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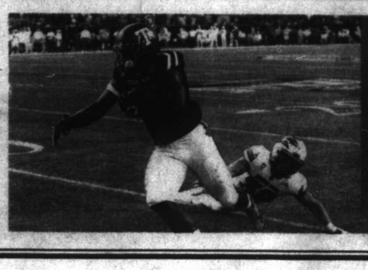

SEASON SUPERIORITY

While it's still early in the season, the SEC West is sending a message with Texas A&M's victory over Arizona State this weekend. Read more today in Sports.

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When it comes to taxes, not all businesses are equal

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Texas governors like to travel the country touting low taxes and low regulations, hoping to poach corporate headquarters and new jobs.

A close examination, though, reveals that Texas' business climate is nothing to brag about, and the tax burden is pretty high.

In the Lone Star State, business friendliness depends on what you do and how recently you arrived.

The nonpartisan Tax Foundation analyzed how states apply taxes to different kinds of businesses and compared how tax policies treat new businesses compared with established ones.

Most surprisingly, new and transplanted businesses pay a much higher tax rate than those that have been here for years. For example, an established research and development facility pays a tax rate of 12.1 percent, but a new one would pay 21.5 percent.

"Taxes are a lot higher than politicians think they are," said Janet Meade, associate professor of taxation at the University of Houston's Bauer College of Business, who reviewed the study. "We want those new businesses, but they are not getting a fair shot here."

The Tax Foundation modeled seven types of businesses and asked accounting firm KPMG to calculate the real tax burden for each in every state. KPMG included incentive programs in the calculations.

Texas' ranking for mature businesses was rather unremarkable, scoring the 14th-lowest tax rate on a labor-intensive manufacturer, 23rd on a capital-intensive manufacturer and 35th on a distribution center.

These are the kinds of numbers that persuade a CEO to move out of Texas — not move in.

The real trouble comes when you compare the difference in effective rates between the mature business and a new one. A new retail store or a new manufacturing plant in Texas will pay twice the effective tax rate as a similar business already here.

"The state's relatively high property and sales taxes, combined with a lack of tax incentives, yield substantially above-average tax burdens for all new firm types," the report concluded. "Mature firms rank better and — somewhat atypically — consistently experience lower effective tax rates."

There are many more factors than tax burden that go into a corporation's decision to relocate. General Electric Co., for example, announced last week it would

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RANGER HILL CONCERNS

The Abilene Reporter-News via AP

ABOVE: A tanker-truck climbs Ranger Hill on Interstate 20 on Aug. 26, passing a memorial along the side of the highway near Ranger. The Texas Department of Transportation is soliciting public comment on two alternatives for flattening the 6 percent grade at the Eastland County hill, one of the steepest in the state and about 75 miles west of Fort Worth. **BELOW:** Trucks downshift as they descend Ranger Hill on Interstate 20 on Aug. 26, while another truck hauls a truck cab up the hill on the westbound lane.

State ponders how to take the thrill out of Ranger Hill

By Ronald W. Erdrich
Abilene Reporter-News

RANGER — If you're thinking of snow right now, it's only because it's nearly 100 degrees outside. But when they think of snow in Eastland County, it's usually followed by a singular question: What will it do to Ranger Hill?

"It almost always shuts down," answered Eastland County Judge Rex Fields. "Ranger Fire Department has to come out to get people to divert and get off the road; TxDOT comes out."

The Interstate 20 roadway at Ranger Hill, a little more than 8 miles east of Ranger, has a long, notorious history.

"It is an anomaly; you won't see that kind of a hill until you get out to New Mexico somewhere," Fields told the Abilene Reporter-News. "They've always told me that's the highest grade on Interstate 20 anywhere across Texas."

Indeed, the Texas Department of Transportation, or TxDOT, labels that length of I-20 as one of the steepest in the state at 6 degrees. The agency estimates more than 18,000 vehicles pass through there each day. The stretch measures a little over 2 miles, according to Google Maps.

But it's a combination of factors that makes Ranger Hill dangerous. In 2013

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Budgets highlight this week's council meeting

From staff reports

It's budget season, and that will add more business to Tuesday's Midland City Council meeting.

The City Council will approve its own 2015-16 (fiscal year 2016) budget and tax rate, as well as the budgets for the Midland Development Corp. and Midland Football, Soccer and Baseball Complex Development Corp. (the 4B or type B board).

It's likely to be pretty standard operations as the Council has already been through public hearings and taken a first vote on the city of Midland's budget.

The budget that appears on the city's website calls for a total of $254 million. General fund revenues, those supported by property and sales tax revenues, are $109 million, an increase of more than $4 million compared to FY 2015 revenues.

Last week, the council amended the budget to cut the one-time "cost of living adjustment" (COLA) payment to city employees that was set for November, an amount totaling $1.57 million. The council also cut $26,416 from the downtown development director's budget.

According to city website, the budget allows for:

- the same level of service as in the 2014-15 budget;
- $5 million for street improvements;
- replacement of 21 police vehicles;
- purchase of a new fire pumper trucks;
- a match for a hike and bike grant if it is received.

The city also projects more than $38 million in general fund reserves at the end of the upcoming fiscal year.

Also set to be approved is a property tax rate of $.38048 per $100 valuation, which the city said is "effectively a 3 percent increase over the effective rate of $0.3694."

The proposed tax rate means the city's tax bill for a $200,000 home would be around $761. The effective rate would have meant the owner of the same home would pay around $738. The adopted tax rate for 2014-15 was $0.393891.

With the city, MDC and 4B budget, there is one place that offers city leaders an interesting discussion point. That place is sales tax revenue. The city in an early version of the budget expected around $41.5 million. That figure has since been lowered to $40 million. The sports complex budget, which is funded by a quarter-cent addition in the sales tax rate, is more conservative, calling for revenues around $9 million. The MDC board, also funded by a quarter-cent addition, called for revenues around $7.5 million.

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The Brazoria Facts via AP

Traffic is stopped along FM 457 in Sargent with the swing bridge open for a barge on Aug. 27.

'Corkscrew bridge' may replace state's last swing bridge

By Erinn Callahan
The Facts

SARGENT — Anna Carter was once a regular at Sargent Island, but after a barge struck the Sargent Swing Bridge on Farm Road 457 just before Memorial Day a year ago, she'd rather stay home.

"Ever since the barge hit, it's subconsciously in your mind that you don't want to go to the beach," said Carter, a Sargent resident who works at the VFW Post 2412, about 7 miles from the island.

No one was injured, but the incident closed the bridge for the weekend, cutting off the only access point to and from the island.

"The barge hit the bridge on the south side and just crumpled it," bridge operator Steve Gartman told The Facts of Brazoria County. "They couldn't fix it until that Sunday."

Now, a year after that incident, the Texas Department of Transportation has proposed a replacement concrete bridge, with safety as a primary motivator.

It's rare to see a barge collide with the bridge, Gartman said, although he has seen plenty in his 17 years as an operator.

"Once, a man stopped and asked how far it was to Galveston," Gartman said. "I told him it was still about 40 miles, and he gunned his engine and drove across the bridge. I heard a splash."

The proposed $28.7 million "corkscrew bridge" would span 225 feet and clear 73 feet across the Intracoastal Waterway. It would be two lanes and leave room on the sides for pedestrians and cyclists.

"It's a standard concrete bridge with unique corkscrew approaches," highway department spokesman Andrew Carlson said. "You start out on the ground and go in a complete circle to get to the top of the bridge and then in another complete circle to get to the bottom.

"We have a limited right-of-way, and there's not enough room on the island to build a standard bridge with straight approaches. We want to be respectful of the environment."

It's a far cry from the current swing bridge — the last of its kind in Texas — which extends 120 feet and clears 15 feet and 5 inches. According to the Sargent website, the first bridge was built in 1943 as a 96- by 18-foot floating wooden pontoon.

In 1975, the old wooden bridge was replaced with a larger metal pontoon span, which cost $270,000 to install. New approaches were added in 1981, and no additions have been made since.

Boats and barges traveling the Intracoastal Waterway radio an operator in the bridge tower, who then stops traffic and slowly swings the bridge open to the east. Currently, five full-time operators staff the tower around the clock.

It typically takes 15 minutes to open the bridge and allow barges to pass through, sometimes longer, Gartman said.

From Aug. 15-24, the operators opened the bridge for 233 barges and 66 pleasure boats, in addition to seven shrimp and four work boats.

"That's not even a holiday weekend," Gartman said, thumbing through pages of the log the operators keep.

"Right now, there's only about two cars, but, on the weekends, cars are usually backed up to that caution signal," he added, pointing to a light several miles away on FM 457.

That wait is another deterrent for residents like Carter.

"I don't like waiting in line," Carter said. "I think the new bridge is going to be cool."

Mounting maintenance costs also contribute to the need for a new bridge, Carlson said. A combination of many now-obsolete parts and operator salaries amounts to about $500,000 in operating costs.

"There's a lot of the parts that they don't make anymore, so if it breaks, we have to come up with our own fix," Carlson said.

In 2009, the highway department opted to replace the last remaining swing bridge — about 20 miles from the current one on FM 2031 in Matagorda — for much the same reason, Carlson said.

"Because there is more clearance on the other side of that bridge, it's just a standard bridge instead of a corkscrew design," he said.

The proposed new bridge would remain stationary at all times, allowing for an uninterrupted flow of traffic from Sargent to the island at all hours. This fact is critical for emergency situations, Carlson said.

"We're looking at it solely from a safety and maintenance perspective," Carlson said. "The new bridge will allow unimpeded access for emergency vehicles."

