weather Service is calling for a near-record low temperature tonight/Thursday morning.

How low? Well, if the NWS predicted low of 61 is accurate, Midland could be in store for the lowest temperature since May.

NWS Meteorologist David Hennig reports a cold front will move in Wednesday and bring much cooler temperatures than we have seen in weeks. He said some weather models are showing highs between 88 and 92 Wednesday. With the above-average high temperatures the area has experienced for well over a month, NWS officials are a "little nervous to jump on board with that," he said.

Still a low of 61 would be near record levels for either Aug. 19 (60 in 1950) or Aug. 20 (58 in 1940).

The bad news for those enjoying the cooler temperatures is warmer temperatures will return this weekend. High temperatures could reach 97 Friday through Sunday.

Hennig said the good news is hopefully the area has turned the corner from the triple-digit heat that baked the area for nearly a month.

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NEW YORK

Brooklyn artists FAILE unveil Times Square installation

A large-scale art installation in Times Square reimagines Asian prayer wheels in the context of the district's colorful history.

"Wishing on You" is an interactive work by the Brooklyn-based artists Patrick McNeil and Patrick Miller, who together are known as FAILE.

They said the sculpture explores contemporary patterns of consumption, desire and myth-making.

It was unveiled Monday in partnership with Times Square Arts. It'll remain on view on the Broadway Plaza until Sept. 1.

The public can spin a hand-carved wheel to power the sculpture's red-blue-and-white lights and illuminate carnival-like features including nickel arcades and glossy ads.

FAILE's art raises questions about the relationship to consumer culture, religious traditions and the urban environment.

The Brooklyn Museum is currently featuring the artists in an exhibition titled "FAILE: Savage/Sacred Young Minds" through Oct. 4.

LOS ANGELES

Nearly 20,000 dogs, cats, other pets find homes during drive

A national campaign helped find homes for nearly 20,000 dogs, cats and other potential pets living at animal shelters across the country.

In the Clear the Shelters initiative last weekend, 400 facilities offered free or reduced-cost adoptions or waived pet spay or neuter fees. The effort to clear out the shelters came after litters of unwanted cats and dogs born this spring have filled up space.

Most of the animals adopted were dogs and cats, but there were also rabbits, hamsters, hedgehogs, turtles, ferrets, monkeys, donkeys, lizards, cows and pigs.

NBCUniversal and Telemundo stations put on the campaign. NBCUniversal President Valari Staab said the initiative was an example of how everyone can work together to save animal lives and make a difference.

HAWAII

Man tries to stop suicide, falls to death from Hawaii dorm

HONOLULU — Honolulu police said two men fell from a University of Hawaii dormitory and that one of them died while trying to pull the other one from a ledge.

Police said the 24-year-old man who fell to his death was trying to bring inside an apparently distraught 19-year-old on the ledge early Sunday. They were taken to the hospital in critical condition.

The medical examiner's office said an autopsy is scheduled Monday for the 24-year-old.

Police said they fell from the 14th floor.

University spokesman Dan Meisenzahl said neither of the men are students.

He said there were about 20 students living in the two towers that make up the Hale Wainani dorm. He said one of the students had people over.

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for your information

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Here's the best way to actually relax in your bath

How can you relax while bathing when the tub is stained, the tile is broken and the faucet is leaking? All you want to do is get washed, get out and get gone before you go crazy.

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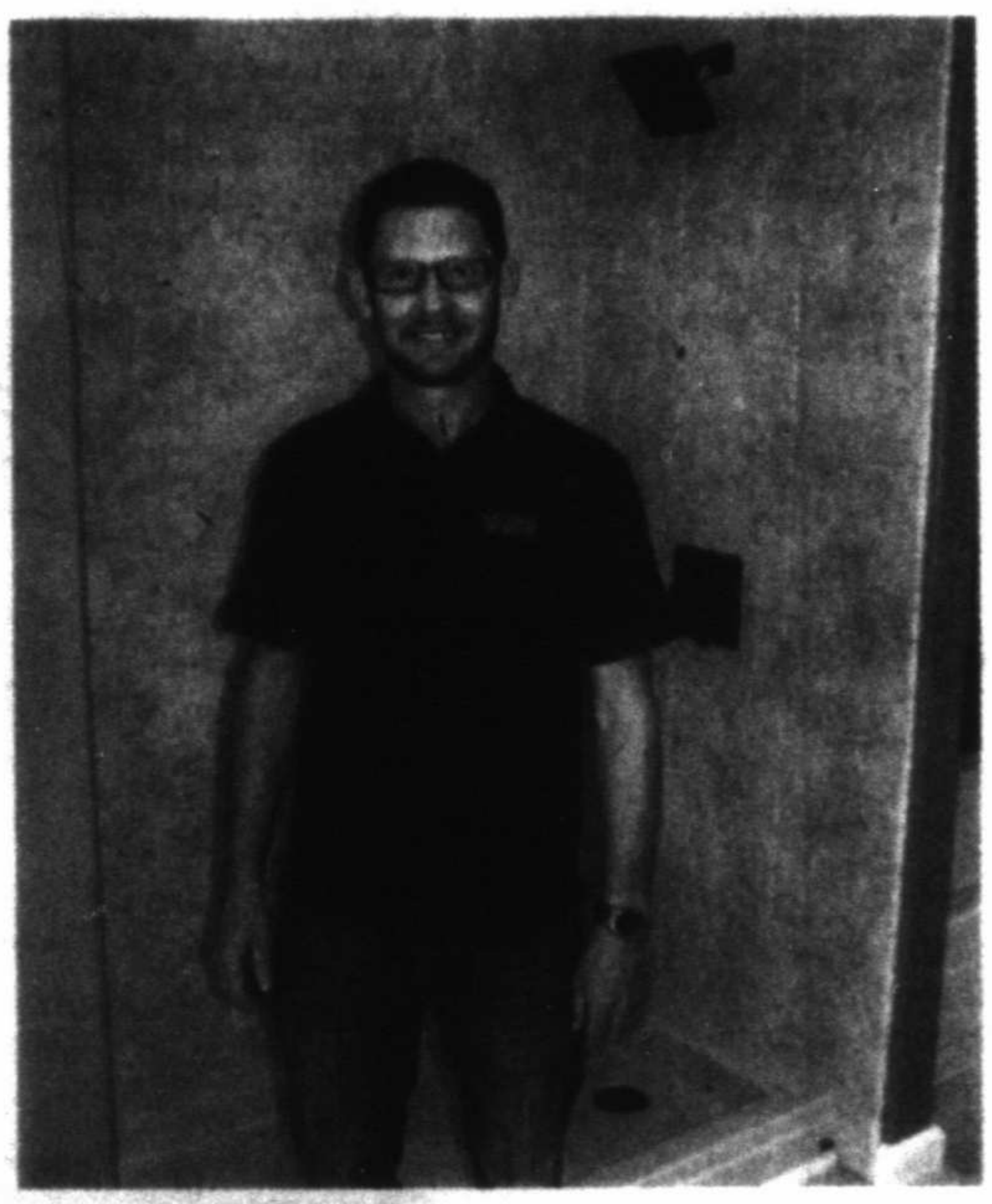
Sometimes it helps to see the possibilities up close before deciding on tile patterns and colors. That's why Re-Bath of West Texas has recently updated its showroom. They're in a great location, on Highway 191 off the Billy Hext Road exit on Odessa's east side. You can be there in 15 minutes from just about anywhere in Midland, and you can take in the look and feel of a Re-Bath shower, then discuss options for your own home.



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Re-Bath of West Texas is owned and operated by George and Mary Wiebe. Call them at 432-848-4300 or go by their showroom at 6121 SH 191on the Midland side of Odessa. Their website is www.rebathofwesttexas.com.

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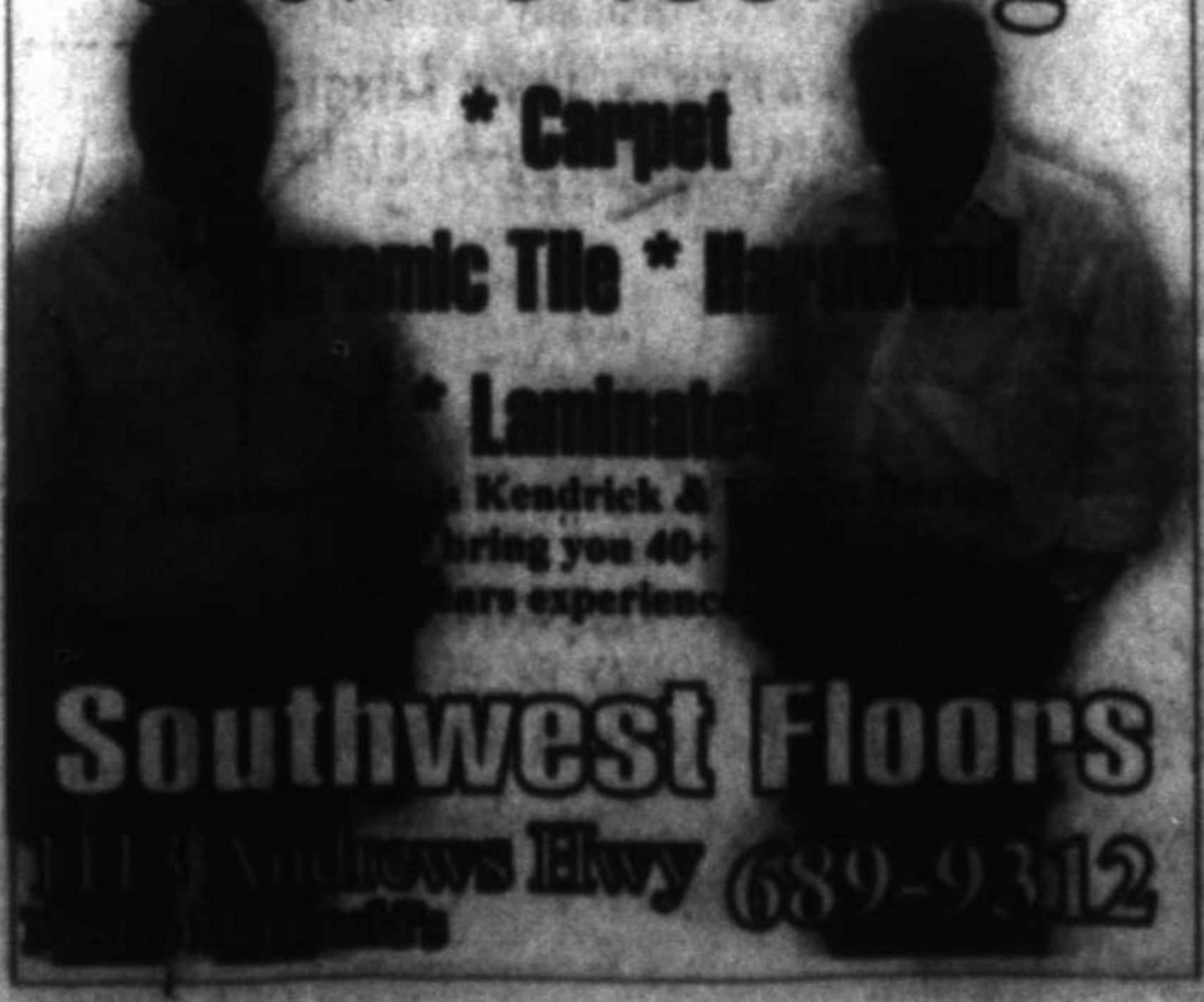

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By Paul Wiseman

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OPINION

Clinton campaign continues drained of idealism

■ Her actions raise comparisons to Richard Nixon — and not the skillful diplomacy part

MICHAEL GERSON

Washington Post Writers Group

When the Clinton campaign stirs and moves, it is the sound of a thousand focus groups buzzing, a thousand memos fluttering, a thousand consultants consulting, a thousand talking points repeated in singsong unison. It advances like a big push at the Second Battle of the Somme — idealism long gone, but grim duty remaining. The whistles blow along a vast line. Boots churn in mud. Over the top, boys. Over the top.

Hillary Clinton's approach to politics has recently been on full display. After one of the worst campaign launches in recent history, many Democrats have been hoping for some type of reset from their front-runner — some hint of recognition that the current strategy might be a tad flawed. Instead, at the Iowa Democratic Wing Ding Dinner, Clinton refused readjustment and launched a spirited attack on her Republican critics for engaging in "partisan games" and playing "politics with national security." Minions fanned out to dismiss the whole email business as "nonsense."

How can we fault Hillary Clinton for adopting a strategy that has always worked for the Clintons before? On Whitewater. On suspicious commodity windfalls (involving a 10,000 percent profit in 9 months). On bimbo eruptions. On the Lewinsky matter. Outfight them. Out-parse them. Out-brazen them. Outlast them.

But it turns out to be difficult to run a presidential campaign drained of idealism. Bill Clinton was the "man from Hope." Hillary Clinton's team is hoping that it fully erased a server to prevent FBI scrutiny. Such a novel and useful political lesson: Those who have their data professionally wiped have nothing to hide because there is nothing left to find. More than half of Americans do not describe Clinton as honest and trustworthy. The rest are not paying attention.

At least partially as a result, Clinton's campaign is foundering without a serious opponent. And her unserious opponent — an actual, real-live socialist — is leading her in some New Hampshire polls. Bernie Sanders' campaign is all idealism, of the Norman Thomas variety. If Clinton is offering ideological aspirin, Sanders is handing out crystal meth. The high for Democrats is incredible and temporary.

The real source of nightmares for Clinton and her supporters must be the figure of 10 percent. Of the sample of 40 emails initially reviewed by the intelligence community's inspector general, four were found to contain classified data. In the universe of 30,000 emails sent and received over four years by a secretary of state, hundreds or thousands of emails might attract scrutiny. And it only takes negligence in one case to violate some rather serious laws concerning the possession and transfer of classified materials.

The claim of a Republican political conspiracy involving the FBI and various inspectors general is not minimally credible. Everything that results from this scandal can be traced to one decision made by Clinton herself: to conduct most of her highly sensitive public business through a personal email on a private Internet server. What lawyer — and Clinton is surrounded by sharp lawyers — would recommend such an arrangement? Wouldn't legal alarm bells immediately begin ringing on compliance with the Federal Records Act, the Freedom of Information Act and the Espionage Act? And why, just as a matter of common sense, would an American secretary of state trust the defense of sensitive information against Chinese and Russian hackers to Platte River Networks?

This is a choice that reveals a mindset. Having suffered through decades of investigations, Clinton apparently wanted to take complete, personal control over her communications records, which she could release or destroy at her own discretion. But the method was so blinking obvious that it has invited scrutiny. Clinton apparently overlearned the lesson of Whitewater; as God is her witness, she would never be subpoenaed again. In trying too hard to control events, Clinton has lost control of events. Her political future may lie, once again, in the hands of investigators and prosecutors.

Nothing approaching criminal conduct has, at this point, been demonstrated. But Clinton stands accused of poor judgment, playing close to ethical lines and showing a streak of paranoia. Her actions raise comparisons to Richard Nixon — and not the skillful diplomacy part.

The Clintons have always come as a package deal for Democrats: massive, intuitive political talent, accompanied by scandal and drama. So far, with Hillary Clinton, there is scandal and drama.

OPINION EXTRA

Not everyone should get a trophy

RICH LOWRY

King Features Syndicate

NFL quarterbacks fear Pittsburgh Steelers linebacker James Harrison. So should participation trophies, the ubiquitous trinkets given to children for merely showing up and rounding out the rosters of local sports leagues.

The other day, Harrison learned that his sons had brought a couple of them home and was none too pleased: "I came home to find out that my boys received two trophies for nothing, participation trophies!"

He swiftly returned the offending tokens and explained himself on Instagram: "These trophies will be given back until they EARN a real trophy. I'm sorry I'm not sorry for believing that everything in life should be earned and I'm not about to raise two boys to be men by making them believe that they are entitled to something just because they tried their best."

Harrison can be forgiven for having any touchy-feely sentiment wrung out of him by clawing his way to the top of the most punishing meritocracy in all of sports. He was signed by the Steelers at the outset of his career as an undrafted rookie, got cut multiple times and considered quitting and becoming a truck driver like his dad, until he finally caught on in the NFL.

Most people are still with Harrison, if a Reason-Rupe poll from last year is to be believed. It found that 57 percent of people think only winning players should get trophies, putting a clear majority on the side of the atavistic impulse to reward only victory.

Notwithstanding Harrison's withering assault — and public opinion — the culture of trophies-for-all in youth sports will endure. The trophy has gone from exceptional reward for excellence, to nice gesture, to practically an entitlement. When a cash-strapped Little League in Oklahoma canceled its participation trophies a couple of years ago, one parent complained, "Thanks little league for failing my son and disappointing him as well."

Writing in The New York Times, author Ashley Merryman relates that trophy and award sales total about $3 billion annually in the United States and Canada. She cites a Southern California branch of the American Youth Soccer Organization that distributes about 3,500 awards per season, with about a third of players getting two awards each. Local branches of the soccer outfit, according to Merryman, spend as much as 12 percent of their budget on trophies.

The popular i9 youth sports league exemplifies the award-happy times. As a newspaper report explained, "To protect the other children's self esteem, there are no MVPs. Every player is given a sportsmanship award, a participant award and a celebratory icon in their online i9 'Trophy Case.'" What, no ESPY Arthur Ashe Courage Awards?

We're talking about kids, not professional athletes, of course. They aren't risking life and limb to enter sports glory for evermore by hoisting Lord Stanley's Cup or bringing home the Vince Lombardi Trophy. They are just having a good time and learning a thing or two. They certainly shouldn't be told the lie that winning is everything, but nor do they need to be festooned with as many medals as Michael Phelps just because they suited up to play a game.

There is such a thing as winning and losing, and excelling and failing. It's OK for kids to understand that, and in fact, if they don't, they are going to be shocked by life. There's no reason to try to hide it under a raft of automatic trophies that will never be as valued as something truly extraordinary or truly earned.

Participation — and effort — should be its own reward. No one gave us trophies when my Little League team scuffled to a pathetic losing season on the dusty neighborhood ballfield. We participated, we got humiliated, and we moved on, having indubitably established what James Harrison said of his sons' unearned trophies: "Sometimes your best is not enough."

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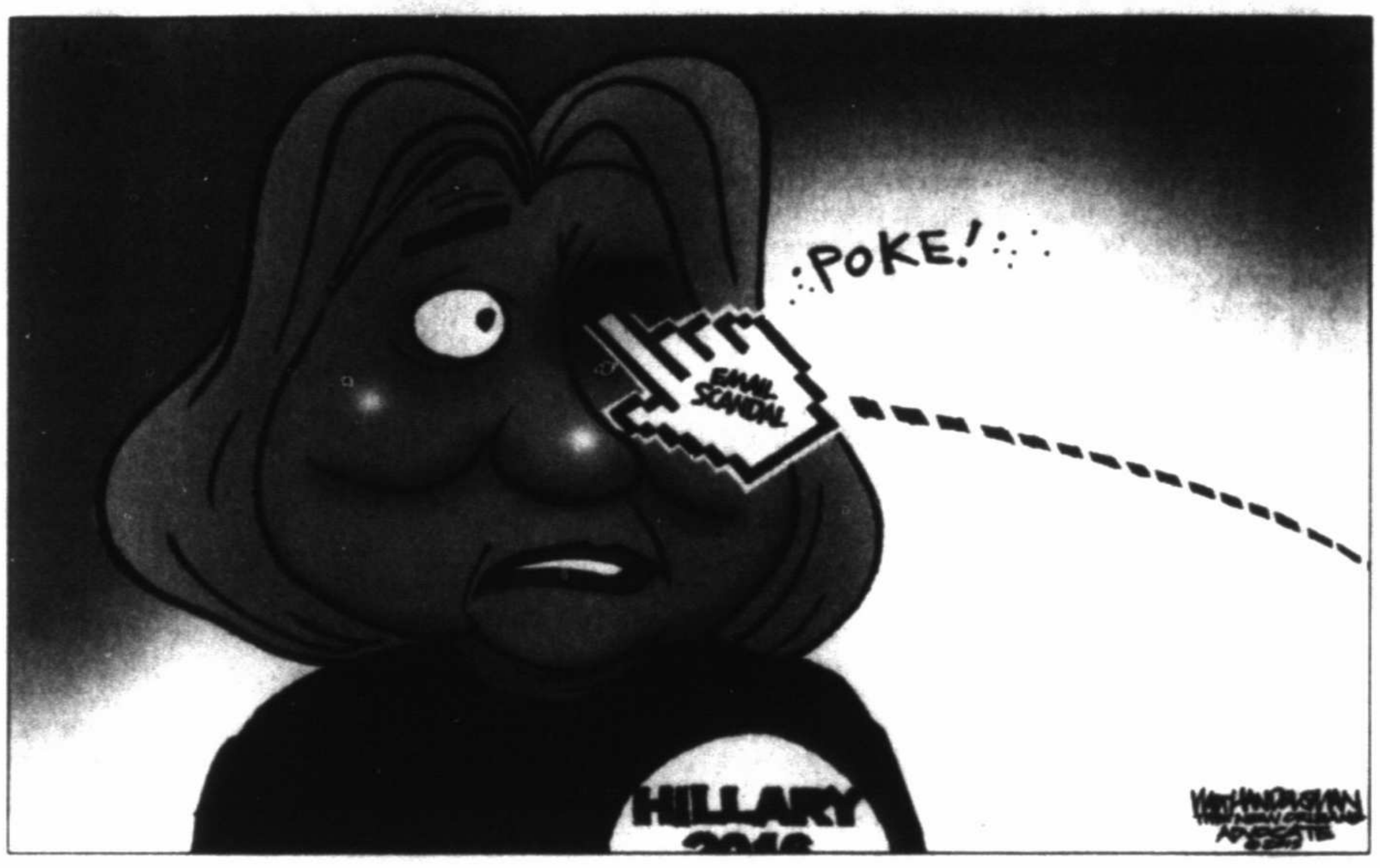

Political parties need my help

■ Both parties seek my wise counsel — and my cash

KEN HERMAN

Austin American-Statesman

The warning on the envelope — in fact the only words on the envelope — made it impossible not to open the envelope. Oh, I'm wise to the ways of misleading envelopes, but there are some you just have to open.

"Do Not Destroy," this one said. "Official Document."

Turns out it was a census form. No, not the kind you get every 10 years from nosy feds who want to know how many people live with you and your shoe size. This was the "2015 Congressional District Census." Maybe you know about this kind of census. I did not.

"Dear Mr. Herman," it said. "Preparing for the 2016 Presidential Election is going to take a massive grassroots effort all across America. That is why as chairman of the Republican National Committee I have authorized our 2015 Census of every congressional district in the country to begin immediately."

Sounds important.

In the letter, RNC Chair Reince Priebus enclosed my "official 2015 Congressional District Census document registered code #J15PM033 in your name as a representative of your area." Turns out the form I got "is one of the select few being mailed into Texas' 10th Congressional District."

It's about time somebody recognized that I'm representative of my area.

At this point I have two requests of you: I trust I can trust you with my double-secret registered code number. Please don't go Trump on me and share it with the world. Second, please let me know if you or any of your loved ones also are among "the select few" selected in the 10th Congressional District. That's the one represented by U.S. Rep. Michael McCaul.

"Mr. Herman," the letter continued, "because of your high level of political involvement, your personal input on the questions presented in your census document is crucial to our nation's future."

My "high level of political involvement" is about as low as it can be without participating at all. For many years, out of an abundance of caution about declaring an allegiance to a political party, I voted only in general elections. When I became a columnist paid to express opinions in print, I started voting in primaries, which, in Texas, are the only statewide elections that matter. And wanting to vote in the only primary that matters I've been voting in the GOP primary.

I'm guessing that's what got me on the GOP census list which really is just a flimsy cover for a fundraising effort.

"So please, act now to complete your 2015 Congressional District Census and do your best to get it back to me at RNC headquarters by August 17," Priebus told me.

I'm undecided on whether I will. But I am decided on his next request: negatory.

"At the same time, please include a generous contribution of $25, $50, $100, $250, $500, $1,000 or whatever you can send to help underwrite the costs of this essential project and enable us to strengthen our grassroots operation and better deliver our message to all Americans as we fight to win the White House and other campaigns all the day down the ballot," Priebus wrote.

"Mr. Herman," he told me, "we cannot succeed, nor can our party prevail over the challenges we will face from Barack Obama's and the Democrats' ongoing efforts to divide and destroy our great nation without the support of dedicated individuals, like you."

I'm flattered. And I'm sure all Republicans are happy about my new position as key adviser to the GOP. And it may come as a surprise to Democrats who apparently also count me as one of their own.

"It's time to get on board, Kenneth," said a recent email to me from the Democratic Governors Association. "We've got plans set and teams in motion to fight for Democratic victory in every key battleground this year and take the White House in 2016. But to do it we need top Dems like you committed to fighting with us."

In that e-mail the Dems asked for only five bucks.

In a postscript to his letter, GOP Chair Priebus reminded me that I'm on the "frontline of the battle to shape Republican priorities for our nation" and that it would be nice if I could return the census form "with a generous contribution ... in the enclosed envelope."

At this point, it looks like Donald Trump might be the GOP nominee. Me giving money to help a bazillionaire seeking a government job seems like money flowing in the wrong direction. On the other hand, more than any other GOP contender, he actually might benefit from my advice.

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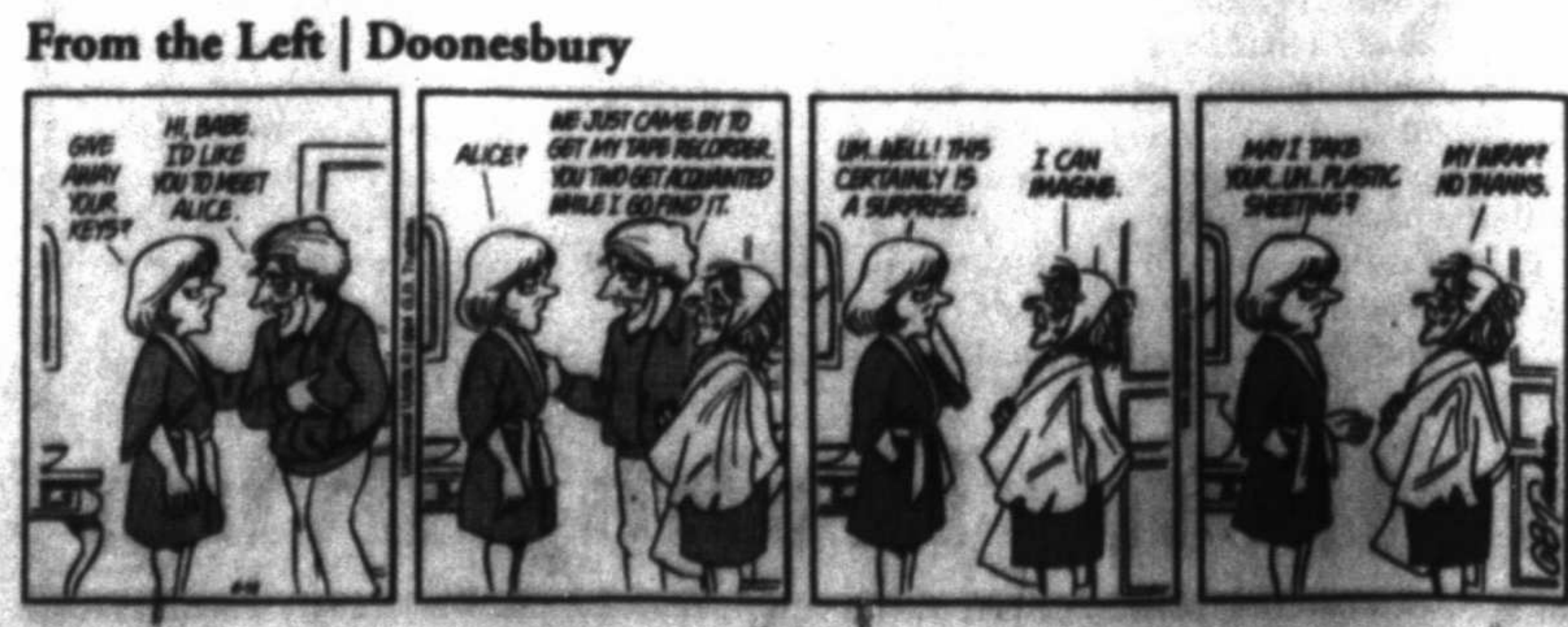
From the Left | Doonesbury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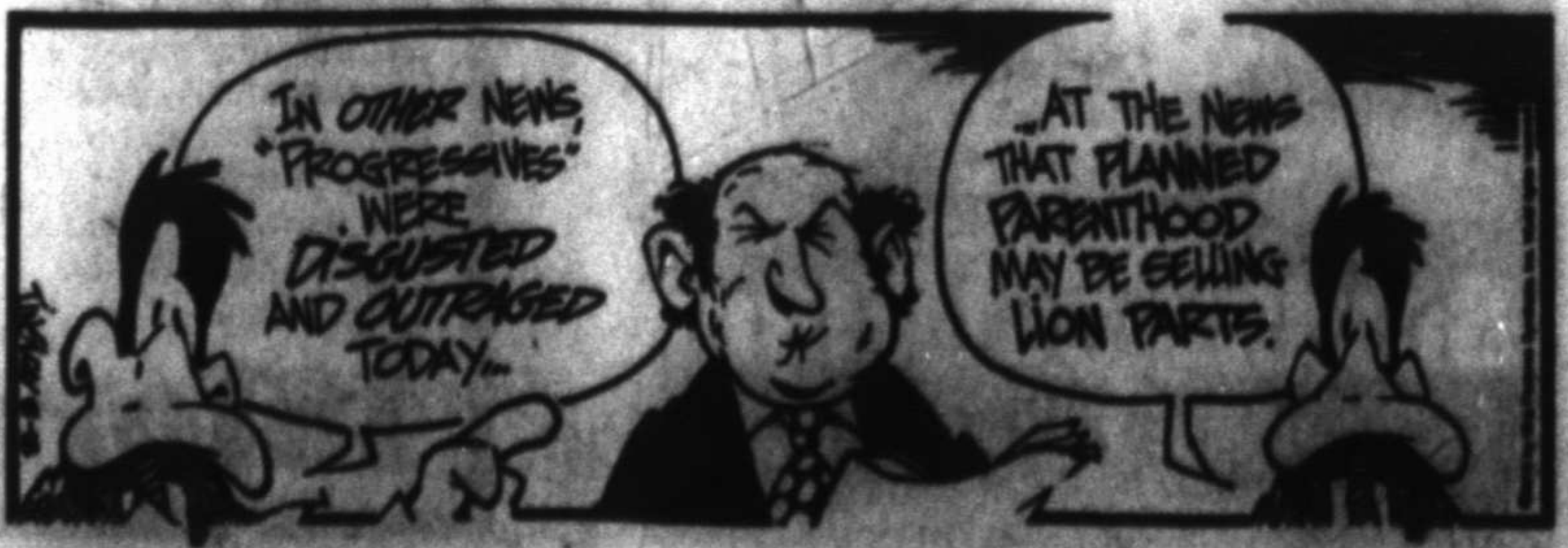
From the Right | Mallard Fillmore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Trump immigration proposal divides GOP presidential field

By Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

Associated Press

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump leaves the courthouse Monday after serving on jury duty in New York. The Republican presidential candidate reported for jury duty in Manhattan and spent much of the day like everyone else: filling out forms and wondering whether he would get picked.

DES MOINES, Iowa — Donald Trump is dividing his Republican presidential rivals anew with his call to rewrite the Constitution to crack down on millions of immigrants living in the U.S. illegally and to force Mexico to pay for a better border fence. Scott Walker embraced some of the plan Monday, but other contenders, such as Chris Christie and Carly Fiorina, dismissed elements as unworkable.

Trump's immigration proposal, his first formal policy plan since announcing his candidacy in June, won praise Monday from the GOP's conservative tea partyers, some of whom favor changing the Constitution to reverse the "birthright citizenship" guaranteed to anyone born in the United States, no matter the status of their parents. At the same time, surveys show a majority of Americans, including Republicans, support allowing many immigrants in the U.S. illegally to stay.

Trump leads his Republican rivals in national polls, and his proposal quickly reverberated within the party, which has struggled with the issue of immigration.

Party leaders are determined to expand the GOP's appeal with Hispanics after the 2012 election in which Mitt Romney won just 27 percent of the Latino vote. But many Republicans have adopted a hardline approach on immigrants, appealing to the party's core voters who play an oversized role in nominating primaries and caucuses.

Asked at the Iowa State Fair on Monday if he supports building a wall along the U.S. Mexican border, as Trump has proposed, Wisconsin Gov. Walker gave a quick "yes," but he declined to address whether he supports deporting children of parents in the country illegally. "Going forward, the best thing we can do is enforce the law," he said.

Walker, who reversed his position in April on allowing a chance for legal status for those in the country illegally, also gave mixed answers on ending birthright citizenship.

Christie said during a CNN interview that a wall or fence along parts of the border, especially in more urban and difficult-to-control areas, was conceivable, but "not the entire border. Doesn't make any sense." Likewise, the New Jersey governor is opposed to requiring Mexico to pay for the construction, saying Trump's suggestion "makes no sense."

"And this is not negotiation of a real estate deal, OK. This is international diplomacy and it's different," Christie said, noting Trump's line of business. Former Hewlett-Packard CEO Carly Fiorina called Trump's wall plan, "completely unrealistic."

Trump wasn't flinching Monday.

"The wall will work," he said when he arrived for jury duty in New York and a passer-by at the courthouse asked about the idea. He spent much of the day like other prospective jurors, filling out forms and waiting to see if he would be picked. In the end, he wasn't.

Like Trump's early derogatory campaign statements about immigrants, his new plan has lit up angry conservatives. But it also has annoyed Republicans who see the nation's growing Latino population as an opportunity to demonstrate sensitivity to minorities who have voted overwhelmingly Democratic in recent presidential elections.

Tea party movement co-founder Mark Meckler said Trump's "position on deportation generally reflects what likely voters think. Trump is dealing head-on with the difficult issues while more establishment candidates fret over focus groups and polls."

Trump also is calling for eliminating federal aid to "sanctuary cities," such as San Francisco, where local officials have decided not to use their police to enforce some federal immigration laws. The position is also supported by former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush.

Like Christie, however, Bush differs sharply with Trump on other aspects of immigration policy. Though he didn't chime in specifically on Trump's new proposal, Bush supports allowing people in the country illegally who have not committed major crimes, who work and follow a course such as learning English and paying fines, to stay in the United States.

In a late July Wall Street Journal/NBC News poll, 64 percent of Americans said they support either a path to permanent legal status or citizenship for immigrants in the country illegally. According to the poll, a small majority of Republicans fall into the same category.

Though Ohio Gov. John Kasich supports building a wall, he, like Bush supports maintaining birthright citizenship and allowing a pathway to legal status for immigrants.

"They are a very important part of most of our communities," Kasich said in South Carolina. "For the bulk of them, they are God-fearing, good, hardworking people, and they are a part of our country now."

Fiorina said to change birthright citizenship would be rigorous. "It would take passing a constitutional amendment to get that changed. This is part of our 14th Amendment, and so honestly I think we should put all of our energies, all of our political will over finally getting the border secured and fixing the legal immigration system."

GOP candidate Walker offers health plan with tax credits

By Scott Bauer
Associated Press

MINNEAPOLIS — Republican presidential candidate Scott Walker's plan for replacing President Barack Obama's health care law would extend refundable tax credits to help pay for private health insurance based on age instead of income, restructure Medicaid and allow people to shop for insurance across state lines, according to details of his proposal released Monday to The Associated Press.

The Wisconsin governor provided the AP with a copy of his plan in advance of a speech today in suburban Minneapolis where he was to outline his first major policy initiative of the presidential campaign.

Walker's plan does not include cost figures or an estimate of the number of people who would be covered, making it nearly impossible to compare with current law. For the period from April-June of this year, 11.4 percent of U.S. adults were uninsured, which translates to about 16 million people gaining coverage since the rollout of the health care law in 2013.

Walker's campaign said the plan would be paid for by eliminating $1 trillion in taxes that are levied under the current law and by making other changes to Medicaid and how health insurance is taxed.

Walker and other Republican candidates have insisted they would repeal the law, starting on the first day of a GOP presidency. The biggest hurdle Walker, and any opponent of the law, faces is getting it repealed. That would take 60 votes in the Senate, and Walker's plan does not address how he would undo the law in any other way.

The U.S. Supreme Court in June upheld a key portion of the Affordable Care Act allowing for federal subsidies to defray the cost of coverage, a major defeat for opponents of the law. Walker and other Republicans have been fighting against the law both in court and on the campaign trail since 2010.

Topher Spiro, vice president for health policy at the Center for American Progress, a think tank often aligned with the White House, said Walker's plan would be a step backward.

"The math only adds up if he's slashing Medicaid and increasing taxes on middle-class people with employer plans," Spiro said.

While the Walker plan would repeal the Affordable Care Act, it appears to use some similar kinds of tools to promote coverage. For example, there would be no requirement for individuals to carry health insurance or face fines, as there is currently. But, in order to be guaranteed affordable coverage without regard to pre-existing medical problems, individuals would have to "maintain continuous, creditable coverage."

There's merit to Walker staking out his position on the issue, even though he doesn't explain how the law would be repealed, said economist Douglas Holtz-Eakin, president of the American Action Forum, a center-right think tank.

"There's a lot of this that is fairly standard conservative health policy reform," Holtz-Eakin said. "The basic plan looks familiar."

Walker, similar to current law, would also provide tax credits to help with the cost of coverage. But unlike current law, those credits of between $900 and $3,000 would be based on age and not be keyed to a person's income. So they may not help low- to moderate-income people as much as the existing tax breaks do.

Walker's plan calls for eliminating unspecified regulations in the current law, a move that Walker claims would lower premiums by 25 percent.

POLITICSBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

State: Political party emails identified as spam years ago

ALBUQUERQUE — State officials are acknowledging that emails from the domain belonging to the Democratic Party of New Mexico were first blocked from state servers after being identified as spam four years ago.

Officials with the state Department of Information Technology detailed the cause of the email flap Monday as the party called for an investigation.

Party spokesman Scott Tillman says Democrats first noticed emails being returned in July after requesting information from the secretary of state's office.

The party took aim at the office. The office denied doing anything to block the emails, saying it was the IT Department that maintained the state government email system.

IT officials said the party's domain was flagged for spam activity in 2011 after an employee in the General Services Department repeatedly received emails despite asking to be removed from the list.