Emergency responders typically call the operators with enough time for them to halt waterway traffic and open the bridge, but there have been times when that wasn't the case, Gartman said.

"We've always had communication with the fire department and EMS if there is an emergency," he said. "But when we get a call, we shut down boat traffic, and we're shut down until they come back."

"With big projects like this, it takes this long to get the environmental assessment ready," Carlson said. "We're dealing with a fragile ecosystem with the Intracoastal Waterway and the beaches, so we want to make sure that all our plans are not going to cause any damage other than the minimal amount necessary."

Residents can provide verbal and written comments at the hearing, as well as during the following 10 days.

If most residents are in favor of the project, the bidding process is tentatively slated to begin next July, Carlson said.

"We're not going to go against the public's wishes, but if they give us the OK, it'll probably be complete by 2018," he said.

The project requires 4.2 acres of additional right-of-way, and will displace one single-family home and several buildings owned by the highway department. Carlson said the department is in talks with the owner of the residence to purchase the land, and will offer relocation assistance.

Construction will not affect traffic, Carlson said.

"The bridge will still be operational," he said. "They'll build it all around us, and then, once it's open, they'll likely tear out this bridge."

Although Gartman has spent almost two decades manning the bridge tower, he is fairly unsentimental about its potential replacement.

"I think it's fine," he said. "It gives me a chance to move out of here and do something else."

Sargent resident Annette Irvin is more nostalgic about the community staple, but she is heartened by the prospect of less traffic.

"I'd miss the swing bridge. It's the last one in Texas," she said. "But I don't like waiting in line either."

Matagorda County Judge Nate McDonald said he was torn. As county emergency management director, he knows a stationary bridge will allow much easier ingress and egress for emergency vehicles.

As a Matagorda County native who spent his boyhood days traipsing across the bridge with his dad as the two fished for flounder, however, McDonald said he will miss the Sargent fixture.

"It's a potential low-maintenance item for emergency management, and as county emergency management director, I would be more comfortable knowing we can evacuate our folks over that bridge 24/7," he said.

"But I'll admit, I grew up here in Matagorda County and waited on that bridge and the Matagorda swing bridge."

According to the Sargent website, the community's modest population of 500 full-time residents can swell to about 4,000 or 5,000 on the weekends. McDonald said he isn't certain what impact the new bridge would have on tourism.

"Economically, people come to see the swing bridge. I expect there are a lot of little kids who get a charge from going up the bridge, as I did," he said. "But I imagine people who have second and third homes down there would like to get to their homes faster.

"And it goes without saying that if you can get over it quicker, perhaps it will increase folks coming in."

Ultimately, McDonald said, the decision is purely up to the highway department.

Kenneth Cain, who spends about five days a week at the home he owns in Sargent, said he thought a new bridge would increase property values.

"It's got to," he said.

Still, like Carter and Irvin, Cain is receptive to change in his community.

"I think it'd be nice," he said.

"We'll miss it, but progress keeps happening."

3rd problem bear from same mom's littler euthanized at Tahoe

By Scott Sonner
Associated Press

RENO, Nev. — Are some bears just born to be bad? Or do they learn from other bears that raid garbage cans, break into cars and homes and eventually have to be killed because they've lost their fear of humans?

Scientists have researched this classic debate over "nature" and "nurture" among black bears for decades, from Yosemite National Park in the Sierra to central Florida and the Adirondacks in upstate New York.

Now, a notorious 19-year-old female bear at Lake Tahoe with a rap sheet a mile long has become a poster child of sorts for the kind of generational cycle that experts say her young will be hard pressed to break as long as humans continue to leave garbage in their reach.

Last week, Nevada wildlife officials were forced to euthanize a young problem bear at the lake — the third offspring killed from the same litter born to the mama bear known by her tag number, Green 108.

"She's just kind of a chronic, nuisance-type bear," said Carl Lackey, a wildlife biologist for the Nevada Department of Wildlife. "She's always been getting into trash, always been in the same area. We've captured several litters of hers. We've captured her several times."

Lackey co-authored a 2008 study published in the Journal of Mammalogy about the role of genetics in bear conflict behavior.

"We sort of concluded that genetics alone could not explain a nuisance behavior in black bears," Lackey said about the research led by S.W. Breck and C.L. Williams at the USDA's National Wildlife Research Center in Fort Collins, Colorado.

A study led by National Park Service researchers first suggested in 1989 that problems with Yellowstone's grizzly bears were a function of behavior passed from mother to offspring and successive generations, but it didn't determine whether it was learned or inherited.

Another 2008 study by Rachel Mazur and Victoria Seher, researchers at Yosemite's Division of Resources Management, documented bears "actively tutoring" their cubs to find food in human environments. They concluded that food-conditioned foraging is a skill passed from older bears to the young.

"We have observed sows pushing cubs into buildings and vehicles to retrieve food rewards," they wrote.

Lackey said several bears that have been caught at Tahoe multiple times and released back into the wild "won't go into a trap anymore."

"They send their cubs into the trap or cubs into homes to get food," he said.

Nevada Department of Wildlife spokesman Chris Healy witnessed something similar last summer at a trap set in Reno.

"Cubs showed up curious about the trap, and the sow we caught a year before would sit there and growl at the cubs to scare them away," Healy said.

"We're dealing with really smart animals that become habituated to food," he said. "If you want to solve the problem, you have to change the way you deal with garbage."

National parks across the West long have utilized bear-proof trash containers. Several communities in the Canadian Rockies started requiring bear-proof garbage cans as early as 1999. A few U.S. towns have made them mandatory, including parts of Boulder, Colorado, last year. But others — including Lake Tahoe — have rejected attempts because of costs and opposition to government regulation.

Mazur and Seher examined in 2008 whether the bears simply were adapting to their environment, or whether "previously adaptive behavior" became counter-productive, putting the animals in the way of harm by increasing contact with humans. While the garbage provides high-energy food, those bears were 5.6 times more likely than cubs of wild sows to be hit by cars, hunted or killed for safety reasons, they found.

In the end, the bears fall into an ecological trap, they wrote.

In 2004, Green 108 was first captured in Tahoe, tagged and released. Since then, she's been trapped four times, most recently in July 2012.

"We don't euthanize bears just for getting in trash when that's all they're doing," Lackey said. "But that conflict behavior escalates from tipping over trash cans to breaking into homes, and that's when we have to euthanize them."

So is society ultimately to blame for problem bears like Green 108 and her cubs? Lackey thinks so.

"If we could have waved a magic wand and bear-proofed Tahoe years ago, you wouldn't see the number of bears getting into these conflict situations," he said.

Healy said Tahoe never had a serious bear problem until the early 1990s when food sources dwindled in the mountains during extended drought.

"That drought drove bears out of the back country, and a lot of them never left," he said.

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FROM WIRE REPORTS

DALLAS

Woman held in dentist slaying; other suspects sought

A Dallas woman is being held on a capital murder charge in the slaying of a pediatric dentist in an apartment parking garage, and police are looking for other suspects.

Crystal Cortes told investigators she drove Kendra Hatcher's killer to the garage Wednesday. Cortes remained in jail Sunday. Jail records don't list an attorney for her.

An affidavit says Cortes admitted she was paid $500 to drive the gunman. Police haven't indicated if they think 23-year-old Cortes, a dental assistant, knew the victim.

Police said the Jeep Cortes was driving followed another vehicle into the garage. After Hatcher parked, a man got exited the Jeep and shot her. Cortes told investigators the gunman stole several items from Hatcher.

The affidavit says police corroborated Cortes' account with witnesses and video evidence.

FORT WORTH

Aryan Brotherhood of Texas member sentenced in 2012 killing

A self-proclaimed member of the Aryan Brotherhood of Texas has been sentenced to 60 years in prison for killing a North Texas man he thought was faking membership in the white supremacist gang.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported that District Judge Scott Wisch on Friday sentenced Staten "Monster" Corbett Jr. to 48 to 60 years for murder and 20 years for tampering with the corpse of 34-year-old Earnest Lackey. The sentences will be served concurrently.

A Tarrant County jury found him guilty in May.

Two other North Texas men are also charged in Lackey's death.

An autopsy found Lackey had been cut with a sharp object and sodomized with a soldering iron during a meeting in July 2012 at a mobile home near Azle.

PORT ARTHUR

Bulldozer operator dies in Texas refinery accident

Authorities said a man died at a Southeast Texas refinery after the bulldozer he was operating fell into a pit filled with 200-degree byproduct wastewater.

The Jefferson County Sheriff's Office said the accident happened early Saturday morning at the Total facility in Port Arthur. Officials said the man, whose name hasn't been released, was a contract worker with Kinder Morgan.

Marc DeRouen, Jefferson County Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, said a co-worker of the victim used his machine to pull out the bulldozer, but the man inside was already dead. DeRouen has ordered an autopsy to determine cause of death.

Carroll said the victim likely was pushing petroleum coke, a byproduct of crude refining which is like fine graphite, into the pit. The bulldozer somehow overtopped the levee.

DALLAS

Police say 2-year-old shot during father's drug deal

Dallas police said a man has been arrested after taking his 2-year-old child to a drug deal, where the toddler was shot in the hand.

Police said the father went to buy drugs on Saturday night with his son in the back seat. Police said that after the dealer got into the front passenger seat, the two adults got into an altercation and the dealer pulled a gun. Police said "a fight over the gun ensued and the gun was discharged."

The father then left that location and called 911. The child was taken to the hospital.

The father was arrested on a charge of child endangerment.

LONGVIEW

Man arrested after body found in motel room

A man has been arrested on a murder charge after a body was found in an East Texas motel room.