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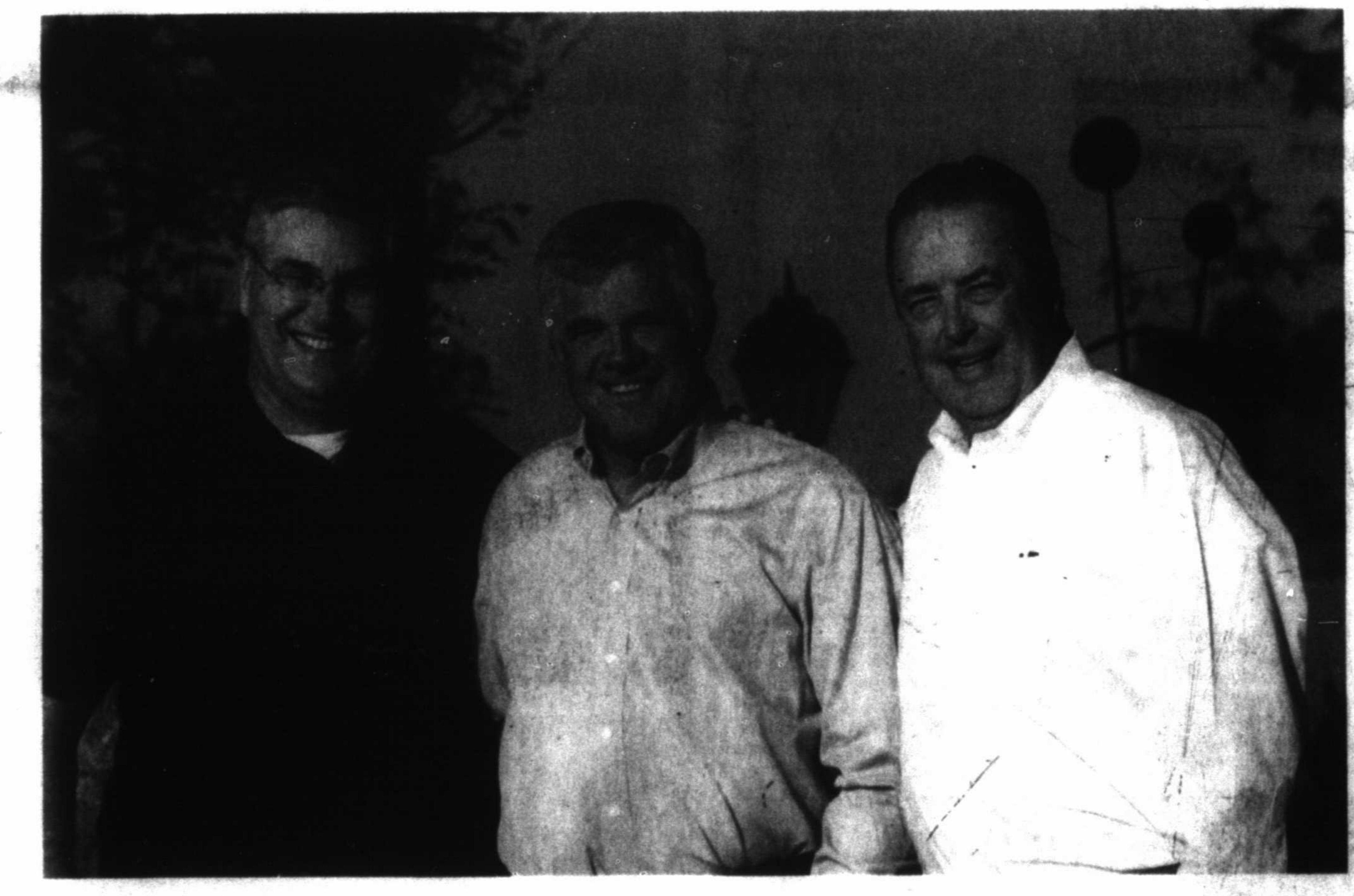

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CULTURE

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Students and parents sign up to get more information Wednesday on different student clubs and organizations at Lee High School during the school's annual Rebel Muster.

LEE REBEL MUSTER

Students wait to get their pictures taken as they make their way through signups.

Drew Boyce tries his locker combination as his girlfriend Jaycee Fisher watches.

Nacomi Rodrigez, center, talks with Lisa Young, left, Lee High lacrosse sponsor, to get more information on the West Texas Lacrosse program for her son, Kougar Rodriguez, far right, as he and his friend Isaiah Ramirez watch.

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MHS DAWG DAYS

Students and parents make their way Wednesday morning at MHS to get students signed up and ready for school during Dawg Days.

Logan Hillman looks over a MHS shirt as she and others get information about different clubs and organizations.

Raul Cartinas sits for his ID picture as Jackeline Dominguez works on the computer to match new students' pictures with their ID numbers.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Lee and Midland High to start later

Midland ISD is changing the school start time for Midland and Lee high schools for the 2015-16 academic year, according to a press release from the district. Classes will begin at 8:50 a.m. instead of 8:40 a.m. to allow for student tutorials.

The school day will end at 4:05 p.m., as in past years, according to the release.

School start and end times remain the same for other campuses: elementary schools, 8 a.m.-3:20 p.m.; magnet schools, 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. (after-school program until 5 p.m.); junior high and freshman schools and Coleman High, 8:40 a..m.-4:05 p.m.; and Early College High School at MC, 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

MISD accepting applications for free meals

Midland ISD's Child Nutrition Services is accepting applications for free and reduced-price meals. The application is available at www. midlandisd.net under "Child Nutrition Services" and "Meal Applications."

Parents/guardians may submit the application electronically or complete a paper copy, available at campus offices and at the CNS office, 801 S. Moran St., Building No. 2.

Lunch prices will increase by 15 cents compared to last year. Elementary school lunches will be $2.75, and secondary school lunches will be $3. Reduced-price lunches for elementary and secondary schools will be 40 cents. Adult lunches will be $3.65.

Midland ISD 2015 Information for parents and families

Registration

Students who are returning to Midland ISD do not need to re-register, even if they are attending a different campus. However, all parents should complete a TxConnect Registration by clicking the Parents tab and Grades/Attendance at www.midlandisd.net.

New students; All campuses open for new student registration on Aug. 3. In order to enroll, parents should bring a birth certificate, Social Security card, shot records, and proof of residence (such as a utility bill or lease agreement). Parents may also contact the MISD Student Services Office (615 W. Missouri Ave.) for more information: 240-1520.

Registration for Bunche, Fasken and Yarbrough elementary schools will be held at Central Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave., until the campuses are completed.

Attendance zones

View school Attendance Zones at www.midlandisd.net by clicking the Parents tab, and Enrollment.

School calendar

. View the 2015-16 school calendar at www.midlandisd.net.

Busing

Click Bus Routes under the Parents tab at www.midlandisd.net for information, or call the MISD Transportation Office at 240-1700.

Vaccination info

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Texas Tribune file photo

The Texas Supreme Court convenes in the House chamber for a special ceremony on Nov. 11, 2013.

Texas education funding gets a judicial assist

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

■ ANALYSIS

A new season of school finance lies immediately ahead — a new opportunity for the courts to tell the Legislature to do its job or to congratulate it for getting things just right.

Bet on the former.

That's how it usually goes with money for schools. It's hard to change the mix of funds from state and local taxpayers without making a large group of constituents mad. In fact, the polities are almost impossible — unless the politicians can find some protective cover.

Voters want great schools. Voters want low taxes. Good politicians want to make voters happy.

The wheel of school finance, however, turns every 10 to 15 years and delivers some combination of tax increases and changes in public school policy — from class-size requirements to special provisions for different types of students. It can get a little tense.

Unpopular changes are more palatable, it turns out, if the politicians can shift the blame to someone else — like the courts.

Within weeks, the Texas Supreme Court will hear the latest school finance case. Lawyers are filing briefs this month, and oral arguments are set for Sept. 1. A state district judge ruled that the state isn't spending enough money to allow the schools to meet the standards it requires of them. The judge also said the state is failing to make sure that kids in one part of the state have a chance to get the same quality of education as kids in other parts.

If the Supremes go along with that reasoning, the Legislature will have to make changes. It could happen quickly if the court wants changes before the start of the 2016-17 school year; the court could also leave this to the Legislature that meets in January 2017, with remedies taking another year.

If you were a politician, you'd be looking at the election cycle that is already well under way. The primaries aren't until March, but political fundraising has already started and will accelerate after Labor Day. Candidates can file for legislative offices in November. And because it's a presidential cycle, the campaigning for the top of the ballot has already begun on a television set near you.

Texas lawmakers don't rewrite the school finance budget formulas — which often involve tax increases and uncomfortable shifts in who gets how much money from the state and who has to raise more money locally — without orders from the state's high court. Lowering standards for public schools is just as perilous as increasing taxes. It is easier in both situations to tell voters "the judges made me do it."

The current case has been a long time coming. This round of school finance litigation started three years ago, when more than half of the state's public school districts sued, saying the state had made it difficult to cover the costs of operating the schools.

Lawmakers might have headed this off, looking at the complaints and trying to make changes that would have kept the argument out of court. But that's dangerous, too, and not just because of public resistance to changes in standards and taxes. Getting ahead of the courts is risky.

What if the courts do nothing? What if they don't do what was expected?

Better to wait. That's one reason the 84th Legislature came and went without ever taking a vote on school finance changes. In fact, the House's leader on the issue — state Rep. Jimmie Don Aycock, R-Killeen — proposed a bill to get the conversation going and pulled it down before anyone had to vote on it.

He succeeded in getting the conversation going. He protected his colleagues from getting ahead of the courts and doing something unpopular before they could see where, if anywhere, the judges want repairs. The stage is set.

The Supremes might throw it all out and rule that the state is doing everything right. If they don't, legislators will go another round, possibly in a special session. They will fiddle with state sales and local property taxes, in large and small ways, hoping all the while that voters either don't notice or blame somebody else.

Right now, they're praying that all of this will happen, if it happens at all, sometime after next year's primary elections.

EDUCATION

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immunization checklist at www.midlandisd.net, under the Parents tab, Wellness and Health Services.

Open houses/events

Open house evenings:

Elementary schools: Monday

Junior high schools: Sept. 3

Freshman schools: Sept. 14

High schools: Sept. 21

(For additional events, click the Events tab and View Calendar at www.midlandisd.net. Also, see your campus web page.)

Volunteering

Visit www.joinpta.org to join the PTA. Call your campus for more information.

Connecting to MISD

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Enter Midland ISD in your Facebook search box for the district's page.

Obituaries

Jack Kellum White

Jack Kellum White was born in Lubbock, Texas December 11, 1926. To hear him tell it, his life was mostly uneventful until he met his wife in 1944. He would share the next 71 years of his life with her and together they had two children, who gave them grandchildren, who gave them great grandchildren.

In between the important parts of his life, he carried mail back when neither snow nor rain nor heat nor gloom of night would stop them.

In 1958 he joined the Texas Highway Patrol. He served his state and his community as a state trooper by patrolling the West Texas highways for 29 years. It wasn't often that you would see Jack without a smile. Jack White appreciated a good joke like it was a fine work of art. Jack was selfless and shared the best parts of his virtue with anyone that knew him.

Near the end of his life, Jack's strength failed him, but his wit and good humor endured. Jack had courage. Even in his last days, you weren't holding Jack's hand to comfort him, he was holding your hand to comfort you.

Jack is preceded by his father, Read N. White and mother, Edna Lorenda White; his brother, Wayne and sisters, Joyce and Boots; and daughter-in-law, Valerie White.

Jack is survived by his wife, Lucille; his sons, Terry White and wife, Lanell, and Alan White; grandsons, Read White, and Taber White and wife, Nikki; and great-grandchildren, Brycen White, Morgan White, and Jack White.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

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

Mary F. Graham Williams

Mary F. Graham Williams 89, passed away suddenly August 14, 2015. Mary was a long time Midland resident.

Born February 26, 1926 she was one of twelve children born to Robert L. and Maude Hawley Graham in Bagwell, Texas. Mary was preceded in death by all her siblings.

Mary is survived by her daughters: Bobbie Browne of Sanford, Florida, Frankie and husband Bobby Hale of Midland and sons Jerry and his wife Sandi of Blue Mound, Texas and Burness Williams of Midland, five grand children; Toni, Tammy, Leigh, Tracy and the joy of her life, Debra Williams, many loved and cherished nieces and nephews especially Harmon Graham and Shelia Graham Williams.

Family visitation will be Tuesday August 18, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch, 3800 N. Big Spring, Midland, Texas 79705. 6:00pm-8:00 pm with grave side service at Resthaven Memorial Park, Wednesday at 9am

Rudy Perez Bernard

Rudy Perez Bernard, 64, went home to be with his Heavenly Father on Saturday, August 15, 2015. He was born on February 17, 1951 in Stanton, Texas to the late Matilde and Juanita Rodriquez. He was raised and educated in Midland. Rudy had worked as a painter in construction most of his life.

Rudy enjoyed listening to music, dancing, barbecuing and watching his favorite football team the Dallas Cowboys. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was a Catholic.

Rudy was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Jimmy Rodriquez.

He is survived by his family; sons, Rudy Bernard, Jr. and Raymond Bernard, both of Carlsbad, New Mexico, and Isaac Betancourt of Midland; daughters, Cindy Martinez of Midland, and Maria Angelica Bernard and Leticia (Lety) Bernard, both of Carlsbad; sisters, Sylvia R. Reyes, Irma Rodriguez, and Leslie Rodriquez, all of Midland, and Yolanda Holt of Flippin, Arkansas; 18 grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Viewing will be all day Tuesday, August 18, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a rosary that will begin at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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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Terry John McBride

On August 13, 2015, Terry John McBride went home to be with his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Terry was born April 10, 1955 in Midland. He graduated from Robert E. Lee High School in 1974. He was a drummer in the Lee High marching band. He also was drummer in an original composition band called the Skulbone Band.

He loved animals, especially his dogs Bruno and Sandy and his cat Karl.

He leaves behind his mother, Jacqueline McBride; brother, Michael McBride of Midland; sister, Christine Coston of Midland; sister, Julie Bolinger and husband Donnie of Midland; and sister, Sherri Hart of Ft. Worth, Texas.

We want to thank all the nurses at Desert Gardens Nursing Home for all the care they gave him for the M.S. (multiple sclerosis) he had. Also thanks to Home Hospice. They were all great - kind and loving.

A memorial service will be held Wednesday August 19, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Cornerstone Christian Fellowship, 901 N Midland Dr. Midland, TX.

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

Death Notices

Domingo V. Romero

Domingo V. Romero, 72, of Midland, passed away August 16, 2015.

He is survived by sons, Floyd and Albert Romero; and by his daughter, Elaine Garay.

Viewing will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2015 beginning at 9:00 a.m.

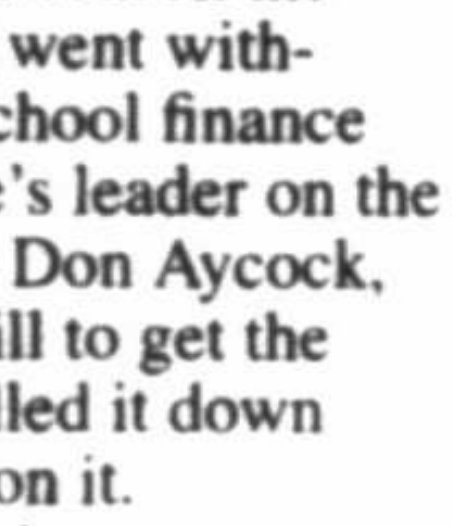
A funeral service will be held Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery and Funeral Home.

Kala Jan Slover

Kayla Jan Slover, of Midland, died Sunday, August 16, 2015.

Arrangements are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Do not expect less of minority students or teachers



ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Last week, a federal judge ruled that one of the four licensing exams that aspiring teachers in New York state must pass does not discriminate against minorities.

Judge Kimba M. Wood ruled that the state and the testing company that helped devise the exam, Pearson, had properly ensured that the Academic Literacy Skills Test (ALST) "is representative of the content of a New York state public-school teacher's job."

Indeed, the ALST is rigorous — it requires reading complex informational and narrative texts and then demonstrating, through both multiple-choice and written responses, "the ability to determine what a text says explicitly and consistently make logical inferences and (draw) conclusions based on evidence found in the text."

The reading materials are challenging, but these should be doable for college graduates. Sample practice questions provided in the extensive, multimedia online learning guide include texts like "Should Congress Reassess the Renewable Fuel Standard in the Energy Independence and Security Act?" and "The Age of the Unthinkable: Why the New World Disorder Constantly Surprises Us and What We Can Do About It."

And the performance standards they assess are basic — they are quite similar to learning standards for reading for K-12 under old curricular guidelines and certainly reflect new Common Core learning standards, which put a heavy emphasis on literacy.

It's reasonable to expect that those tasked with teaching students how to read, make logical inferences and then write about what they've just absorbed should be expected to demonstrate these same abilities themselves as college graduates.

Obviously you would also want a teacher to have a rock-solid foundation in his or her subject area, have a deep understanding of the special needs of diverse student populations, be able to improve student achievement (this is what the other three New York licensing exams assess). But being able to read a given text and display comprehension is undoubtedly fundamental.

Yet many people insist that teacher-licensing tests are discriminatory simply because minorities pass them at lower rates.

To illustrate, The New York Times recently reported that well-known math and science educator Alfred S. Posamentier "did not consider the test to be a strong indicator of who would be a good teacher, and that his Hispanic faculty members in particular said they found the test to be discriminatory." Students at Mercy College, where until recently he was a dean, passed the test at a lower rate than the statewide average.

Posamentier said that while it was important to be a clear, literate communicator, "the ALST measures how eloquent a person is in the English language. The question is, is that one of the criterion for determining who will be a good teacher?" he said. "My sense is that the answer is no."

Shocked, I contacted Posamentier, who has also been a dean at City College of New York. He told me his comments were misrepresented.

"If you're looking to ensure that the teaching profession is fulfilled by properly literate people who can read and write well, there should be a test that does so — but does not prejudice against people who are nonscientifically minded," Posamentier said, noting he felt that the sample questions he'd seen were too technical in nature for non-science or math majors. "You have to define what kind of literacy you expect from teachers, then create a test to match up to that level of literacy — that's regardless of their race or language."

This is a far cry from saying that the ability to use language clearly and effectively is not a bare minimum for being allowed into a classroom.

The truth is that black and Hispanic children in this country are disproportionately taught by less-experienced, lower-paid teachers, and research has found that white teachers, who make up over 80 percent of the teacher corps, expect less of black and Hispanic students.

Under no circumstances must we expect less of our minority students or our minority teachers.

If we seek to lower the bar because of a perception that teacher licensing tests are "too hard" for minority teachers, we will continue to perpetrate separate and unequal education on minorities in this country.

Instead of simply getting upset about minorities' inability to pass challenging exams, we must focus on expecting — and helping — them to attain academic achievement on par with whites.

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	G	S	R	C	W	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Fresh Off the Boat	Fresh Off the Boat	EM: Weight Loss "Hannah" A woman wants to lose weight so she can have a baby. (N)				KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "No Good Deed"		Zoo "The Cheese Stands Alone" (N)		NCIS: New Orleans "Rock-a-Bye-Baby"		CBS 7 News	(:35) CSI: Cyber "CMND:\Crash"		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Carol Burnett	F. Mason "The Case of the Terrified Typist"		Banacek
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang. Theory	Smarter "Caleb (Part 2)/ Evan (Part 1)" (N)		Brooklyn 99	Last Man on Earth	Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	Mission: M25	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		America's Got Talent "Live Round 2" Twelve of the top acts perform. (N)				Hollywood Game Night (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	Focus on Europe	Navy SEALs: Their Untold Story The missions of the 'Commandos of the Deep.'				Frontline "The Retirement Gamble"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La sombra del pasado		Amores con trampa		Lo imperdonable		Yo no creo en los hombres		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
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PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:00) From the Hip		★★★★ Swingers			(:45) The Station Agent			(:15) ★★★ Frogs for Snakes			
HBO	300	550	14	14		★★★★ Edge of Tomorrow Tom Cruise.				Real Sports (N)		Hard Knocks (N)		Real Sports		Ballers	The Brink
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	(:45) ★★ Tammy Melissa McCarthy.				LastWeek	Bill Maher		Sex On//	(:45) The Drop Tom Hardy.		
HBOS	304	552	16	102		(:10) ★★ The Skeleton Key Kate Hudson.				Jersey Boys ('14, Bio) John Lloyd Young.				(:15) ★★★★ John Wick Keanu Reeves.			
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) The Talente...		(:15) ★★★ The Grand Budapest Hotel				★★ 47 Ronin ('13, Act) Keanu Reeves.				(:05) Eve's Secret	
MAX2	382	558	18	122		(:20) ★★ Larry Crowne Tom Hanks.				★★★ V for Vendetta Natalie Portman.				Chemist.	(:45) Calvary Brendan Gleeson.		
PLEX			96			(5:20) Hail Caesar		Look Who's Talking Now			(:40) ★★★ A Family Thing Robert Duvall.				(:35) ★ Crossover		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:00) The Hand T...		Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		The Affair		Masters of Sex		SuicideG "Relaunch"	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(4:00) Meet Joe B...		★★★ Babel ('06, Dra) Cate Blanchett, Brad Pitt.					★★★ August: Osage County				Movie
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) ★★★ The Green Mile ('99, Dra) David Morse, Tom Hanks.						★★★★ The Shawshank Redemption ('94, Dra) Tim Robbins.					
BET	58	-		40		(5:30) ★ Johnson Family Vacation				Kevin Hart (N)		Husbands	Punk'd	Husbands	Punk'd	Wendy "You're Fired"	
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		New York Social (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		TBA	Real Housewives		H.Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	West "A Time to Grill"		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		West Texas (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		D.Catch "We Have Not Yet Begun to Fight" (N)				D. Catch "We Have Not Yet Begun to Fight"			
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Liv/Mad	Austin	Descendants ('15, Fam) Dove Cameron.				SetItOff	(:25) Bunk'd	I Didn't	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
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ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Softball Little League World Series (L)				SportsC.	Softball Little League World Series Semifinal (L)				Rookie	Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY	53	63	34	42	33	(5:00) ★★ The Hunger Games				Nxt Step: NYC (N)		Startup U (N)		The 700 Club		Despicable Me	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Insider (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Seattle Mariners at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park -- Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	CowboysC /Game365	WPT Poker Bay 101 Shooting Star	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	Movie	★★★ Thor ('11, Act) Chris Hemsworth.					Tyrant "Zanjir" (N)		Tyrant "Zanjir"		Tyrant	
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	The Waltons		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	House (N)	House (N)	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	Flip/ Flop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	(:05) Outlaw Chr. (N)		(:05) Outlaw Chr.		Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Dance Moms		Dance Moms: Dance and Chat (N)		Dance Moms "City of Angels" (N)		Dance Moms (N)	Dance Moms		Dance Moms	Dance Moms "Chaos at Nationals"	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Adventur Spartan Race		Adventure Racing		Adventure Racing		Adventure Racing		EPLSoccer			
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Thunder	Talia	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Tattoo (N)	Tattoo	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy				Face Off (N)		Face Off		Face Off		Geeks/	Geeks/
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	BigBang "Pilot"	Big Bang Theory	Clipped (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		Clipped "Reunion"	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:15) Fire Over E...		Making of a Legend				(:15) ★★★★ Gone With the Wind ('39, Epic) Vivien Leigh.					
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Avenida Brasil		Bajo el mismo cielo		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	Bajo el mismo cielo	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My Giant "The Shortest One in the House"		Little People "Ready, Set, Mud Run!" (N)		Little People "Gone with the Windmill" (N)		My Giant Life "Big Updates" (N)		Little People "Gone with the Windmill"		My Giant Life "Big Updates"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Sucker Punch"		Rizzoli & Isles "Love Taps"		Rizzoli & Isles "Sister Sister" (N)		Proof "Tsunami: Part Two" 2/2 (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Sister Sister"		Proof "Tsunami: Part Two" 2/2 from Aug 11	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Gilligan	(:35) TheExes	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Super Bowl"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Post-Mortem Blues"		TuffEnuf "Friend or Foe?" (L) (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Playing House (N)	Modern Family	★★★ No Strings Attached ('11, Comedy) Ashton Kutcher, Kevin Kline, Natalie Portman.			
WGN	19	85				America's Funniest Home Videos		★★★★ Cinderella Man Russell Crowe. An ex-prizefighter returns to the ring to support his family during the Depression.						Rules of Engage.	Rules "Kids"	Rules of Engage.	Rules of Engage.

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Audio expert from St. Louis spends time recording in Guadalupes

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Back in the Great Depression of the 1920s and '30s, the government started sending artists to national parks to live for a few weeks, create something about the area and donate it to the park. The artist-in-residence program has continued and grown and the parks have gained poetry, films, photographs, paintings and other forms of art.

This past spring, the artist-in-residence at Guadalupe Mountains National Park was Victoria Meyer, who teaches audio aesthetics at Webster University in St. Louis. She would make a good Texan. She drove her pickup to the park from the Webster campus and immediately immersed herself into the Texas way of doing things. When she was asked what days she wanted off, she replied, "I don't need any. I'm off all the time. I love to go around recording things."

Victoria's grandparents raised her. "When I was in third grade, my grandpa bought a little recorder because he wanted to play his turkey calls out in the field to get the turkeys to come to him. He brought that in on a Saturday morning and I found it, and he didn't get it back until the next day. And he only got it back because he came in and handed me a new recorder."

Courtesy photo

The Guadalupe Mountains National Park served as the backdrop for audio expert Victoria Meyers, who was part of an artist-in-residence program.

In the Guadalupes, she recorded natural sounds and incorporated them into music she composed. "If you just hear each individual natural sound, it's not very interesting. But when you work them into strategic places in the music, it gets pretty fascinating. The piece starts with a thunderstorm, and then goes into waterfalls, then to a babbling brook that has bees and birds around it. I did some research on the musical instruments the Mescalero Apaches had and used those to create the music."

In her four-minute creation, drums provide a strong rhythm, and the Indian fiddle and flute, mixed with the sounds she recorded make for compelling listening. "I set up my recording equipment and walk away and wait. Nature and children never do what you want them to do at the time you want it done. You have to really like quiet and like being alone to do this. I enjoy it. I feel like life is so hectic, and to be able to sit on a rock and realize that I'm actually accomplishing something is a piece of heaven for me."

She records much more than she will ever use. "I feel lucky when I'm able to use 5 percent of what I record. Here I think I recorded seven hours of material and used maybe a couple of minutes. I just put large memory cards in the recorder and let it run."

Victoria plays guitar and piano and has multiple degrees, including a doctorate in sound design. She did sound for a theater when she finished her bachelor's degree, then worked on the Ozzy Osbourne television show. In addition to teaching, she creates sound and music for movies. She has taught at Webster University seven years and recently earned tenure. She has 115 majors studying with her. "They go out with their recorders and get all kinds of interesting stuff."

When Tumbleweed Smith is not on the road looking for characters, he lives in Big Spring with his wife Susan. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

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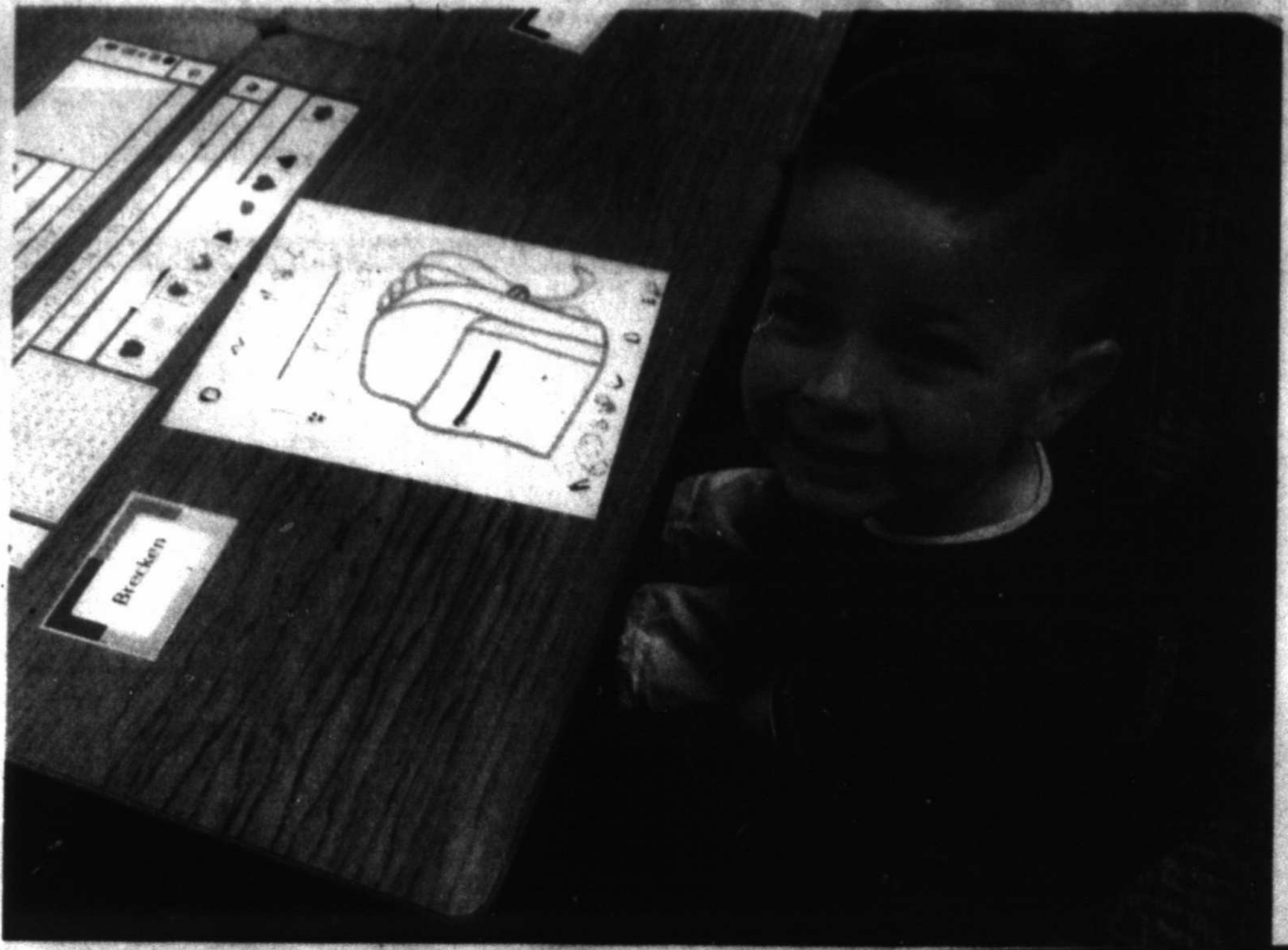

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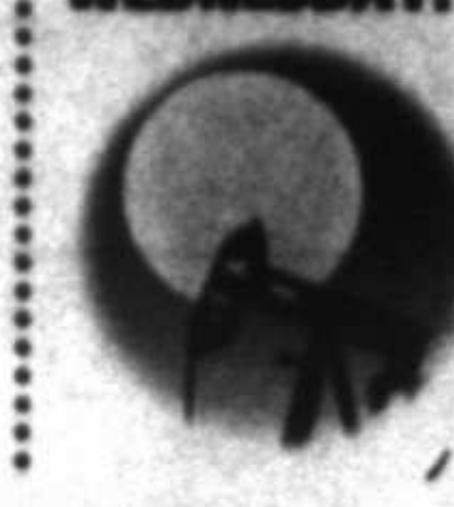
TODAY: Mostly sunny

High: 99
Low: 74

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny



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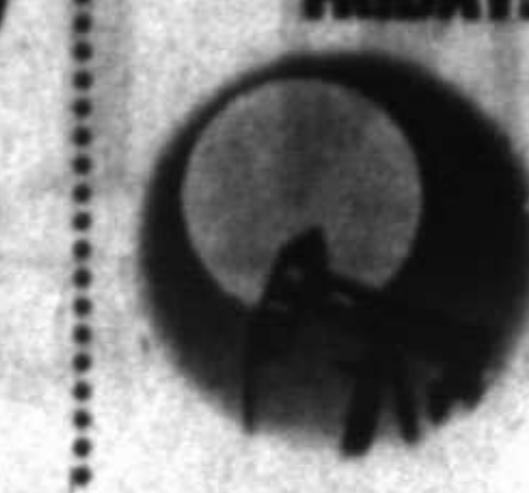
Low: 61

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny

High: 93
Low: 73

FRIDAY: Sunny



High: 97
Low: 73

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny

High: 97
Low: 75

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny

High: 97
Low: 73

Local forecast

After one of the warmer stretches of weather in recent memory, it would be hard to think the record for cooler weather could be threatened, but according to the National Weather Service, that is exactly what will happen.

The NWS is expecting a low of 61 on Wednesday night. According to the NWS, the record low for July 19 is 60 set in 1950. That cool snap will be short as above-average high and low temperatures are expected the rest of the week.

The NWS also expected a 30 percent chance of rain tonight and Wednesday.

The record high for Aug. 17 is 106 set in 1969. The record low is 60 set in 1931 and 1972. On Aug. 17 of last year, the high was 95 and the low was 72.

World temperatures

City	Weather at 9 p.m.	Temps f	c
Amsterdam	rain	61	16
Beirut	fair	82	28
Berlin	rain	66	19
Casablanca	cldy	70	21
Dublin	fair	46	8
Frankfurt	cldy	59	15
Ho Chi Minh City	ptcldy	82	28
Hong kong	fair	86	30
London	fair	59	15
Madrid	fair	70	21
Moscow	cldy	50	10
Nairobi	fair	55	13
New delhi	misty	81	27
Paris	fair	57	14
Rome	fair	64	18
Seoul	fair	82	28
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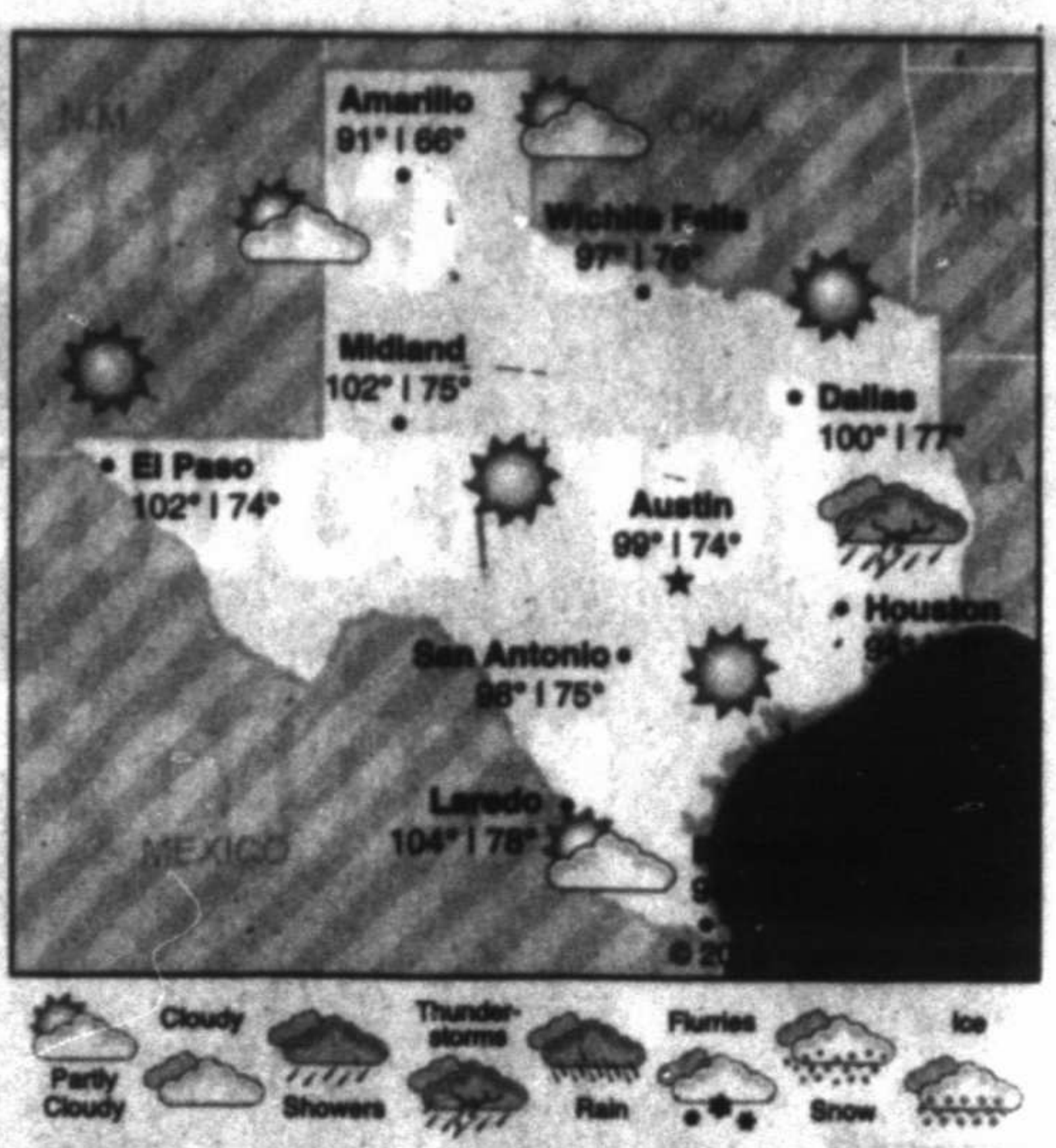
Sydney	fair	55	13
Tokyo	cldy	82	28
Vienna	rain	63	17
Warsaw	fair	66	19



Precipitation	
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.18 in.
Year total	13.18 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.82 in.

Monday's temperatures	
High	99
Low	72
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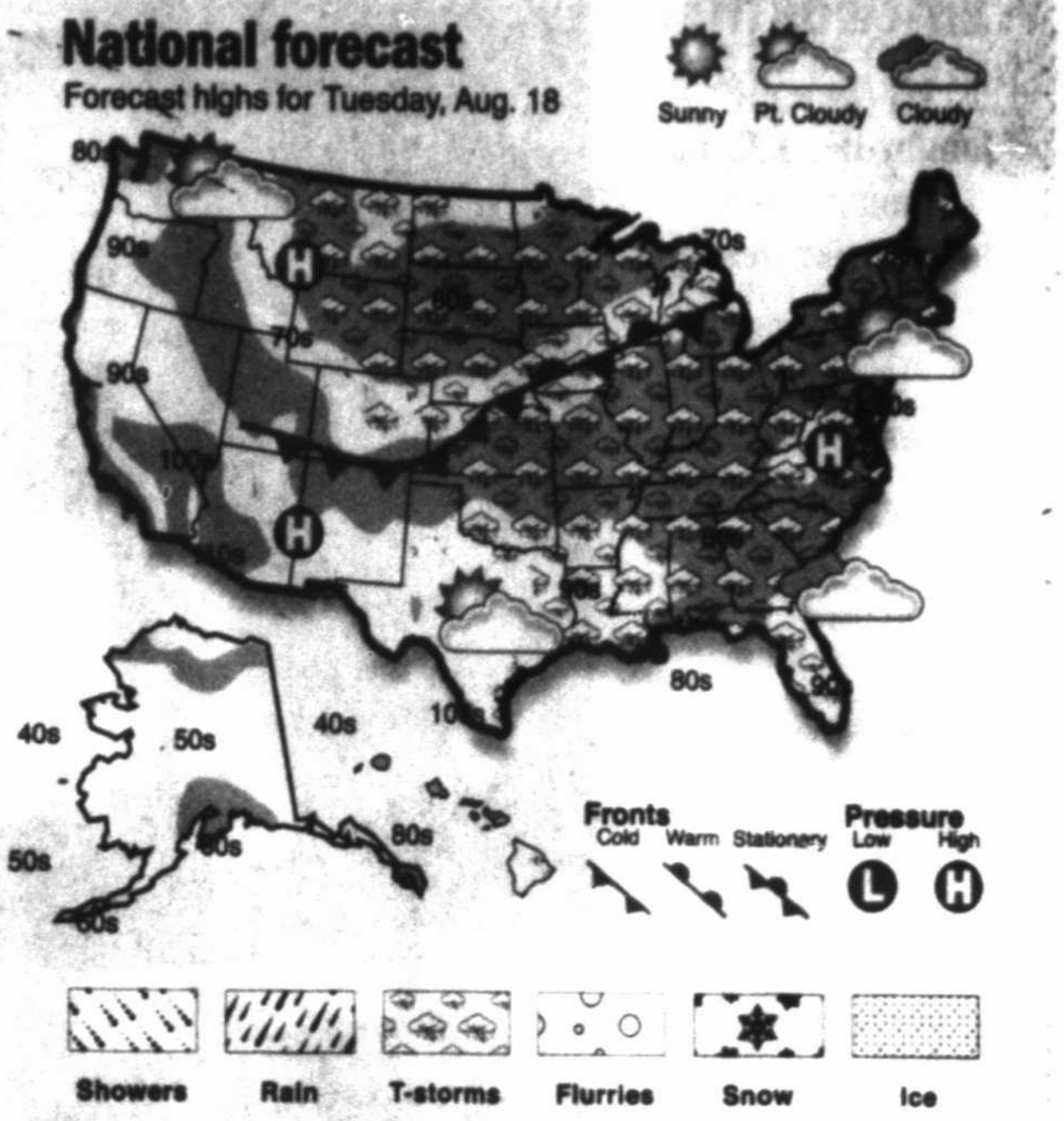

Woman with abortion in past is stung by man's accusation

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: Two years ago, I met a gentleman, and he eventually decided we were "soul mates." I agreed. Over time, we shared our life stories, good and bad. I confided that I'd had an abortion at the age of 18, which has haunted me all my adult life.

Recently, he was reciting a chronology of my life. When he got to the abortion, he said, "... and then you became a child murderer." His comment stunned me. He finds nothing wrong with it. Was this total disrespect, or am I overreacting? — STUNNED IN PENNSYLVANIA

DEAR STUNNED: That "gentleman's" remark was not only disrespectful, but also incredibly insensitive and wrong. It is not against the law to terminate a pregnancy in this country. It is a right that many women — and men — fought hard to achieve.

Because each woman's circumstances are unique, this deeply personal decision is made for a variety of reasons. Like yourself, women experience a range of emotions afterward — including feelings of sadness and anger, but also relief. For this person to have made such an insensitive comment should be a clue that he may not be your soul mate after all.

Because of stigma that, not surprisingly, can cause feelings of shame, many women choose to remain silent about their decision to have an abortion. A resource that could be helpful to them — and to you — is Exhale (exhaleprovoice.org), a nonpolitical, nonjudgmental support organization for women who have had an abortion. Please check it out.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 33-year-old man in academia, and it has been two years since my last relationship ended. (Her name was "Erica.") I have always been with older women, the most significant ones being 10 and eight years older. One ended because, in a night of depressed, alcohol-fueled self-loathing, I cheated on her. I don't make those choices anymore.

I have had chances to date, but none has drawn my interest the way Erica did — until recently. "Angie" is a sweetheart with a good sense of humor. When I'm around her, I start feeling twinges of how Erica made me feel.

I'm surprised by my attraction to Angie because she is only 19. Previous older mates were in education as I am, and Angie is, well, 19. I can't figure out if this is a genuine attraction, or if I'm trying to prove to myself that I can be involved with someone younger. I admit I'm intrigued by the idea of assuming the role of teacher instead of student.

I don't want to see Angie hurt by a mistake in judgment on my part. Is it healthy for a 19-year-old to be interested in significantly older men? Should I stop overanalyzing this and give it a try? — MR X IN MICHIGAN

DEAR MR. X: I think it depends upon what you mean by "it." Young women can be attracted to older men for a variety of reasons. If Angie is one of your students, I'd advise against a romantic involvement until after she has left your class to avoid any possible accusations of favoritism or even sexual harassment.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Aug. 18, 2015:

This year you discover that you are full of energy — much more than usual. It will be imperative that you have a good outlet for all this vitality. If not, you will find that you easily could get into all sorts of conflicts. Make sure to get plenty of exercise. If you are single, you could meet someone who brings to light how possessive you can be. Try to understand what is making you feel insecure. If you are attached, the two of you often get into conflicts that you believe are important but really aren't. Remember, you are with the one you love. LIBRA loves to be around you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You could be in the position of making a difference through your actions and leadership. Your fiery temperament is likely to take you down a new trail, but you will have to stay on good terms with others regardless. Avoid a power play. Tonight: Plan on being in demand.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You'll want to get more involved with an issue, but you might not see a better path. Steer clear for now; you know when enough is enough. Zero in what you want. A friend will be significant in helping you decide what to do. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Remain easygoing when dealing with a fiery relative, neighbor or friend. On top of this issue, you could discover that someone is taking a strong stance. You might feel as though this is some kind of control game. Tonight: Opt to handle a problem as a team.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You could opt for a dynamic change regarding a personal issue. You might not agree with a partner, but you realize that you need to compromise in order to get past the problem. A positive attitude would be better than getting into a power play. Tonight: Head home early.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Reach out to someone you care a lot about. You often let this bond slide and just assume it will be OK. Your assumption is faulty and needs to be revised. You will see that this person is waiting for you to make contact. Tonight: Make a couple of calls before you make plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Curb your anger or frustration. You are more powerful and connected than you realize. Assume a more relaxed temperament. Express your thoughts clearly, especially with a child. Caring evolves between you and a loved one. Tonight: Be content.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You could feel as if you have a lot to do, and it is important to do it quickly. A call is likely to encourage a deviation from plans. Someone who cares about you will reach out to you. You might want to take some time with a special person. Tonight: Let the party go on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might need to confide in a close friend who will keep your words and secrets to him- or herself. Find a way of letting this person know how much you care about and appreciate him or her. Nothing can replace this type of loyalty. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ You are a people person, and nothing that occurs today will prove otherwise. You have a lot of pressure on you to deal with a matter involving your domestic life. Be willing to say "no" to a request. A friendship plays a significant role in your life. Tonight: Let go of stress.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might want to consider an option that could prevent a conflict with an older relative or an authority figure. You will need to step back from a hassle at the moment. Remember that it is more important to win the war than it is to win the battle. Tonight: A must appearance.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ Others might wonder why you have little to say right now. You have a way about you that makes a child or loved one think before he or she leaps. You understand that sometimes the less said the better. Be open to a conversation. Tonight: Start planning the weekend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to listen carefully to a partner's emotional and financial needs. This person seems to have a very different point of view from you. Neither of you are right or wrong; you both simply have a unique way of approaching matters. Tonight: Chat over dinner.

BORN TOAY

Actor Robert Redford (1936), film director Roman Polanski (1933), actor Patrick Swayze (1952)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Desperate defense

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠K 9 3
♥A K 10 3
♦10 7
♣8 7 6 5

WEST
♠A J 7 6 2
♥7
♦Q J 9 5 3
♣Q J

EAST
♠10 5
♥9 8 6 4 2
♦8 2
♣K 10 9 3

SOUTH
♠Q 8 4
♥Q J 5
♦A K 6 4
♣A 4 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	2♦*	Dbl**	Pass
2NT	Pass	3NT	All pass

*Diamonds and a major
**Takeout

Opening lead: Queen of

When you're faced with a desperate situation in bridge, a desperate play might save you.

West continued with the jack of diamonds after the queen held the first trick, declarer winning this with the ace. South cashed the queen of hearts and led a heart to dummy's ace, then exited dummy with a low club. This went to West's jack, and West continued with the queen of clubs. This was covered by East with the king and lost to declarer's ace.

South cashed the jack of hearts, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠K 9 3
♥K
♦Void
♣8 7

WEST
♠A J 7
♥Void
♦9 5 3
♣Void

EAST
♠10 5
♥9 8
♦Void
♣10 9

SOUTH
♠Q 8 4
♥Void
♦A 6
♣4

South led a low spade and West was in a desperate position. The ace of spades would give declarer two spade tricks and the seven of spades would lead to an obvious end-play. In desperation, West inserted his jack of spades! Dummy's king won this trick, followed by the king of hearts. Declarer, assuming that West had the ace-10 of spades remaining, carelessly exited with a low spade — the nine would have saved the day. East's 10 was a sorry sight. West captured South's queen with the ace and exited with a low spade to dummy's nine. Dummy had to surrender the last two tricks to East. Down one!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Somewhat
5 Garter material
9 Level of learning
14 Entitled to the entire estate, as an heir
15 Org. with a "Speak Freely" blog
16 Seth of "Pineapple Express"
17 *Arctic carnivore
19 Texas mission
20 Outward flow
21 Shout from a knocker
22 Postal motto word
23 Strong-arm
25 Tyke
27 Home for mil. jets
30 Expo freebie, often
31 *1969 #1 hit used in a cereal promotion
35 Autumn bloom
37 __-Lorraine: former German region
38 Blockhead
41 Little bark
43 Major artery
44 Make available, as time
46 Post office buy
48 *Puréed fruit drink
50 Breaks bread
54 German article
55 Spicy lentil stew
56 Like raffle drawings
58 Airport with many connecting flights
60 "Well, shucks!"
63 "Girls" cable channel
64 French darling
66 *Period between consecutive spring equinoxes
68 Distributed cards
69 Mideast bigwig
70 Egg on
71 Not very chatty
72 Anti-Union figures
73 Some August births, astrologically

DOWN
1 Viewpoint
2 Owie
3 "As if!"
4 Herbal drink
5 Cholesterol check, e.g.
6 Highest deck quartet
7 Chowder morsel
8 "I got it!"
9 Bases loaded opportunity
10 Cylindrical caramel candy
11 *Gelatin made from algae
12 Rep.'s counterpart
13 Brian who co-produced many U2 albums
18 Wrestler Flair
24 Citrus juice extractor
26 Tax shelter initials
28 Reference book tidbit
29 La __ Tar Pits
32 Slangy turnaround
33 Fodder for a mill
34 Major event in golf or tennis
36 Brief broadcast clip
38 "48 HRS." law gp.
39 Canadian tribe
40 *"Well said!"
42 School meeting org.
45 Veggie often in fried rice
47 Unpaid debts ... or, read differently, what both parts of the answers to starred clues have?
49 More intimate
51 Cling (to)
52 Trinidad and __
53 Messy campfire treats
57 __ Lingus
59 Bing search results, for short
61 Where the heart is?
62 Smooth-talking
64 Mo. summer hrs.
65 Half a giggle
67 Actor Brynner

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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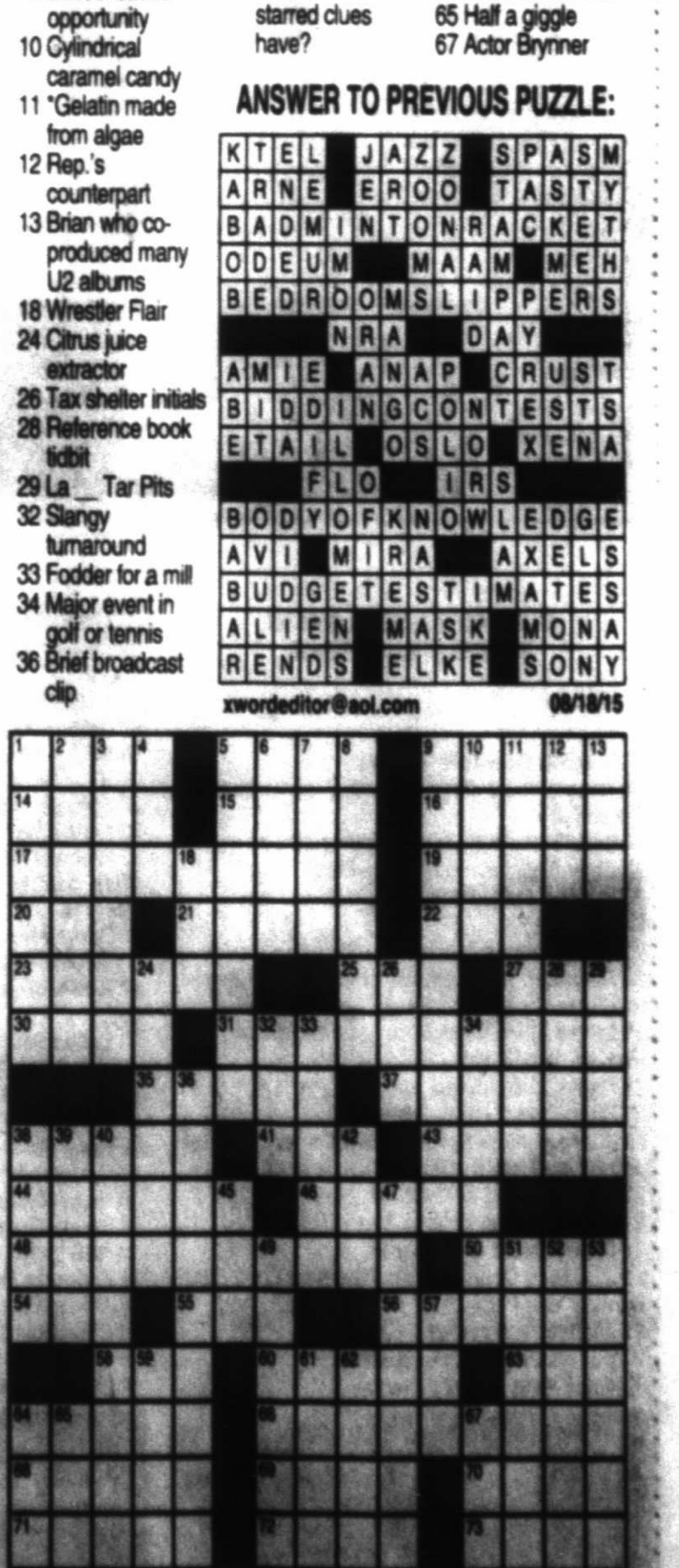

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NOTEWORTHY
Music in the news

LOS ANGELES

Johnny Depp, Gene Simmons rock together for charity

Johnny Depp didn't say a word as he stepped onto a small stage inside the Lucky Strike bowling alley. He just strapped on a guitar and started playing with the band.

One song later, Gene Simmons joined in.

The superstar pairing capped off a fundraising concert Sunday for MendingKids.org, an organization that provides hundreds of free corrective surgeries each year for children around the world. Besides Depp and Simmons, the event also featured a surprise reunion of rock group Extreme for a performance of their 1991 classic "More Than Words."

After appearances by various musicians, Depp quietly joined the house band to play Alice Cooper's "School's Out." (The 52-year-old actor announced last week that he is forming a band with Cooper and guitarist Joe Perry called Hollywood Vampires that will release a self-titled album next month.)

"Mending Kids is not only changing the lives of these kids, but making a difference in developing countries that are in need of medical care," he said.

Simmons was the last to take the stage. A supporter of MendingKids.org for several years, the 65-year-old entertainer invited anyone with $1,000 to donate to the organization to come up and sing with the band. About 10 donors took him up on the offer, including his son and daughter, and they shared the stage with Depp, Simmons and the rest of the band during the closing number, the Kiss hit "Rock and Roll All Nite."

WASHINGTON

Stevie Wonder performs free pop-up concerts in Northeast

Stevie Wonder is performing free pop-up concerts in Washington, Philadelphia and New York.

The D.C. Office of Motion Picture and Television Development said Wonder performed a few songs at the D.C. Armory Mall on Monday. The first 1,000 people got doughnuts.

The concert is part of a news conference promoting Wonder's "Songs in the Key of Life Performance" tour. Wonder and his 22-piece band will perform at the Verizon Center on Oct. 3.

Wonder will perform in Philadelphia and New York, too.

Too country for country radio?

AP file photo

Tae Dye, left, and Maddie Marlow, of the musical group Maddie & Tae, perform at the CMT Music Awards on Jume 10 in Nashville, Tenn. Only three songs with female voices are in the current Top 25 of Billboard's Hot country songs chart with Little Big Town's "Girl Crush," Cam's "Burning House" and Maddie & Tae's "Fly."

Women push for equality, and quality, in country music

By Kristin M. Hall
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Leslie Fram started seeing the problems that women were facing in country music when she came to Nashville four years ago to lead CMT's music strategy division.

A former rock radio programmer, she immersed herself in the songwriter community and was blown away when she heard Brandy Clark performing at the tiny Bluebird Cafe. Grammy-nominated Clark, an artist who has penned hits for Miranda Lambert and Kacey Musgraves, was not being played on country radio.

"That was an eye opener for me," Fram said. "There were artists that were too country for country radio."

Frustrated by a decline in the number of female artists and tired of the party song cycle on radio, women are trying to take back the microphone and pushing for quality — and equality — in country music.

While country music radio has historically been male-dominated, the issue about the lack of women getting air time picked up steam this spring when radio consultant Keith Hill said country stations that want better ratings should play fewer female artists.

Hill also referred to women as the "tomatoes" of country radio's salad, with male artists like Luke Bryan and Blake Shelton being the leafy greens. That analogy solidified fears that female artists were getting systematically shut out of commercial radio, but Hill defended his argument by saying he is simply giving listeners what they want to hear.

"You're not going to get equality until the behavior of the audience changes," Hill said by phone last week.

The industry publication, Country Aircheck, reported that the percentage of female-voiced singles, which includes bands and solo artists, in the annual top 100 country songs fell from a high of 38 percent in 1998 to just 18 percent in 2014.

Only three songs with female voices were in last week's Top 25 of Billboard's Hot country songs chart, with Little Big Town's "Girl Crush," Cam's "Burning House" and Maddie & Tae's "Fly." And "Girl Crush" and Carrie Underwood's "Something In the Water" are the only women-led songs to hit No. 1 this year.

"My worry is, is there a place for something like 'The House That Built Me'?" Fram said of Lambert's Grammy-winning hit song. "Would that see the light of day now?"

Luke Bryan, the reigning entertainer of the year at the CMA and ACM Awards, said that the country music community needs to take a deeper look at why there's a lack on women on the radio.

"The music industry can get real, real busy and fast-paced and you look up, and you realize, 'Man, there isn't a female artist, per se, in the Top 10 or even in the Top 20 right now, and there was only one or two that broke in the mix,'" he said. "I think it's about the ACMs and CMAs even forming some maybe committees to talk about it and see what's going on in the radio community — it's a whole industry situation to sit down and determine what can be done better to promote women in the format."

Those conversations are starting to happen.

CMT's Fram, along with Rounder Records Vice President Tracy Gershon and music columnist Beverly Keel, created a collective of women in the music industry called Change The Conversation that works to mentor and educate each other.

"Change The Conversation is not that you need to play every female artist that is out there ... for us, it's about the best song wins," Fram said.

Last month, Lambert held a charity show that featured her singing with the genre's best songwriters, male and female, to raise funds for a new scholarship for female musicians and artists. But for female artists who are still waiting for their opportunity, the only thing they can do is focus on the music.

Rising duo Maddie & Tae came out swinging when they skewered male country artists' portrayal of women on "Girl In A Country Song," which hit gold status and peaked at No. 3 on the country charts. Now on tour with Dierks Bentley, the pair said they've had to prove to the fans that they belong on that stage with the men.

"We are new to the scene and we are females, but I feel like we can live up to the expectations," said 19-year-old Tae Dye. "We can hang with the guys."

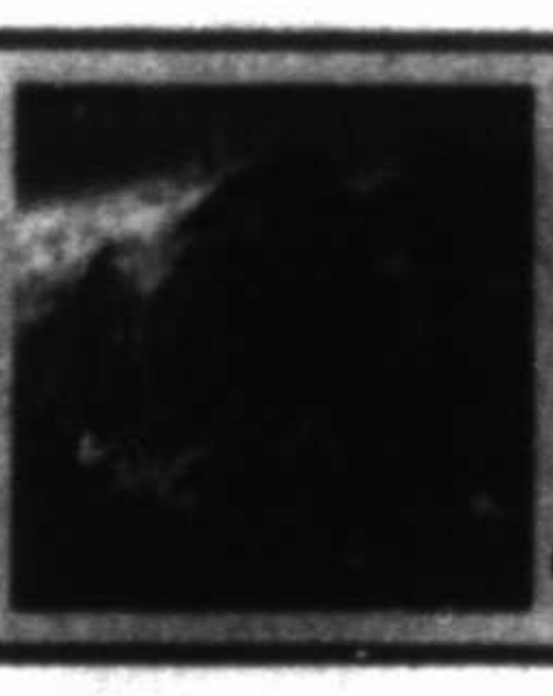
Ashley Monroe, whose new album debuted at No. 2 for country albums behind Alan Jackson, hasn't been able to get a top radio hit on her own, unless she's singing with Blake Shelton, as she's done twice with "Lonely Tonight" and "Boys 'Round Here."

"I make sure everything I sing I believe in ... If it gets on radio, that's amazing. That's millions of people that are hearing it," she said. "And if it doesn't, then I am just going to work extra hard to find other ways to get heard."

Country music veteran Vince Gill, who co-produced Monroe's album and has seen trends come and go in the format for decades, said the real problem is the lack of diversity as the overall music industry has shrunk with declining record sales.

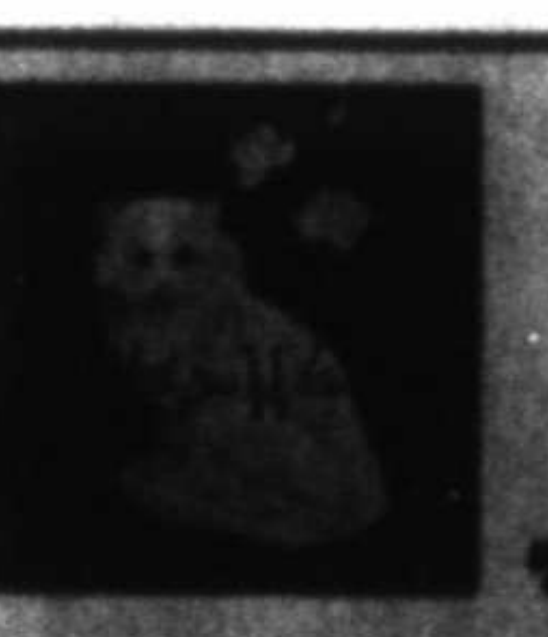
"They feel like there's such a glut of male artists and that's true, but they play about a fourth as many records as they used to," Gill said. "And so, if there's only two or three females, there's only 15 or 20 slots available on radio. And there used to be 60."

This week's releases



Disturbed 'Immortalized'

Rob Thomas 'The Great Unknown'



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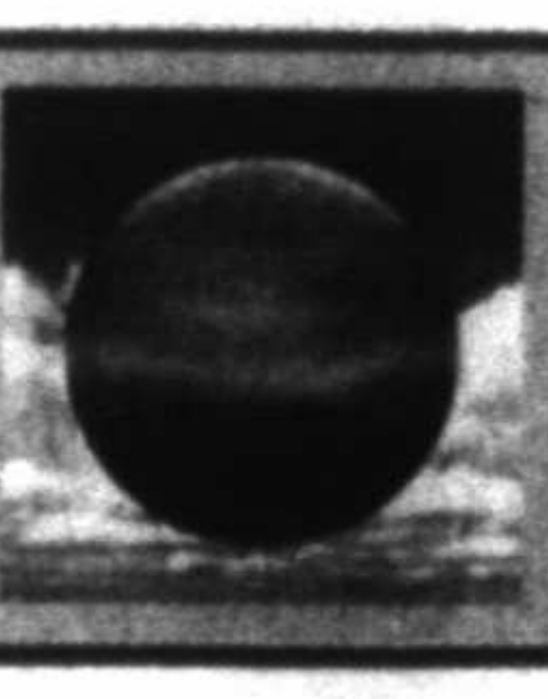

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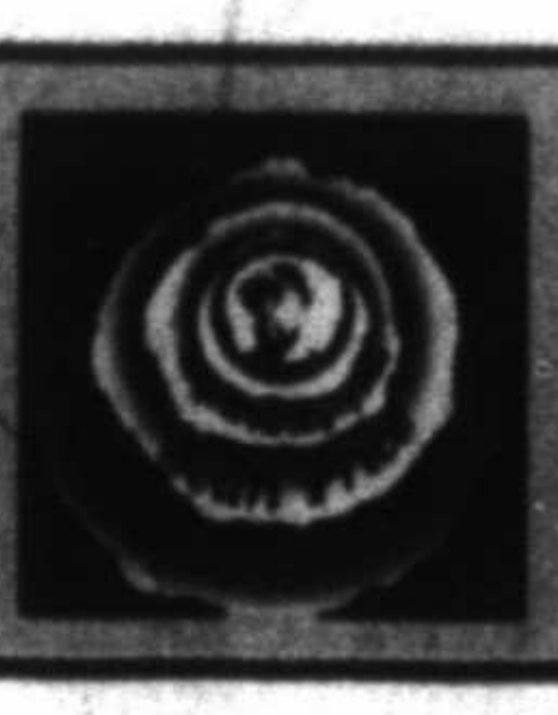

Sean Price 'Songs in the Key of Price'

LIVEWIRE

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AUGUST

18 **Lamdon Reeves** @ Fire Water
18 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
19 **Eyes Set to Kill, Archer** @ Blue Max
20 **Cody Bryan Band** @ Basin Burger House
20 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
20 **Doug Strahan** @ Lone Star Bar
21 **Forgotten Road, On The Level, Justin Langston, Silvertones** @ Midland County Fair
21 **Casee Allen, Clare Dunn, Jon Pardi, Joe Nichols, Brad Paisley** @ Texas Thunder
21 **Honky** @ Blue Max
21 **Buggaboo** @ 10 Sports Bar
21 **La Maquinaria Nortena, Lafe Norteno, Saul el Jaguar, La Fiera de Ojinaga** @ Hacienda
21 **River Atwood** @ Music City Mall
21 **Zac Wilkerson** @ Lone Star Bar
21 **Danny Cadra** @ Fire Water
21-22 **Bobby Champion and The New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
21-22 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
22 **Max Stalling** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **Vince King** @ Ector Theatre
22 **The Pistoleros, Williams & Ree, Tracy Lawrence, The Cadillac Three, Big and Rich** @ Texas Thunder
22 **Manzy Lowry Band, Paul Nipper** @ Blue Max
22 **Jacob Garcia Band, Robert Cobos Band, UnSweet T's, Los Blue Cats, Abby Cone** @ Midland County Fair
22 **Sphynx** @ Basin Burger House
22 **Keith Owens Band** @ Fire Water
22 **Aloha O Hawaii Polynesian Dance Group, All Stars, Samuel Zachary, River Atwood** @ Music City Mall
22 **Buggaboo** @ Redneck's
23 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
23 **Rick Molina Y Estilo Suave** @ Midland County Fair
23 **Dallas Smith, Frankie Ballard, Thomas Rhett, Florida Georgia Line** @ Texas Thunder
25 **Johnny & Susie** @ Permian Basin Dance Cl
27 **Kansas** @ Chaparral Center
27 **Roxy Roca** @ Basin Burger House
27 **Goodtimers** @ West Texas Dance Club
28 **Hogg Maulies** @ Lone Star Bar
28 **Randy Rogers Band, Judson Cole** @ Graham Central Station
28 **Espinoza Paz, La Adictiva Band, Los Bravos De Ojinaga** @ Hacienda
28 **Glovebox** @ The Detour
28 **The Frantic Flinstones, The Hooten Hallers, Neglected Few, Los Tejanos Muertos** @ Blue Max
28 **Blues Plate Review** @ Music City Mall
28-29 **Cory Dutton** @ The Bar
28-29 **Who'z Drivin'** @ Your Place
29 **Wade Bowen, Dalton Domino, Flatland Cavalry** @ Hacienda
29 **Funkster** @ Basin Burger House
29 **Standing Ovation: The Homecoming World Class Opera from the Permian Basin** @ Wagner Noel
29 **Richard Acuna, Blues Plate Review, River Atwood** @ Music City Mall
29 **The Band of Heathens, Wood & Wire, Mayeux & Broussard** @ Kd's Bar-B-Q
29 **Beau Taylor & Spur 644** @ Beer Garden
29 **Matt Caldwell** @ Lone Star Bar
29 **Thewind Mills** @ 10 Sports Bar
30 **Grupo Labertino, La Reunion Norteno, Atrevidos, Los Vendavales, Maximo Norte** @ Hacienda
30 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall

SEPTEMBER

1 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
1 **Three Days Grace** @ Hacienda
3 **Johnny and Susie Band** @ West Texas Dance Club
2 **Brutally Frank** @ Blue Max
4 **Shane Rogers** @ The Detour Bar
4 **Clay Shelburn** @ Beer Garden

LUBBOCK

AUGUST

25 **Fear Factory, Once Human, Before The Mourning, The Bloodline** @ Jake's Sports Cafe & Backroom

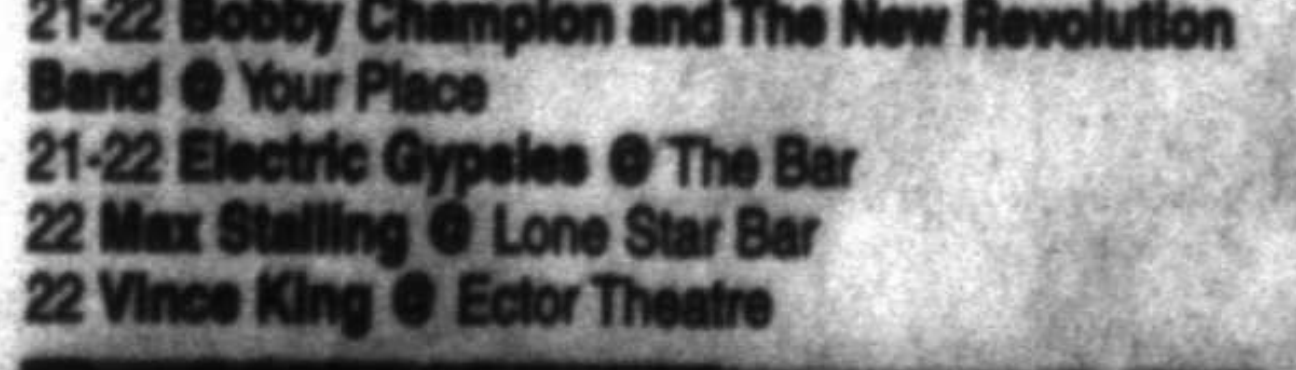
SEPTEMBER

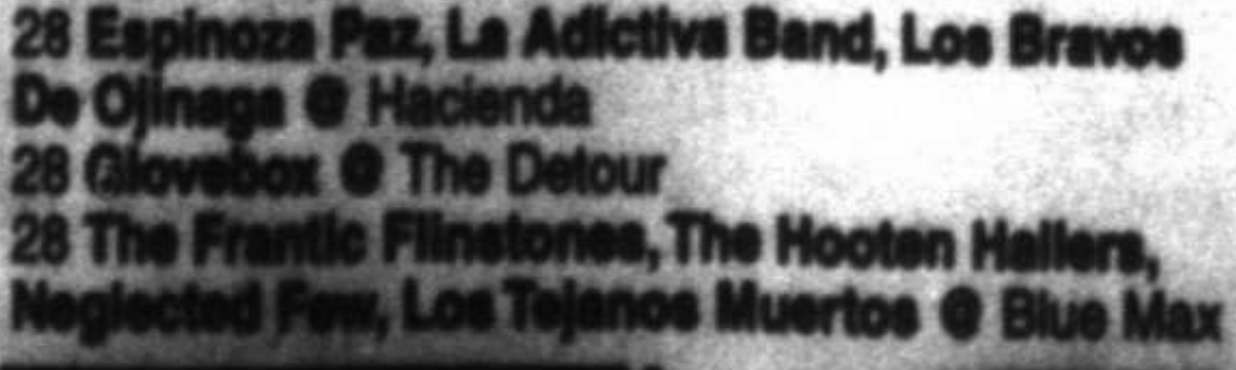
12 **Morgan Page, Slander, TroyBoi** @ Amphitheatre @ Lone Star Event Center
24 **Jason Aldean, Cole Swindell, Tyler Farr** @ United Supermarkets Arena

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

AUGUST

18 **Alabama Shakes, Drive-By Truckers** @ Verizon Theatre
20 **Incubus, Deftones, Death From Above 1979, The Bots** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
21 **"Weird Al" Yankovic** @ Verizon Theatre
21 **Def Leppard, Styx, Tesla** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
23 **J. Cole, Big Sean, YG, Jeremih, Bas, Cozz** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
23 **Men Without Hats** @ Gas Monkey Bar & Grill





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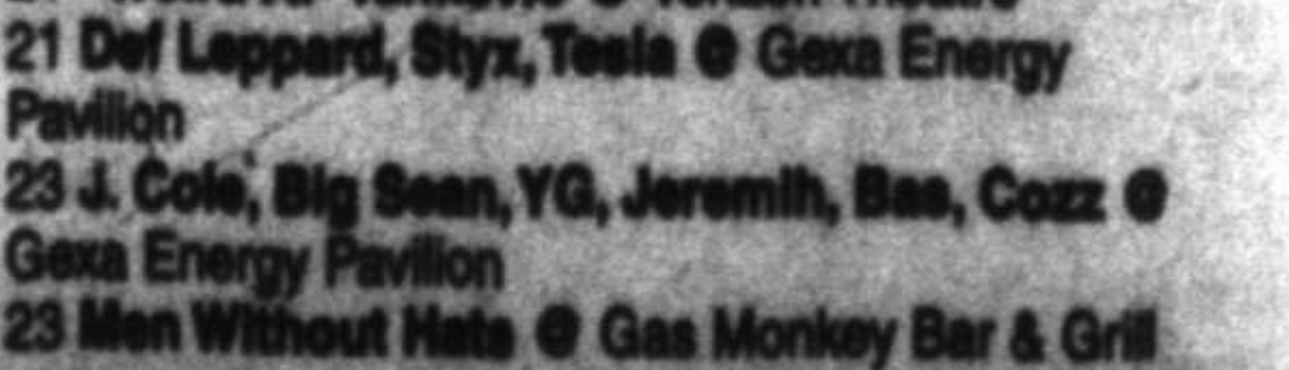

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SPORTS

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Aggies have 2 talented quarterbacks in Allen and Murray

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On Nov. 8, 2014, Texas A&M quarterback Kyle Allen sets back to throw the ball against Auburn during the second half of a game in Auburn, Ala. Allen showed enough promise as a freshman last year to enter camp with a leg up on Texas A&M's quarterback competition. But that doesn't mean this year's job will simply be handed to him.

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Kyle Allen showed enough promise as a freshman last year to enter camp with a leg up on Texas A&M's quarterback competition.

But that doesn't mean this year's job will simply be handed to him. Especially with a talented freshman suiting up for the Aggies in Kyler Murray.

"He (deserved) to start off coming into camp as the No. 1 guy," coach Kevin Sumlin said of Allen. "But ... the thing that's going to make this team better is competition."

He'll get it from Murray, who went 43-0 in leading his high school in Allen, Texas, to three state titles. Murray is the son of Kevin Murray, who played quarterback for the Aggies from 1983-86 and was inducted into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame in 1999. The younger Murray threw for 14,500 yards and scored 186 touchdowns in his three championship seasons.

"We don't recruit guys to come here and stand on the sideline and you get better by playing so that kind of competition is going to be pretty stiff," Sumlin said.

After turning in one of the most dominant careers in recent Texas high school football history, the expectations are high for the 5-foot-11 Murray, with some already comparing him to 2012 Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Manziel.

"That's going to happen just because of his stature and his style," Sumlin said. "He can throw it, he runs around, he extends plays, he moves well. A play extender. That's kind of the standard comparison across the country for a guy who can move around and extend plays. I wouldn't put a whole lot into it except that it is a comparison."

The Aggies finished 8-5 last season and were 3-5 in SEC play. Allen started the last five regular-season games and threw for a season-best 294 yards to go with five touchdowns in all in a victory over West Virginia in the Liberty Bowl.

Some things to know about the 2015 Aggies:

GARRETT'S GROWTH: Defensive end Myles Garrett had 11 1/2 sacks last season to break the SEC record for freshmen previously held by Jadeveon Clowney. But he was slowed in the second half of the season by a torn ligament in his left thumb that left him unable to use that hand. He had surgery to repair the injury this offseason and is eager to

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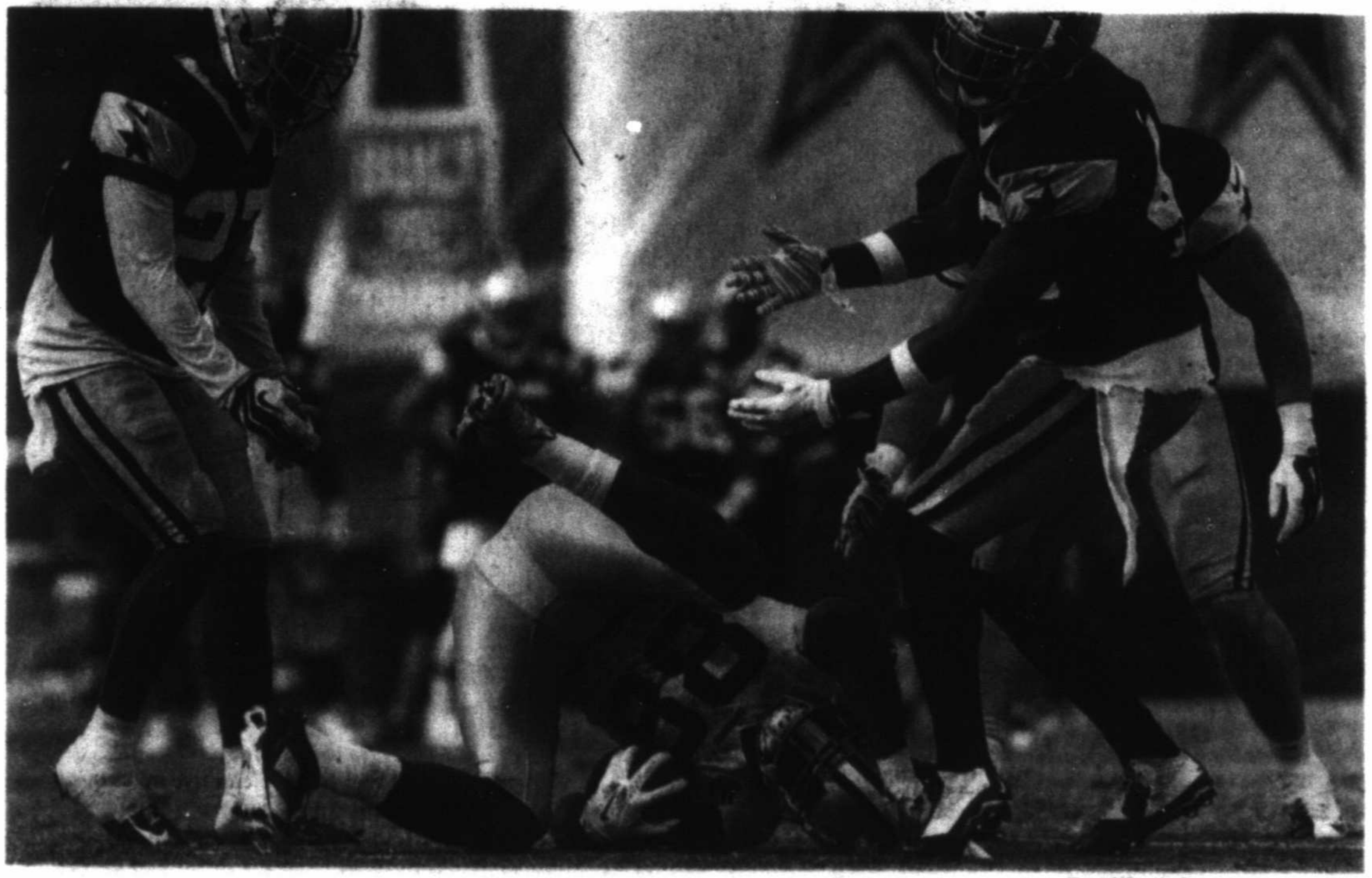

Fort Worth Star-Telegram/TNS

Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant (88) is upended after a pass reception during the afternoon practice at training camp in Oxnard, Calif., on Wednesday. Bryant has been out the past two weeks with a strained hamstring. Owner Jerry Jones said Bryant wouldn't return until after the second preseason game Sunday at San Francisco

'Boys keep injured Bryant, Smith on sidelines

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Dez Bryant and Tyron Smith would likely be playing — and maybe even practicing — if the Dallas Cowboys were back home in the middle of the regular season.