The Longview News-Journal reported that the man was found dead Friday night in his motel room in Longview, located about 130 miles east of Dallas. The identity of the man, who lived at the motel, has not yet been released. An autopsy has been ordered.

Longview police arrested 51-year-old Gary Joe Murphy early Saturday morning. He remained in jail Sunday on $250,000 bond.

DALLAS

Police say 4 women killed in wreck

Dallas police said a driver who fled the scene of a wreck in which four adult women were killed in another vehicle has been arrested.

Police said that according to witnesses, the suspect fled after his truck collided with the victims' vehicle as they were entering an intersection on Saturday night.

Officers arrested him a short distance from the accident scene.

All four of the victims — the driver and three passengers — were pronounced dead at the scene.

FORT WORTH

Father, daughter found dead at home

Fort Worth police said homicide detectives are investigating after a 37-year-old man and his 11-year-old daughter were found dead at a home.

Police are not searching for any suspects in the deaths of the two, whose bodies were found early Sunday morning by the mother of the child and other relatives. The medical examiner's office will determine the causes of death. Their identities have not yet been released.

Police Sgt. Steve Enright told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the mother and father had recently separated and that the girl was visiting her father for the weekend.

Enright said that the mother and relatives went to the house and discovered the bodies after getting information from other relatives that something may have happened there.

NEW MEXICO

Espanola police arrest 2 in woman's road rage death

ESPANOLA — Authorities in Espanola have arrested two Mexican nationals suspected of causing a woman's death in a road rage incident.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reported Saturday that police are charging 27-year-old Francisco Suarez, of Juarez, Mexico, with several counts including four for aggravated assault.

Police said 25-year-old Osvaldo Valenzuela, also of Juarez, was arrested on a warrant for failing to appear in court. But police suspect he was a participant.

Witnesses said Jeannie Gutierrez, a member of the Santa Clara Pueblo, and two men in a truck argued outside a Walmart Aug. 6.

Police said the truck rammed Gutierrez's car and one of the men began shooting.

Gutierrez fled, crashing into another vehicle. She died at the scene.

Police said the arrest stemmed from a tip they received Friday.

Judicial conduct panel wants Flagstaff judge suspended

By Bob Christie
Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Flagstaff judge should be suspended for 90 days without pay for using government resources in his 2014 re-election bid, campaigning on government property and confronting a court employee who apparently supported his opponent, according to a recommendation from the state commission that oversees discipline for judges.

The seven-member panel of the Commission on Judicial Conduct also recommended that Flagstaff Justice of the Peace Howard Grodman be removed from the state Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. Grodman's lawyer, Bob Van Wyck, said he has already done so.

The opinion obtained Friday by The Associated Press is preliminary and came after a hearing last month. The commission can change it following a response from Grodman that is due Sept. 8. But Van Wyck said he has no plans to ask for a revision "because we quite frankly trust the commission."

The Arizona Supreme Court will have the final say and can modify or accept the recommended penalty, which at most would include removal from office.

Charging documents accused Grodman of violating judicial ethics by sending expletive-filled emails referencing his opponent from his official email account. He also used the account to seek endorsements and permission to post campaign signs and posted photos on his campaign website while wearing his judge's robes. In addition, he blocked his opponent in the primary election from hearing cases in justice court, where the opponent was an acting judge, and he illegally posted campaign material at a U.S. Post Office.

Grodman formally acknowledged many of the acts in advance of the hearing, but he called them poor decisions that he is sorry about making. He disputed an allegation that he intentionally failed to disclose to the commission that he had been disciplined by the presiding judge for his conduct. The commission didn't believe his testimony that the non-disclosure was inadvertent.

He was seeking a lower penalty during the hearing.

The commission found that even if Grodman's "initial ethical missteps could be attributed to ignorance of code-based campaign restriction (a doubtful proposition given his service on the Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee), respondent ignored numerous entreaties by court staff and the presiding judge to stop his behavior," according to the panel's decision. "Even a cursory review of the code and relevant judicial ethics advisory committee opinions would have alerted (Grodman) to the impropriety of his actions."

Grodman was first elected as a judge in the Flagstaff Justice Court in 2010 after being a practicing lawyer for 27 years. He currently serves on the state Judicial Ethics Advisory Committee. His biography says he has taught business law and ethics at Northern Arizona University.

Justice courts handle low-level criminal matters such as drunken-driving cases as well as civil matters like evictions.

Bexar County cautiously moves toward body, dash cams

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — After the fatal shooting of a San Antonio-area man by Bexar County sheriff's deputies drew scrutiny, county commissioners have shown a new eagerness to provide officers with dashboard and body cameras. But officials are still approaching the subject cautiously amid concerns about costs and policies.

Eyewitness videos showed Gilbert Flores with both hands in the air when he was shot by deputies on Aug. 28. Officials say one of the videos appears to show him armed with a knife.

Commissioners last week approved an initial outlay of $818,000 for dash and body cameras. With a $750,000 federal grant application for body cams still pending, the court appropriated the long-contemplated sum of $634,000 for dash and body cam systems for 151 patrol units. Then the court also decided to add $184,000 for body-worn devices for 34 warrant servers who weren't going to be covered in the first round of annual funding.

The court gave unanimous approval to the funding Tuesday, but it's uncertain when the high-tech equipment will hit the streets here.

"It could be a couple of years," Sheriff Susan Pamerleau told the San Antonio Express-News on Friday, citing a complex procurement process and lack of policies and procedures.

She and commissioners have many questions about the long-term costs of the fast-changing technology, and concerns about the legal and social issues posed by the videos.

Pamerleau and District Attorney Nico LaHood were tasked by commissioners to begin crafting the policies on camera use, training, data storage and public access to the recordings.

Her deputies already use body cams on a limited basis "in specialized applications," she said. They're used by motorcycle patrol officers and by some detention officers in high-risk situations, she said.

Pamerleau requested the 2015-16 funds for body cameras in May with a goal of equipping up to 151 patrol units and their operators with dash and body cameras and special vests.

The county isn't the only area law enforcement agency pursuing cameras. The proposed budget for the San Antonio Police Department includes $3 million for 1,500 body cameras.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Today is Labor Day

Labor Day is annually commemorated on the first Monday of September. It was originally organized to celebrate various labor associations' strengths of and contributions to the United States economy. It is largely a day of rest in modern times. Many people mark Labor Day as the end of the summer season and a last chance to make trips or hold outdoor events.

Source: www.timeanddate.com

Labor Day weather in Midland

Average high: 94
Average low: 69
Times in the 100s: Five
Hottest Labor Day: 104 (Sept. 6, 1948)
Coolest night: 52 (Sept. 4, 1961)
Number of times it rained: 16*
Most rain: 0.92 of an inch (Sept. 4)
*indicates measurable rain

Source: National Weather Service

Closed today

- Midland ISD
- Midland College
- Midland County offices, library branches
- City of Midland offices

Support groups

(subject to change to due the holiday)

- Midland Parkinson Support Group, 6:30 p.m., HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, 699-3640.
- for miscarriage grief recovery, call 570-5935.
- for post-abortion healing, call 570-5935.
- Midland Walkabout Volkssport Club, 6 p.m., Murray's Deli, 687-2588, midlandwalkabout.org.
- Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

Chipotle job fair

Chipotle Mexican Grill will host National Career Day Wednesday in order to hire 4,000 new employees at restaurants across the country.

Management teams at the Midland restaurant on Loop 250 and the Odessa restaurant, 3814 E. 42nd St., will hold open interviews between 8-11 a.m. for up to 60 applicants.

Interested candidates may register for an interview at the Chipotle location of their choice by visiting www.NationalCareerDay.com.

Midland 101

Midland 101 — a series of monthly classes that provides information on city government — begins in October and continues through April. The classes meet 10 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on the second Wednesday and are taught by city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz.

Applications are available at www.midlandtexas.gov under the Documents and Forms tab or in the City Manager's Office, 300 N. Loraine. Deadline to submit application is 5 p.m. Friday. For more information call 685-7200 or email Bustilloz at sbustilloz@midlandtexas.gov.

National Night Out

The Midland Police Department is accepting block party registrations for National Night Out, which is Oct. 6.

MPD is changing the date of the annual event to coincide with Texas Night Out, according to a press release. During National Night Out officers will visit with residents and provide tips on maintaining safe neighborhoods.

To register for hosting a block party, download a registration form at www.midlandtexas.gov or contact the MPD Community Relations Division at 685-7582. The deadline to register is Sept. 28.

Rice to speak

HOBBS, N.M. — Former Secretary of State Condoleeza Rice is to speak Nov. 10 at the University of the Southwest for the school's Jack Maddox Distinguished Lecture Series. The event is set for 7 p.m. at Hobbs High School.

Rice's appearance is free, but tickets are required. They will be available after Tuesday by calling 575-492-2107 or by emailing tickets@usw.edu.

This date in Texas

In 1936, rock legend Buddy Holly was born Charles Hardin Holley in Lubbock.

Source: Associated Press

Today in history

Today is Monday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 2015. There are 115 days left in the year. This is Labor Day.

Today's highlight:

On Sept. 7, 1940, Nazi Germany began its eight-month blitz of Britain during World War II with the first air attack on London.

On this date:

In 1963, the National Professional Football Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1964, the controversial "Daisy" commercial for President Lyndon Johnson's election campaign, featuring a girl plucking flower petals followed by footage of a nuclear explosion, aired on NBC-TV.

In 1996, rapper Tupac Shakur was shot on the Las Vegas Strip; he died six days later.