Since it's still training camp in California, a joint workout with the St. Louis Rams isn't enough to get the All-Pro receiver and Pro Bowl left tackle on the field. Bryant has been out almost two weeks with a strained hamstring, and Smith is nursing an arm injury.

Owner Jerry Jones said Bryant wouldn't return until after the second preseason game Sunday at San Francisco and that Smith was unlikely to play against the 49ers, as well. Jones didn't hesitate when asked about his top priorities for the remaining week and a half of camp.

"My goal is, one, do what we can do to avoid key injuries," Jones said. "Keep working, be smart about these injuries, be smart about how we push a player to work through an injury, make sure that any players we get out here, that we really do make sure those guys are in shape and ready and don't get them out here too soon."

The Cowboys also are missing their top two cornerbacks in Orlando Scandrick and Brandon Carr.

Scandrick is getting closer to a return from a sore knee, and Carr had to go back to the Dallas area a week ago for surgery on a broken right hand. When he returned, he said people wouldn't even know he was hurt if it were the regular season.

As for the rare opportunity to work against another team in practice, that doesn't matter much to coach Jason Garrett when it comes to minor injuries. The Cowboys and Rams had the first of consecutive joint practices Monday.

"We anticipate having good productive days with the Rams, practicing at the tempo that we want to practice at," Garrett said. "We've had good conversations with them about what the objectives are of these couple of days. We anticipate that happening."

Bryant has been on the field most days since injuring his hamstring about a week into camp.

Last year's NFL leader in touchdowns receiving missed the offseason in a contract stalemate that was settled hours before a deadline that would have forced him to play on a one-year deal this season.

Garrett said the Cowboys weren't being overly cautious with Bryant.

"It's really the same answer I gave you guys early on about all these guys," Garrett said. "The worst thing you can

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Is the effort to unionize college athletes dead?

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

The National Labor Relations Board halted the effort to unionize Northwestern's football team without answering the biggest question of all: Are the players effectively university employees?

The five-member board instead tossed out the unionization effort Monday because "it would not promote stability in labor relations" to allow one school the ability to unionize while others — including public schools the NLRB doesn't govern — could not.

"The board looks at these cases not just from a legal perspective," said John Michels, who practices labor and employment law at the Chicago firm of Lewis Brisbois Bisgaard & Smith. "The board is there to promote labor peace."

By failing to address the case's primary issue, the NLRB prolonged the uneasy relationship between unpaid college athletes and schools that reap billions of dollars from their play. Warren Zola, who teaches sports law at Boston College, thinks that's a problem that will need to be solved eventually.

"It seems to me they took the road that was easiest rather than what was right," Zola said. "If your default was always, 'This will cause labor strife,' the pharaohs would still be ruling over the building of the pyramids."

The NLRB ruling raises many questions. Here are some answers:

Q: The players argued that playing football was a job they aren't fairly compensated for. Northwestern said they are students first. The players lost, so the board must have agreed with Northwestern and the NCAA, right?

A: Not exactly. The NLRB looked at the Bowl Subdivision, the top level of college football, and saw that only 17 of 125 schools are private; Northwestern is the only private school in the Big Ten. The board decided that allowing this one school to unionize would create a competitive imbalance and potentially destabilize college football.

"It's simply going to create chaos," said Michels, a former offensive lineman at the Air Force Academy and the son of

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Last year's No. 1 pick Clowney back to practice for Texans

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Jadeveon Clowney was so excited on Monday in his first practice with the Houston Texans since microfracture knee surgery that he asked coach Bill O'Brien if he could take a run at the quarterbacks.

"I was like: 'Coach, let me get some pass rush today,'" Clowney said. "He was like: 'No, it's your first day out here, we're going to take it slow.'"

The outside linebacker, who made a name for himself by chasing quarterbacks at South Carolina, participated in walk-throughs and individual drills, but did not do any contact work. The Texans aren't sure when he'll play in a game.

Clowney was the top overall pick in last year's draft. He played just four games last season because of various injuries before having season-ending surgery in December.

Because of his abbreviated season he doesn't really feel as if it's his second year in the NFL.

"I do feel like kind of a rookie because I didn't get to play more than what, four games," he said. "So it's kind of like a rookie season all over again for me."

O'Brien was encouraged by Clowney's work on Monday and touched on the plan for him moving forward.

"We're going to ease him back into this thing and ramp him up to be able to play in games," O'Brien said.

Clowney had arthroscopic surgery on his right knee after injuring it in the season opener in 2014.

He played three games after that, but never felt right and eventually had the second, more drastic surgery to repair his knee. He wouldn't say how close he is to being back to his old self, but did say that he feels better now than he did after his first surgery.

The 22-year-old described the months of rehabilitation that led to Monday's return to practice. He said it's a relief to be close to playing again and admitted there were times when things got hard and family and friends had to encourage him to keep going.

"(It was) more than I've worked in my whole life probably but it was worth it," he said. "Just to be back out here. It was all worth it, man."

He enjoyed being back on the field with his teammates even though many of them ribbed him after being out for so long, calling him the "new kid on the team."

After his work was done for the day he remained behind on the field where the team practiced. He was holding his helmet and watching intently.

But he also had some fun, laughing and joking with teammates and at one point doing a spirited rendition of both the "Whip" and "Nae Nae" dances as Silento's song "Watch Me" blared from speakers near the field.

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Houston Chronicle

Houston Texans outside linebacker Jadeveon Clowney flips his hair back while warming up during training camp Monday in Houston. Clowney returned to practice on a limited basis for the first time since microfracture knee surgery in December.

'HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
The RockHounds were off

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.

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SECOND HALF RECORDS
Midland 34-16
Springfield 24-26

Saturday	Sunday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Midland 5 Tulsa 4	Midland 9 Tulsa 0	Midland at Springfield	Midland at Springfield	Midland at Springfield

Texas League Second-Half Standings

North Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	25	25	.500	—
Arkansas	24	26	.480	1
Tulsa	24	26	.480	1
x-Northwest Arkansas	18	31	.367	6½

South Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	34	16	.680	—
x-Corpus Christi	28	22	.560	6
Frisco	23	26	.469	10½
San Antonio	23	27	.460	11

x-clinched first half

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

Baseball

American Legion World Series, Final, 6 p.m., ESPNU

Major League Baseball

Seattle at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Tampa Bay at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

Detroit at Chic. Cubs, 7 p.m., MLB

Men's Soccer

UEFA Champions, Leg 1: FC Astana vs APOEL FC, 11 a.m., FOXSOC+/FOXDEP

UEFA Champions, Leg 1: Manchester United FC vs Club Brugge K.V., 1:30 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP

UEFA Champions, Leg 1: SS Lazio vs Bayer 04 Leverkusen, 1:30 p.m., FS2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions, Leg 1: FC BATE Borisov vs FK Partizan, 1:30 p.m., FSN (FSSW/FSSW+)

UEFA Champions, Leg 1: Sporting Clube de Portugal vs PFC CSKA Moskva, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOC+

Copa Sudamericana: FBC Melgar vs Junior FC, 4:30 p.m., FOXDEP

Copa MX: Deportivo Coras Tepic FC vs CD Guadalajara, 5:55 p.m., GALA

Copa MX: Club Necaxa vs Club Tijuana, 6:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Champions: Tigres U.A.N.L. vs AD Isidro Metapan, 7 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs Celaya FC, 8:50 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Atlante FC vs Cruz Azul FC, 8:55 p.m., UDN

CONCACAF Champions: LA Galaxy vs Comunicaciones, 9 p.m., FS2/GALA

Copa MX: Pumas de la UNAM vs CF Cafetaleros Tapachula, 1 a.m., UDN

Softball

LLWS Semifinal #1, 6 p.m., ESPN2

National Pro Fastpitch Championship, Game 3 (if necessary): Chicago vs USSSA, 7 p.m., CBSSN

LLWS Semifinal #2, 8:30 p.m., ESPN2

Tennis

ATP: Western and Southern Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS

WNBA

Indiana at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m., NBAtv

RADIO

Major League Baseball

Seattle at Texas, 7 p.m., KBST 95.7 FM/1490 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball

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

WHAT'S ON DECK

HIGH SCHOOL TENNIS

Amarillo Tascosa at MHS, 9 a.m.

HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL

Monahans at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m.

Greenwood vs. Odessa Permian/San Angelo Lake View, 2 p.m., San Angelo

Trinity vs. Fort Stockton/Presidio, Fort Stockton

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Recalled RHPs Matt Barnes and Heath Hembree from Pawtucket (IL). Optioned OF-INF Garin Cecchini and RHP Ryan Cook to Pawtucket.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent RHP Michael Pineda to Trenton (EL) for a rehab assignment.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled LHP Edgar Olmos from Tacoma (PCL). Optioned LHP Rob Rasmussen.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Optioned LHP Aaron Loup and RHP Drew Hutchison to Buffalo (IL). Recalled INF Matt Hague from Buffalo.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Activated RHP Randall Delgado off the 15-day DL. Optioned INF-OF Jamie Romak to Reno (PCL).

COLORADO ROCKIES — Optioned LHP Ken Roberts to Albuquerque (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Named Ron Roenicke third base coach.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Announced INF Taylor Lindsey cleared outright waivers and was sent to San Antonio (Texas).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Activated C Andrew Susac from 15-day DL. Optioned C Hector Sanchez to Sacramento (PCL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed OF Randal Grichuk on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Tommy Pham from Memphis (PCL).

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS — Named Toni Kukoc special adviser to the team president.

MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Signed F Marcus Landry.

UTAH JAZZ — Signed G-F Treveon Graham.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL and NFL PLAYERS ASSOCIATION — Announced James Thrash will serve as an appeals officer for on-field player discipline beginning this season. Suspended Cleveland C Ryan Seymour four games for violating the policy on performance enhancing substances.

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with RB Chris Johnson on a one-year contract. Waived-injured S Brandon Person.

BUFFALO BILLS — Released CB Lavelle Westbrooks. Signed CB Ellis Lankster.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Released WR Adrian Coxson.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Activated LBs Jadeveon Clowney and Akeem Dent from the PUP list.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Signed LB Nicklas Haag. Waived-injured LB Cody Galea.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Released LB DaJorey Johnson and DT Jimmy Staten. Signed DBs Jeremy Crayton and Keelan Johnson.

TENNESSEE TITANS — Waived WR Clyde Gates. Signed LB Andy Studebaker.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed RBs Rob Hollomon and Greg Morris to the practice roster.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

NHL — C Danny Briere announced his retirement.

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Agreed to terms with C Mike Santorelli on a one-year contract.

American Hockey League

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Named Dave Gray head scout.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Named Merrick Thomson assistant lacrosse coach, effective for the 2016 season.

BLOOMFIELD — Named Lisa Morgan-Richman men's & women's outdoor track and field coach.

ERSKINE — Announced the resignation of Tasha James cross country coach. Named Maggie Peeler interim cross country coach.

FREDONIA — Named Ryan Pericozzi men's and women's assistant track and field coach, Kendall McFayden men's assistant soccer, Erin Lanni assistant trainer and Kelly Wilson assistant trainer/strength and conditioning coach.

IOWA STATE — Announced men's sophomore basketball C Georgios Tsalmpouris will turn pro.

KENTUCKY — Dismissed OL Marcelys Jones from the program for violating unspecified team rules.

LEES-MCRAE — Announced men's senior basketball G Austin Anderson has transferred from Presbyterian.

NORTH CENTRAL — Named Steve Sellers men's golf coach.

SC AIKEN — Named Lindsey Jones softball assistant coach.

SIENA — Named Chris McKeon athletic communications intern and multimedia coordinator.

TCU — Announced men's junior tennis player Gerardo Lopez has transferred from Kentucky.

TEXAS-RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Announced men's basketball F Mike Hoffman is transferring from Lafayette.

TEXAS A&M — Named Patrick Sullivan women's associate head tennis coach.

WASHINGTON — Announced fifth-year senior OL Dexter Charles is leaving the team for medical reasons.

WESTERN NEW ENGLAND — Named David Lindholm and Jamey Mercer men's assistant soccer coaches.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Aug. 16

All-Around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $178,364
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas $97,638
3. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $93,619
4. **JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $88,786**
5. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $79,244
6. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $74,122
7. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $72,908
8. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $70,616
9. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas $63,664
10. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $63,544
11. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $58,307
12. Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $56,846
13. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $56,218
14. Doyle Hoskins, Chualar, Calif. $55,780
15. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $52,521
16. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $41,337
17. Trenten Montero, Winnemucca, Nev. $38,593
18. Billy Bob Brown, Stephenville, Texas $37,060
19. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $34,570
20. Morgan Grant, Granton, Ontario $34,450

Bareback Riding

1. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $87,618
2. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, Texas $76,936
3. Jake Brown, Hillsboro, Texas $72,272
4. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $70,234
5. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $69,923

Steer Wrestling

1. Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas $68,950
2. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $65,681
3. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $62,865
4. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $62,646
5. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $58,796

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $84,391
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $75,294
3. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $73,916
4. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz. $70,506
5. Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. $68,987

Also: 12. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $55,624

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $84,391
2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $77,065
3. Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas $75,294
4. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $69,563
5. Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz. $68,410

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $111,224
2. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $89,158
3. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $79,977
4. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $79,226
5. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $78,831

Also: 19. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, Texas $40,900

Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas $86,731
2. Timber Moore, Aubrey, Texas $79,964
3. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $78,981
4. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $78,867
5. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $76,547

Steer Roping

1. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $57,840
2. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $56,416**
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $50,880
4. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $49,536
5. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $49,199

Also: 9. Shay Good, Midland, Texas $38,887, 12. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas $33,818

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $105,985
2. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $100,401
3. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah $95,977
4. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $88,321
5. Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $86,677

Barrel Racing

1. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $[illegible]
2. Callie Duperier, Boerne, Texas $137,011
3. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga. $114,471
4. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $93,774
5. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas $89,082

AP file photo

Washington Redskins President and General Manager Bruce Allen speaks Dec. 31, 2014, to reporters during a conference at the Redskins Park in Ashburn, Va. Allen says Monday that the Washington Redskins will not reconsider whether to change the team's nickname if it becomes a political barrier to building a new stadium

Redskins president dismisses name change for new stadium

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Washington Redskins President Bruce Allen made clear Monday the team would not reconsider whether to change the team's nickname if it became a political barrier to building a new stadium in the nation's capital or elsewhere.

The club currently plays at FedEx Field — which opened in Landover, Maryland, in 1997 — and has started exploring sites for a new facility, even though its lease there runs until 2026.

At a news conference before Washington's last practice of training camp Monday, Allen said the Redskins have spoken with representatives of Washington, Virginia and Maryland about a spot for a stadium.

"We've had great conversations with all the areas, and the design is something that we've started on," Allen said, "but really it is preliminary right now."

Interior Secretary Sally Jewell told Washington Mayor Muriel Bowser in April that the National Park Service — which owns the land where the team's former home, RFK Stadium, sits in the city — wouldn't grant a new lease because of objections to the team's name. Redskins owner Dan Snyder has said he will never change the nickname.

When asked Monday about the possibility of revisiting that policy if the name is a political barrier to a new location for the stadium, Allen quickly gave a one-word answer: "No."

In reaction to Allen's comment, the organization Change the Mascot released a statement criticizing the team.

"The team and its leaders are so obsessed with clinging to a dictionary-defined racial slur that they are willing to abandon their hometown and local fans in order to continue degrading Native Americans," said Joel Barkin, spokesman for the grassroots campaign. "Now that Bruce Allen has been relieved of day-to-day responsibilities as general manager he must have a lot of free time on his hands to double down on this racist moniker and try to figure out what to do about Native Americans returning donations from the team. Unfortunately, Bruce Allen, team owner Dan Snyder and the Washington team fail to understand that you cannot buy acceptance of continued racism."

Former NFL players appeal terms of concussion settlement

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — Former NFL players who object to terms of the potential $1 billion concussion settlement have filed appeals that are likely to delay payouts to thousands of retirees until next year.

About a dozen appeals on behalf of as many as 90 former players were expected to be filed by Monday's deadline.

Some challenge the exclusion of future cases of CTE, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy, the brain decay that many link to football concussions.

Others are concerned the settlement awards players with neurocognitive symptoms, such as Alzheimer's disease and dementia, but not those with behavioral and mood disorders that some link to CTE and concussions.

Negotiators who forced the deal argue that the science on CTE is still evolving. The estates of players who died and were diagnosed with CTE from 2006 to 2014 can seek up to $4 million, but future deaths are excluded to avoid "incentivizing" suicide. The problem cannot currently be diagnosed in the living.

NFL PRESEASON GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	24	25
Miami	0	1	0	.000	10	27
New England	0	1	0	.000	11	22
N.Y. Jets	0	1	0	.000	3	23

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	23	21
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	36
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	24	31

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	30	27
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	10
Cleveland	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Pittsburgh	0	2	0	.000	24	37

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	22	20
Kansas City	1	0	0	1.000	34	19
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	18	3
San Diego	1	0	0	1.000	17	7

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	20	17
Philadelphia	1	0	0	1.000	36	10
Dallas	0	1	0	.000	7	17
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	10	23

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	25	24
New Orleans	0	1	0	.000	27	30
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	16	26

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Minnesota	2	0	0	1.000	40	19
Chicago	1	0	0	1.000	27	10
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	22	11

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Arizona	0	1	0	.000	19	34
San Francisco	0	1	0	.000	10	23
Seattle	0	1	0	.000	20	22
St. Louis	0	1	0	.000	3	18

Schedule

Thursday, Aug. 20

Detroit at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 21

Atlanta at N.Y. Jets, 6:30 p.m.
Seattle at Kansas City, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 22

Baltimore at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Miami at Carolina, 6 p.m.
New England at New Orleans, 6:30 p.m.
Chicago at Indianapolis, 6:30 p.m.
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 6:30 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Denver at Houston, 7 p.m.
San Diego at Arizona, 9 p.m.

Sunday, Aug. 23

Green Bay at Pittsburgh, noon
Dallas at San Francisco, 7 p.m.
St. Louis at Tennessee, 7 p.m.

Monday, Aug. 24

Cincinnati at Tampa Bay, 7 p.m.

CLOWNEY

From 1C

He can't wait until O'Brien removes his practice restrictions and he can get back to doing what he does best.

"It's going to be great to be out there, rushing the passer and just putting my hands on other guys," said Clowney, who had 24 sacks in three college seasons. "I've been hitting these dummies for so long and nobody hits back."

Linebacker Brian Cushing, who has come back from two serious knee injuries in recent years, said that he talked often with Clowney during his recovery. He's confident that he'll be able to help the Texans this season.

"He is very passionate, motivated, and focused toward getting back here and playing," Cushing said. "The kid loves football and did a great job in the offseason getting back."

SIDELINES

From 1C

do is get a guy coming back, working hard in his rehab but then you put him out there too early and then he falls back for a couple of weeks and he's on the shelf. You have to recognize who the player is and when you need them."

Dallas is also easing into the competition to replace NFL rushing champion DeMarco Murray, who has moved on to Philadelphia.

Free agent pickup Darren McFadden missed the first two-plus weeks of camp with a hamstring injury, and Lance Dunbar was out a week with a sprained right ankle. There's a chance McFadden could see his first 11-on-11 work in practices with the Rams.

"I haven't worried about it because I felt that we were going to see it, have an opportunity to see it at the right places and this is a good time as any," Jones said.

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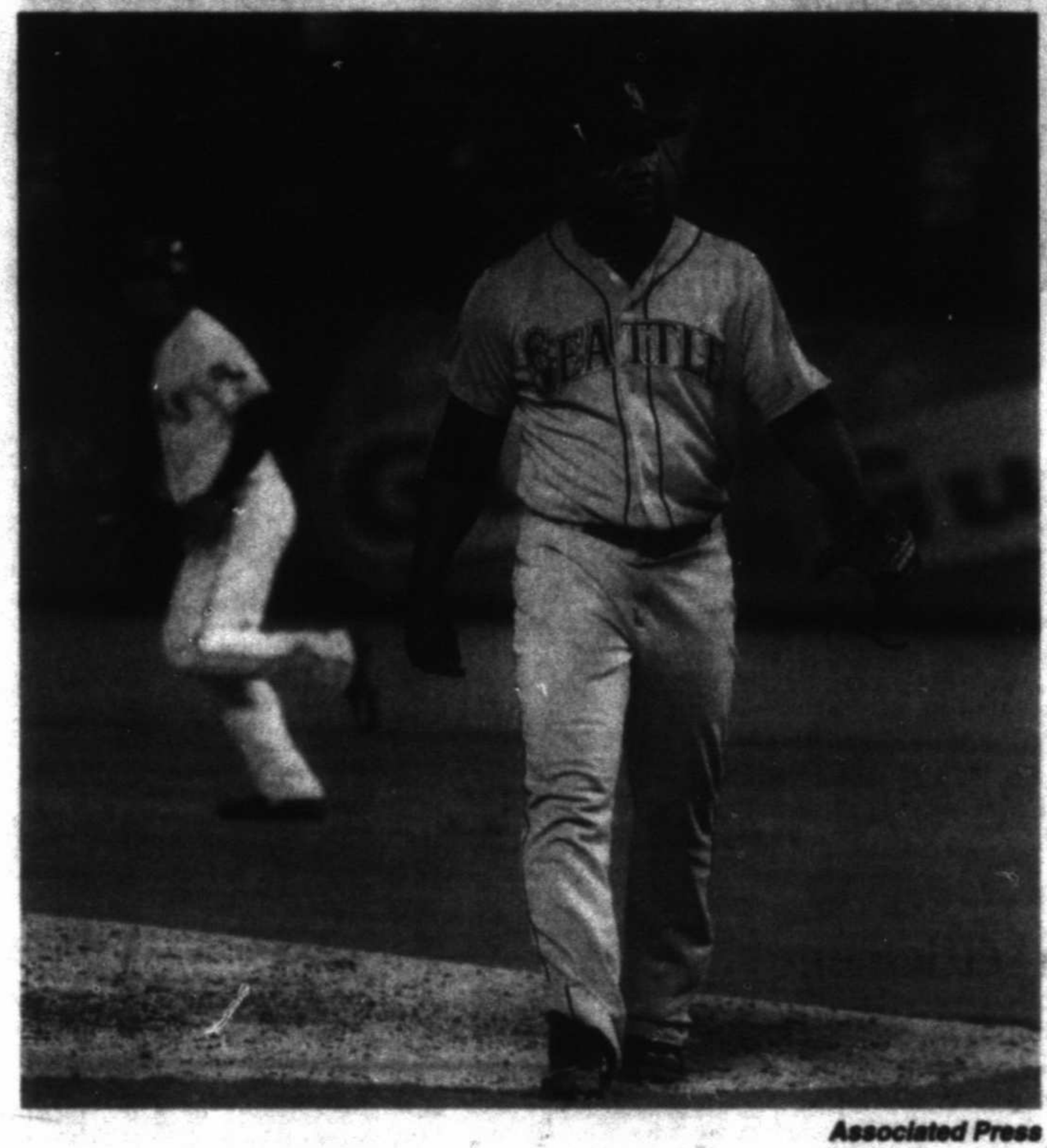
The Texas Rangers Elvis Andrus, right, tosses water at teammate Adrian Beltre to celebrates Betran's bases-loaded walk during the ninth inning against the Seattle Mariners in Arlington on Monday. Rangers Ryan Strausborger scored on the play giving the Rangers the 4-3 win.

Rodney walks in winning run as Rangers top Mariners



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Seattle Mariners relief pitcher Fernando Rodney heads to the dugout after walking the Texas Rangers' Adrian Beltre with bases loaded, ending the ninth inning and the game.

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Rangers	4
Mariners	3

ARLINGTON — Fernando Rodney walked Adrian Beltre with one out in the ninth inning to force in winning run and give Texas a 4-3 win over the Seattle Mariners on Monday night for the Rangers' fifth straight win.

The Rangers have won eight consecutive home games and are three games over .500 for the first time since June 23.

Shawn Tolleson (5-2) worked a scoreless ninth inning for Texas. Rodney (5-5) only retired one of the batters he faced. He gave up two bunt hits and hit a batter before the walk.

Cole Hamels came away with his second no-decision to go with one loss in his three Texas starts since being acquired from the Philadelphia Phillies on July 31. He missed his previous turn in the rotation last week with a groin injury.

Hamels allowed three runs on seven hits in seven innings. He struck out eight and walked four, the latter tying a season high.

Nelson Cruz went 1-for-3 with a walk and extended his streak of consecutive games reaching base to 28, longest in the American League this season and a career high.

Beltre had three RBIs, matching his season high. He had two doubles and moved into 29th place in career doubles with 548.

In each Rangers start, Hamels has wasted a two-run lead. He has done that in three of his last four overall starts after not doing so this season.

Hamels has allowed 12 earned runs in 20 2-3 innings in three Texas starts for an ERA of 5.22. He had an 3.64 ERA in 20 starts for Philadelphia, including a no-hitter in his final Phillies start on July 25 against the Chicago Cubs.

Hamels allowed the first two batters to reach in the fourth, fifth and seventh innings but allowed only run each time. Seattle's seventh inning ended with Shin-Soo Choo catching Kyle Seager's fly to right for the second out and firing home to nab Logan Morrison on a fly trying to score.

Josh Hamilton (sore left knee) missed his second consecutive game. Hamilton has missed four of Texas' last six games.

Trainer's room

Mariners: LHP James Paxton (strained left middle finger) is scheduled to throw a simulated game Tuesday. Paxton (3-3) has been sidelined since late May.

Rangers: RHP Yu Darvish threw Monday for the first time since having Tommy John surgery in March. He threw 25 pitches at 45 feet and is scheduled to throw again Wednesday and Friday.

Up next

Mariners: RHP Hisashi Iwakuma (4-2), the A.L. Player of the Week, comes off a no-hitter pitched last Wednesday at home against Baltimore.

Rangers: RHP Chi Chi Gonzalez (2-4) hasn't won since his second start of the season in early June, compiling four losses and two no-decisions since.

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American League

RAYS 9
ASTROS 2

HOUSTON — Tim Beckham hit a three-run homer in the first inning and the Rays cruised to a victory over the Astros.

The Rays were up 1-0 when Beckham connected on his first home run since May 22 to give them a big early lead.

Asdrubal Cabrera added three RBIs for the Rays, who got back on track after being swept by the Rangers in a three-game series this weekend.

Erasmo Ramirez (10-4) yielded six hits and two runs in 5 2-3 innings for his second straight win.

Houston starter Scott Kazmir (6-8) tied season highs by allowing nine hits and six runs in 5 1-3 innings, falling to 0-3 this month after going 2-0 with a 0.26 ERA in July. He's won just one of his five starts since a trade from Oakland.

ORIOLES 4
ATHLETICS 2

BALTIMORE (AP) — Steve Clevenger hit a three-run homer, Chris Tillman won his seventh straight decision and the Orioles completed a four-game sweep of the Athletics.

Clevenger, who was called up Friday from Triple-A Norfolk, got his first homer since June 29, 2012. He also had a career-high four hits in Baltimore's 18-2 victory Sunday.

Tillman (9-7) allowed two runs on three hits with three walks and three strikeouts over seven innings. He has not lost since May 31.

Oakland went winless on its seven-game East Coast road trip.

Darren O'Day had a perfect eighth and Zach Britton pitched the ninth for his 29th save.

Oakland left-hander Sonny Gray (12-5), who was scratched from his previous start with back spasms, allowed four runs (one earned) on seven hits with two walks and five strikeouts over 5 2/3 innings.

INDIANS 8
RED SOX 2

BOSTON — Danny Salazar pitched seven strong innings to cool off Boston's hot bats, and Lonnie Chisenhall had a solo homer and three RBIs to carry the Indians past the Red Sox.

Carlos Santana also hit a solo shot, and Chisenhall's two-run double highlighted a five-run fourth that lifted Cleveland to its sixth win in nine games.

Salazar (11-6) allowed one run on four hits, striking out five and walking one. He's given up two-or-fewer runs in six of his last seven starts.

Travis Shaw drove in both Boston runs with a solo homer and an RBI single for the Red Sox, who scored 45 runs on 60 hits in their previous three games against Seattle.

The Indians broke a scoreless tie with their five-run inning against Matt Barnes (3-3).

YANKEES 8
TWINS 7, 10 INNINGS

NEW YORK — Chase Headley hit a bases-loaded grounder in the 10th inning that Minnesota's five-man infield bobbled and the New York Yankees, after losing starting pitcher Bryan Mitchell to a line drive to the face, beat the Twins.

Brian McCann homered, drove in five runs and sliced a double off left fielder Eddie Rosario's glove in the 10th that set up the winning misplay. The catcher also threw out three runners trying to steal.

Andrew Miller (1-2) got the victory as the AL East-leading Yankees started off a season-high 10-game homestand with their third win in four games.

National League

CARINALS 2
GIANTS 1

ST. LOUIS — Rookie Stephen Piscotty tripled and scored the go-ahead run on Mark Reynolds' groundout in the eighth inning, and the St. Louis Cardinals beat the San Francisco Giants 2-1 on Monday night.

The run came a little too late for Michael Wacha, who allowed one run in seven innings with six strikeouts but missed a chance to become the majors' first 15-game winner.

Yadier Molina hit his third homer leading off the fourth for St. Louis. The Giants tied it on Brandon Crawford's two-out RBI triple in the sixth.

The Cardinals have won nine of 12, ended the Giants' four-game winning streak, and lead Pittsburgh by six games in the NL Central.

DIAMONDBACKS 4
PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH — Jeremy Hellickson won on the road for the first time in 2 ½ months and Jake Lamb homered to lead the Diamondbacks to a victory over the Pirates.

Hellickson (9-8) allowed one run and three hits in 5 1-3 innings while striking out four and walking one. He had gone 0-4 with an 8.67 ERA in his previous six road starts since winning May 30 at Milwaukee.

Lamb connected for his fifth home run in the fourth inning, a solo shot off Gerrit Cole (14-7) that put the Diamondbacks ahead 4-0 and helped snapped the National League wild card-leading Pirates' four-game winning streak.

MARLINS 6
BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE — Rookie left-hander Justin Nicolino pitched 6 2-3 solid innings and Derek Dietrich homered as the Marlins beat the Brewers.

Nicolino (2-1) scattered six hits and allowed just two runs in his fourth major league start. He retired the first two batters of the seventh inning before allowing a two-out double and was replaced after throwing 95 pitches.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	65	52	.556	—
Toronto	65	54	.546	1
Baltimore	61	56	.521	4
Tampa Bay	59	59	.500	6½
Boston	52	66	.441	13½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	71	46	.607	—
Minnesota	59	59	.500	12½
Detroit	56	61	.479	15
Chicago	55	60	.478	15
Cleveland	55	62	.470	16

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	64	55	.538	—
Los Angeles	60	57	.513	3
Texas	60	57	.513	3
Seattle	55	64	.462	9
Oakland	51	69	.425	13½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

W L Pct GB

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	63	55	.534	—
Washington	58	59	.496	4½
Atlanta	53	64	.453	9½
Miami	48	70	.407	15
Philadelphia	45	72	.385	17

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	76	42	.644	—
Pittsburgh	69	47	.595	6
Chicago	67	49	.578	8
Cincinnati	51	65	.440	24
Milwaukee	51	69	.425	26

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	67	51	.568	—
San Francisco	64	54	.542	3
Arizona	58	59	.496	8½
San Diego	56	62	.475	11
Colorado	48	68	.414	18

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

N.Y. Yankees 8, Minnesota 7, 10 innings
Baltimore 4, Oakland 2
Cleveland 8, Boston 2
Texas 4, Seattle 3
Tampa Bay 9, Houston 2
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Angels, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona 4, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 2, San Francisco 1
Miami 6, Milwaukee 2
Atlanta at San Diego, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota (Pelfrey 6-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 4-9), 6:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Bauer 9-9) at Boston (E.Rodriguez 6-5), 6:10 p.m.

Kansas City (Volquez 11-7) at Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 3-4), 6:10 p.m.

Seattle (Iwakuma 4-2) at Texas (Ch.Gonzalez 2-4), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 6-6) at Houston (Feldman 5-5), 7:10 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Joh.Danks 6-9) at L.A. Angels (Richards 11-9), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona (Ch.Anderson 5-5) at Pittsburgh (Liriano 8-6), 6:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Volquez 11-7) at Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 3-4), 6:10 p.m.

Miami (Conley 1-0) at Milwaukee (Cravy 0-4), 7:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Leake 9-6) at St. Louis (Lynn 9-7), 7:15 p.m.

Washington (Zimmermann 9-8) at Colorado (Hale 3-4), 7:40 p.m.

Atlanta (Wisler 5-2) at San Diego (Shields 9-5), 9:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

N.Y. Mets (deGrom 11-6) at Baltimore (Gausman 2-4), 6:05 p.m.

Toronto (Dickey 7-10) at Philadelphia (Nola 3-1), 6:05 p.m.

Detroit (An.Sanchez 10-10) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 6-5), 7:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 10-6) at Oakland (Doubront 1-1), 9:05 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 4, MARINERS 3

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
KMarte ss	4	0	1	1	DShlds cf	5	0	1	0
Seager 3b	3	1	1	1	Choo rf	3	2	1	0
N.Cruz rf	3	0	1	0	Fielder dh	4	0	2	0
Cano 2b	4	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	3	3
Gutirrz lf	4	0	1	1	Morlnd 1b	4	0	0	0
AJcksn cf	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	4	1	1	0
Trumo dh	3	0	1	0	Odor 2b	4	0	3	0
BMiller pr-dh	1	1	0	0	Gimenz c	2	0	0	0
Morrsn 1b	2	0	1	0	Napoli ph	1	0	0	0
Zunino c	3	1	1	0	BWilsn c	0	0	0	0
					Strsgr lf	3	1	2	1
Totals	31	3	8	3	Totals	34	4	13	4

Seattle 000 110 100—3
Texas 101 001 001—4

One out when winning run scored.

DP—Seattle 2, Texas 3. LOB—Seattle 6, Texas 11. 2B—Gutierrez (6), Beltre 2 (20), Odor (13). SB—Seager (5). S—Zunino, Gimenez. SF—Strausborger.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
T.Walker	6	10	3	3	1	3
Olmos	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Wilhelmsen	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Rodney L,5-5	1-3	2	1	1	1	1
Texas						
Hamels	7	7	3	3	4	8
S.Dyson	1	0	0	0	0	0
Sh.Tolleson W,5-2	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Rodney (Choo), by Olmos (Fielder).
T—2:51. A—19,880 (48,114).

RAYS 9, ASTROS 2

Tampa Bay	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Guyer rf	3	1	1	0	Altuve 2b	5	0	2	0
Jaso ph-rf	1	0	1	1	Tucker lf	4	0	1	0
Loney 1b	1	0	0	0	MGnzlz ph	1	0	0	0
DJnngs lf	5	0	1	0	Correa ss	4	0	1	0
Longori 3b	5	2	3	0	Lowrie 3b	4	0	0	0
Forsyth dh	3	2	1	0	CGomz cf	4	1	1	0
ACbrer ss	4	3	2	3	CRasms rf	4	0	0	0
TBckh 2b	5	1	1	3	Gattis dh	3	1	2	1
Nava 1b-rf	5	1	3	0	Valbun 1b	2	0	0	0
Kiermr cf	4	0	1	0	Mrsnck ph	1	0	0	0
Casali c	5	0	1	2	JCastro c	2	0	0	0
					Carter ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	41	9	15	9	Totals	35	2	7	1

Tampa Bay 400 011 003—9
Houston 010 100 000—2

E—T.Beckham 2 (7), Col.Rasmus (3). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Tampa Bay 10, Houston 9. HR—T.Beckham (6), Gattis (16). SF—A.Cabrera.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
E.Ramir.W,10-4	5 2-3	6	2	2	2	2
Geltz	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
B.Gomes	1	0	0	0	0	2
Romero	1	1	0	0	1	2
Houston						
Kazmir L,6-8	5 1-3	9	6	6	3	6
J.Fields	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Sipp	2	1	0	0	1	3
O.Perez	1	4	3	0	0	1

T—3:23. A—16,258 (41,574).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

ORIOLES 4, ATHLETICS 2

Oakland 010 001 000—2 3 3
Baltimore 000 301 00x—4 7 1

S.Gray, Pomeranz (6), Scribner (7), Venditte (8) and Vogt; Tillman, O'Day (8), Britton (9) and Joseph. W—Tillman 9-7. L—S.Gray 12-5. Sv—Britton (29). HRs—Oakland, Valencia (11), Canha (9); Baltimore, Clevenger (1).

YANKEES 8, TWINS 7 (10 INNINGS)

Minnesota 013 111 000 0—7 10 1
New York 302 000 000 1—8 10 1

Gibson, Duensing (6), O'Rourke (7), Fien (7), Jepsen (9), Perkins (10) and K.Suzuki; Mitchell, Cotham (2), Shreve (4), Ju.Wilson (6), Warren (7), Betances (7), A.Miller (10) and B.McCann. W—A.Miller 1-2. L—Perkins 1-4. HRs—Minnesota, Sano (8), Hicks (8), Plouffe (18). New York, B.McCann (21), Beltran (13).

INDIANS 8, RED SOX 2

Cleveland 000 511 001—8 10 0
Boston 001 000 001—2 6 1

Salazar, B.Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes; M.Barnes, Hembree (6), Layne (8) and Hanigan. W—Salazar 11-6. L—M.Barnes 3-3. HRs—Cleveland, C.Santana (13), Chisenhall (6). Boston, T.Shaw (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DIAMONDBACKS 4, PIRATES 1

Arizona 210 100 000—4 9 1
Pittsburgh 000 010 000—1 7 0

Hellickson, Delgado (6), Hessler (7), A.Reed (7), D.Hudson (8), Ziegler (9) and W.Castillo; G.Cole, Blanton (7), Soria (9) and Cervelli. W—Hellickson 9-8. L—G.Cole 14-7. Sv—Ziegler (21). HRs—Arizona, Ja.Lamb (5). Pittsburgh, P.Alvarez (19).

CARDINALS 2, GIANTS 1

San Francisco 000 001 000—1 6 0
St. Louis 000 100 01x—2 6 0

Heston, Y.Petit (5), Affeldt (7), Strickland (7) and Susac; Wacha, Siegrist (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. W—Siegrist 4-0. L—Strickland 2-2. Sv—Rosenthal (37). HRs—St. Louis, Molina (3).

MARLINS 6, BREWERS 2

Miami 002 210 010—6 12 1
Milwaukee 010 010 000—2 7 0

Nicolino, S.Morris (7), Dunn (8), A.Ramos (9) and Realmuto; Garza, Thornburg (6), Lohse (8) and Lucroy. W—Nicolino 2-1. L—Garza 6-13. HRs—Miami, Dietrich (8).

Agent: Tiger to play this week's Wyndham for 1st time

Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Tiger Woods will play the Wyndham Championship for the first time.

In an email to The Associated Press on Monday, agent Mark Steinberg confirmed that Woods will play in Greensboro this week.

That ends a few days of uncertainty around Sedgefield County Club, the site of the final tournament of golf's regular season.

Woods created a stir by entering the field just ahead of the deadline last Friday.

But after closing out a 73 and missing the cut at the PGA Championship in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, he hedged a bit. He said he would "go through it with my team" to "see if that's the right move or not."

On Monday morning, Wyndham tournament director Mark Brazil sent out a brief tweet: "Bam! Tiger is coming!"

The first round begins Thursday.

The Wyndham annually is the last chance for the PGA Tour's bubble players to play their way into the FedEx Cup playoffs. They begin next week at The Barclays in New Jersey.

Woods — who's at No. 187 on the points list — comes to Greensboro rather far from the bubble. Only the top 125 players reach the playoffs.

Mathematically, Woods will need to either win (and earn 500 points) or finish alone in second place (300 points) to crack the top 125.

Last year, only one player outside the top 125 — Sang-Moon Bae — earned enough points here to move into the playoffs, jumping from No. 126 to No. 120 after his tie for 14th. Nobody did it in 2013.

Now the question is how long Woods will stick around at Sedgefield.

In 10 events this year, Woods missed the cut in four of them and withdrew from another. He missed the cut in the last three majors.

He had three rounds in the 80s. His best finish was a tie for 17th at the Masters, a remarkable effort coming off a two-month break to fix a short game that turned shockingly bad in Phoenix and San Diego. His best week was The Greenbrier Classic. While he tied for 32nd, he finished six shots out of the lead. In the other four events where he made the cut, he was no closer than 10 shots.

Associated Press

Tiger Woods tips his hat on the 18th hole during the second round of the PGA Championship golf tournament Saturday at Whistling Straits in Sheboygan, Wis.

Associated Press

Jason Day of Australia holds up the Wanamaker Trophy after winning the PGA Championship golf tournament Sunday at Whistling Straits in Sheboygan, Wis.

Day fulfills potential with major win

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

SHEBOYGAN, Wis. — In his eighth year on the PGA Tour, Jason Day reached a major pinnacle of his career by winning the PGA Championship.

And he could be sure that Tiger Woods was watching.

"Game over, very happy for Jason. Great dude and well deserved. Hats off to Jordan, incredible season. Calling it early," Woods tweeted, adding in another tweet that he was watching from his new restaurant in South Florida. Always a commercial plug.

Day and Woods have become good friends on the golf course, but the fact Woods tuned in to the final round at Whistling Straits brought to mind Day's rookie season when he was filled with big talent, big goals and some big talk.

Going into that year, he was asked during a conference call with Australian writers if he thought Woods was aware of him.

"I can't say for sure, but I think he is," said Day, who was 20 at the time. "If I was him, I would be. I watch everyone. He watches a lot of golf. He has so much time. He played 16 events — what does he do with his time? He'd be aware of me. He'd be saying, 'Here's another kid coming up.'"

It was a slow climb.

Now 27, he idolized the work ethic of Woods when he was growing up in Australia and honed that powerful swing under Colin Swatton, his current caddie. No one ever questioned his ability, only the trophies. It took him three years to win his first PGA Tour event at the Byron Nelson Championship, and four more years before he picked up another title at the Match Play Championship.

Along the way were more nagging injuries than he cares to remember, along with whispers that he was an underachiever.

All that has been put to rest.

This is a new Day, who has matured into one of the top three players in the world and figures to stay there.

"As long as I am healthy, I feel like I'm going to be there a long time," Day said. "I still want to accomplish that No. 1 goal of mine, which is to be the best player in the world. I'm still motivated and still very hungry for that, even after this win. Stuff like this is just the icing on top of the cake when you work so hard, and being able to achieve something like this."

Not much in life has come easily for Day.

His father died of cancer when Day was 12, and if not for the sacrifices of his mother to get him to a golf academy, and the nurturing of Swatton, there's no telling where he would be now. Day once shopped for used clothes at a store where for $5 he could stuff as much as he could into a bag.

"I remember not having a hot water tank, so we had to use a kettle for hot showers," he said. "We would put the kettle on and go have a shower, and then my mom would come bring three or four kettles in, just to heat them up. And it would take five, 10 minutes for every kettle to heat up."

He had every reason to expect a hard road along the rugged terrain of Whistling Straits on Sunday afternoon.

Day had a share of the 54-hole lead at the U.S. Open, where he showed remarkable strength to even finish while coping with symptoms of vertigo. He faded to a 74. A month later, he shared another 54-hole at St. Andrews and missed the playoff at the British Open by one shot when he left a 30-foot birdie attempt a foot short.

This time, he had least had a two-shot margin, along with pressure not to let another chance get away. He feared there would be emotional scars if he didn't finish this one. And if that wasn't enough, he was paired with Masters and U.S. Open champion Jordan Spieth, the new No. 1 player in golf.

Ultimately, that's what made it so special. Spieth's plan was to catch Day somewhere along the front nine, though he could tell early that Day was smashing the driver and would be tough to beat. Day really put the Texan in a hole by making a 50-foot birdie putt on No. 7.

No one got closer than two shots to Day the entire round.

"He played like he had won seven or eight majors before," Spieth said.

The highest praise for Day came in the scoring trailer, when he said Spieth told him, "There's nothing I could do."

"It's a good feeling when someone like Jordan, who is playing phenomenal golf right now, says that," Day said. "Because it means that he left everything out there on the golf course and my play this week was just so much better — well, better than everyone else. And that feels good to me, because I was the last man standing."

The Wanamaker Trophy was all he wanted. Only after it was over did Day realize he had broken a major championship record by finishing at 20 under par. The previous mark belonged to Woods, who was 19 under when he won the 2000 British Open at St. Andrews.

Woods watched him do it Sunday.

He saw a mature, married man with a son and another child due in November, and someone now with six PGA Tour wins that include a major.

He's not just another kid coming up. He arrived.

GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour

World Golf Ranking
Through Aug. 16

1. Jordan Spieth	USA	12.47
2. Rory McIlroy	NIR	12.25
3. Jason Day	AUS	9.40
4. Bubba Watson	USA	8.25
5. Justin Rose	ENG	7.17
6. Jim Furyk	USA	6.90
7. Dustin Johnson	USA	6.79
8. Rickie Fowler	USA	6.76
9. Henrik Stenson	SWE	6.03
10. Sergio Garcia	ESP	5.48
11. Zach Johnson	USA	4.89
12. Adam Scott	AUS	4.88
13. Louis Oosthuizen	SAF	4.79
14. Jimmy Walker	USA	4.62
15. Matt Kuchar	USA	4.44
16. Hideki Matsuyama	JPN	4.27
17. Brooks Koepka	USA	4.23
18. Patrick Reed	USA	4.09
19. J.B. Holmes	USA	4.05
20. Branden Grace	SAF	3.95
21. Martin Kaymer	GER	3.91
22. Shane Lowry	IRL	3.78
23. Billy Horschel	USA	3.75
24. Phil Mickelson	USA	3.71
25. Chris Kirk	USA	3.64
26. Danny Willett	ENG	3.62
27. Paul Casey	ENG	3.29
28. Brandt Snedeker	USA	3.28
29. Bernd Wiesberger	AUT	3.27
30. Bill Haas	USA	3.17
31. Marc Leishman	AUS	3.02
32. Kevin Na	USA	3.00
33. Robert Streb	USA	2.95
34. Ian Poulter	ENG	2.87
35. Lee Westwood	ENG	2.86
36. Kevin Kisner	USA	2.84
37. Ryan Palmer	USA	2.81
38. Anirban Lahiri	IND	2.77
39. Gary Woodland	USA	2.75
40. David Lingmerth	SWE	2.71
41. Thongchai Jaidee	THA	2.71
42. Jamie Donaldson	WAL	2.68
43. Ryan Moore	USA	2.62
44. Russell Henley	USA	2.62
45. Charl Schwartzel	SAF	2.58
46. Charley Hoffman	USA	2.55
47. Keegan Bradley	USA	2.54
48. Victor Dubuisson	FRA	2.53
49. Francesco Molinari	ITA	2.52
50. Marc Warren	SCO	2.50
51. Webb Simpson	USA	2.50
52. Hunter Mahan	USA	2.50
53. Brendon Todd	USA	2.46
54. Danny Lee	NZL	2.40
55. Byeong Hun An	KOR	2.33
56. Tommy Fleetwood	ENG	2.33
57. Steven Bowditch	AUS	2.32
58. Joost Luiten	NED	2.32
59. John Senden	AUS	2.31
60. Andy Sullivan	ENG	2.29
61. Miguel Angel Jimenez	ESP	2.28
62. George Coetzee	SAF	2.27
63. Graeme McDowell	NIR	2.24
64. Ben Martin	USA	2.23
65. Luke Donald	ENG	2.20
66. Kiradech Aphibarnrat	THA	2.08
67. Alexander Levy	FRA	2.06
68. Matt Every	USA	2.04
69. Scott Piercy	USA	1.98
70. Matt Jones	AUS	1.97
71. Cameron Tringale	USA	1.94
72. Soren Kjeldsen	DEN	1.92
73. Stephen Gallacher	SCO	1.89
74. Alexander Noren	SWE	1.88
75. Justin Thomas	USA	1.87

PGA FedExCup
Points Leaders

1. Jordan Spieth	4,169
2. Jason Day	2,459
3. Bubba Watson	2,407
4. Jimmy Walker	2,014
5. Justin Rose	1,742
6. Robert Streb	1,720
7. Dustin Johnson	1,718
8. Patrick Reed	1,593
9. Rory McIlroy	1,567
10. Danny Lee	1,561
11. Zach Johnson	1,559
12. Charley Hoffman	1,512
13. Brandt Snedeker	1,511
14. Rickie Fowler	1,498
15. J.B. Holmes	1,484
16. Brooks Koepka	1,456
17. Kevin Kisner	1,416
18. Jim Furyk	1,401
19. Hideki Matsuyama	1,374
20. David Lingmerth	1,305
21. Steven Bowditch	1,287
22. Paul Casey	1,244
23. Bill Haas	1,193
24. Matt Kuchar	1,164
25. Ben Martin	1,150
26. Ryan Moore	1,141
27. Scott Piercy	1,127
28. Louis Oosthuizen	1,088
29. Chris Kirk	1,087
30. Kevin Na	1,062
31. Sergio Garcia	1,051
32. Gary Woodland	1,037
33. Jason Bohn	1,037
34. Sangmoon Bae	1,025
35. James Hahn	1,012
36. Justin Thomas	993
37. Shawn Stefani	987
38. Russell Henley	986
39. Tony Finau	985
40. Henrik Stenson	952
41. Troy Merritt	930
42. Russell Knox	914
43. Billy Horschel	903
44. Daniel Berger	899
45. Brendan Steele	895
46. Harris English	895
47. Brendon de Jonge	892
48. David Hearn	890
49. Webb Simpson	864
50. Marc Leishman	854

Ryder Cup

2016 Ryder Cup Points
At Hazeltine National Golf Club
Chaska, Minn.
Sept. 30-Oct. 2, 2016
United States
Through Aug. 9

1. Jordan Spieth	5,308.79
2. Dustin Johnson	2,396.37
3. Zach Johnson	2,284.67
4. Rickie Fowler	1,426.38
5. Phil Mickelson	1,183.70
6. Brooks Koepka	952.49
7. Bubba Watson	931.28
8. J.B. Holmes	733.47
9. Jim Furyk	729.68
10. Kevin Kisner	664.43
11. Matt Kuchar	651.33
12. Robert Streb	633.15
13. Bill Haas	622.55
14. Kevin Na	599.58
15. Patrick Reed	581.18

LPGA Tour

Money Leaders
Through Aug. 16

	Trn	Money
1. Inbee Park	18	$2,196,982
2. Lydia Ko	17	$1,365,922
3. Stacy Lewis	18	$1,249,672
4. Sei-Young Kim	18	$1,162,243
5. Amy Yang	17	$1,128,265
6. Lexi Thompson	16	$902,274
7. So Yeon Ryu	18	$895,395
8. Morgan Pressel	20	$849,274
9. Anna Nordqvist	18	$823,520
10. Brittany Lincicome	18	$817,743
11. Na Yeon Choi	17	$755,672
12. Hyo-Joo Kim	16	$747,579
13. Cristie Kerr	20	$739,740
14. Suzann Pettersen	15	$651,928
15. Ha Na Jang	17	$632,070
16. Minjee Lee	20	$580,921
17. Shanshan Feng	13	$538,583
18. Chella Choi	21	$530,455
19. Mirim Lee	17	$512,410
20. Brittany Lang	20	$479,982
21. Gerina Piller	20	$441,722
22. Jenny Shin	20	$428,224
23. Mika Miyazato	17	$427,869
24. Azahara Munoz	16	$420,915
25. Lizette Salas	16	$413,679
26. Alison Lee	18	$397,747
27. Sandra Gal	19	$394,144
28. Mi Hyang Lee	20	$361,097
29. Karrie Webb	17	$352,813
30. Ilhee Lee	20	$352,342
31. Angela Stanford	19	$321,847
32. Pornanong Phatlum	19	$318,003
33. Pernilla Lindberg	20	$302,026
34. Austin Ernst	20	$301,298
35. Jane Park	19	$289,773
36. Paula Creamer	18	$268,277
37. Q Baek	19	$266,194
38. Ariya Jutanugarn	20	$262,829
39. Julieta Granada	19	$259,705
40. Mo Martin	20	$259,494
41. Sun Young Yoo	18	$254,886
42. Hee Young Park	19	$247,672
43. Sakura Yokomine	17	$239,934
44. Mariajo Uribe	19	$235,285
45. Karine Icher	20	$234,133
46. Yani Tseng	18	$232,342
47. Michelle Wie	16	$225,057
48. Candie Kung	17	$220,484
49. Carlota Ciganda	17	$219,140
50. Moriya Jutanugarn	20	$217,424
51. Jessica Korda	17	$215,487
52. Danielle Kang	19	$209,286
53. Catriona Matthew	15	$203,645
54. I.K. Kim	13	$200,860
55. Jaye Marie Green	19	$181,020
56. Kris Tamulis	17	$178,758
57. Caroline Masson	20	$171,383
58. Wei-Ling Hsu	19	$167,895
59. Min Lee	17	$167,517
60. Kim Kaufman	20	$165,548
61. Maria McBride	11	$164,480
62. Lee-Anne Pace	17	$162,213
63. Christel Boeljon	12	$157,280
64. Sydnee Michaels	18	$156,742
65. Min Seo Kwak	18	$152,113
66. Beatriz Recari	19	$150,315
67. Charley Hull	7	$149,834
68. Marina Alex	18	$148,837
69. Kelly Shon	17	$148,423
70. Haru Nomura	19	$145,785
71. Christina Kim	20	$144,411
72. Xiyu Lin	17	$138,564
73. M.J. Hur	20	$137,475
74. Eun-Hee Ji	20	$132,690
75. Alena Sharp	18	$131,375
76. Ai Miyazato	17	$118,085
77. Amy Anderson	17	$117,129
78. Juli Inkster	10	$116,747
79. Alison Walshe	18	$116,180
80. Ryann O'Toole	17	$110,790
81. Mina Harigae	20	$109,907
82. Perrine Delacour	11	$105,048
83. Ayako Uehara	18	$104,591
84. Jennifer Song	19	$103,742
85. Katie Burnett	18	$101,733
86. Meena Lee	19	$99,484
87. Tiffany Joh	19	$96,014
88. Jacqui Concolino	11	$95,814
89. Caroline Hedwall	16	$93,826
90. P.K. Kongkraphan	18	$92,593
91. Paula Reto	18	$80,078
92. Sarah Jane Smith	18	$72,845
93. Kelly Tan	17	$71,501
94. Jee Young Lee	11	$67,862
95. Yueer Cindy Feng	14	$66,591
96. Belen Mozo	20	$65,076
97. Joanna Klatten	15	$63,378
98. Thidapa Suwannapura	19	$59,856
99. Amelia Lewis	17	$59,315
100. Maria Hernandez	17	$57,498

UNION

From 1C

a former Minnesota Vikings assistant coach.

Q: Are the Northwestern players angry?

A: Well, it's not clear that the players even wanted to form a union. There was a vote taken in April 2014, but the school appealed before the ballots were counted and they were impounded. The ballots will now be destroyed since the unionization effort is considered moot.

"You don't want to know how people voted," Michels said. "You move to prevent even the possibility of some retaliatory conduct by (employers) figuring out who voted which way."

Q: Does this mean any effort to unionize U.S. college athletes is dead?

A: No. The board said the case applied only to the Northwestern football team. It left open the possibility that other football players — or even other scholarship athletes in another revenue sport at Northwestern, like the basketball team — could form a union.

The board noted that the NCAA has recently taken steps to sweeten the pot for players, guaranteeing them four-year scholarships instead of one-year, renewable grants, for example. "Subsequent changes in the treatment of scholarship players could outweigh the considerations that motivate our decision today," the board wrote.

Q: Why would that change things?

A: Athletes in a conference with no public schools — like the Big East in basketball — could make the case that unionization would not upset competitive balance. Or, if the NCAA further loosens its rules on athlete benefits, that could also convince a future NLRB panel that collective bargaining is appropriate.

"If there is more of a free market system ... then allowing one school to negotiate a collective bargaining agreement with its players may not have as much an impact," said Gabe Feldman, the director of the sports law program at Tulane University Law School.

Q: What's the next step in the relationship between the NCAA and its athletes?

A: The NLRB ruling was a loss, but it is not the end of the fight for those trying to expand the rights of college athletes.

Antitrust lawyer Jeffrey Kessler has sued the NCAA and the five power conferences, seeking to eliminate any caps on player pay. And former UCLA basketball player Ed O'Bannon recently earned for players a right to a share of broadcast and licensing money.

"This is part of a broader fight for the rights of student-athletes," Feldman said. "While this is a setback for the unionization efforts ... there are other ways for student-athletes to improve their rights. That pressure seems to be increasing from all sides."

AGGIES

From 1C

build on his success this year.

"I don't feel like I had a good enough season for myself," he said. "I didn't reach my own standards so I'm just ready to get out there and prove I can be better."

Asked why he wasn't satisfied with a season where he was named the team's defensive MVP, Garrett answered simply.

"If I'm not the best d-lineman, that's not good enough for me," he said.

Sumlin hopes he can be a leader for his team this season and has talked at length with him about embracing that role.

"Because of his talent and ability, when he talks, guys are going to listen," Sumlin said.

NEW COACHES: The Aggies have a trio of new coaches this season led by defensive coordinator John Chavis, who left LSU to replace Mark Snyder after he was fired in November. They also added former Utah offensive coordinator Dave Christensen as their offensive line coach and running game coordinator and Aaron Moorehead, who won a Super Bowl as a player with the Colts, as their receivers coach.

KYLE FIELD MAKEOVER: A two-year redevelopment of Kyle Field will be unveiled prior to A&M's home opener against Ball State on Sept. 12. The $485 million project to upgrade the stadium, which was opened in 1905, has increased its capacity to 102,512, to make it one of the five largest college stadiums.

HOME AWAY FROM HOME: The Aggies open the season against Arizona State on Sept. 5 at NRG Stadium, home to the Houston Texans. While it isn't exactly a home game for Texas A&M, it might as well be, with the stadium situated just over 100 miles from Kyle Field.

JGR leaps ahead of pack, eyes Sprint Cup title

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

Listen to Joe Gibbs and he will tell you his race teams lagged behind the competition just 10 weeks ago.

Statistics show the organization has not only caught up, but passed the leaders.

Gibbs drivers have won seven of the last 12 races, including a victory Sunday at Michigan International Speedway with Matt Kenseth. A Toyota team win in the shadow of Detroit was a triumph for the manufacturer — it ended a seven-race winning streak for Ford and Chevrolet teams — and a way for Joe Gibbs Racing to thank the automaker for its commitment to the organization.

Without the guidance of Toyota, JGR might still be struggling to keep up with the Hendricks and Penskes of the world.

"We've got great partners, thanks to Toyota, all the hard work they've done over the last year-and-a-half," Gibbs said.

Behind the scenes, Toyota Racing Development has quietly worked with JGR on closing gaps that clearly hampered the organization last year. Although Denny Hamlin made it to the final round of the Sprint Cup championship, it was a struggle to convince anyone that JGR's cars were on the same level as the top contenders.

Kenseth, a seven-race winner who took Jimmie Johnson all the way to the finale in the 2013 championship race, went winless. Hamlin and Kyle Busch had just one victory apiece, and all three drivers felt TRD's engines were not up to par.

JGR brought in Carl Edwards to expand to four teams this season, and both the team and the manufacturer had work to do to remain a powerhouse. Their efforts took a hit the day before the season-opening Daytona 500 when Busch was seriously injured in a crash. He missed the first 11 races of the season — otherwise known as the period in which JGR was struggling this season.

Busch returned in late May for the All-Star race, and just one week later, Edwards had his first JGR victory with a win in the Coca-Cola 600.

Busch grabbed his first win a month later on the road course at Sonoma, then reeled off three straight wins. Kenseth won at Pocono to make it four in a row for JGR, Busch settled for second the next week at Watkins Glen, and the team was back in victory lane Sunday at Michigan. Up next? Saturday night's race at Bristol Motor Speedway, where Kenseth won in April.

As David Wilson, president and general manager of TRD, collected the Michigan Heritage Trophy given to the winning manufacturer, he insisted this surge is not sudden.

"People tend to think that this came on like a light switch," said Wilson, who vowed to display the trophy at the Detroit Auto Show. "The reality is, this sport is so difficult, so competitive, it's about working hard, and really that turnaround started last summer. We knew we were in trouble. We buckled down, and we kept digging."

The question, though, is if JGR can maintain this pace and win Toyota its first Sprint Cup championship.

Sailors limit contact with polluted water

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press

RIO DE JANEIRO — Mexico sailing coach Agustin Bellocchio offered a tip to sailors and windsurfers at this week's Olympic test event in Rio de Janeiro's polluted Guanabara Bay: Don't swallow the water.

"Shut your mouth when you're in the bay, and don't take in any water," said Bellocchio, an Argentine working for Mexico. "Everyone knows this bay is badly contaminated."

Much of the focus at the recent test events for sailing and rowing has been on having limited contact with the water. Amid reports of high pollution in Rio's waters, athletes are getting advice from team doctors and their federations about precautions to avoid becoming ill.

How hard is that? To get an idea, picture golfers not touching grass with their hands. Or figure skaters fearful of taking ill from a fall on the ice.

"It's not normally such a consideration at any other events, but clearly it's a consideration here," said Peter Conde, the performance director for the Australian sailing team.

Conde said Australia has installed hand sanitizers on the coach boats, the dinghies that coaches ride.

"We need to clean our hands after we've handled ropes, or touched the water or anything of that nature," Conde said.

Asked if this was standard practice, Conde replied: "Definitely not."

Olympian Alptekin loses 1,500-meter title for doping

By Graham Dunbar
Associated Press

GENEVA — Olympic champion Asli Cakir Alptekin has agreed to give up her 1,500-meter title and serve an 8-year ban for blood doping, dealing another blow to track and field.

A settlement by the Turkish runner and the IAAF was announced by the Court of Arbitration for Sport on Monday, days before the world championships open in Beijing.

Alptekin forfeited all her results from July 29, 2010, including the 2012 Olympic gold medal and her 2012 European Championship title.

Now 29, Alptekin won gold at the London Games after lowering her personal best time by almost nine seconds throughout the season.

CAS said the IAAF charge that Alptekin manipulated her blood between July 29, 2010, and Oct. 17, 2012, "is upheld by default" because of the runner's consent.

Alptekin was investigated based on abnormal blood values in her biological passport. The IAAF appealed to sport's highest court after the Turkish Athletics Federation cleared Alptekin in December 2013.

The agreement published by CAS notes that "she is unable to substantiate the explanations she has offered for those values, and therefore is unable to rebut the IAAF's assertion that those values are the result of some form of blood manipulation."

The 8-year-ban is the maximum allowed by the IAAF for a second doping offense of that type, the ruling said.

Alptekin previously served a two-year ban for a positive test for an anabolic steroid at the 2004 world junior championships.

She has not raced competitively since being provisionally suspended by IAAF in January 2013.

The Olympic gold could now be awarded to Alptekin's teammate, Gamze Bulut, who finished second.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

Points Leaders
By The Associated Press
Through Aug. 16

1. Kevin Harvick, 866.
2. Joey Logano, 818.
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 784.
4. Martin Truex Jr., 755.
5. Brad Keselowski, 754.
6. Jimmie Johnson, 752.
7. Matt Kenseth, 751.
8. Kurt Busch, 683.
9. Denny Hamlin, 670.
10. Jamie McMurray, 663.
11. Paul Menard, 654.
12. Ryan Newman, 649.
13. Jeff Gordon, 648.
14. Carl Edwards, 628.
15. Clint Bowyer, 616.
16. Aric Almirola, 593.
17. Kasey Kahne, 590.
18. Greg Biffle, 553.
19. Kyle Larson, 548.
20. Austin Dillon, 533.
21. Danica Patrick, 508.
22. AJ Allmendinger, 497.
23. Casey Mears, 495.
24. David Ragan, 487.
25. Sam Hornish Jr., 450.
26. Tony Stewart, 441.
27. Trevor Bayne, 414.
28. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 411.
29. Kyle Busch, 395.
30. Justin Allgaier, 377.
31. Cole Whitt, 372.
32. David Gilliland, 354.
33. Alex Bowman, 292.
34. Brett Moffitt, 289.
35. Michael Annett, 270.
36. Matt DiBenedetto, 252.
37. Josh Wise, 193.
38. Michael McDowell, 148.
39. Jeb Burton, 136.
40. Alex Kennedy, 93.
41. Reed Sorenson, 41.
42. Bobby Labonte, 39.
43. Brian Vickers, 32.
44. Michael Waltrip, 26.
45. Mike Wallace, 8.
46. Eddie MacDonald, 7.
47. Will Kimmel, 6.
48. Ron Hornaday Jr., 2.

Xfinity Series

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 15

1. Chris Buescher, 765.
2. Ty Dillon, 741.
3. Chase Elliott, 740.
4. Regan Smith, 714.
5. Elliott Sadler, 705.
6. Darrell Wallace Jr., 665.
7. Daniel Suarez, 658.
8. Brian Scott, 643.
9. Brendan Gaughan, 642.
10. Ryan Reed, 587.
11. Jeremy Clements, 537.
12. J.J. Yeley, 511.
13. Dakoda Armstrong, 507.
14. Ross Chastain, 487.
15. Ryan Sieg, 481.
16. David Starr, 463.
17. Blake Koch, 408.
18. Cale Conley, 395.
19. Landon Cassill, 388.
20. Eric McClure, 382.
21. Joey Gase, 341.
22. Brennan Poole, 334.
23. Harrison Rhodes, 282.
24. Ryan Blaney, 261.
25. Peyton Sellers, 238.
26. Mike Harmon, 198.
27. Derrike Cope, 193.
28. Ben Rhodes, 149.
29. Mike Bliss, 141.
30. Dylan Lupton, 134.
31. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 128.
32. Boris Said, 119.
33. Mario Gosselin, 117.
34. Derek White, 91.
35. Josh Reaume, 81.
36. Jimmy Weller, 80.
37. Martin Roy, 73.
38. Jamie Dick, 68.
39. Jeff Green, 68.
40. Morgan Shepherd, 67
41. Todd Bodine, 65.
42. Brandon Gdovic, 63.
43. Carl Long, 61.
44. Kenny Wallace, 56.
45. Alex Tagliani, 44.
46. Benny Gordon, 39.
47. Ross Kenseth, 39.
48. Justin Marks, 39.
49. Chris Cockrum, 38.
50. Michael Self, 36.

Camping World Truck Series

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 15

1. Tyler Reddick, 514.
2. Matt Crafton, 506.
3. Erik Jones, 505.
4. Johnny Sauter, 461.
5. Cameron Hayley, 425.
6. Daniel Hemric, 420.
7. Timothy Peters, 416.
8. John Wes Townley, 414.
9. Spencer Gallagher, 394.
10. Ben Kennedy, 381.
11. Ray Black Jr., 356.
12. Tyler Young, 348.
13. Korbin Forrister, 289.
14. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 279.
15. Mason Mingus, 259.
16. Justin Boston, 255.
17. Travis Kvapil, 242.
18. Norm Benning, 242.
19. Brandon Jones, 241.
20. John Hunter Nemechek, 233.
21. Jordan Anderson, 208.
22. Matt Tifft, 189.
23. Austin Theriault, 166.
24. Cole Custer, 159.
25. Ryan Ellis, 148.
26. Tyler Tanner, 136.
27. Timmy Hill, 131.
28. Joe Nemechek, 129.
29. Justin Jennings, 126.
30. Wendell Chavous, 125.
31. Caleb Holman, 117.
32. Christopher Bell, 114.
33. James Buescher, 100.
34. B.J. McLeod, 90.
35. Garrett Smithley, 84.
36. Bryan Silas, 73.
37. Brandon Brown, 64.
38. Tommy Regan, 55.
39. Todd Peck, 53.
40. Cody Coughlin, 48.
41. Bobby Pierce, 43.
42. Caleb Roark, 40.
43. Jake Griffin, 35.
44. Ken Schrader, 33.
45. Cody Ware, 31.
46. Donnie Neuenberger, 29.
47. Chris Fontaine, 28.
48. Austin Hill, 28.
49. Gray Gaulding, 27.
50. Jody Knowles, 26.

IndyCar

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 2

1. Juan Pablo Montoya, 465.
2. Graham Rahal, 456.
3. Scott Dixon, 431.
4. Helio Castroneves, 407.
5. Will Power, 406.
6. Sebastien Bourdais, 379.
7. Marco Andretti, 378.
8. Josef Newgarden, 370.
9. Tony Kanaan, 354.
10. Simon Pagenaud, 329.
11. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 304.
12. Carlos Munoz, 303.
13. Charlie Kimball, 282.
14. Takuma Sato, 248.
15. Gabby Chaves, 229.
16. James Jakes, 227.
17. Jack Hawksworth, 226.
18. Sage Karam, 180.
19. Stefano Coletti, 171.
20. Luca Filippi, 170.
21. Tristan Vautier, 152.
22. James Hinchcliffe, 129.
23. Ryan Briscoe, 120.
24. Justin Wilson, 92.
25. Conor Daly, 81.
26. Ed Carpenter, 75.
27. Simona de Silvestro, 66.
28. Sebastian Saavedra, 61
29. Pippa Mann, 59.
30. J.R. Hildebrand, 57.
31. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 50.
32. Francesco Dracone, 38.
33. Townsend Bell, 32.
34. Carlos Huertas, 31.
35. Alex Tagliani, 27.
36. James Davison, 10.
37. Oriol Servia, 10.
38. Bryan Clauson, 10.

Formula One

Points Leaders
Through July 26

1. Lewis Hamilton, 202
2. Nico Rosberg, 181
3. Sebastian Vettel, 160
4. Valtteri Bottas, 77.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, 76.
6. Felipe Massa, 74.
7. Daniel Ricciardo, 51
8. Daniil Kvyat, 45.
9. Nico Hulkenberg, 24.
10. Romain Grosjean, 23.
11. Max Verstappen, 22.
12. Felipe Nasr, 16.
13. Sergio Perez, 15.
14. Pastor Maldonado, 12
15. Fernando Alonso, 11
16. Carlos Sainz Jr., 9.
17. Jenson Button, 6.
18. Marcus Ericsson, 6.

NHRA

Through Aug. 9

Top Fuel

1, x-Tony Schumacher, 1,289. 2, x-Antron Brown, 1,202. 3, Larry Dixon, 1,034. 4, Richie Crampton, 989. 5, Doug Kalitta, 944. 6, J.R. Todd, 896. 7, Shawn Langdon, 872. 8, Spencer Massey, 855. 9, Brittany Force, 851. 10, Steve Torrence, 835.

Funny Car

1, x-Matt Hagan, 1,177. 2, x-Jack Beckman, 1,172. 3, Tommy Johnson Jr., 1,063. 4, John Force, 1,025. 5, Del Worsham, 1,004. 6, Ron Capps, 988. 7, Cruz Pedregon, 872. 8, Tim Wilkerson, 870. 9 (tie), Alexis DeJoria, 819. Robert Hight, 819.

Pro Stock

1, x-Greg Anderson, 1,322. 2, x-Erica Enders, 1,271. 3, Chris McGaha, x-1,175. 4, x-Jason Line, 1,102. 5, Allen Johnson, 951. 6, Larry Morgan, 906. 7, Shane Gray, 834. 8, Jonathan Gray, 823. 9, Vincent Nobile, 787. 10, Drew Skillman, 779.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1, Eddie Krawiec, 702. 2, Hector Arana Jr., 596. 3, Andrew Hines, 546. 4, Karen Stoffer, 468. 5, Jim Underdahl, 459. 6, Jerry Savoie, 429. 7, Hector Arana, 417. 8, Matt Smith, 389. 9, Scotty Pollacheck, 376. 10, Angelle Sampey, 336.

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Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-8725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

West Texas Lacrosse Clinics
When: Every Saturday between June 20-Aug. 22 with the exception of July 4. Boys aged 8-13: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Boys 14 and up: 10:30 a.m.-noon.
Where: Hogan Park South
Cost: $10 per clinic.
For more information: Visit our website www.westtexaslacrosse.org, e-mail info@westtexaslacrosse.org or follow us on Twitter @WestTexLacrosse.

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon Ianier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beal Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-5633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Vamonos Muchachos! Benefit Golf Tournament for Mario Gonzales and Moose Armendariz
When: Sunday, Sept. 27
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Time: Shotgun starts at 8 a.m.
Cost: $75 per player or $150 per team
What: Two-man scramble tournament that will have closest to the pin contest in both flight divisions. Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 24. A meal will be provided following the tournament.
For more information: Please contact Coon Moreno at 432-210-2302 or Paul Armendariz at 432-488-6124.

The 25th Annual SPE Permian Basin Golf Tournament
Format: Four-person scramble
When: Friday, Sept. 11, 8:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. (shotgun starts)
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Entry fee: $675 per team or $700 if paying with credit card
For more information: contact Gina Bayle at 432-640-7023 or email gbale@treyresources.net

Lacrosse

Summer 2015 Lacrosse - Learn-2-Play Clinics
When: Every Saturday from June 20-Aug. 22 (not July 4), 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (boys ages 8-13), 10:30 a.m.-noon (boys ages 14 and up)
Where: Hogan Park South (across from Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.)
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Go to Facebook page, Twitter @WestTexLacrosse, go to website at www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5008, ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships.
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Physicals

High school physicals available
Where: Dr. Don Floyd's office, West Texas Orthopedics, at 4304 Andrews Hwy.
When: Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: $25, cash only. Checks and credit cards will not be accepted
For more info: Call 432-520-3020

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments.
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up.
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night.
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month.
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0980

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422.

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays.
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday.
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com.
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division.
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will also be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area.
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information.

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade, freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults: 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults); Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and or call, 620-8180.