Rural Foard County is part of Texas the boom bypassed

By Michael E. Young
The Dallas Morning News

The Dallas Morning News via AP

Cows graze leisurely in the afternoon along Highway 70 just outside of Crowell in Foard County on April 29. Texas has more than 100 counties in the east and the Panhandle, scattered across the Plains and the emptiness of the west. And this is the iconic Texas people imagine when they hear the name, where horses and cowboys are part of the landscape and the open expanses stretch off to the horizon. Foard County, with 1,275 people scattered over 703 square miles, ranks as Texas' 10th smallest.

CROWELL — The big black-and-white photos on the walls of the tightly packed Fire Hall Museum show off Crowell and Foard County back in the 1950s and '60s when sharp-finned cars filled the angled parking spaces around the county square and crowds jammed the local movie house.

But even then Foard and dozens of other rural Texas counties were slipping — their populations dropping by 10, 20, even 30 percent in each census, a trend that never really changed.

Each year, when the U.S. Census Bureau releases the latest population estimates, attention turns to the surging growth along the Texas Triangle — shaped by the three interstate highways connecting the state's biggest cities.

But there's barely a mention of this other Texas, more than 100 counties in the east and the Panhandle, scattered across the Plains and the emptiness of the west. And this is the iconic Texas people imagine when they hear the name, where horses and cowboys are part of the landscape and the open expanses stretch off to the horizon.

Loving County, the smallest Texas county and currently the smallest in the U.S., gets a bit of attention because its population is so amazingly tiny — 82 residents in the 2010 census. In Loving County, if one large family moves, the population can drop by 10 percent.

Loving is Texas' only double-digit county in terms of population, but eight have fewer than 1,000 people and 14, including Foard County, have fewer than 1,500. King County, Foard's neighbor to the southwest, counts 262 residents, the second-smallest in the state and the third smallest in the U.S.

Foard, with 1,275 people scattered over 703 square miles, ranks as Texas' 10th smallest.

Almost all have seen decades of decline due to fundamental changes in the way people live and work. Economies of scale became the norm. And the old ways of life — scratching out a living on the family farm, mostly — eventually proved too difficult to sustain the population.

They exist far from the interstates, far from the job centers, far from the booming suburbs in Collin and Denton counties or the stretch of I-35 between Austin and San Antonio. People don't move to Foard County to find a good-paying job.

Instead, they live beneath a sky so filled with stars they seem uncountable. They know their neighbors. Their kids can be good friends with everyone in their class and maybe everyone in their school. And they remain what most of Texas once was.

George Allen, the curator of The Fire Hall Museum, comes by his affection for Foard County through marriage: his wife, Elaine, was born and raised here, and they live in the house her great-great-grandfather built in 1908.

Foard County was created in 1891 from neighboring Cottle, King, Knox and Hardeman counties. In 1908, the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway arrived, providing a way to move crops to market. The population began to swell.

Foard County sits just west of the natural divide between wet and dry America, a line that roughly follows Interstate 35 from Texas to Minnesota. So while Dallas gets about 36 inches of precipitation in an average year, Foard County gets less than 24.

Early on, most families farmed "a quarter of land" — a section of 160 acres, one-fourth of a square mile. Mom, dad and a brood of kids could provide the labor and earn a decent living in the good years.

Steve Murdock, former head of the U.S. Census Bureau and now director of the Hobby Center for the Study of Texas at Rice University, said most of the early farms on the Plains were homesteaded and used the same model that attracted farm families to the Midwest, where the soil was fertile and the rain plentiful.

The idea didn't travel well. Over time, the children moved away and their folks died off — the lament of the Great Plains.

Most who remain farm or graze cattle on much larger patches of property, using economies of scale to make a profit.

That doesn't mean it's easy, but the farmers are "eternal optimists," Allen said.

"Every year, they plant their wheat, they plant their cotton, and if it rains, they have a crop, and if it doesn't or it hails, they don't," he said. "They fixate on the weather. That's a concern. Irrigation is a concern, too, and the population is a concern for a lot of people — there just aren't that many businesses in town anymore.

Foard County, sandwiched between the Pease and North Wichita rivers near the base of the Texas Panhandle, saw its peak population in 1930 when the census counted 6,315 residents.

Many lived in Crowell or now-abandoned Foard City, or in quaintly named Margaret or little Thalia, marked by a spindly water tower and a handful of homes. But Foard has always been farm and ranch country, if occasionally inhospitable to both.

Eddy Ketchersid, senior adult minister at The Branch Church in Farmers Branch, grew up outside Crowell on land his family still owns. When he was a child, "Foard County had a huge wheat harvest, and a lot of cotton and a lot of cattle," he recalled.

But weather was always an issue — too wet, too dry and almost always too hot.

Then, on the evening of April 28, 1942, things changed forever in Crowell.

A tornado fell from the sky and tore through town, stopping time on the big four-sided clock above the county courthouse and leaving only one face intact, staring east, frozen at 8:40.

The damage was estimated at $1.5 million, roughly $22 million in 2015 dollars. Ten people died and 125 were injured. The tornado bulldozed businesses around the county square and plowed through Crowell's residential neighborhoods before skittering off over open country. Ninety percent of the homes and businesses in town were severely damaged or destroyed, according to contemporary accounts.

Since the 2010 census, 102 Texas counties — Foard included — have lost population. Almost all are rural, and almost all deal with shifting ways of life, said Lloyd Potter, the Texas state demographer.

In rural Texas through the 1960s, most farms were family-owned, and those families were scraping by. They didn't have the money to buy the latest equipment, and that limited how much they could grow, he said.

Each decade brought improved equipment and a greater understanding of the science of farming, and with them higher productivity.

"So you had successful farmers buying out other farmers who were retiring or not doing as well," Potter said. "In the process, you start having larger and larger farms and fewer and fewer farmers."

But even for those with access to land and equipment, making a living remains a challenge, Foard County farmer Rickey Eavenson said.

The change from modest family farms to much larger operations brought huge demographic shifts.

When small farms were the rule in Texas, families tended to be large "so the kids could help," Potter said. But now machines provide the labor, not the family.

"If you look at many parts of Texas, the non-Hispanic white population post-baby boom plummeted below replacement," he said. "Before the 1950s, fertility was high. Now families don't have enough children to replace the parents.

"People who study fertility say there is a very strong connection between fertility behavior and economics," Potter said. "And all those have created a situation where there are fewer young people in rural parts of the state and a rapidly aging agricultural population."

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COUNCIL

From 1A

The MDC board agreed at a meeting last month to move its revenue expectation from $9 million to $7.5 million because of a recent trend of declining sales tax receipts.

The MDC's $7.171 million budget includes:

- an increase in base salaries from a $356,135 to $418,954;
- an $200,000 increase in consulting fees;
- a $2 million decrease in economic development incentives;
- $27.4 million in reserves. It is not known how much of those reserves is already committed to current or future projects.

TAXES

From 1A

not consider moving to Dallas because Texas politicians oppose the Export-Import Bank, a government program that helps finance exports.

Still, Texas often finds itself on shortlists for relocating companies, but its tax policies don't compare well with neighboring states that compete for the same businesses.

"If you take Texas and you compare it to Louisiana, Oklahoma ... we don't look that great," Meade said.

Oklahoma has both personal and corporate income taxes, but the overall tax burden on business is much lower than in Texas, with new companies qualifying for credits that equate to a negative tax rate. Louisiana's incentives generate a negative tax burden for research and development facilities and all kinds of manufacturing.

Most of the problem comes from how Texas structures sales and property taxes.

For example, businesses that are starting up or relocating will spend more money buying furniture, supplies and equipment than an established business. This is why the sales tax burden on a new business is higher.

Mature businesses gain an advantage from the property tax system, which generally charges a lower rate the longer a company remains in the same location. When a new company purchases land, the property tax is based on the most recent valuation, which generates a higher tax rate.

"We rely so much on the sales tax and property tax, maybe we need to think about diversifying the base or creating more incentives for newer businesses," Meade said.

Homeowners may be outraged by the implication that businesses should pay less in taxes, since many local officials are angry about how little mature businesses pay in property taxes. But in 2014, businesses paid 63.1 percent of state taxes, 63.9 percent of local taxes and 63.5 percent of state and local combined, according to the Texas Association of Business.

The national average is 44.9 percent — well below "business-friendly" Texas.

The Texas tax system needs a total overhaul, and until that happens, the state will not be a great place to start a business, no matter what the politicians say.

RANGER

From 1A

alone, eight people died driving Ranger Hill. Overall, there have been 127 accidents there since 2008.

Heading west, halfway up the road curves sharply to the left and then, over half a mile later, back to the right. It's at this first curve where 18-wheelers and slow-moving cars bog down. Their forward motion, already reduced by the uphill climb, is further bled by the change in direction.

This is also where the roadway banks, adding up to an 8-degree super-elevation, as TxDOT describes it. When the weather is dry, it's not much of a problem. But when it's icy, that's when the accidents start to happen.

"We try to turn people around before they get on the hill. But if they're stuck on the hill and they get iced in, it's just a terrible event," Fields said. "That slope causes people to slide off the road."

Making things worse is the lack of access roads. Emergency crews have to travel the same route as the motorists already stranded.

Solutions for all these problems were addressed recently when TxDOT presented their latest alternatives for fixing the roadway in a meeting at the Ranger High School cafeteria. Engineers described two options for flattening the roadway and lowering the super-elevation.

"Our biggest consideration was we needed to upgrade the facility to the current design standards," said Krishna Peapully, the project manager. "So we refer back to the TxDOT design standards and ask, 'What is the speed we need to design this facility for?'"

For rural areas, Peapully said 75 miles per hour is the TxDOT norm. Those familiar with Ranger Hill will recall that last year the speed was reduced to 65 mph, which accompanied the installation of higher concrete barriers and high-mast safety lighting.

The engineers have about 3 miles to work with. They must keep the stretch confined to the right of way as much as possible so that it aligns with the new rest area under construction at the top of the hill, and they must link up with the current Strawn overpass about a mile from the hill's bottom.

"We have two different options, it's the same design speed," said Peapully. "We can achieve a grade of 3.5 percent. But the difference is the curvature of the roadway."

The difference between the two comes down to the super-elevation. Alternative One reduces the banking to 3.7 percent, Alternative Two drops it to only 5.1 percent.

"You can design both; there's nothing wrong with either option," Peapully said. "The problem is that during inclement weather here, you have accidents related to vehicles sliding off. So roadway banking, or super-elevation, is very critical."

Both options require TxDOT to expand their right of way into private land. Alternative One would claim 100 acres while Alternative Two would take 80.

"We tried to not go too far out, but not stay too close to existing (right of way)," Peapully explained. "So we picked a happy medium and then laid out two different options."

Rick Fambro lives in Dallas but attended the meeting because he is one of the landowners who would be affected by the construction.

"We own a ranch that's been in our family just short of 100 years, it's impacted on the very eastern end of the plans here for the realignment," he said.

Alternative One would affect him more, though he understood the need for the change.

"Maybe it's a couple of three additional acres off of us, but I would prefer alternative two for no other reason than that," he said. "I'm impressed with the detail these folks have done. I'm in the commercial real estate business, so I understand where the needs of the public obviously supersede anything related to private property ownership."

Andrew Carlson, the public information officer for the TxDOT-Yoakum/Brownwood Districts, said there is still plenty of time for the public to comment on the alternatives. Another meeting will be held in the fall to ask for more feedback.

He gave a rough estimate for the project at $80 million, but acknowledged that may change. It could be a year before the project might get started, and then perhaps another three years before completion.

But during construction, Peapully said, traffic would continue along Ranger Hill.

"These improvements are much needed. Everybody who lives in this part of the country, they know the feeling," he said. "Public input is much welcome, that's why we're here."

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

INDIANA

Indianapolis Zoo to investigate how cheetah escaped exhibit

INDIANAPOLIS — Indianapolis Zoo officials are investigating how a cheetah managed to escape from its enclosure, spurring an hour-long lockdown of zoo guests while staff found and tranquilized the animal.

Visitors to the zoo just west of downtown Indianapolis were told to seek shelter about 9:30 a.m. Sunday after the cheetah escaped.

Zoo spokeswoman Judy Palermo said staffers found the cheetah named Pounce lying in a landscaped area outside its exhibit but still behind a barrier that kept it out of the public space.

Zoo staffers used a tranquilizer dart to subdue the cheetah, which then ran back to its exhibit. The zoo's lockdown ended about 10:30 a.m.

Palermo told The Indianapolis Star the zoo's cheetahs will be kept out of the exhibit until it's determined how Pounce escaped.

GEORGIA

Dragon Con brings host of alien, anime characters to Atlanta

Atlanta's annual Dragon Con science fiction and fantasy convention filled the city's downtown streets with people dressed as zombies, steampunk time travelers, purple-haired anime heroes and aliens by the dozens.

The convention draws fans from around the country to take part in sci-fi and fantasy costume contests, a massive parade through downtown Atlanta and educational seminars about science and costume making.

One of the more popular events at the convention this year was a private party held at the Georgia Aquarium, home to the largest aquarium in the Western Hemisphere. At the sellout event, costumed revelers danced and drank under the glow of passing beluga whales and sharks on display, and dance-heavy music thumped in the background.

Tens of thousands attend the annual event, which began Thursday and continued through the weekend.

ALABAMA

Home Depot employee fatally shot in parking lot after work

HOOVER — Authorities said a Home Depot employee has been fatally shot after he left work.

Local media outlets reported that police Capt. Gregg Rector said 25-year-old Xavier Montez Beasley was found lying in the parking lot at Home Depot in Hoover, about 12 miles south of Birmingham. Police said they received a call about 12:31 a.m. Saturday about shots fired at the store.

Rector said Beasley was shot multiple times and was pronounced dead at the scene.

Rector said the store had been closed several hours, but some employees often work past closing time.

Investigators still don't know a motive behind the shooting. Rector said there were no words exchanged before the shooting and no robbery attempt.

The shooter fled the scene on foot and has not been caught.

LOS ANGELES

Boat collision kills 1, injures 3; search for missing boater

One boater was killed, three were injured and a fifth person was missing Sunday when their dingy and a boat collided off the coast of Santa Catalina Island.

The Coast Guard and Los Angeles County rescue crews searched for the missing boater after the collision occurred early Sunday morning.

The injured were airlifted by helicopter to Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center, the Coast Guard said. One person had a head injury and the others had minor wounds.

The collision occurred shortly after midnight about a quarter mile from Casino Point, on the island that is a popular getaway just over 20 miles from the Los Angeles County mainland.

Coast Guard and county officials provided no other details about the collision or the identity of the dead person.

SOUTH CAROLINA

2 state prison employees OK after being taken hostage

COLUMBIA — Authorities said inmates took two employees hostage at a maximum security state prison in South Carolina, but they were released without suffering serious injuries.

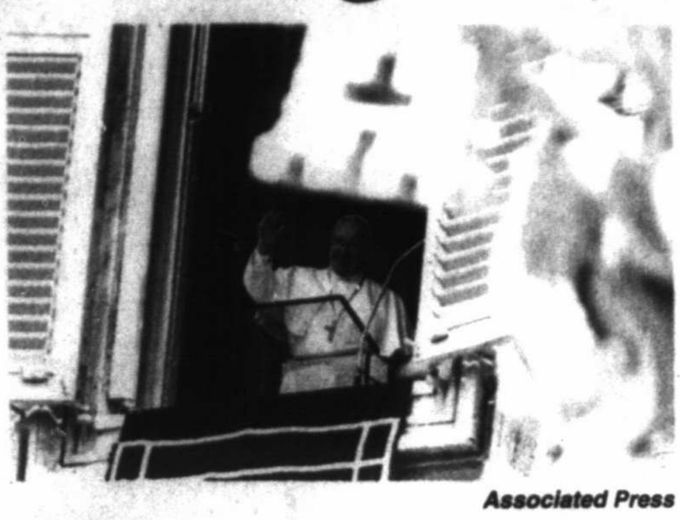
Corrections Department spokeswoman Stephanie Givens told WIS-TV that the hostage situation lasted around six hours Saturday at Kirkland Correctional Institution in Columbia.

Givens wouldn't disclose any other information including how many inmates were involved or how they managed to take the hostages, saying the State Law Enforcement Division is investigating. She did say the employees were not seriously hurt, but did not identify their jobs or give their names.

Kirkland Correctional Institution has about 300 prisoners.

Pope: Vatican will shelter two families fleeing war, hunger

By Frances D'Emilio
Associated Press



Associated Press

Pope Francis waves to faithful as he arrives to recite the Angelus noon prayer from his studio window overlooking St. Peter's Square at the Vatican, Sunday, Sept. 6. The Vatican will shelter two families of refugees "who are fleeing death" from war or hunger, Pope Francis announced Sunday as he called on Catholic parishes, convents and monasteries across Europe to do the same.

VATICAN CITY — The Vatican will shelter two families of refugees who are "fleeing death" from war or hunger, Pope Francis announced Sunday as he called on Catholic parishes, convents and monasteries across Europe to do the same.

Francis cited Mother Teresa, the European-born nun who cared for the poorest in India, in making his appeal in remarks to pilgrims and tourists in St. Peter's Square.

"Faced with the tragedy of tens of thousands of refugees who are fleeing death by war and by hunger, and who are on a path toward a hope for life, the Gospel calls us to be neighbors to the smallest and most abandoned, to give them concrete hope," Francis said.

It's not enough to say, "Have courage, hang in there," he added.

"May every parish, every religious community, every monastery, every sanctuary in Europe host a family, starting with my diocese of Rome," Francis said. He also asked bishops throughout Europe to have their dioceses take up his call to "express the Gospel in concrete terms and take in a family of refugees."

The Vatican is a tiny city-state and some of its citizens, including families with children, live in apartments inside its ancient walls. It has two parish churches, including St. Peter's Basilica.

Francis said two of the Vatican's parishes will welcome two refugee families, but did not give details. A Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Ciro Benedettini, quoted the pope's chief alms-giver as saying the Vatican is now deciding which families will be hosted.

He has chosen mercy as the overarching theme of his papacy. Practicing what he preaches, he has already made free showers at the Vatican available to Rome's homeless and has barbers available for haircuts for the needy, among other initiatives.

Thousands of migrants and refugees, many fleeing war and persecution, have streamed into Germany and Austria over the weekend after being stuck in Hungary for days.

Italy has nearly 120,000 people who were brought to its shores after rescue at sea and who are hoping for asylum in Europe.

An Italian cardinal calculated that the parishes in the predominantly Roman Catholic country could practically host them all.

With more than 27,000 parishes, if each parish hosted a family of four, more than 108,000 people would have shelter.

"I hope this wish comes true," Cardinal Angelo Bagnasco told a Catholic-affairs TV program on TV2000, adding, "It gives the idea of the possibilities that are in our country."

European bishops will discuss soon the pope's appeal for parishes to take in refugees, Bagnasco said.

"The European and Italian church is ready to mobilize to receive" refugees, he told Vatican Radio. The cardinal is a longtime leader of the Italian bishops conference and is an official of the European bishops conference.

"Yes, surely there will be a prompt response," Bagnasco said. "We will talk about it next week, when the heads of European bishops conferences meet in Jerusalem" for an annual gathering, the cardinal said.