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 1
To enter: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Ultimate Frisbee

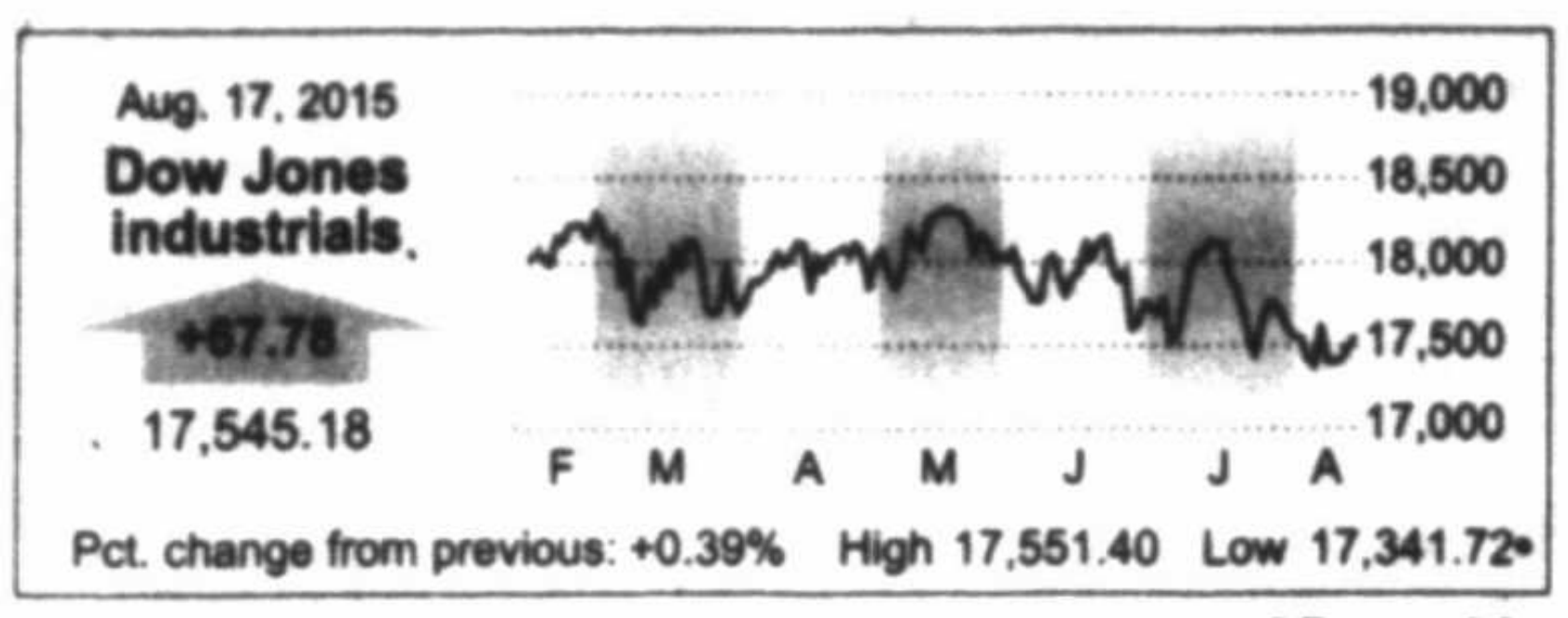
Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Monthly 10K walks: Sept. 12 UTPB walk, Oct. 10 Stanton, Nov. 21 Members choice, Dec. 20 Christmas walk
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2088 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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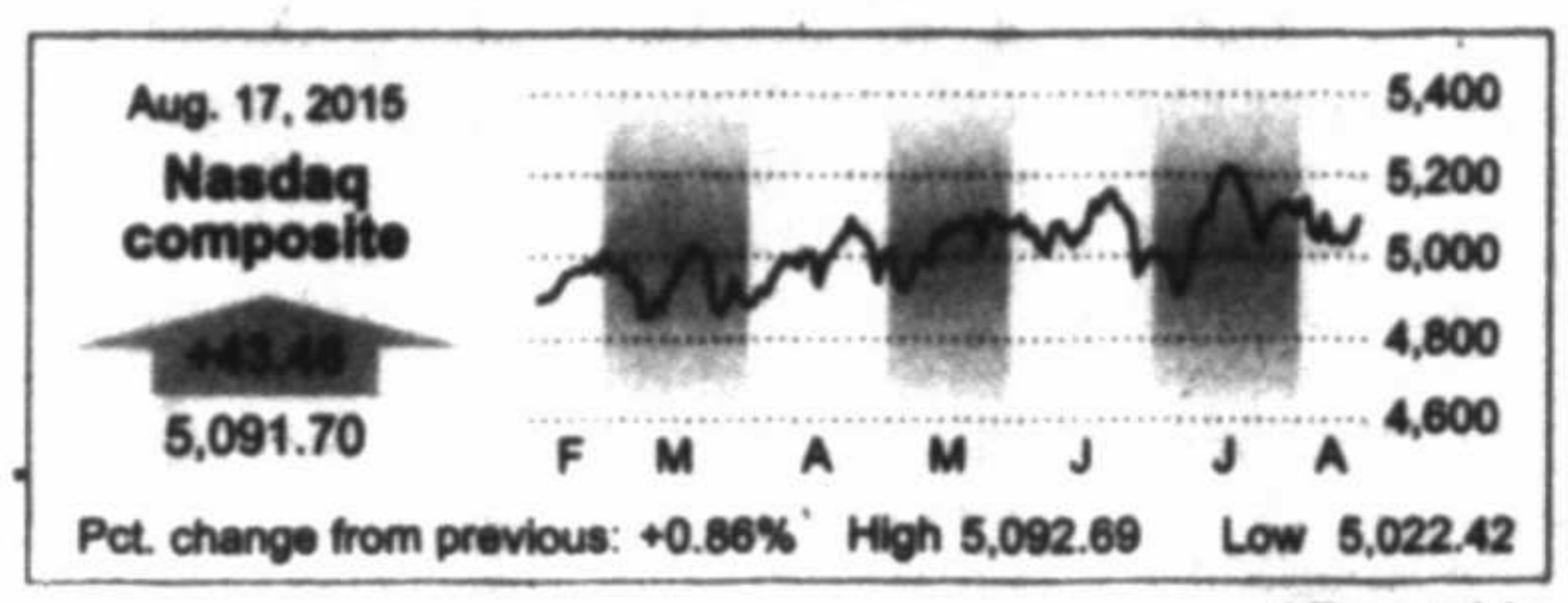

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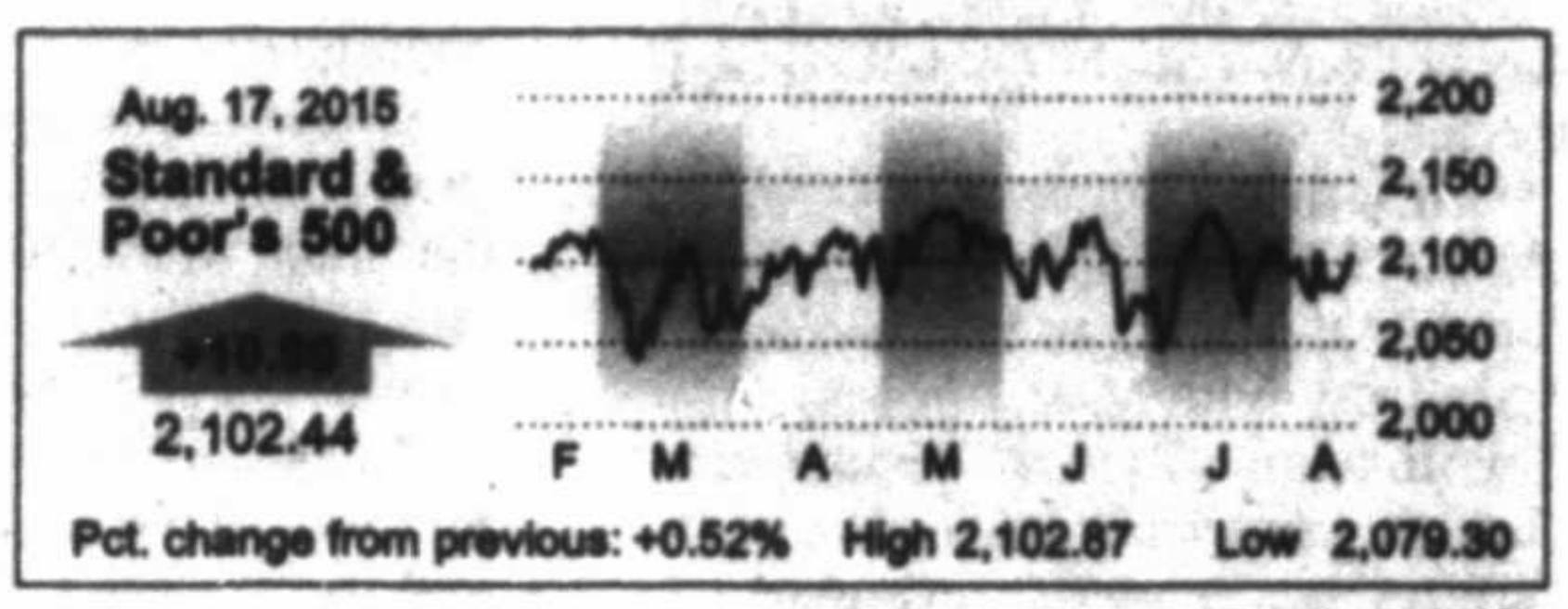

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday:	$41.87
Previous:	$42.50

POSTED

Monday:	$38.25
Previous:	$39.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday :	$36.80
Previous:	$37.55

NATURAL GAS

Monday:	$2.728
Previous:	$2.801

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVLgNGs	1063365	1.88	-.15
S&P500ETF	730856	210.59	+1.17
Sprint	689197	4.60	+.42
CSVLgCrde	624422	1.04	-.01
MktVGold	523840	15.04	+.55

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Axovant n	14.06	+2.35	+20.1
EAndinA	15.61	+1.83	+13.9
EAndinB	18.80	+2.24	+13.5
Imprivata	20.78	+2.06	+11.0
CliffsNRs	3.75	+.37	+10.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SandRMiss	3.19	-.51	-13.8
DxBiotBear	34.46	-4.45	-11.4
DirDGldBr	23.79	-2.91	-10.9
IntlShip	5.17	-.58	-10.1
AtlasRes	3.60	-.38	-9.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,921
Declined	1,218
Unchanged	100
Total issues	3,239
New Highs	96
New Lows	158
Volume	2,808,249,912

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	49714	7.98	-.07
NwGold g	36779	2.35	+.09
Globalstar	28780	1.86	+.01
B2gold g	24800	1.21	+.07
CheniereEn	24457	68.17	-.27

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MexcoEn	2.68	+.33	+14.0
BioTime	2.99	+.31	+11.6
Corindus n	3.70	+.33	+9.8
Pfenex	21.04	+1.69	+8.7
GreenH pfC	10.40	+.70	+7.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AltisrcAst	79.75	-13.25	-14.2
SnchzPP rs	6.28	-.87	-12.2
Alteva s	3.12	-.31	-9.0
GranTrra g	2.16	-.17	-7.3
EnerJex pf	6.00	-.45	-7.0

DIARY

Advanced	187
Declined	194
Unchanged	28
Total issues	409
New Highs	
New Lows	27
Volume	63,069,658

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	403157	117.16	+1.20
Zulily	380533	18.74	+6.17
AVEO Phm	349708	1.70	+.53
MicronT	326907	17.22	+.27
Cisco	208787	28.83	-.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Zulily	18.74	+6.17	+49.1
TrovaGn wt	4.88	+.89	+22.3
Karyophm	14.40	+2.38	+19.8
ContraFct n	5.39	+.83	+18.2
YulongE n	4.97	+.75	+17.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SpanBrdc	4.70	-1.75	-27.1
PayData rs	4.10	-.82	-16.7
EngyFocus	16.35	-2.83	-14.8
ElevenBio	4.03	-.68	-14.4
MaraPat s	2.53	-.39	-13.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,726
Declined	1,082
Unchanged	158
Total issues	2,966
New Highs	89
New Lows	98
Volume	1,480,165,321

Dallas Fed bank taps Harvard professor as new president

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A professor and associate dean at the Harvard Business School has been selected as the new president of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The Dallas Fed, one of 12 regional Federal Reserve banks, said Monday that Robert Steven Kaplan will succeed Richard Fisher, who stepped down as president of the Dallas Fed in March.

Kaplan, 58, is currently the Martin Marshall professor of management practice and a senior associate dean at the Harvard Business School. He will take over at the Dallas Fed on Sept. 8.

Prior to joining Harvard in 2006, Kaplan had been vice chairman of the Goldman Sachs Group with responsibility for investment banking and investment management. He is also the author of a number of books on business leadership. He was born and raised in Prairie Village, Kansas.

Renu Khator, chairman of the Dallas bank's board of directors, said in a statement that Kaplan was selected because he had "the right combination of leadership skills, business experience and public-service mindset."

Kaplan's views on monetary policy are not known. Fisher was a well-known "hawk," the term used for Fed officials who favor higher interest rates to guard against inflation threats. In contrast, "doves" are Fed officials who lean toward lower interest rates to support stronger job growth.

The Fed, after keeping rates at a record low near zero since December 2008, is expected to begin raising rates later this year. Many private economists say the first rate hike could come at the next meeting in September.

All 12 regional Fed presidents participate in the discussions on interest rates, with five holding votes each year on a rotating basis. The Dallas Fed president does not have a vote this year.

There are currently only 10 voting members because two of the seven seats on the Fed board in Washington are vacant. President Barack Obama has nominated former Bank of Hawaii chief executive Allan Landon and University of Michigan economist Kathryn Dominguez to fill the vacant board seats. The Senate has yet to confirm the nominations.

The Dallas Fed region covers Texas, northern Louisiana and southern New Mexico.

Feds allow Shell to drill for oil in the Arctic

Associated Press

ANCHORAGE, Alaska — The federal government on Monday gave Royal Dutch Shell the final permit it needs to drill for oil in the Arctic Ocean off Alaska's northwest coast for the first time in more than two decades.

The Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement announced that it approved the permit to drill below the ocean floor after the oil giant brought in a required piece of equipment to stop a possible well blowout.

The agency previously allowed Shell to begin drilling only the top sections of two wells in the Chukchi Sea because the key equipment, called a capping stack, was stuck on a vessel that needed repair in Portland, Oregon.

Because the vessel arrived last week, Shell is free to drill into oil-bearing rock, estimated at 8,000 feet below the ocean floor, for the first time since its last exploratory well was drilled in 1991.

"Activities conducted offshore Alaska are being held to the highest safety, environmental protection, and emergency response standards," agency Director Brian Salerno said in a statement Monday. "We will continue to monitor their work around the clock to ensure the utmost safety and environmental stewardship."

The Polar Pioneer, a semi-submersible drilling unit that Shell leases from Transocean Ltd., began work July 30 at Shell's Burger J site. It completed what's called a mud-line cellar, a 20-by-40-foot hole at the top of the well that will hold a blowout preventer, and continued drilling into rock above the petroleum-bearing zone.

Smith said it's possible Shell will complete a well this summer. But he declined to say how deep the Polar Pioneer has drilled or exactly when drill bits might enter the petroleum-bearing zone.

"It's information that we consider proprietary and therefore not something we would release," Smith said. He added safe operations will determine progress.

Environmental groups oppose Arctic offshore drilling, saying industrial activity will harm polar bears, Pacific walrus, ice seals and threatened whales already vulnerable from climate warming and shrinking summer sea ice. They say oil companies have not demonstrated that they can clean up a spill in water choked by ice.

Sierra Club executive director Michael Brune said in a statement that President Obama's decision to grant Shell the final drilling permits goes against science, the will of the people and common sense.

"Granting Shell the permit to drill in the Arctic was the wrong decision, and this fight is far from over," he said. "The people will continue to call on President Obama to protect the Arctic and our environment."

The U.S. Geological Survey estimates that U.S. Arctic waters hold 26 billion barrels of recoverable oil.

US stocks climb

The U.S. stock market climbed on Monday as China's currency steadied and optimism among homebuilders rose.

Investors pushed the market lower at the open, then began buying after an index of homebuilders showed optimism at its highest since the housing boom a decade ago. Gains were modest, but broad as nine of the 10 industry groups of the Standard & Poor's 500 index ended the day higher, led by health care stocks.

"This continues to be a resilient market," said Henry Smith, chief investment officer at Haverford Trust. "The averages came back."

Global news was mixed. The Chinese yuan barely changed, which was a relief to investors rattled last week by a drop of as much as 3 percent in the currency after its surprise devaluation. Oil prices, meanwhile, fell below $42 a barrel for the first time in 6-1/2 years, and investors reacted by dumping stocks of drillers and other energy-related companies.

The S&P 500 ended the day up 10.90 points, or 0.5 percent, to 2,102.44. The Dow Jones industrial average rose 67.78 points, or 0.4 percent, to 17,545.18. The Nasdaq composite climbed 43.46 points, or 0.9 percent, to 5,091.70.

Gold rises

Gold futures edged up $5.70 to $1,118.60 an ounce. Silver rose 8.5 cents to $15.298 an ounce. Copper slipped 3.2 cents to $2.333 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $36.41 Down 0.75

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $109.78 Down 0.35

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $5.11 Down 0.15

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $72.21 Down 1.69

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $6.60 Down 0.54

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.68 Up 0.33

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $20.37 Down 0.06

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $23.20 Down 0.21

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.51 Up 0.42

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.68 Up 0.48

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	34	34.23	+.18	+1.9
Abraxas	...	4	1.81	...	-38.4
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	13.92	+.01	+1.8
AEtern g h			.12	-.03	-80.8
Alcoa	.12	13	9.43	+.02	-40.3
Alibaba n		47	75.19	+.43	-27.7
AlonUSA	.60	14	21.45	-.28	+69.3
Ambev	.24e	...	5.30	-.04	-14.1
Amgen	3.16	22	169.79	+2.07	+6.6
Anadarko	1.08	...	76.54	+.29	-7.2
Annaly	1.20	...	10.37	-.02	-4.1
Apache	1.00	...	47.85	+.85	-23.6
Apple Inc	2.08	14	117.16	+1.20	+6.1
ApldMatl	.40	16	17.03	+.39	-31.7
ATMOS	1.56	19	57.87	+.45	+3.8
AutoData	1.96	28	84.70	+1.71	+1.6
AVEO Phm			1.70	+.53	+102.4
BP PLC	2.40	...	35.53	-.24	-6.8
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.17	+.08	+1.8
BakrHu	.68	59	56.76	-.57	+1.2
BkofAm	.20	19	17.77	+.07	-.7
B iPVixST			15.81	-.18	-49.8
BarrickG	.08m	18	7.87	+.19	-26.8
BasicEnSv	...	...	5.06	-.49	-27.8
BerkHa A	...	17	213300.00	-681.00	-5.6
BlkHillsCp	1.62	28	42.44	+.25	-20.0
BrMySq	1.48	59	63.47	+.39	+7.5
BrownFA	1.26	37	118.05	+.62	+34.5
BrownFB	1.26	34	108.76	+.26	+23.8
CVS Health	1.40	26	108.74	+1.07	+12.9
Cameron	...	12	48.74	-.76	-2.4
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	78.54	+.05	-14.2
Celestic g	...	15	13.09	+.04	+11.5
CntryLink	2.16	23	28.42	+.15	-28.2
ChesEng	...	...	7.57	+.08	-61.3
Chevron	4.28	13	83.23	-1.89	-25.8
Chicos	.31	34	15.10	+.08	-6.8
Cimarex	.64	...	115.28	-1.06	+8.8
Cisco	.84	17	28.83	-.21	+4.3
Citigroup	.20	15	57.77	+.18	+6.8
ClayEng	...	...	36.41	-.75	-42.9
CocaCola	1.32	24	41.35	+.10	-2.1
ColgPalm	1.52	27	67.66	-.13	-2.2
Comcast	1.00	18	60.41	+1.53	+4.1
ConAgra	1.00	30	45.13	-.12	+24.4
ConchoRes	...	38	109.78	-.35	+10.1
ConocoPhil	2.96f	23	49.56	-.21	-28.2
CrackerB	4.40f	23	152.25	+1.12	+8.2
CSVInvNG	...	...	5.75	+.35	-28.5
CSVLgNGs	...	...	1.88	-.15	-52.8
CSVLgCrde	...	...	1.04	-.01	-78.7
CSVelIVST	...	...	48.45	+.61	+55.6
CrosTim	2.02e	7	14.14	+.84	-18.4
DCP Mid	3.12	13	30.90	+.75	-32.0
DTE	2.92f	17	84.12	+.47	-2.6
Dataram	...	...	1.50	-.02	-11.8
DevonE	.96	...	46.41	+.35	-24.2
DxGldBull	...	...	4.26	+.42	-61.8
DrxSCBear	...	...	10.16	-.33	-15.3
Disney	1.32f	22	109.05	+1.89	+15.8
DowChm	1.68	13	45.47	+.57	-.3
eBay s	...	15	28.29	+.03	+21.3
EMC Cp	.46	22	26.95	+.33	-9.4
EOG Rescs	.67	20	80.01	+.08	-13.1
EmpDist	1.04	18	23.86	+.09	-19.8
Energen	.08	41	54.23	+.04	-14.9
EngyTsfr	4.14f	77	50.50	+.50	-22.3
EnPro	.80	...	51.42	-.04	-18.1
EntPrdPt s	1.52f	23	29.61	+1.18	-18.0
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.42	+.04	-13.9
EsteeLdr	.96	25	82.80	-6.02	+8.7
ExterranH	.60	17	23.30	-.11	-28.5
ExxonMbl	2.92	14	78.77	+.41	-14.8
Facebook	...	96	93.93	-.49	+20.4
FordM	.60	16	14.68	-.10	-5.3
FrptMcM-	.20a	...	10.24	+.21	-56.2
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.61	+.12	-15.9
GATX	1.52	10	50.38	+.35	-12.4
GabMultT	1.05e	...	8.65	+.02	-13.6
GAInv	3.50e	...	34.38	+.04	-1.8
GenElec	.92	...	26.21	+.13	+3.7
GenMotors	1.44f	12	31.61	+.12	-9.5
GtPlainEn	.98	18	27.38	+.20	-3.7
Groupon	...	37	4.41	+.08	-46.6
HalconRes	...	...	.90	-.05	-49.4
Hallibrtn	.72	18	41.29	-.70	+5.0
Hertz	...	...	18.81	+.64	-24.6
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	26.16	-.13	-28.5
iShGerm	.51e	...	27.81	-.26	+1.5
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.95	+.03	+15.2
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	40.17	-.26	-3.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	35.14	-.39	-10.6
iShR2K	1.66e	...	121.63	+1.27	+1.7
iShREst	2.76e	...	76.52	+.57	-.4
Intel	.96	12	29.08	+.06	-19.9
InterDig	.80	21	50.62	+.86	-4.3
ItauUnibH	.41e	...	7.55	-.07	-36.1
JD.com	...	...	27.33	-.79	+18.1
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	68.07	+.18	+9.5
JohnJn	3.00	18	99.87	+1.06	-4.5
KimbClk	3.52	62	116.23	+.07	+.6
KindMorg	1.96f	45	34.36	+.40	-18.8
LegacyRes	1.40	...	6.60	-.54	-42.3
Lubys	...	...	4.73	-.14	+4.0
MarathnO	.84	9	17.36	+.17	-38.6
MktVGold	.12e	...	15.04	+.55	-18.2
McDnlds	3.40	22	100.66	+1.39	+7.4
Merck	1.80	17	59.71	+.53	+5.1
MeritMed	...	37	24.65	-.04	+42.2
MexcoEn	...	...	2.68	+.33	-50.6
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NatGrid	3.35e	...	68.71	+.29	-2.8
NOilVarco	1.84	9	39.51	-.04	-39.7
NvMAd	.79a	...	13.81	-.02	-2.6
NvPMI	.82a	...	13.29	-.03	-4.9
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Omncre	.88	62	97.90	-.02	+34.2
ParTech	...	...	4.47	-.06	-27.3
ParkDrl	...	31	2.47	-.12	-19.5
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Penney	...	...	8.92	+.40	+37.7
PennaRE	.84	...	21.87	+.37	-7.8
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Petrobras	...	...	5.92	-.07	-18.9
Pfizer	1.12	25	35.60	+.18	+14.0
PioNtrl	.08	38	127.13	-.45	-14.8
PlainsAAP	2.78f	18	35.94	+.10	-30.0
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	111.43	+.92	+7.9
Praxair	2.86	21	114.00	+.01	-12.0
PrmEgy	...	9	54.00	-2.40	-25.8
ProctGam	2.65	29	75.53	-.09	-17.1
Qualcom	1.92	17	62.07	+.16	-16.5
RangeRs	.16	52	36.55	+.05	-31.6
RegionsFn	.24	15	10.55	...	-.1
RiteAid	...	25	9.16	+.08	+21.8
Rowan	.40	...	16.79	+.17	-28.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	56.10	-.35	-16.2
SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	175.70	+.80	-1.2
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	210.59	+1.17	+2.5
SabnR	3.63e	8	30.37	-1.13	-15.1
SanderFm	.88a	6	74.79	-.14	-11.0
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SigmaAld	.92	35	139.71	+.06	+1.8
SiriusXM	...	44	3.95	+.01	+12.9
Smucker	2.68f	30	109.01	-.37	+8.0
Sprint	...	...	4.60	+.42	+10.8
SPDR Fncl	.43e	...	25.30	+.05	+2.3
SunEdison	...	...	14.88	+.54	-24.8
SunocoLog	1.75f	56	36.54	+.22	-12.5
Sysco	1.20	26	41.15	-.23	+3.7
TaiwSemi	.73e	...	20.28	-.10	-9.4
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	14.94	-.13	+6.1
Tesoro	2.00f	10	104.25	+2.17	+40.2
3M Co	4.10	19	149.24	+.96	-9.2
Torchmark	.54	15	62.71	+.21	+15.8
TriContl	.80e	...	21.16	+.08	-1.2
21stCFoxA	.30	7	30.53	+.26	-20.5
TylerTech	...	70	142.11	+.15	+29.9
UBWV	1.28	20	39.80	-.10	+6.3
US OilFd	...	...	13.89	-.10	-31.8
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.19	-.04	-36.6
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VulcanM	.40	...	96.81	+1.04	+60.3
WEC Engy	1.69	20	51.29	-.05	-2.7
WalgBoots	1.44f	31	92.70	+.96	+21.7
WellsFargo	1.50	14	57.35	+.02	+4.6
WstnRefin	1.36	9	49.31	+.77	+30.5
WhitingPet	...	47	18.94	-.24	-42.6
WmsCos	2.36f	100	54.90	+2.67	+22.2
XcelEngy	1.28	20	35.99	+.19	+.2
Xerox	.28	21	11.37	+.32	-18.0
Yamana g	.06	...	2.31	+.11	-42.5
Zulily	...	...	18.74	+6.17	-19.9
Zynga	...	...	2.65	-.05	-.4

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9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,379.02	+60.32	+.73	-8.32	-.32
657.17	539.14	Dow Jones Utilities	606.72	+2.43	+.40	-1.84	+10.67
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,818.57	+36.33	+.34	-.19	-.82
5,231.94	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,091.70	+43.46	+.86	+7.51	+12.94
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,102.44	+10.90	+.52	+2.11	+6.63
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,514.42	+12.70	+.85	+4.27	+7.22
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,141.65	+131.89	+.60	+2.18	+5.98
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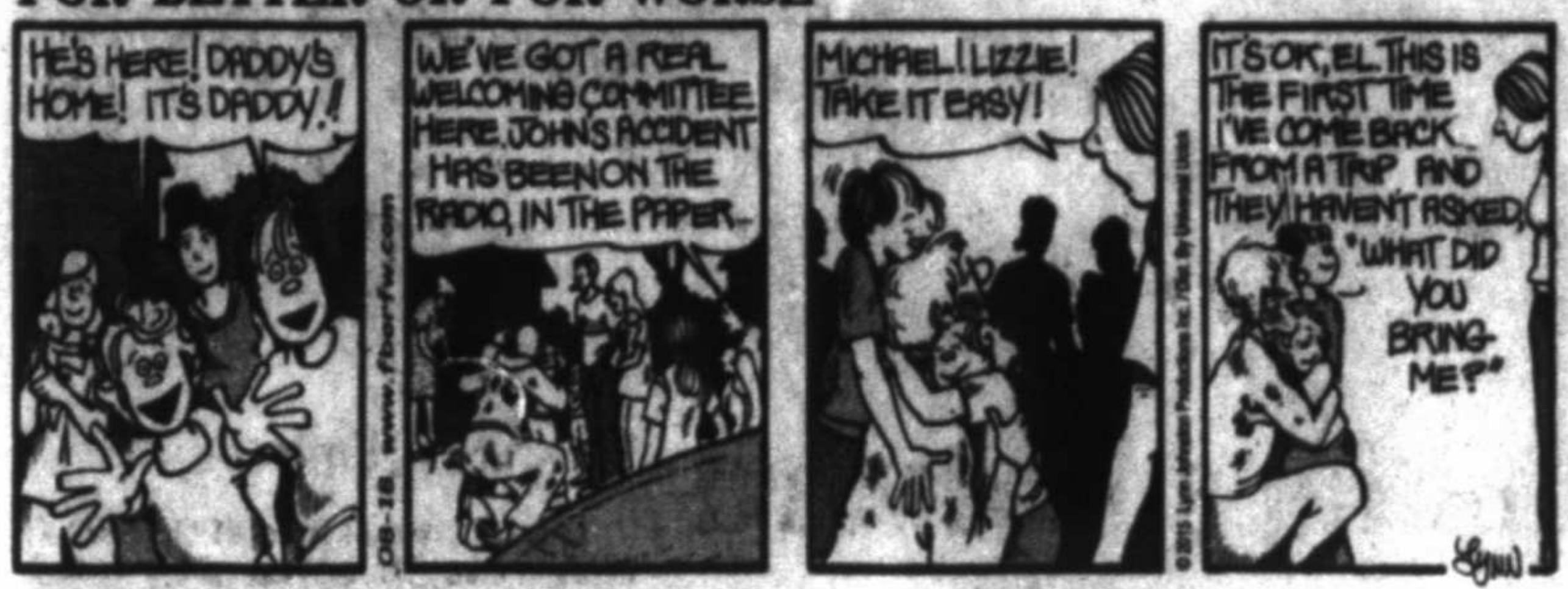
HE'S HERE! DADDY'S HOME! IT'S DADDY!
WE'VE GOT A REAL WELCOMING COMMITTEE HERE. JOHN'S ACCIDENT HAS BEEN ON THE RADIO, IN THE PAPER...
MICHAEL! LIZZIE! TAKE IT EASY!
IT'S OK, EL. THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE COME BACK FROM A TRIP AND THEY HAVEN'T ASKED, "WHAT DID YOU BRING ME?"
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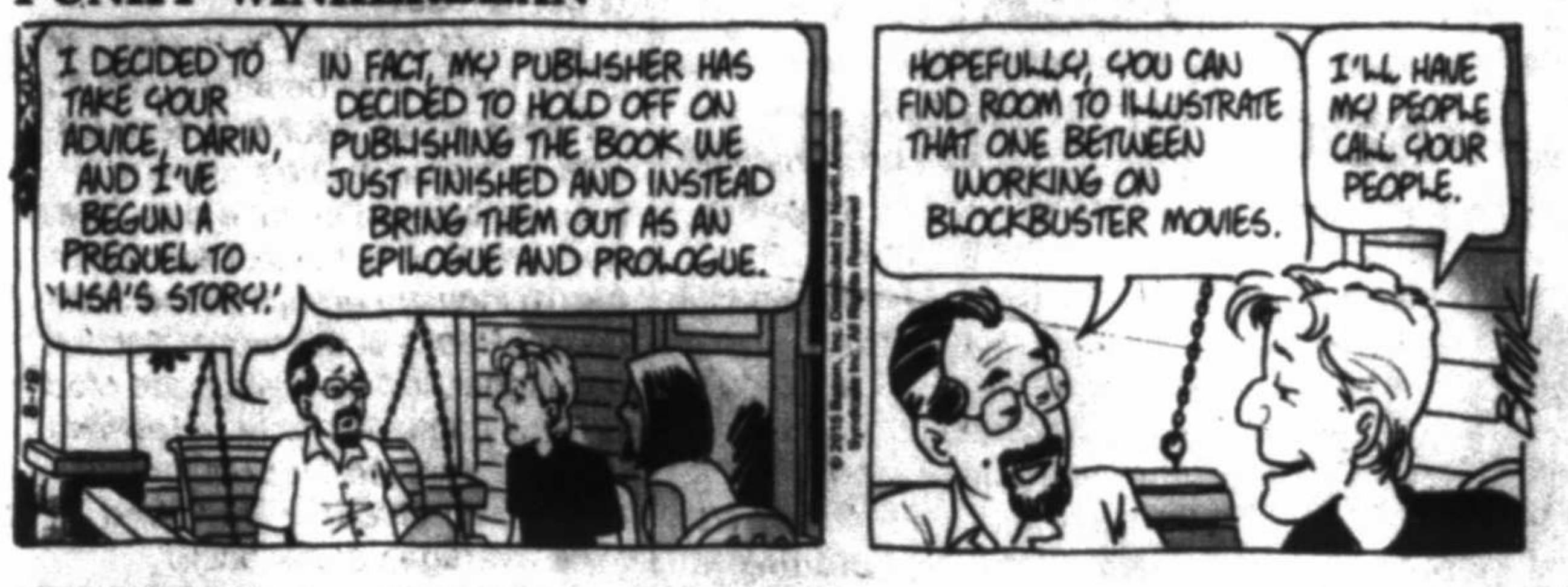
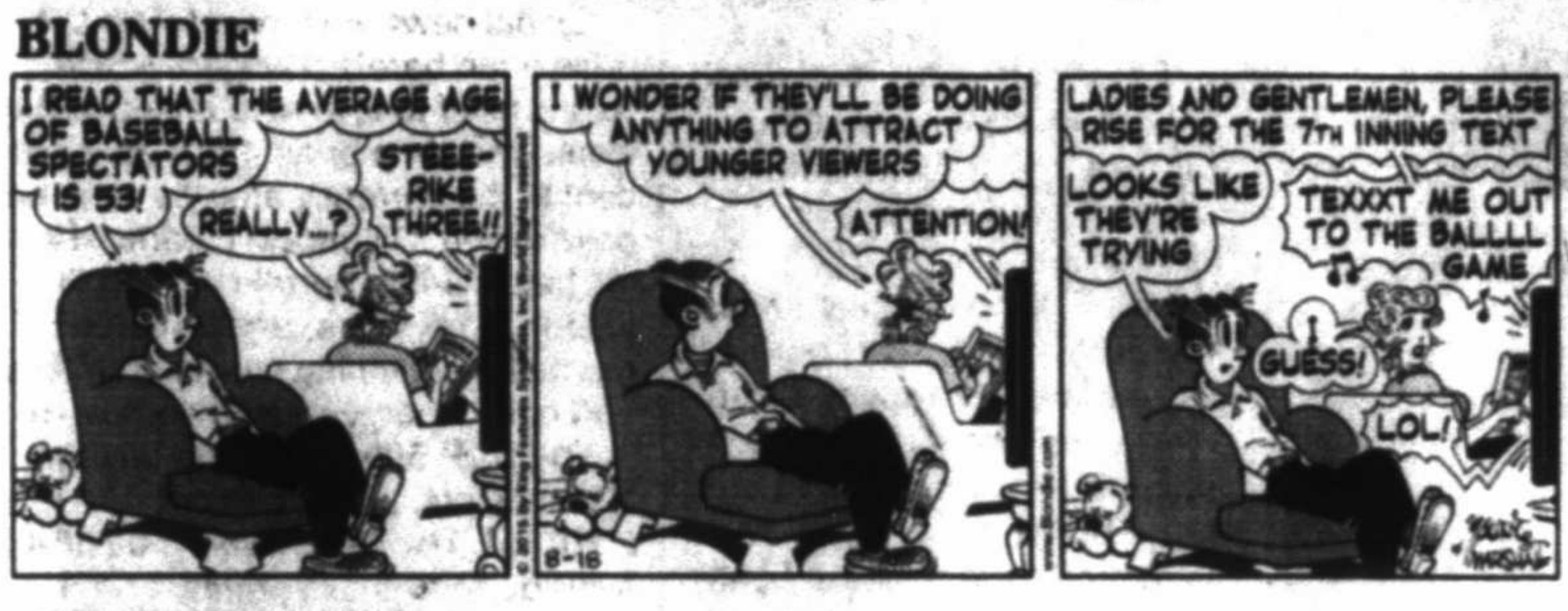
FUNKY WINKERBEAN


I DECIDED TO TAKE YOUR ADVICE, DARIN, AND I'VE BEGUN A PREQUEL TO 'LISA'S STORY.'
IN FACT, MY PUBLISHER HAS DECIDED TO HOLD OFF ON PUBLISHING THE BOOK WE JUST FINISHED AND INSTEAD BRING THEM OUT AS AN EPILOGUE AND PROLOGUE.
HOPEFULLY, YOU CAN FIND ROOM TO ILLUSTRATE THAT ONE BETWEEN WORKING ON BLOCKBUSTER MOVIES.
I'LL HAVE MY PEOPLE CALL YOUR PEOPLE.

BLONDIE


I READ THAT THE AVERAGE AGE OF BASEBALL SPECTATORS IS 53!
REALLY...?
STEEE-RIKE THREE!!
I WONDER IF THEY'LL BE DOING ANYTHING TO ATTRACT YOUNGER VIEWERS
ATTENTION!
LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, PLEASE RISE FOR THE 7TH INNING TEXT
LOOKS LIKE THEY'RE TRYING
TEXXXT ME OUT TO THE BALLLL GAME
GUESS!
LOL!
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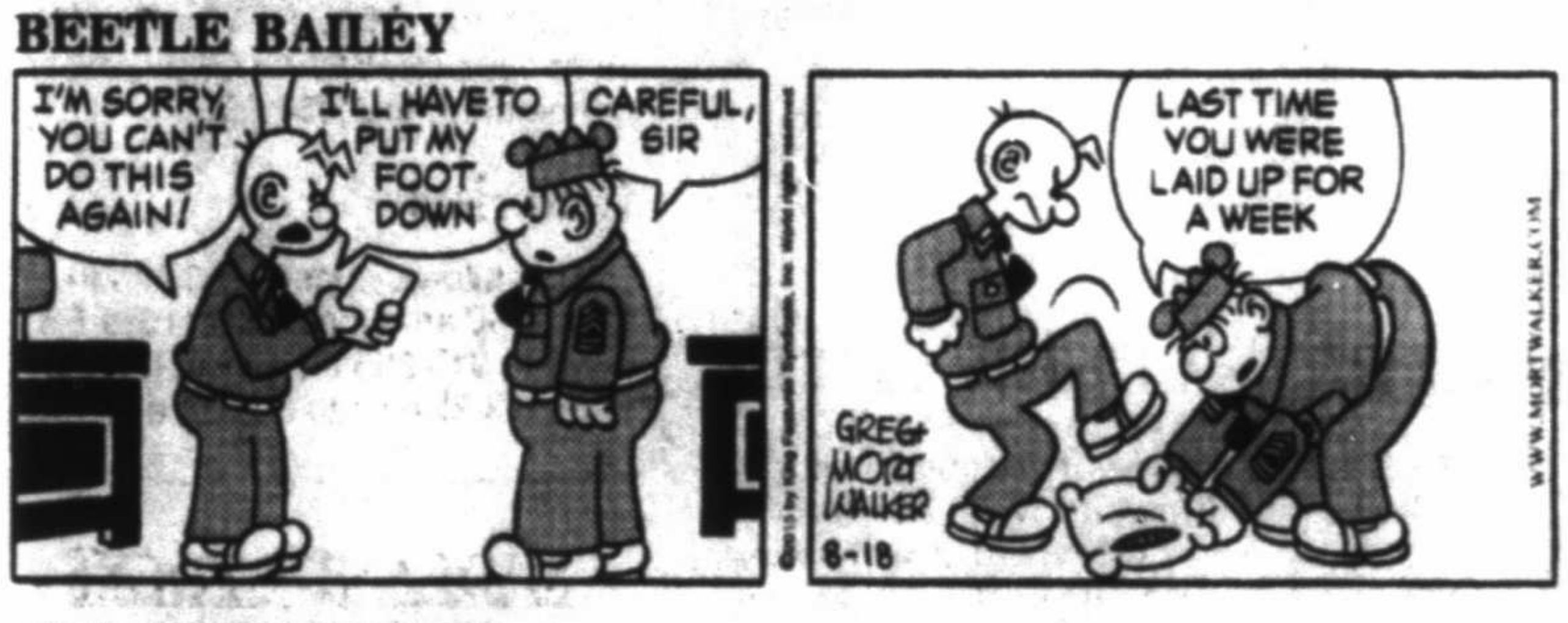
BEETLE BAILEY


I'M SORRY, YOU CAN'T DO THIS AGAIN!
I'LL HAVE TO PUT MY FOOT DOWN
CAREFUL, SIR
LAST TIME YOU WERE LAID UP FOR A WEEK
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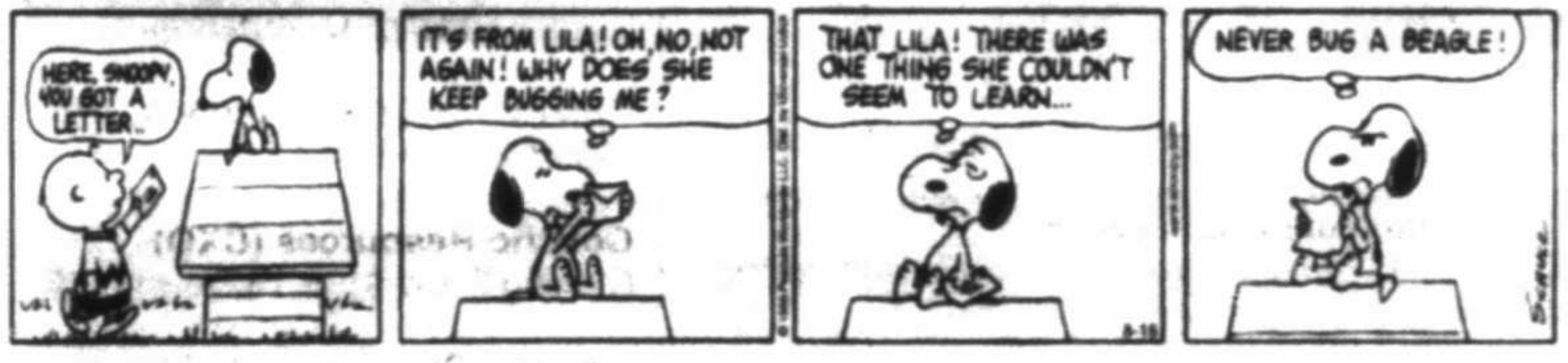
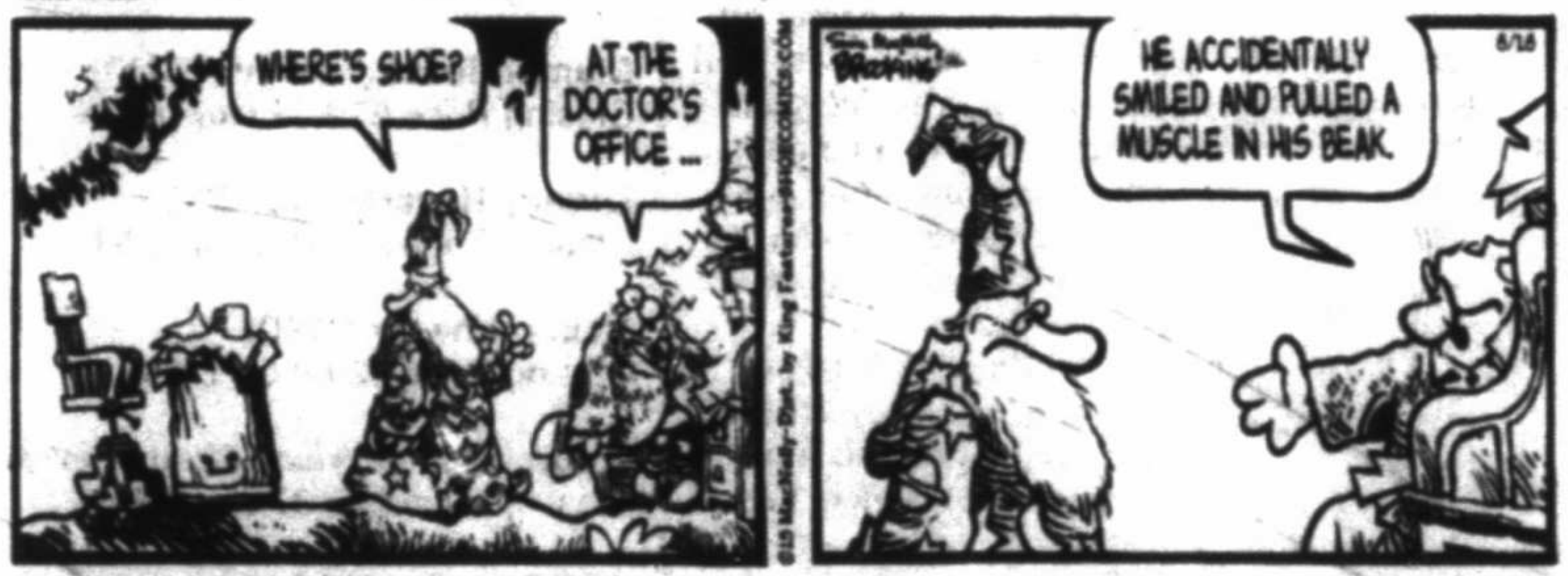
CLASSIC PEANUTS


HERE, SNOOPY, YOU GOT A LETTER..
IT'S FROM LILA! OH, NO, NOT AGAIN! WHY DOES SHE KEEP BUGGING ME?
THAT LILA! THERE WAS ONE THING SHE COULDN'T SEEM TO LEARN...
NEVER BUG A BEAGLE!