8 homicides in 1 day are latest signs of Chicago's bloody summer

By Lolly Bowean
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — Diane Limas says the sound of gunfire has become so common outside her house that she's frequently calling police to complain.

With increasing gang problems to blame, she even makes sure that her adult brother whom she cares for doesn't leave the home dressed in colors that might draw the wrath of gang-bangers.

"I double-lock my doors," she said recently. "I tell my brother to stay away from the windows. I'm calling the police every week."

The rise in violence plaguing Chicago this year has even spread to unlikely communities such as Albany Park, a diverse working-class neighborhood made up of handsome brick bungalows and two-flats.

Through last Thursday, homicides jumped to nine in the Albany Park police district, up from just two in the comparable period last year, according to data from the Police Department. Shootings more than doubled to 23 from nine in the district on the city's northwest side.

The South Loop's Central police district didn't record a single homicide in the 2014 period, but has had three so far this year.

The increase in homicides this year was 23 percent by Thursday, up from a 14 percent increase by June 1. Last Wednesday alone, eight people were shot to death in homicides, the most one day in more than 12 years.

For a second consecutive year, shootings incidents are on the rise, to 1,625 so far this year, up more than 17 percent from 1,384 a year earlier.

Experts said it is difficult to explain what is behind the surge in homicides and shootings in Chicago, but major cities across the country are struggling with similar problems, if not worse. In Milwaukee, homicides have soared to 106, up 80 percent from 59 a year earlier, a Police Department spokesman said Friday. Homicides have risen bout 60 percent in St. Louis.

In Chicago, gang conflicts have long been committing much of the gun violence. Police blame battles over turf and reputation for much of the bloodshed.

Tracy Siska, executive director of the Chicago Justice Project, an independent nonprofit research group, said: "Chicago has an endemic problem with poverty and a high concentration of segregation. The persistent problems with violence are rooted in poverty, lack of education and lack of opportunities. The city has abandoned some neighborhoods and doesn't care what happens in some communities."

Maria Elena Sifuentes moved to Albany Park from the Pilsen neighborhood 30 years ago, in part to escape street violence and shootings, she said. But now, on her block on Spaulding Avenue the sound of gunfire is heard too often.

"It's terrifying," said Sifuentes, 51. "I thought I was over with that part of my life. When you hear about shootings in other places, you think it's not connected to you. But when it happens right here, it gives you a different outlook. It's so sad to see kids killing kids."

According to police records, most of those killed in the Albany Park police district this year had gang ties.

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Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Americans have worked hard to be soft, entitled

■ We need to reconnect with the satisfaction that comes from providing a service that is needed, appreciated and beneficial

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This Labor Day, instead of once again whining about how immigrants supposedly hurt U.S. workers by lowering wages, let's consider the possibility that many U.S. workers have hurt themselves by overestimating the value of their labor.

We talk a lot about jobs in this country. Politicians run for office promising to create jobs, save jobs or keep jobs from being outsourced. Many workers act as if they're entitled to a job, and some go further and think they're due the perfect job — one that pays the maximum amount for the minimum amount of work, with time left over for leisure and family activities. And when a company lays them off with a swift kick in lieu of a gold watch, they're angry and resentful instead of asking what they could have done differently to make themselves indispensable.

It's not just jobs that we have to worry about. What we really should be talking about is wages. And not in the way we normally approach the subject, not in terms of political debates over income inequality, equal pay for women or raising the minimum wage. And not as if we're always looking for someone to blame for wages that flatline or even drop — well-paid CEOs, immigrants, stockholders, globalization, political parties, etc.

Just once, let's look inward and ask if we aren't doing something wrong. It's time to ask: Is the American worker undermining his own success by pricing himself out of the job market? If so, one reason it's happening is because somewhere along the line — the 1990s, 1980s, pick your decade — we came to overvalue our self-worth and undervalue the concept of a job well done. Current generations have lost the work ethic that helped their grandparents build prosperous lives while building this country. In fact, it might be that was the goal all along. Americans have worked hard to get this soft.

Several years ago, I got an email from a reader who was fuming over my insistence that immigrants do jobs that Americans won't do — at any price. He took up the challenge and said that he'd gladly leave his air-conditioned office and pick lettuce in California's Salinas Valley — if he could be paid $1,000 per week. Mind you, this was with no experience picking lettuce.

Sometime after that, I was listening to a radio show in San Diego during which a guest — who owned a landscaping company — said she was willing to pay as much as $150 per day for a good landscaper. People started calling in to take her up on the offer, but they had no experience or passion for landscaping. All they were passionate about was the salary. The owner passed.

Ask any homeowner what it costs to get work done around the house. You might be shocked. In the last few years, I've had U.S.-born workers offer to stain a fence for $75 per hour, clean windows for $80 per hour, and hang Christmas lights for $100 per hour. In many medium-sized cities in the U.S., a dependable baby sitter will cost anywhere from $12 to $20 per hour. It seems pretty clear that people value their time more than ever.

A worker is not concerned with the task he is completing as much as the time needed to complete it. So whether he's doing a dangerous job, or performing complicated electrical work, or babysitting a 3-year-old, he is likely to demand the same fee. This turns upside down traditional assumptions that those with the most education and sharpest skills can command the highest compensation. Now that so many of us have busier schedules and there is a greater demand on the hours in the day, we're more protective than ever of the time we spend on the job.

There is nothing wrong with valuing one's time, especially since it often represents time spent away from family or on other pursuits. But we have taken this concept too far, and now we need to go back and reconnect with the value of hard work and the satisfaction that comes from providing a service that is needed, appreciated and beneficial. And if we do good work, and provide a unique service, we'll be fairly compensated.

Americans don't need to get rid of foreign workers. What they need to get rid of is the sense of entitlement that dictates that their time is too valuable to be frittered away on something as meaningless as work.

GUEST VIEW

As ad campaigns start up, new study bolsters pro-oil export arguments

Houston Chronicle

Thanks to our off-year municipal elections, Houstonians have likely grown accustomed to the television, radio and Internet ads that will soon arrive this Fall. Folks in states like Colorado, Maine, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey and New Mexico were probably more surprised to discover an onslaught of political advertisements over the past few days. It is all part of upcoming Congressional debates about removing the federal ban on crude oil exports.

Allied Progress, a newly formed organization that opposes exports, has begun running television ads to target senators who could be potential swing votes, according to FuelFix reporter Jennifer A. Dlouhy. Some of the specific targets are Sen. Kelley Ayotte, R-N.H., Democratic Sens. Martin Heinrich and Tom Udall of New Mexico and Sen. Michael Bennet, D-Colo. Meanwhile, the pro-export Domestic Energy Producers Alliance has released its own ads in support of ending the ban.

Sen. Robert Menendez, D-N.J, has already faced a series of targeted ads after he raised the possibility of using "strategic" crude exports as part of nuclear negotiations with Iran.

As the advocacy groups exchange political fire, it is almost a relief to have a debate that focuses on solid policy questions: Will exports raise or lower gasoline prices? Will removing the ban help or hurt oil industry jobs? What effect will exports have on foreign policy?

For the past several years, these pages have advocated against the ban. Crude oil is a multifaceted market, and our domestic refineries weren't built to handle the light crude that our shale plays produce. Exports would open new markets for that light crude, providing a much-needed boost to the drilling industry.

A report released Tuesday by the Energy Information Administration, like many studies before it, reinforces this position ("Report tackles crude exports, beliefs"). The report's clearest finding was that crude exports could cause gas prices to fall. The stuff you buy at the pump is tied more to global crude prices than the cost at home, and exports would lower the price of oil across the globe. For many Americans, the debate ends there. But here in Houston, our energy economy should have folks digging deeper.

Overall, according to the report, removing the export ban could possibly give a boost to domestic oil producers. In two out of four economic scenarios, the agency predicted increased production and more business for drillers.

Those two scenarios would also come with higher crude prices, putting the squeeze on refiners. However, contrary to industry fears, the study found that domestic refiners would still maintain an advantage over foreign competitors.

Houston is home to upstream and downstream companies alike, so it makes sense that not all of our local politicians fully support ending the ban. U.S. Rep. Gene Green, whose district covers several oil refineries, said last year that he wanted to take it one step at a time instead of just throwing open the door to exports. As the debate moves forward, we hope that sense of caution will set a healthy tone for the rest of Congress. We might even see a return of the lost art of horse trading, rather than the all-or-nothing, steamroller-style that seems to dominate contemporary politics.

Shale plays cut across state lines and political boundaries, and there's no reason to think that won't prove true in the Capitol, as well.