SHOE


WHERE'S SHOE?
AT THE DOCTOR'S OFFICE ...
HE ACCIDENTALLY SMILED AND PULLED A MUSCLE IN HIS BEAK.
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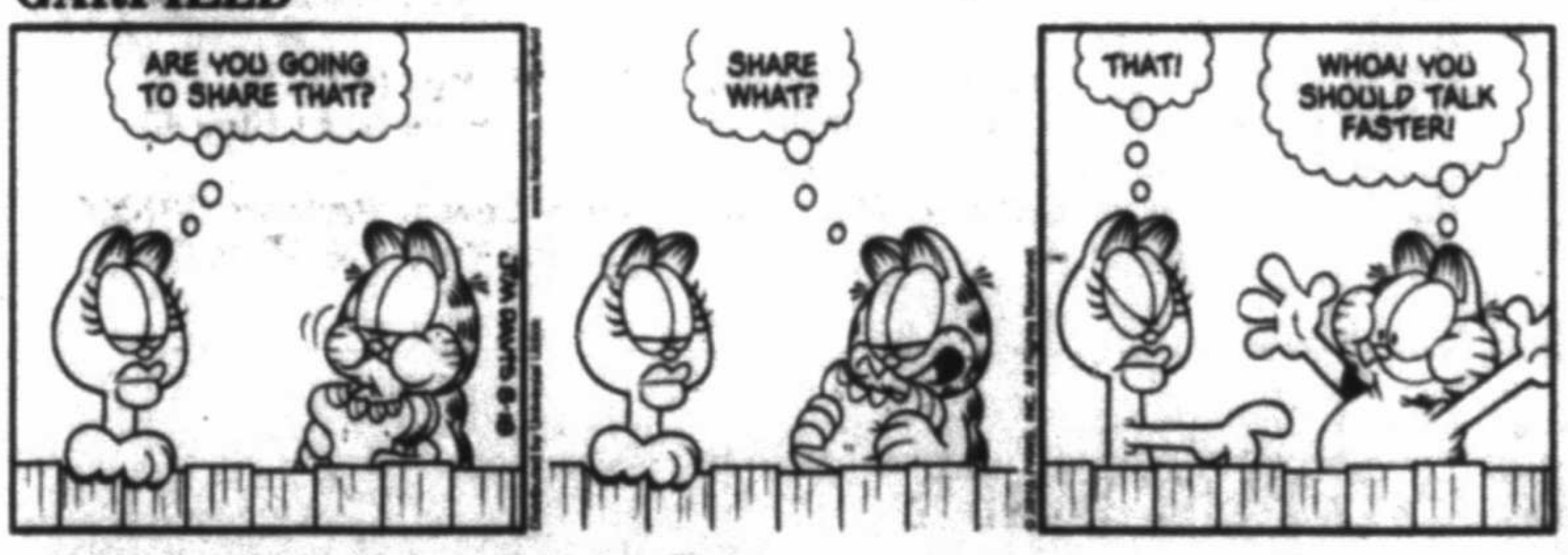
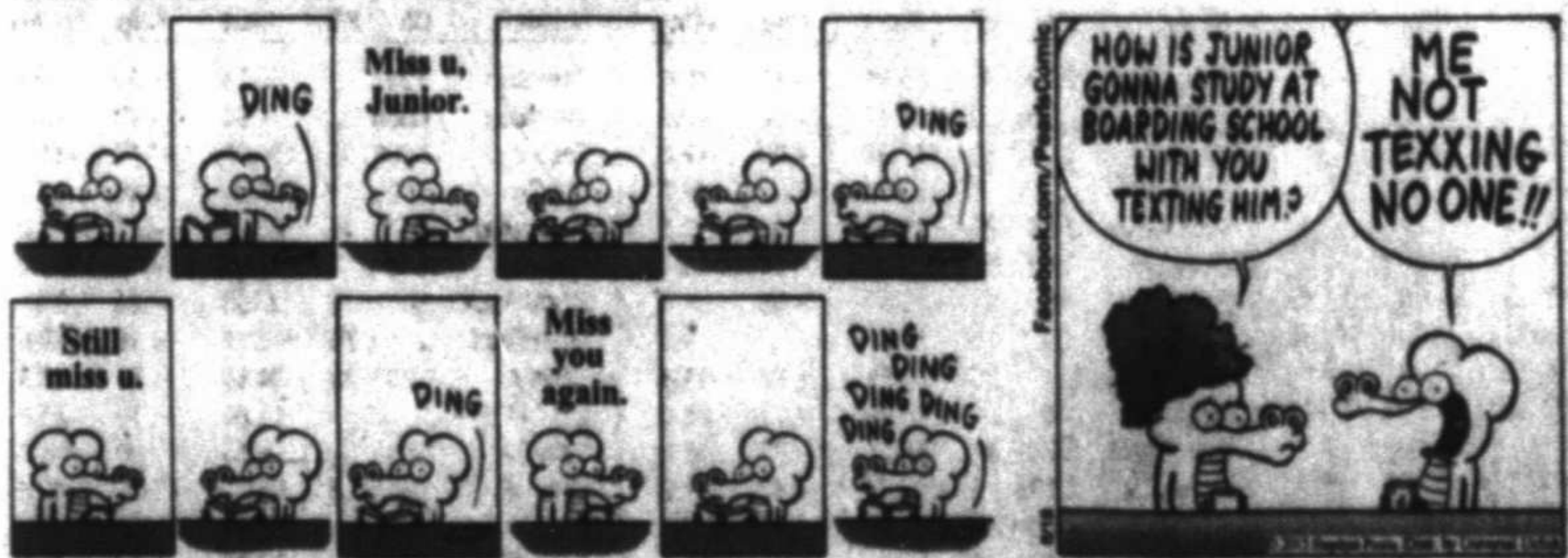
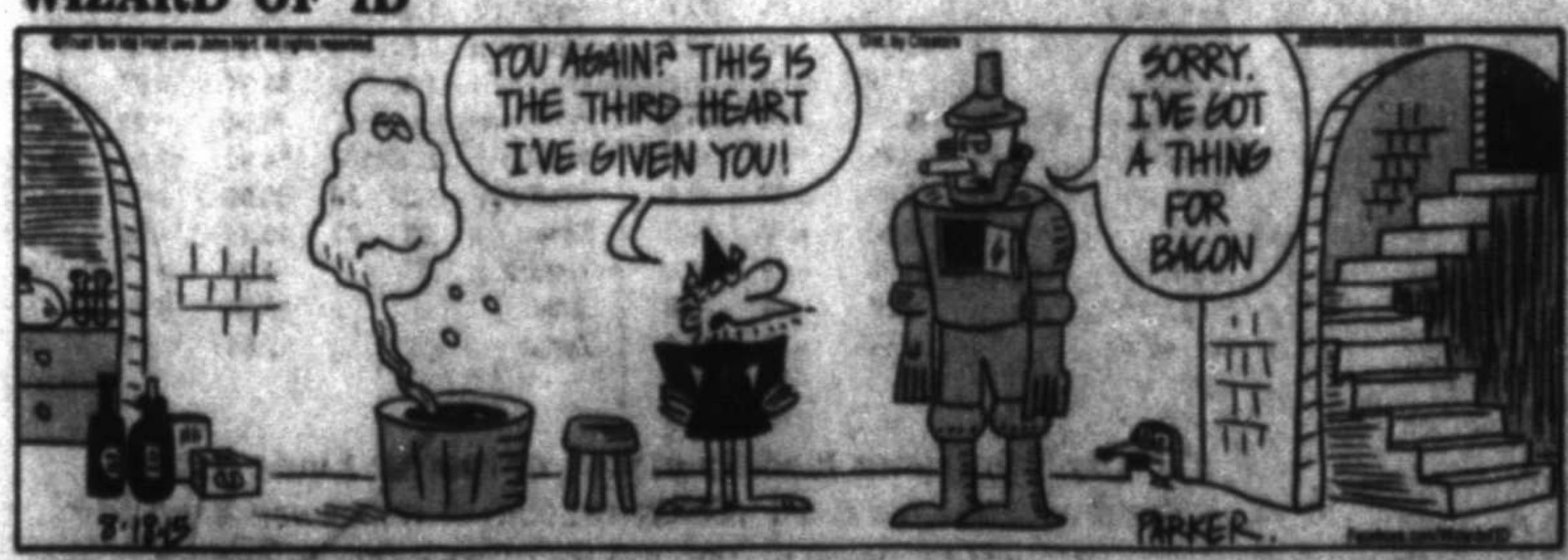
GARFIELD


ARE YOU GOING TO SHARE THAT?
SHARE WHAT?
THAT!
WHOA! YOU SHOULD TALK FASTER!

PEARLS BEFORE SWINE


DING
Miss u, Junior.
DING
Still miss u.
DING
Miss you again.
DING DING DING DING DING
HOW IS JUNIOR GONNA STUDY AT BOARDING SCHOOL WITH YOU TEXTING HIM?
ME NOT TEXXING NO ONE!!

WIZARD OF ID


YOU AGAIN? THIS IS THE THIRD HEART I'VE GIVEN YOU!
SORRY. I'VE GOT A THING FOR BACON
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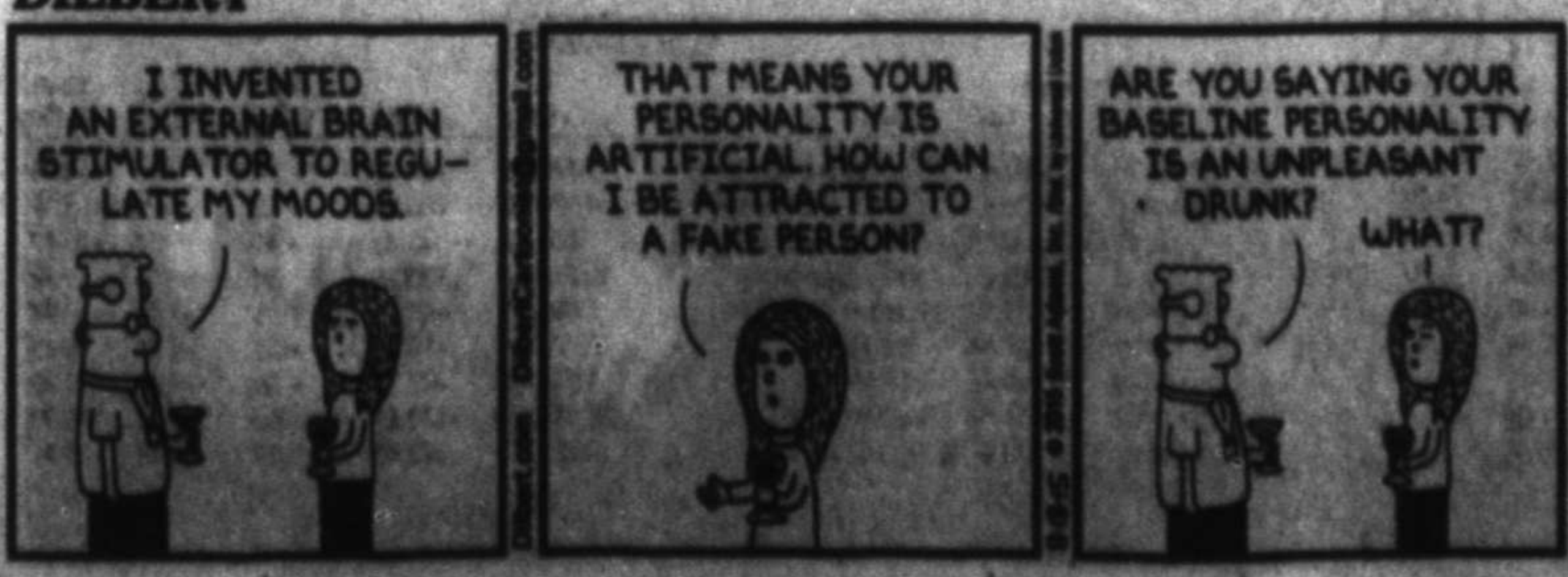
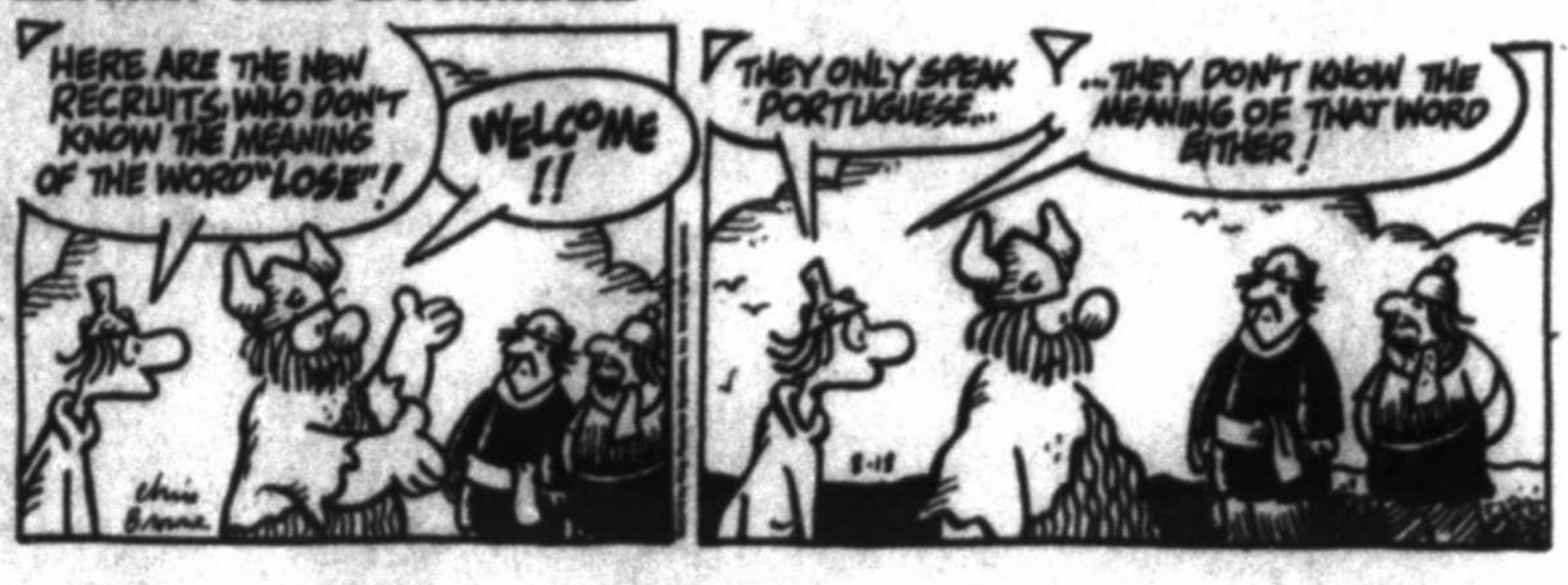
PARKER

DILBERT


I INVENTED AN EXTERNAL BRAIN STIMULATOR TO REGULATE MY MOODS.
THAT MEANS YOUR PERSONALITY IS ARTIFICIAL. HOW CAN I BE ATTRACTED TO A FAKE PERSON?
ARE YOU SAYING YOUR BASELINE PERSONALITY IS AN UNPLEASANT DRUNK?
WHAT?

HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


HERE ARE THE NEW RECRUITS, WHO DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THE WORD "LOSE"!
WELCOME !!
THEY ONLY SPEAK PORTUGUESE...
...THEY DON'T KNOW THE MEANING OF THAT WORD EITHER!
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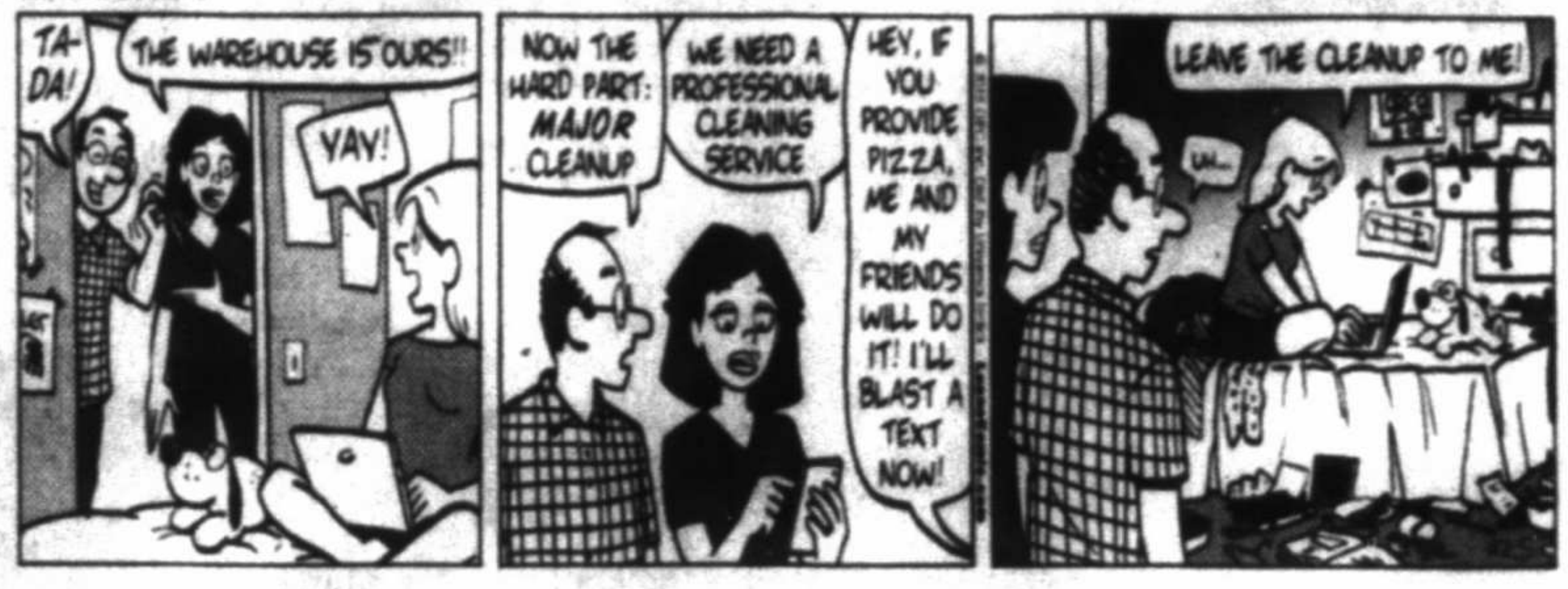
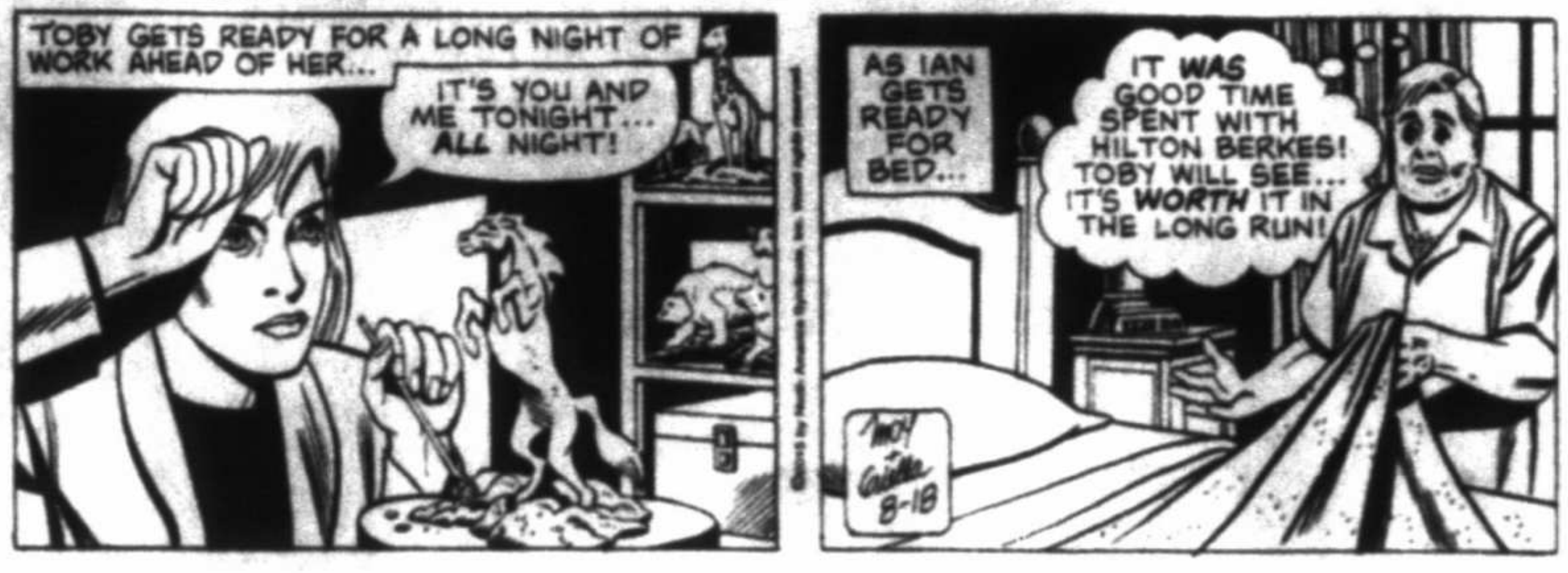
LUANN


TA-DA!
THE WAREHOUSE IS OURS!!
YAY!
NOW THE HARD PART: MAJOR CLEANUP
WE NEED A PROFESSIONAL CLEANING SERVICE
HEY, IF YOU PROVIDE PIZZA, ME AND MY FRIENDS WILL DO IT! I'LL BLAST A TEXT NOW!
LEAVE THE CLEANUP TO ME!
UH...

MARY WORTH


TOBY GETS READY FOR A LONG NIGHT OF WORK AHEAD OF HER...
IT'S YOU AND ME TONIGHT... ALL NIGHT!
AS IAN GETS READY FOR BED...
IT WAS GOOD TIME SPENT WITH HILTON BERKES! TOBY WILL SEE... IT'S WORTH IT IN THE LONG RUN!
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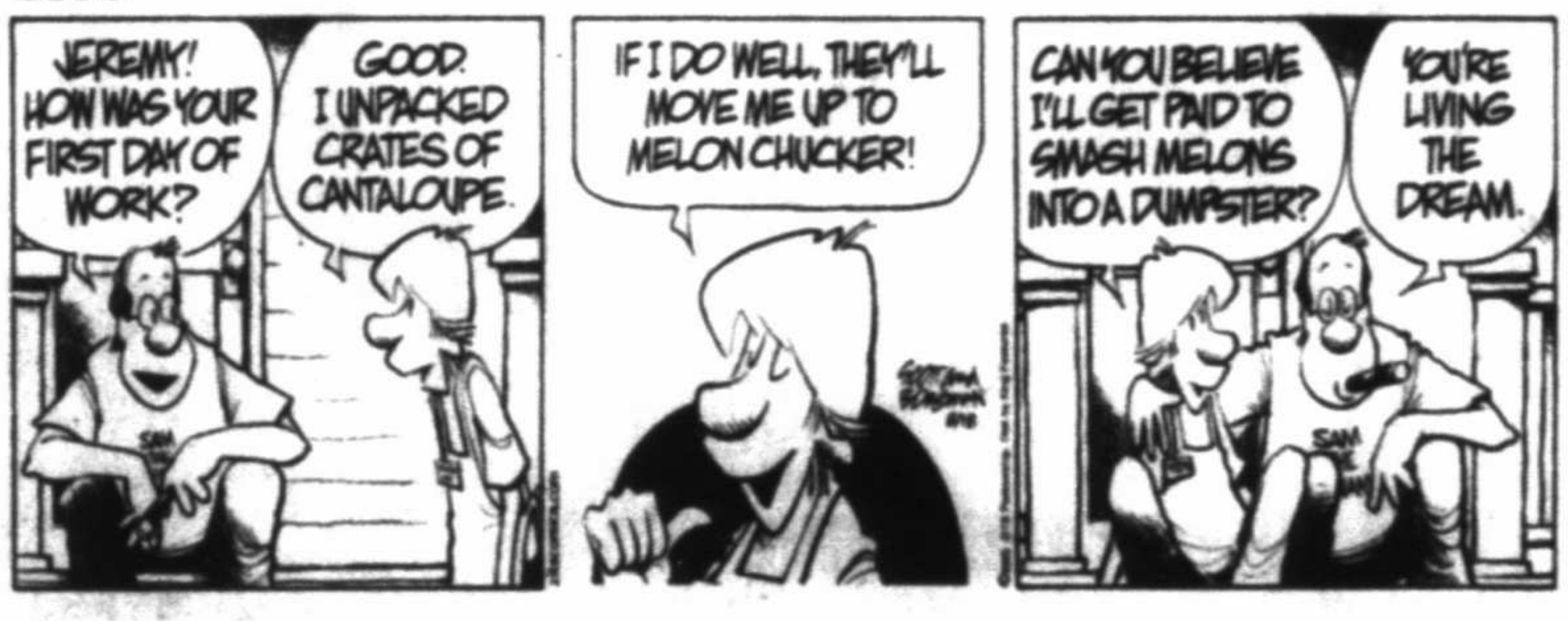
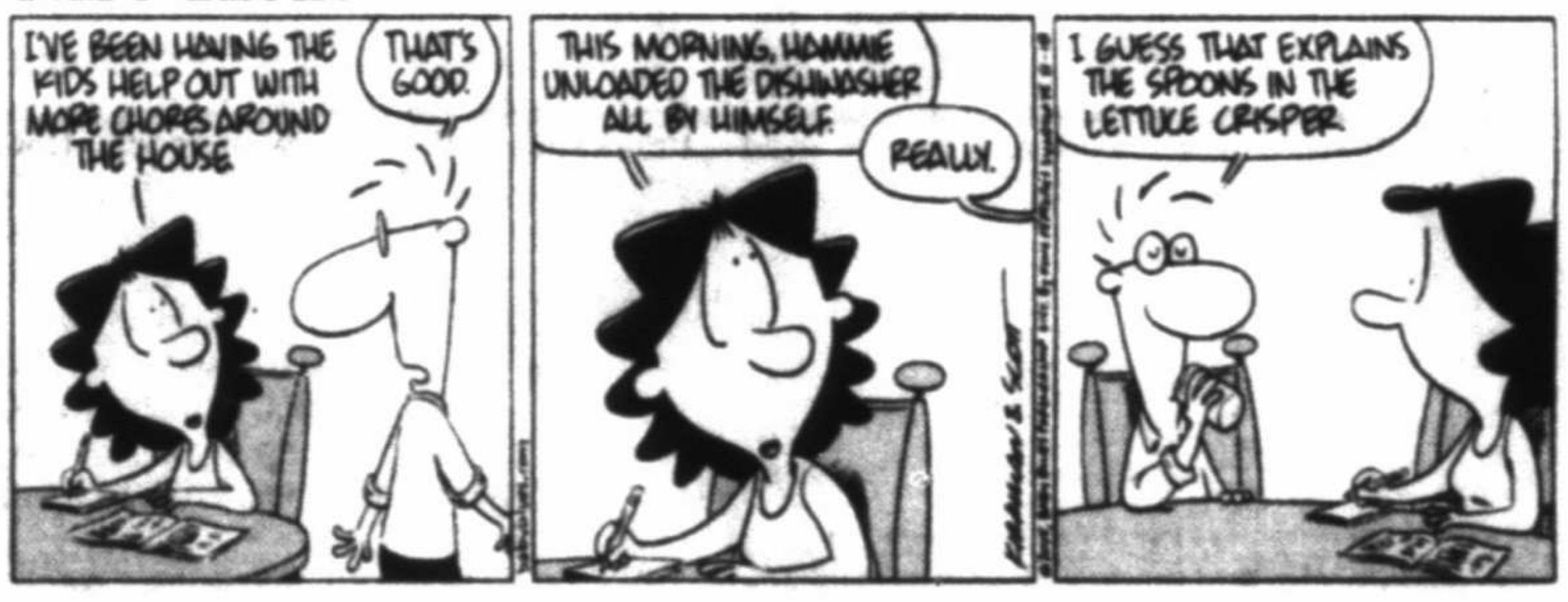
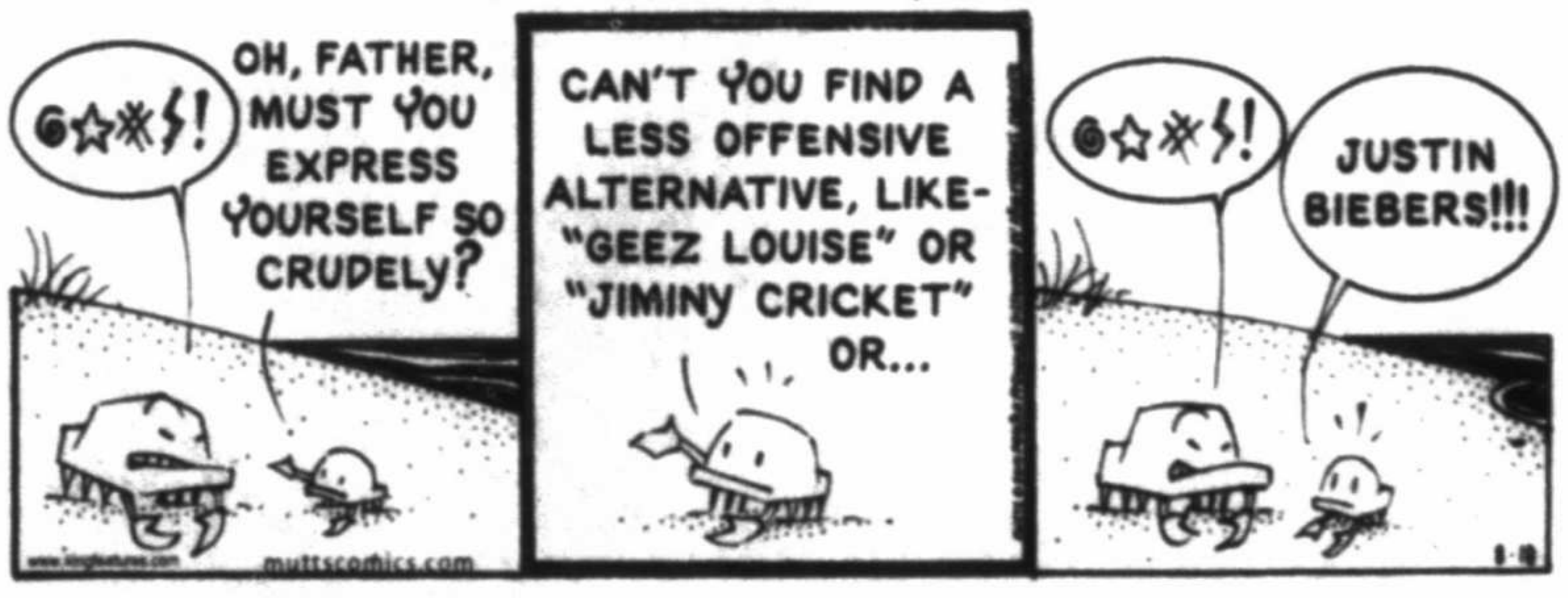
ZITS


JEREMY! HOW WAS YOUR FIRST DAY OF WORK?
GOOD. I UNPACKED CRATES OF CANTALOUPE.
IF I DO WELL, THEY'LL MOVE ME UP TO MELON CHUCKER!
CAN YOU BELIEVE I'LL GET PAID TO SMASH MELONS INTO A DUMPSTER?
YOU'RE LIVING THE DREAM.

BABY BLUES


I'VE BEEN HAVING THE KIDS HELP OUT WITH MORE CHORES AROUND THE HOUSE.
THAT'S GOOD.
THIS MORNING, HAMMIE UNLOADED THE DISHWASHER ALL BY HIMSELF.
REALLY.
I GUESS THAT EXPLAINS THE SPOONS IN THE LETTUCE CRISPER.

MUTTS


@☆✻$!
OH, FATHER, MUST YOU EXPRESS YOURSELF SO CRUDELY?
CAN'T YOU FIND A LESS OFFENSIVE ALTERNATIVE, LIKE- "GEEZ LOUISE" OR "JIMINY CRICKET" OR...
@☆✻$!
JUSTIN BIEBERS!!!
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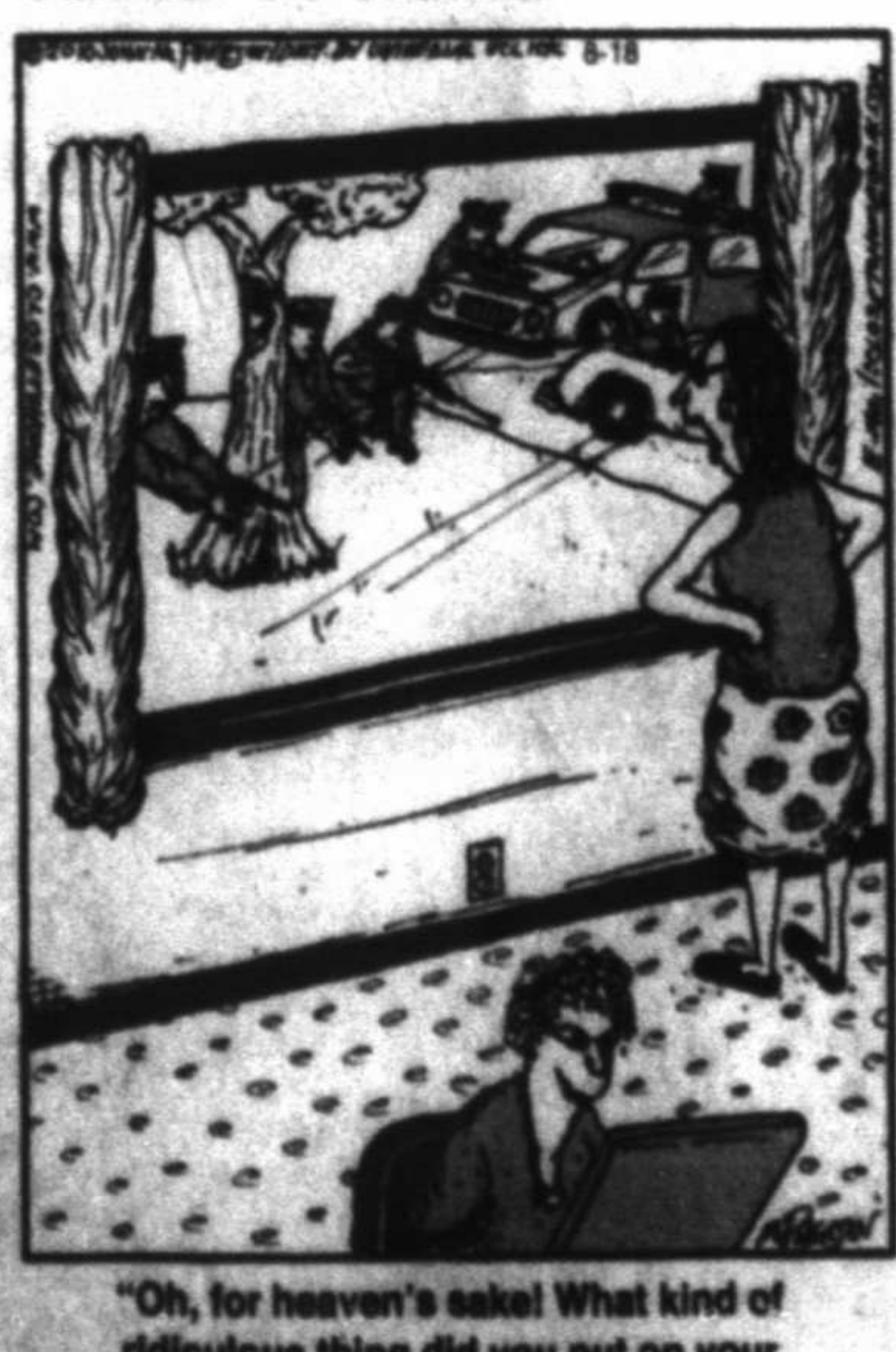
CLOSE TO HOME



"Oh, for heaven's sake! What kind of ridiculous thing did you put on your Facebook now, Jake?!"