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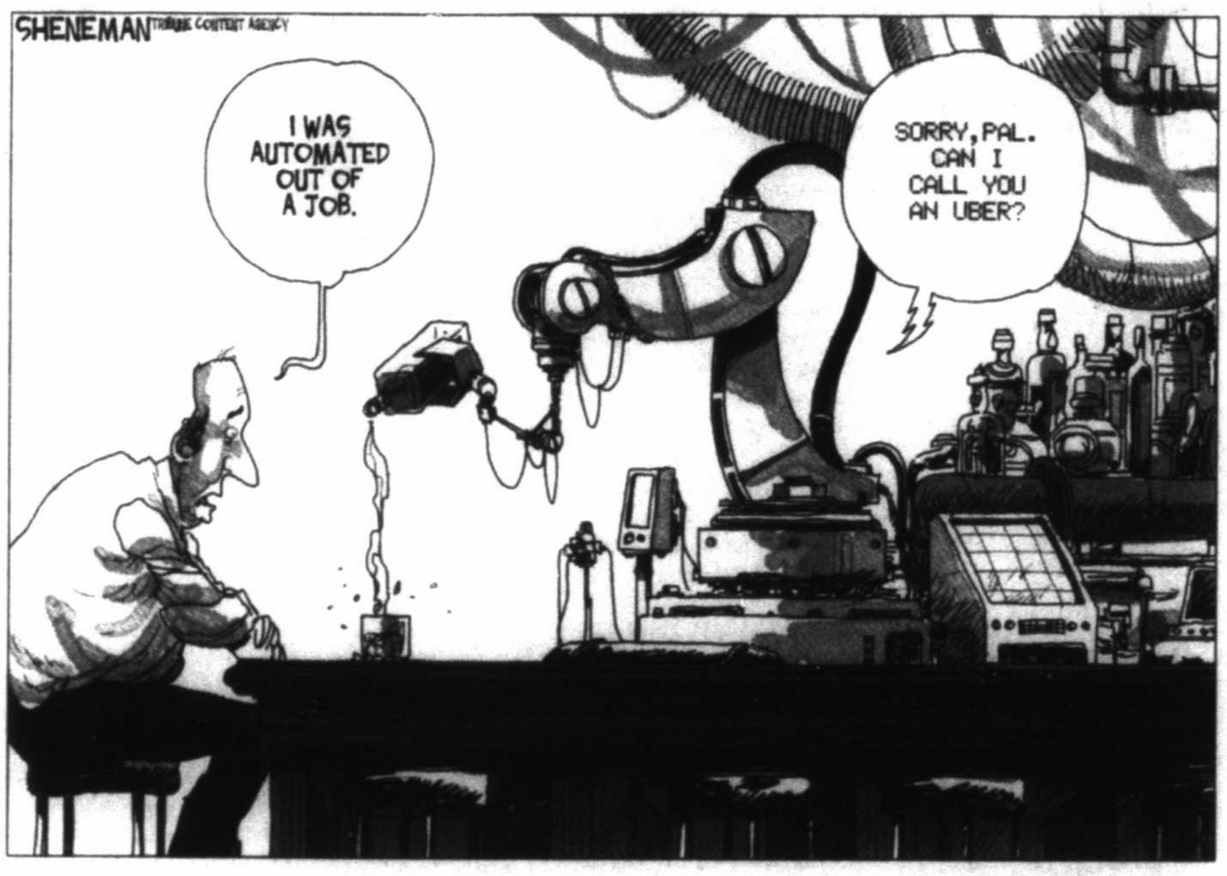

Quit hating on your job

■ You don't have to love what you do, just stop hating it so much

ESTHER CEPEDA

Washington Post Writers Group

Our society has succumbed to the pleasant lie that work should always be fun and that work relationships should be that of the Best-Friends-Forever variety.

But believe this fairy tale, and you're likely to be one very unhappy employee.

A teacher friend of mine recently told me a story — practically with flames shooting out of his eyeballs — about his high school freshmen.

During a lesson on the pros and cons of a higher minimum wage, his class watched a YouTube video of journalist John Stossel interviewing Merv Crist, owner of a fancy steakhouse in Bakersfield, California.

Crist made an offhand comment: "My father and mother instilled work ethic. ... You work. You don't say, 'Should I jump?' You say, 'How far should I jump?' when the boss says, 'Jump.'"

The students in my friend's classroom were befuddled. He reported — and I've heard similar concerns from countless professionals who are in charge of hiring young people — that the class consensus was that the guy on YouTube was exaggerating because, well, why would you do something just because the boss said to?

The way things are going, "boss" is a term that will soon go extinct, along with "superior" and "manager," in favor of the more egalitarian "team leader," "coach," "fellow company stakeholder," "peer facilitator" or "work community member."

This may be the natural outgrowth of a public school ethos that, in the last 20 years or so, has emphasized fun, student-centered education methods. This philosophy puts pupils in charge of "creating their own knowledge" and insists that everyone is special and no one should ever be considered the highest authority on any topic.

If your teacher is not an authority figure, and also your parents let you choose your own meals, clothing and everything else that used to be dictated by mom and dad, why in the world would you do what your boss says? Especially if it's not fun?

And it's not just kids. The idea that individual leadership is bad and only team-based work is valid seems to be everywhere.

In a review of the MTV reality show "Todrick" about the musical entrepreneur Todrick Hall, a past "American Idol" contestant, a New York Times writer recoiled that "Ostensibly, part of this show's aim is to emphasize that Todrick Inc. isn't a one-man operation. But watching Mr. Hall work, it's clear that everything around him is a prop. The people, the cameras, the locations, the actual props — they're all in service of him. And so 'Todrick' ends up being a documentary about top-down management, not collaboration."

It's hard to imagine many people lobbing this same criticism at any of the adoring biopics and documentaries about the "visionary" and "innovative" Steve Jobs, who was notoriously dictatorial.

(For a succulent debunking of the myth of cultish charismatic leadership and the efficacy of group collaboration, read "Quiet: The Power of Introverts in a World that Can't Stop Talking" by Susan Cain.)

Ultimately we must consider whether there is a possible connection between all this me-me-me-ism at work and rising dissatisfaction with employment.

In "The Gratitude Diaries: How a Year Looking on the Bright Side Can Transform Your Life," by Janice Kaplan, the author observes that while Depression-era employees were grateful to have any job that kept them out of a bread line, today the anxiety of those struggling to find work is practically equal to how much people hate the jobs they have.

"When we asked people in the survey I did how grateful they were for a variety of things, 'your current job' finished dead last. Only 39 percent expressed gratitude for their present employment. The number went way up for those who earned $150,000 or more but even in that elite group, close to 40 percent said — nope, not grateful for my job."

Kaplan does devote a full chapter of her book to explaining why employers should be grateful for their employees and treat them well. But she asks us to consider that our own approach to work — our willingness to accept that it isn't always fun, fulfilling or self-directed — might have more to do with how we experience it than how our employers treat us.

Try to appreciate work — it's hard even when you love it, and nearly everyone has a boss. And being employed sure beats the alternative.

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Trump defies political gravity thanks to fed-up supporters

By Jill Colvin
Associated Press

AP file photo

Republican presidential candidate businessman Donald Trump speaks during a campaign pep rally in Mobile, Ala., on Aug. 21. Trump insults. He exaggerates. He dismisses the need for public policy ideas, gets confused about world affairs and sometimes says things that flat out aren't true. And the cheers from his supporters only grow louder.

NORWOOD, Mass. — Donald Trump insults and exaggerates.

He dismisses the need for public policy ideas, gets confused about world affairs and sometimes says things that flat-out aren't true.

And the cheers from his supporters only grow louder.

By the standard that voters typically use to judge presidential candidates, Trump probably should not have survived his first day in the 2016 race.

Yet, as the summer draws to a close, and the initial votes in the nominating calendar appear on the horizon, Trump has established himself as the Republican front-runner.

Listen to these voters:

■ "It's totally refreshing. He's not politically correct. He has a backbone, and he cannot be bought," said Leigh Ann Crouse, 55, of Dubuque, Iowa.

■ "This country needs a businessman just like him to put us back on track, to make us stop being the laughing stock of this world," said Ken Brand, 56, of Derry, New Hampshire.

■ "He says everything that I would like to say, but I'm afraid to say. What comes out of his mouth is not what he thinks I want to hear," said Janet Boyden, 67, of Chester, Massachusetts.

They are among the dozens of voters interviewed in the past two weeks by The Associated Press to understand how Trump has defied the laws of political gravity.

Uniting them is a deep-rooted anger and frustration with the nation's political leaders — President Barack Obama and conservative Republicans who, these voters say, haven't sufficiently stood up to his Democratic administration.

Some haven't voted in years, or ever, and might not next year. But at this moment, they are entranced by Trump's combination of utter self-assurance, record of business success and a promise that his bank account is big enough to remain insulated from the forces they believe have poisoned Washington.

By the way, they say it's not that they are willing to look past Trump's flaws to fix what they believe ills the country. It's that those flaws are exactly what makes him the leader America needs.

"At least we know where he stands," said Kurt Esche, 49, an independent who was at Trump's recent rally outside Boston. "These other guys, I don't trust anything that comes out of their mouths. They're lying to get elected. This guy's at least saying what he believes."

"He may have started as a joke," Esche said, "but he may be the real deal."

Crouse is a merchandise processor at a retail distributor outside Dubuque, the Mississippi River town where Trump tossed Univision anchor Jorge Ramos from a news conference.

A political independent who has never participated in Iowa's leadoff presidential caucuses, Crouse said she began following Trump from the moment he referred to Mexican immigrants as criminals during his campaign kickoff.

Illegal immigration is the perfect summation of Trump's unorthodox campaign.

He claims it's an issue the GOP would not be discussing if not for his presence in the race, even though the topic has been at the center of political debate for years.

It's the only one on which he has made a concrete proposal; his rivals, by comparison, have rolled out lots of ideas on a range of issues.

Here's Trump's pitch: deport millions of people who are living in the United States illegally and build a border wall. Critics deride this approach as naïve, but his supporters say it's the obvious solution.

"As crazy as it might be, I think he's addressing something that needs to be heard," said Randy Thomas, 40, of Bedford, New Hampshire. "I think he's saying something that everybody thinks always has to be addressed. If you have a country of laws, you have to abide by the laws."

Republican pollster Frank Luntz, who recently held a discussion with a group of nearly 30 Trump backers in Virginia, said such support represents Trump's popularity. It stems less from their love for the candidate and more from a belief those in power have failed.

The voters interviewed by AP said much of Trump's appeal stems from their belief that he is a decisive and forceful leader who never backs down or apologizes, even when maybe he should.