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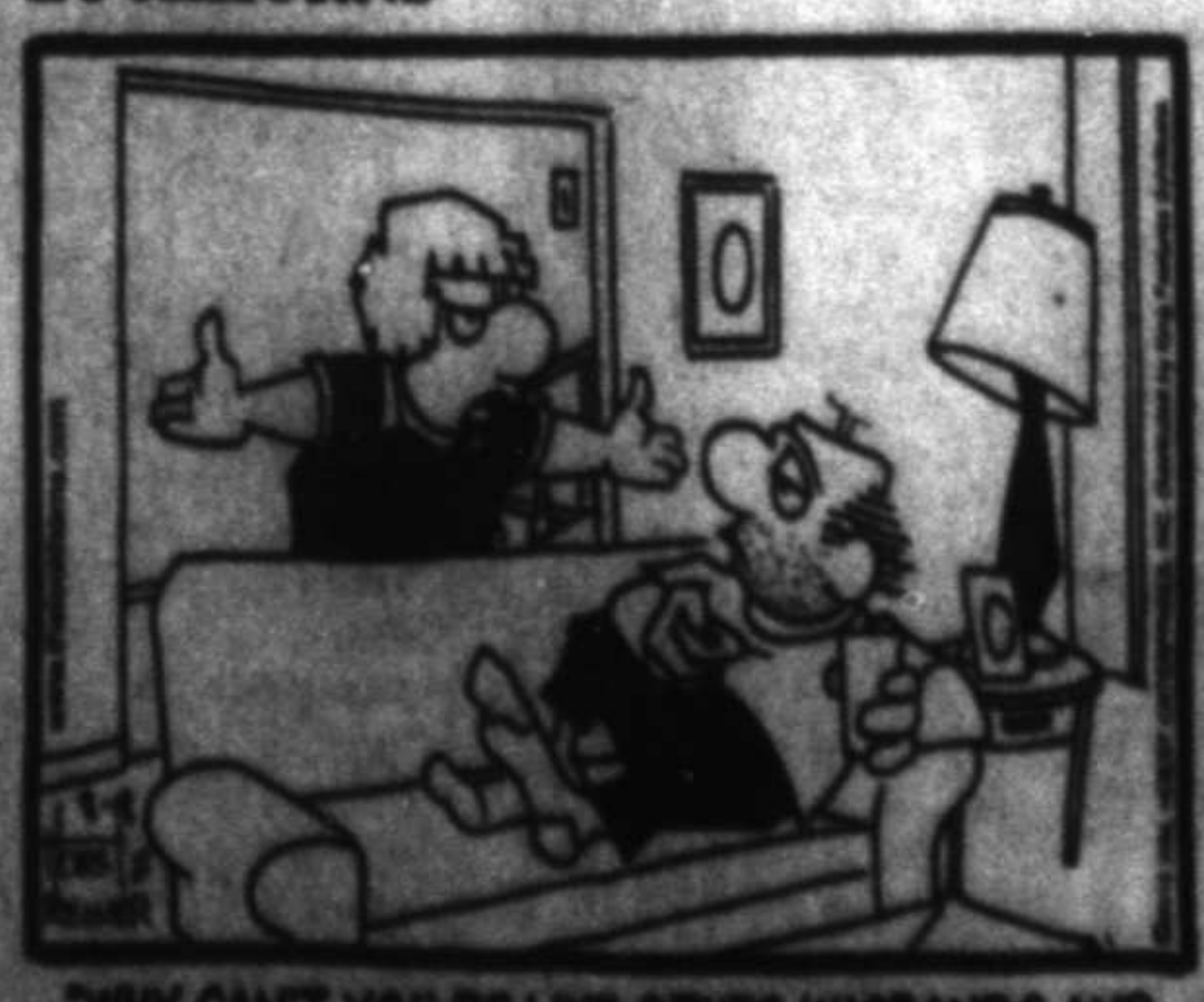
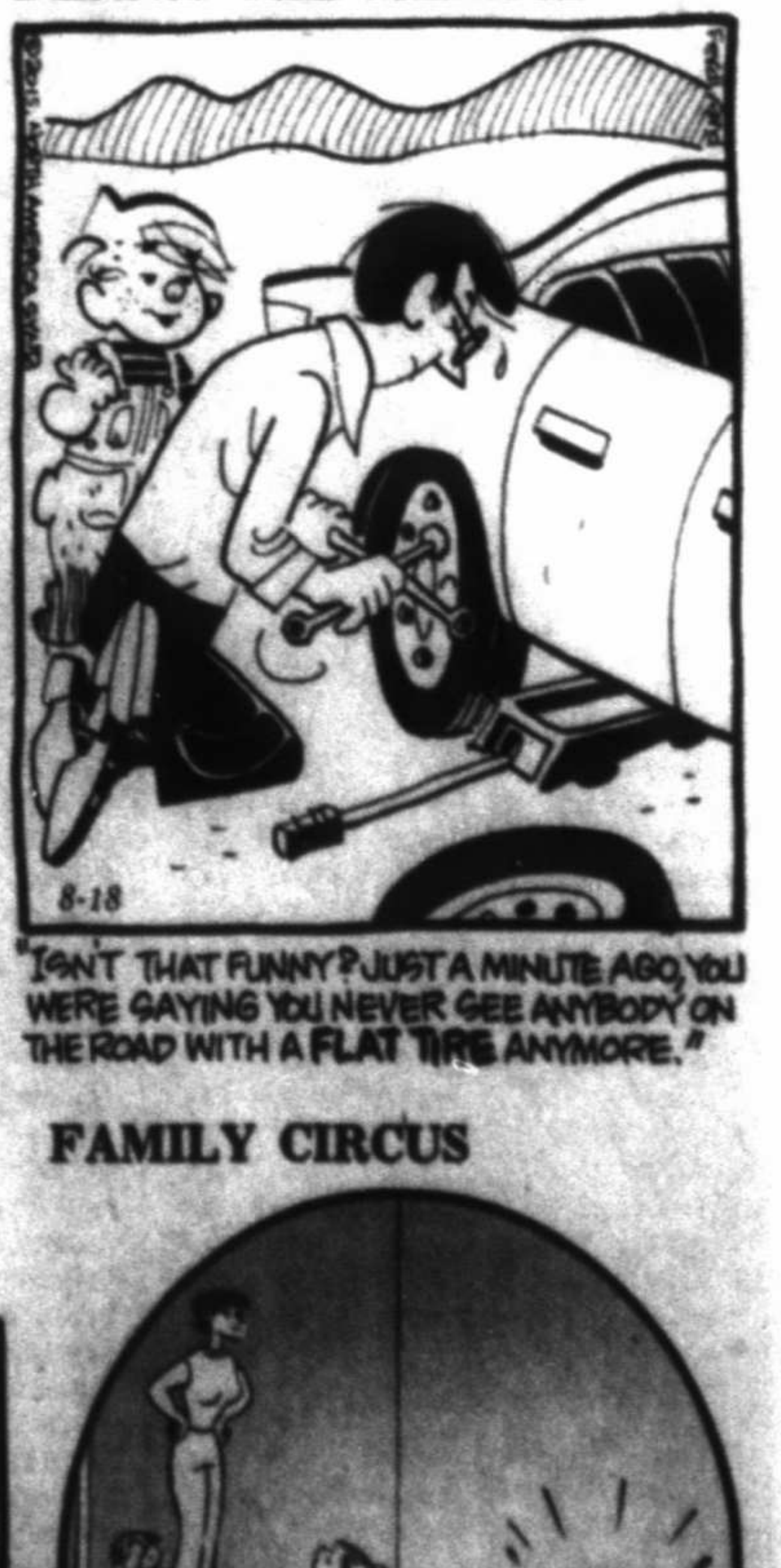


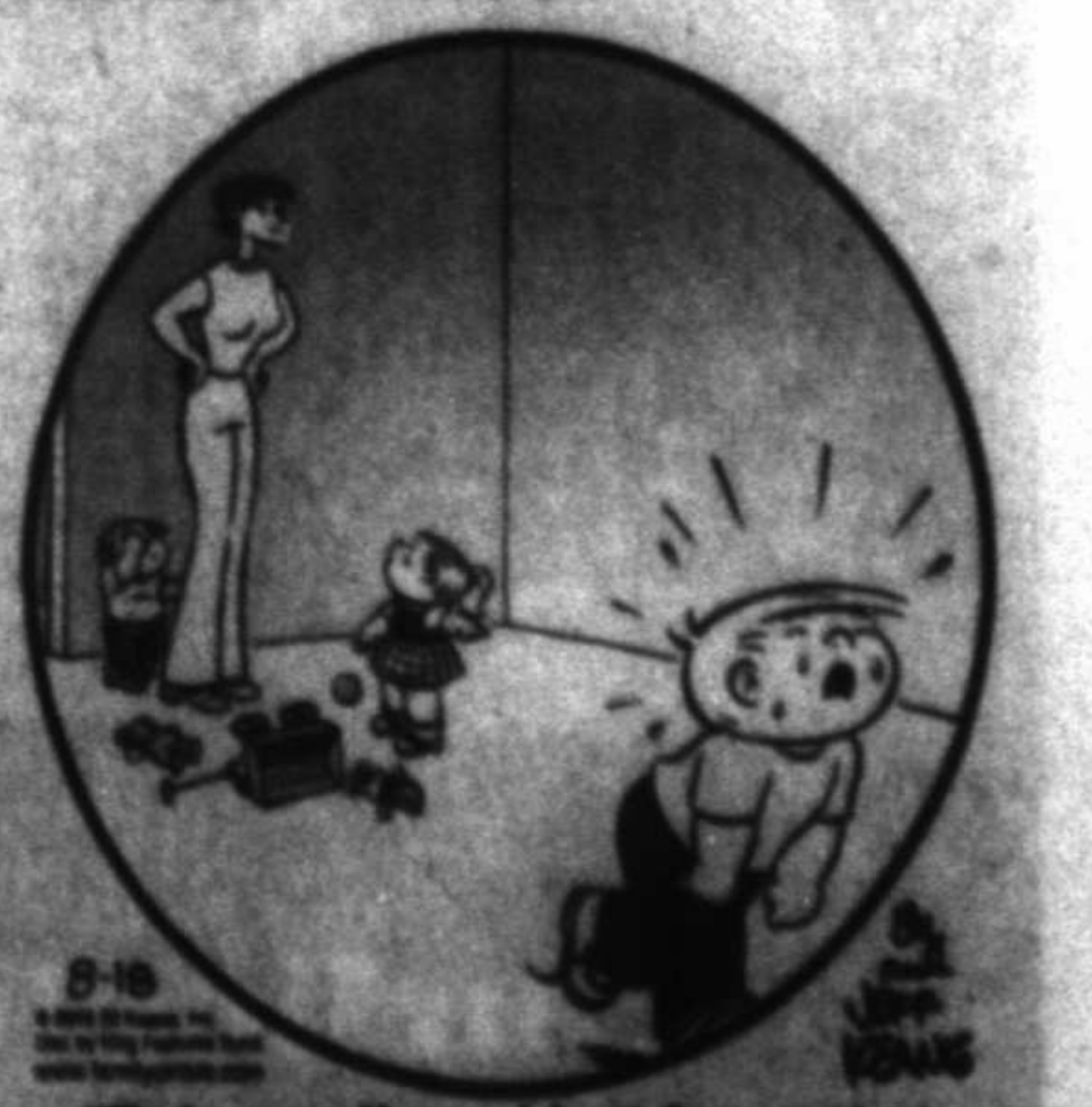
"WHY CAN'T YOU BE LIKE OTHER HUSBANDS AND BE MARRIED TO SOMEONE ELSE?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"ISN'T THAT FUNNY? JUST A MINUTE AGO, YOU WERE SAYING YOU NEVER SEE ANYBODY ON THE ROAD WITH A FLAT TIRE ANYMORE."

FAMILY CIRCUS



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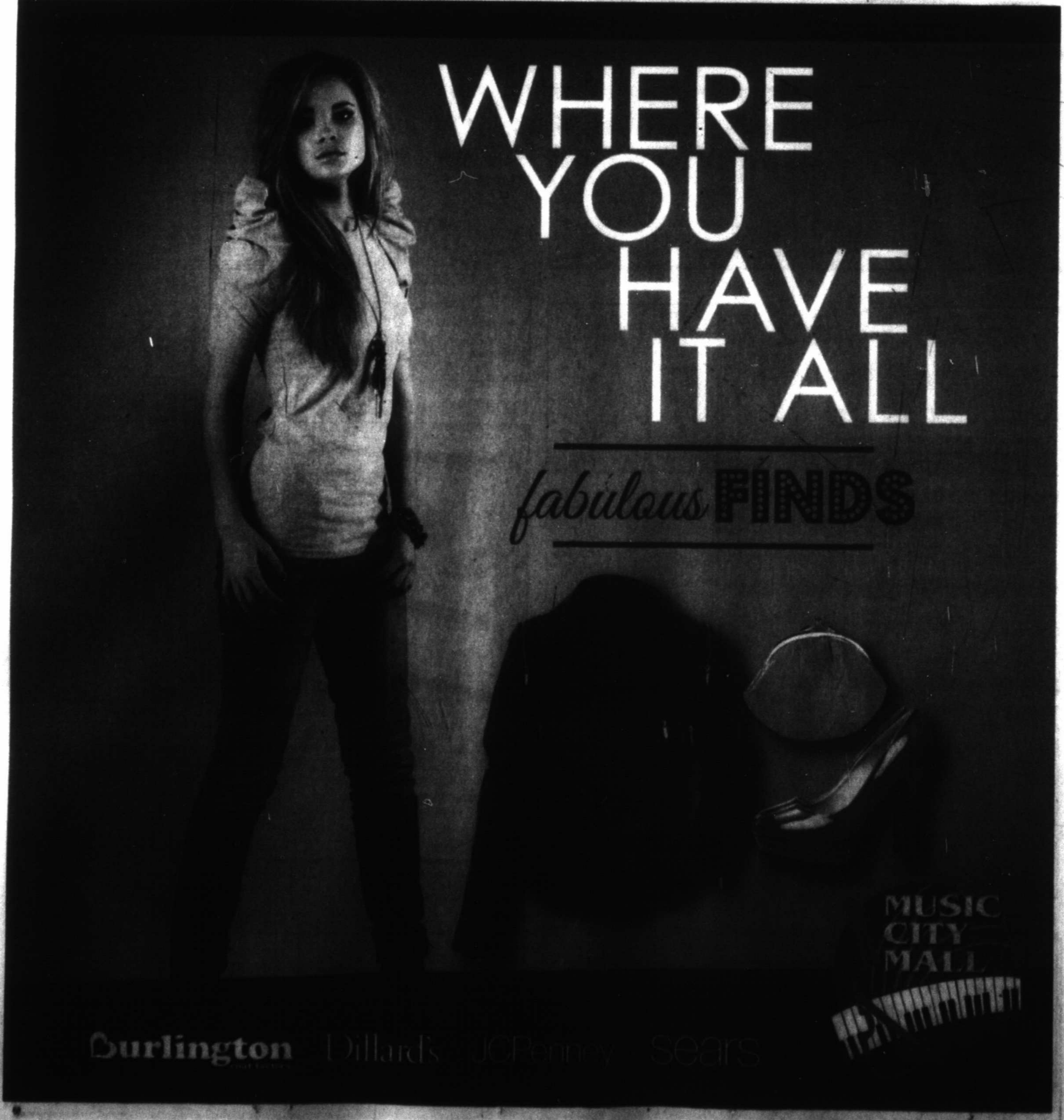
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Driver Requirements: Include delivery, pickup and handling of vehicle parts to/from surrounding areas. Requires ability to secure parts in a timely manner, work efficiently and maintain a friendly attitude at all times. Must have a valid drivers license and clean driving record. Previous parts or delivery experience preferred. Dealership experience preferred. And Excellent customer service skills and multitasking ability.

Service Writer Requirements: Including customer-focused, well organized person, service reception, providing repair estimates, obtaining approvals, keeping your clients updated on service status, invoicing, and service delivery. Must be professional in appearance, have excellent written and verbal communications skills, and have a positive, customer service, team-oriented attitude. Prior dealership, automotive, or other retail experience would be helpful.

Service Cashier Requirements: Includes to greet customer on main service drive, cash customers out, answer phone calls, cover fast lube cashier, and help with other misc. work task.

Suspension Technician Requirements: Must be able to follow work directions, pay attention to detail and diagnose problems and make the necessary repair. Duties include, but are not limited to the following: Verify complaints, follow diagnostic procedures, perform checks and make the necessary repair to vehicles. Identify potential problems, and perform preventative maintenance. Obtain information and keep accurate records. Obtain authorization and perform repair. Must have own tools. Must be able to be on your feet for long periods of time. Call for more details.

****Must pass drug test for all job positions.**

Come fill out a job application at Rogers Ford.

OTHER JOBS

NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

$10.00 per hour

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and social security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstlp.com

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NOW HIRING EXTRA! EXTRA!

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

$10.00 per hour

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ACCOUNTING AND FINANCE

Bookkeeping

Citizens Federal Credit Union is seeking the following full time position: Bookkeeping. Position is well paying, with excellent benefits. Please send a resume to: Citizens Federal Credit Union, ATTN: HR, P.O. Box 51070, Midland, TX. 79705

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FT Body Man

Body shop looking for experienced full time body man. Come in and apply. 3221 W Industrial Midland, TX 79701

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Part-time, enthusiastic Preschool and Children's Day Out teachers are needed (ages 6mo-4yr old preschool)
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Please apply in person at
First United Methodist Church
300 N Main Street

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Commercial Electricians/Apprentices

Call 817-220-8658 or send resume to contact@reielectric.com

Electricians

NGL Water Solutions Permian, LLC is currently seeking a State of Texas Licensed Journeyman Electrician. Please send resume to: Jaton.Bahlow@nglep.com or call (830) 326-1118.

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First / Second Class Lineman

Big Country Electric Co-op has an immediate opening with full benefits. We are looking for a First/Second Class Lineman for our Roby office. This position requires a high school diploma or equivalent, have communication skills, and must meet all job requirements if hired. Please visit our website at www.bigcountry.coop for further information and to apply online. Please call 325.776.3815 should you have any questions. All applications must be received no later than August 28th.

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HELP WANTED -GAS MEASUREMENT/COMMUNICATIONS TECHNICIAN. Duties include Installation, Calibration, Maintenance, Troubleshooting and Repair of Electronic Meters, Gas Sempling Systems and Radio Communications System. Excellent record keeping, communication and computer skills necessary. Salary DOE. Competitive wages and benefits. Send resume to: Measurement Technician Position, 2873 FM 829, Stanton, TX. Or Fax to: 432-458-3423 or email to vmccormack@wtggas.com

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Midland, TX 79705

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Pedi Med Center looking for a MA & LVN. We are looking for energetic & dynamic full time MA & LVN to work in our Pediatric Clinic. Must have Pediatric experience. Please send resume to Pedi Med Center, P.O.Box 8973, Midland, Texas 79708. No phone call please.

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Construction Project Managers and Superintendents

The Beck Group

Seeking multiple Construction Project Managers and Superintendents within a range of 8-15 years of experience in commercial construction, to work in Midland/Odessa. Please call Camille Tate, Talent Acquisition Manager if you are a qualified applicant at 214-303-6222 or visit our website www.beckgroup.com for more information.

Store Manager

Susie's South Forty Confections seeks a full-time Store Manager. If you are enthusiastic, sales driven and are a people person please apply. Ability to work flexible shifts and schedules, inclusive of weekends and some holidays. Must apply in person at 401 S. Marienfeld.

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OTHER JOBS

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Insignia Hospitality Group is now hiring full time Sales & Events Manager. Send resumes to rachel@insigniamgmt.com

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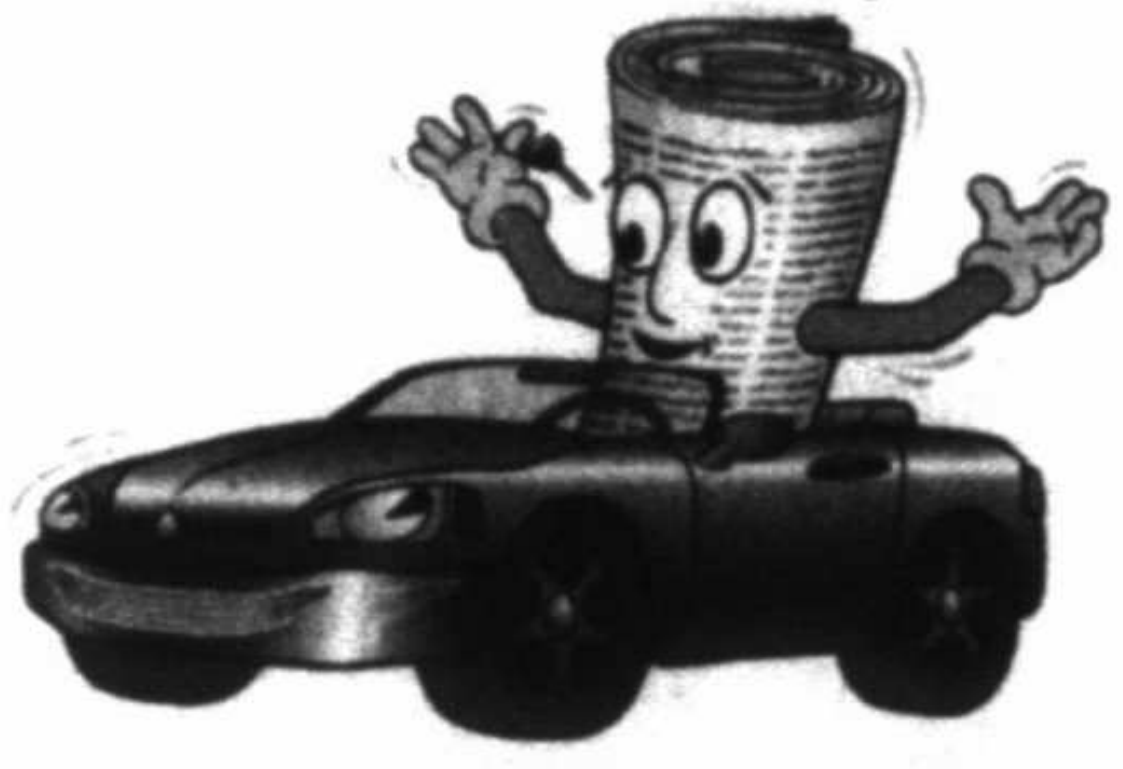

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Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, located in Suite 1101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 500 N. Loraine Street, Midland, Texas 79701 until 9:00 A.M. Local Time, September 4, 2015. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged at 9:10 A.M., Local Time, September 4, 2015.

Generally, the Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgment and the Commissioners Court meeting.

RFP 15MCO507 - CONSTRUCTION MANAGER AT RISK FOR HORSESHOE STORAGE BUILDING

Midland County reserves the right to reject any or all of the responses, to waive all formalities, and to withdraw the RFP at any time.

Information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office 432-688-4873 or pur103@co.midland.tx.us.

Kristy Engeldahl
Midland County Purchasing Agent

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the Clear Fork Formation in the Goldsmith C. A., Et al Lease, and well number: 545. The proposed injection well is located 3.5 miles south from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4969' - 7867' 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)

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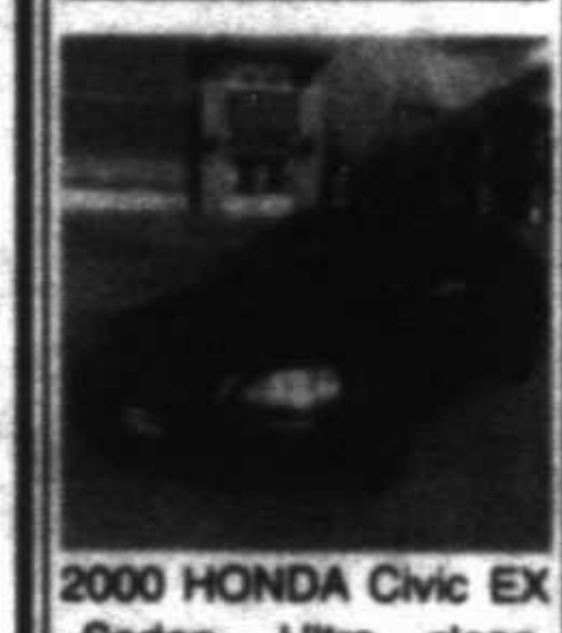

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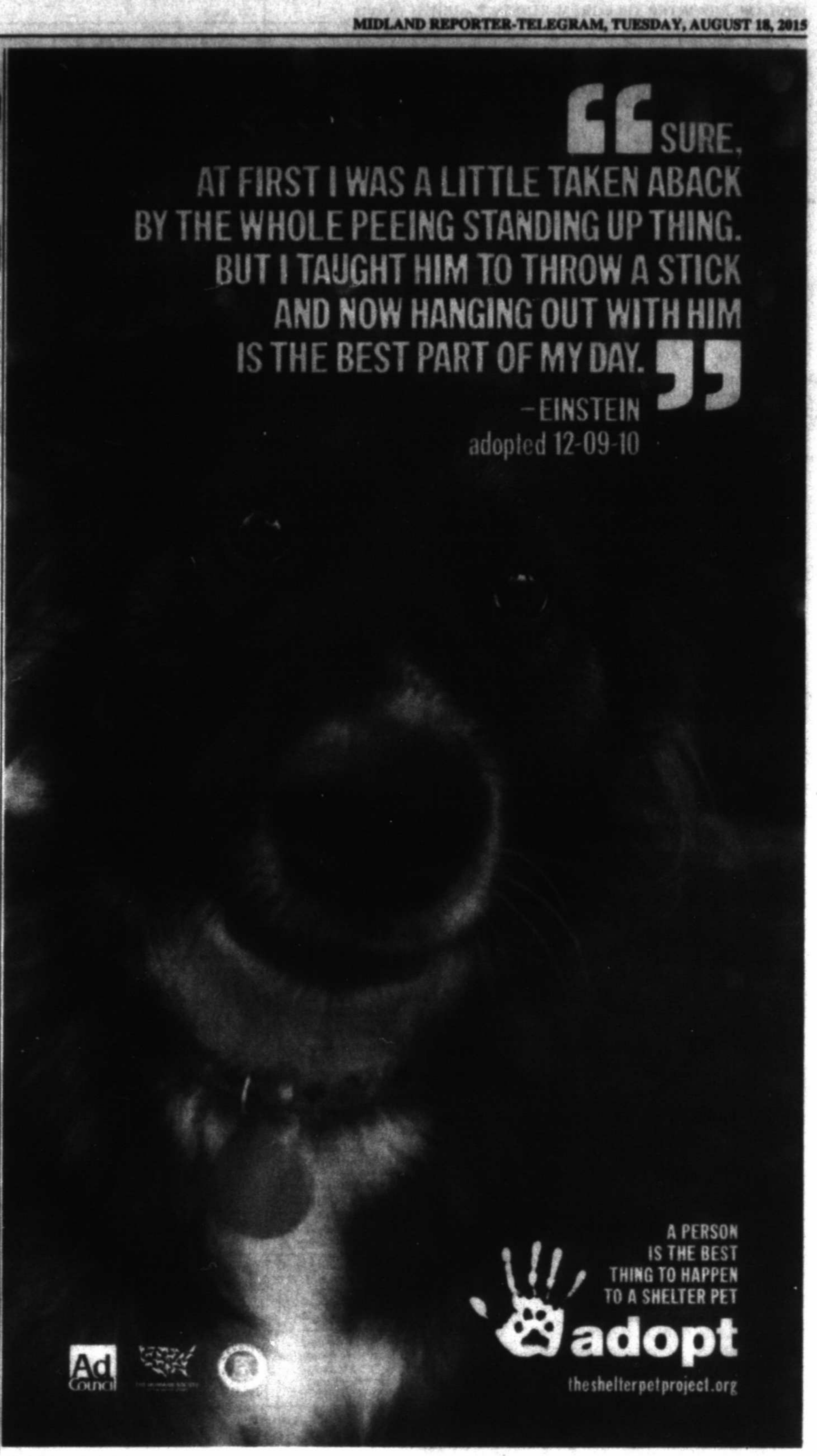
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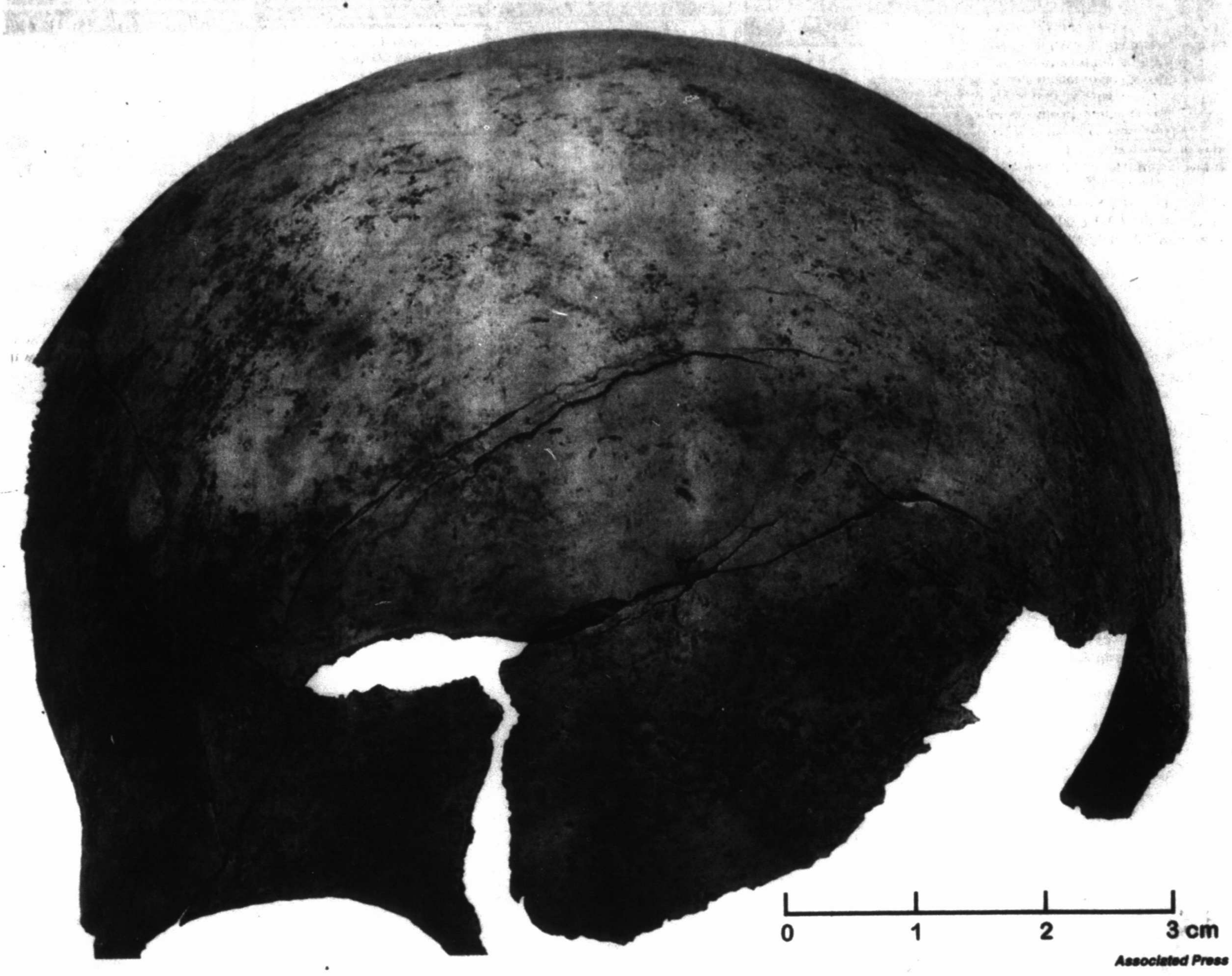

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Scientists find evidence of prehistoric massacre in Europe

By Frank Jordans
Associated Press

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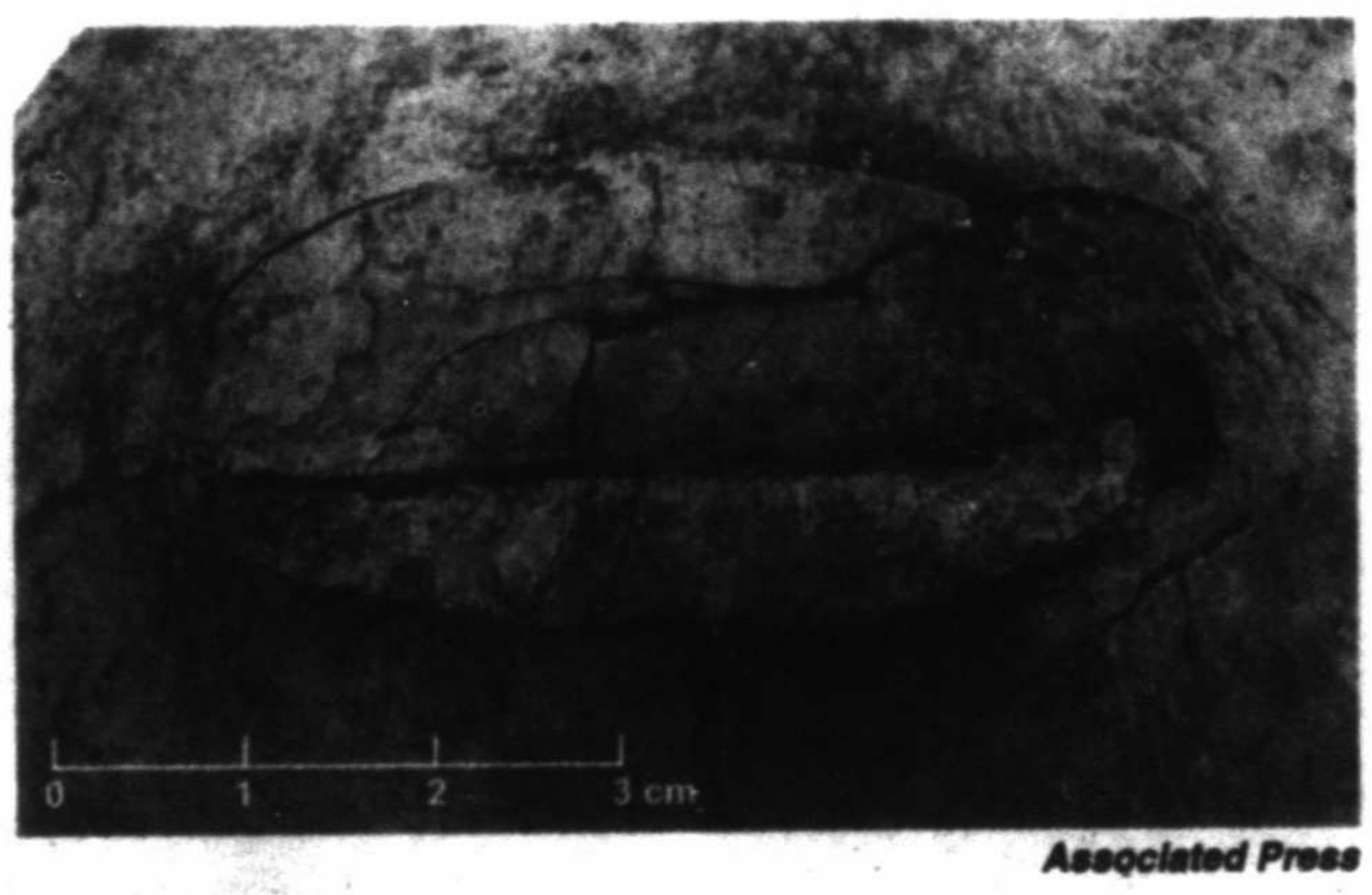
Archaeologists who painstakingly examined the bones of some 26 men, women and children buried in the Stone Age grave site at Schoeneck-Kilianstaedten, near Frankfurt, say they found blunt force marks to the head, arrow wounds and deliberate efforts to smash at least half of the victims' shins — either to stop them from running away or as a grim message to survivors.

"It was either torture or mutilation. We can't say for sure whether the victims were still alive," said Christian Meyer, one of the authors of the study published Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Meyer said the findings from Schoeneck-Kilianstaedten bolster theories put forward after the earlier discovery of two other grave sites in Germany and Austria. At all three sites, the victims and the perpetrators appeared to have been from the Linearbandkeramik — or LBK — culture, a farming people who arrived in central Europe about 5,500 B.C. Their name derives from the German phrase for "linear band ceramics," a reference to the style of their pottery.



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This photo released Monday by researcher Christian Meyer shows the fractured skull of an about 3- to 5-year-old child with a digital mark to show the size.

Intriguingly, the sites have all been dated toward the end of the LBK's 600-year presence, suggesting that members of this culture — which is thought to have developed in what is now Hungary and spread along the Danube River — may have turned on each other.

"It's about finding patterns. One mass grave was spectacular, but it was just a single grave. But when several such sites are found from the same period, then a pattern emerges," said Meyer.

In their article, the authors suggested that "the new evidence ... in conjunction with previous results, indicates that massacres of entire communities were not isolated occurrences but rather were frequent features of the last phases of the LBK."

Chris Scarre, an archaeologist at the University of Durham, England, who wasn't involved in the study, said its conclusions seemed well supported by the evidence.

"What is particularly interesting is the level of violence. Not just the suppression of a rival community — if that is what it was — but the egregious and systematic breaking of the lower legs," said Scarre. "It suggests the use of terror tactics as part of this inter-community violence."

Meyer, an anthropologist at the University of Mainz, Germany, said nobody can say for sure what prompted the killings so long after the fact. But it's possible to put forward theories, based on what's known about the LBK culture and the conditions they faced. For example, the end of LBK culture coincided with a period of climate change.

"The LBK population had expanded considerably, and this increases the potential for conflict," said Meyer. "Also, the LBK were farmers, they settled. So unlike hunter gatherers, who could move away to avoid conflict, these people couldn't just escape. Add to this the fact that there may have been a period of drought that constrained resources, causing conflicts to erupt."

Meyer said the theory of conflict between different groups within the LBK is supported by the existence of an apparent ancient border near the Schoeneck-Kilianstaedten site. Archaeologists have found that flint was traded on either side of the divide but not necessarily across it — suggesting the two groups did not see each other as kin, he said.

The attackers, however, spared some members of the group, with victims skewed toward young children, adult men and older women.

"It's likely that the young women, who are missing in the grave, were kidnapped by the attackers," said Meyer.

Is Photoshop's price tag bringing you down? There are free alternatives

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Q: Everything is "Photoshop this" or "Photoshop that." Well, have you seen how much Photoshop costs?! How can I get better bang for my buck?

Don't you be dissin' my Photoshop, mister! I've been using Photoshop for ... well, going back to the last millennium. It was a steep learning curve, but even now, years later, I remember all the tricks I acquired over time and can just about Photoshop anything you need. I love my Photoshop.

My Photoshop version is CS5, which our family astutely acquired (via my wife's educational discount) for under $300. It is already five years old. I was unaware of the shenanigans Adobe (adobe.com) has been up to since then.

Evidently, starting in 2013, Adobe released Photoshop CC (Creative Cloud), and instead of owning Photoshop, you now rent it on a monthly basis. Current rates are $20 per month for the privilege of using Photoshop. If Adobe had this model in place back in 2011, I'd have spent about $1000 on subscription fees by now. To me, that is ridiculous. Shame on you, Adobe, shame on you.

Adobe does offer a standalone product in Photoshop Elements for about $100. Of course, what you are getting is a limited edition of the full Photoshop. Tom's Guide (bit.ly/1vqeOFB) has a nice review comparing the various editions of Photoshop available.

So, now I understand your frustration with Photoshop, but what else is out there? See Beebom (bit.ly/1DVAJc2) for a good overview of free, cheap and cloud-based alternatives to Photoshop. Let's look at some of these free options more closely.

First up is GIMP (gimp.org), short for GNU Image Manipulation Program. This guy has been around for a long time and is available for any platform that isn't a handheld device. While free, donations are appreciated.

GIMP is pretty powerful. Besides the basics of cutting, pasting, resizing, cropping and distorting, it has the requisite selection tools: rectangle, circle, lasso, color range and scissors (magnetic lasso in Photoshop-speak). It possesses an abundance of filters, so you can turn any photo into a Monet masterpiece or a Matisse mess.

Most importantly, it leverages the concept of layers and masks, which I'm very fond of in Photoshop, and it allows you to get pretty sophisticated pretty quickly in image manipulation. While many of the terms and concepts are familiar to Photoshop users, it will take some time to learn the nuances and limitations of the user interface. The GIMP website has a number of helpful tutorials to get you up to speed though.

Another option in the same league as GIMP is Krita (krita.org), as in "get this krita outta here!" Chirp ... chirp. Yeah, that was bad, I have to admit. But what isn't bad is Krita. In fact, I liked it much better than GIMP. It has pretty much the same tools that GIMP has, but it's presented in a much more pleasing and less confusing manner. In other words, it is more like Photoshop than GIMP is, and where it differs, it is intuitive enough for a user to know what to do.

One thing that Krita does better than GIMP, or at least made easier for me to identify how to do, is layer styles. This feature allows you to add nifty effects like shadows, glows and overlays to layers. Doesn't sound like much, but trust me when I say that this makes things so much easier. Krita is available for Linux and Windows.

A much lighter option for the Windows platform is Paint.NET (getpaint.net). While it has a lot of the same selection, filtering and layering options that the other two have, as a whole, it just feels lighter in its feature set. It also felt lighter in its processing power than the others did. So, yes, while the download is smaller and its memory footprint may be smaller, the flip-side is it may take longer to do the same thing. Reminded me of working on my 486.

So there you have it. Photoshop without the Photoshopped prices!

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