Many appear convinced that the sheer force of Trump's personality can reverse decades of global realignment and that his pledges to rid the country of people living in the U.S. illegally and penalize imported goods will restore manufacturing jobs lost to China and boost an economy still scarred by the recession.

"We're just so weak. We're not respected anymore," said Jerry Welshoff, 56, of Franklin, Massachusetts. He arrived at a recent Trump event near Boston unsure about the candidate; he emerged sold on the candidate.

"We've appeased everything. We can't negotiate. I would want Donald Trump to sit across a table from (Russian President Vladimir) Putin or Iran or the Mexican prime minister to cut a deal because he's done it his whole life," he said.

Welshoff said the Republican Party has done nothing but acquiesce to Obama despite taking control of Congress in 2014.

It's the same complaint heard from Duane Ernster, 57, of Dubuque. He is disappointed by the few accomplishments of tea party candidates elected to Congress in 2010.

"Things just didn't happen. It just hasn't happened the way we'd hoped," he said. "Maybe we need a warrior instead of a politician. People compare Mr. Trump to Putin. There's something to be said about the man who takes care of the Russian people."

Others are simply blown away by Trump's wealth and his promise to pay for his campaign out of his own pocket. "He won't owe anybody," said Susan Sager, 57, of Aiken, South Carolina.

This is an important point of distinction with both Democratic front-runner Hillary Rodham Clinton and former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who began the campaign viewed as the GOP front-runner due in no small part to his ability to raise huge amounts of money.

"Remember this. They have total control over Jeb and Hillary and everybody else that takes that money," Trump said this past week, adding: "I will tell you this. Nobody's putting up millions of dollars for me. I'm putting up my own money."

The argument that Trump is uncorruptible is powerful.

"I just think he's doing it for all the right reasons," said Nancy Adam, 60, at the rally near Boston. "It's not about the money. It's not about the political power. He's already got everything. He has nothing to lose by doing this."

Trump's uncanny ability to stumble without consequence has befuddled his rivals.

The latest misstep for Trump came Thursday. After pledging only to run as a Republican, he fumbled a series of foreign policy questions from radio host Hugh Hewitt. Trump confused the Quds Force, an elite Iranian military unit, and the Kurds, an ethnic group of more than 30 million people.

He said the line of inquiry amounted to a "gotcha question."

"I mean, you know, when you're asking me about who's running this, this, this, that's not, that is not," Trump said, "I will be so good at the military, your head will spin."

Such an answer would invariably be attacked as disqualifying if offered by anyone other than Trump. His rivals have yet to figure out how to challenge an unpredictable opponent who appears immune to such gaffes.

"He just keeps repeating things over and over again. And you all just accept it for the truth, and it's not," Bush told reporters in New Hampshire on Thursday.

Indeed, Trump's foibles often appear to make him stronger.

During his recent discussion with Trump supporters, Luntz played several video clips of the billionaire's least flattering moments.

One was Trump's rejection of Arizona Sen. John McCain's status as a war hero — "I like people that weren't captured, OK?" Another was his complimenting daughter Ivanka's figure and saying that if she "weren't my daughter, perhaps I'd be dating her."

Instead of being rattled, the participants ate up Trump's comments and left the meeting feeling even more confident in their support for him than when they had arrived.

"I think the Trump candidacy is here to stay, and I think Republicans need to figure out how to deal with it," Luntz said. He said there is little the party establishment, journalists or his rivals with a background in politics can do to knock Trump down, because the candidate's supporters distrust those groups so strongly.

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Police cars' 'In God We Trust' decals draw complaints from group

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A police department in a Texas Bible Belt community has placed large "In God We Trust" decals on its patrol vehicles in response to recent violence against law enforcement officers, drawing criticism from a watchdog group that said the decals amount to an illegal government endorsement of religion.

The decision by police this month to unveil the phrase in Childress, an agricultural community of about 6,100 people at the southern edge of the Texas Panhandle, follows a similar move by dozens of other police agencies elsewhere in the country.

Police Chief Adrian Garcia said he decided to add the decals in response to recent attacks on law enforcement personnel that have received broad attention, including the Aug. 28 killing of a sheriff's deputy who was shot 15 times at a Houston-area gas station.

"I think with all the assaults happening on officers across the country ... it's time we get back to where we once were," Garcia told the Red River Sun newspaper. He did not respond to an Associated Press request for comment.

The Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund notes that eight officers have been shot and killed in the U.S. in the last month — and four died in the span of 10 days — but shooting deaths of officers from January through September of this year were actually down 13 percent compared to the same period last year.

Other law enforcement agencies have cited different reasons for adding the phrase to their vehicles. Mark Nichols, the sheriff of Randolph County, Missouri, said he had it added to his department's fleet in July out of a sense of patriotism.

"It's our nation's motto, and we want to be patriotic toward our country," Nichols said.

He said the Missouri Sheriff's Association previously voted to support adding "In God We Trust" to sheriff's vehicles across the state.

In fact, of the dozens of complaints about the decals lodged in recent months by the Wisconsin-based Freedom From Religion Foundation, about half were sent to law enforcement agencies in Missouri. Departments in Arkansas, Florida, Kentucky, Virginia and elsewhere also received complaints from the foundation, which said it will consider suing but acknowledges it can be difficult finding a plaintiff willing to be publicly identified as challenging the use of the phrase.

Gary Parsons, the sheriff in Lee County in Virginia, said his office spent a total of $50 to have the decals added to about 25 vehicles. He said many people feel their belief system is being trampled and that adding the phrase is a way of pushing back.

"It's not only a symbol of moral values but also a symbol of patriotism," he said.

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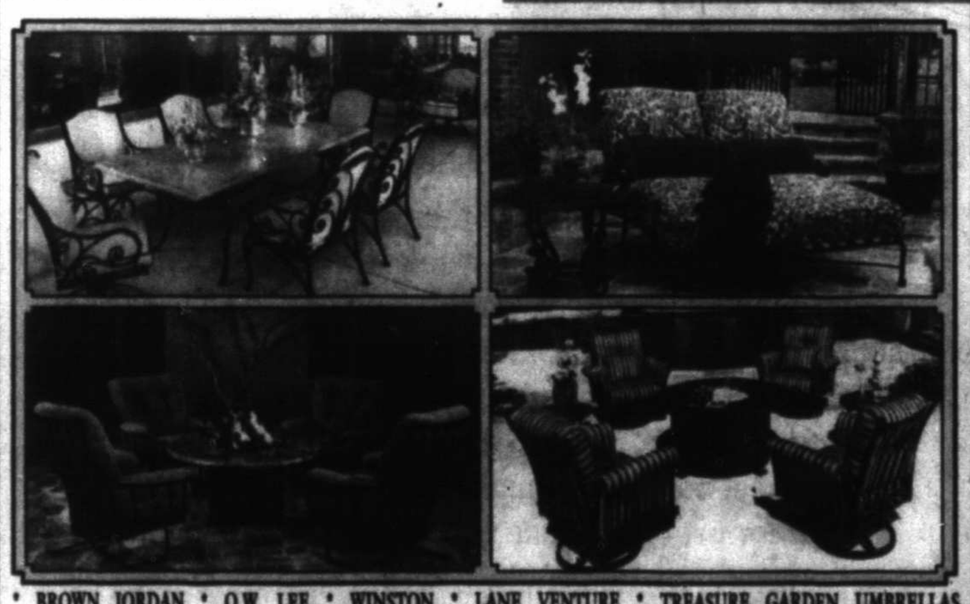

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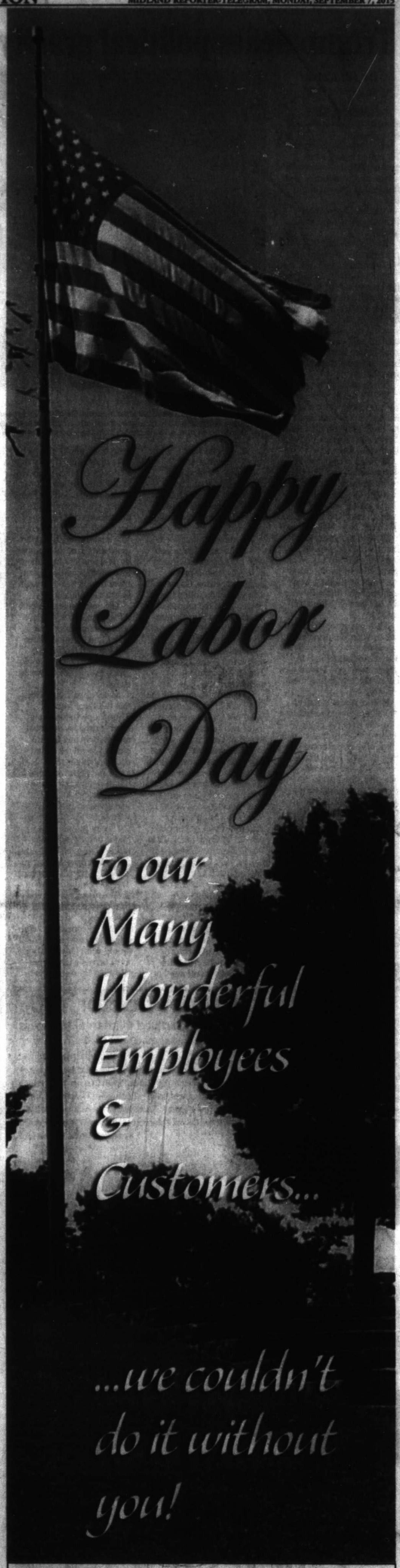

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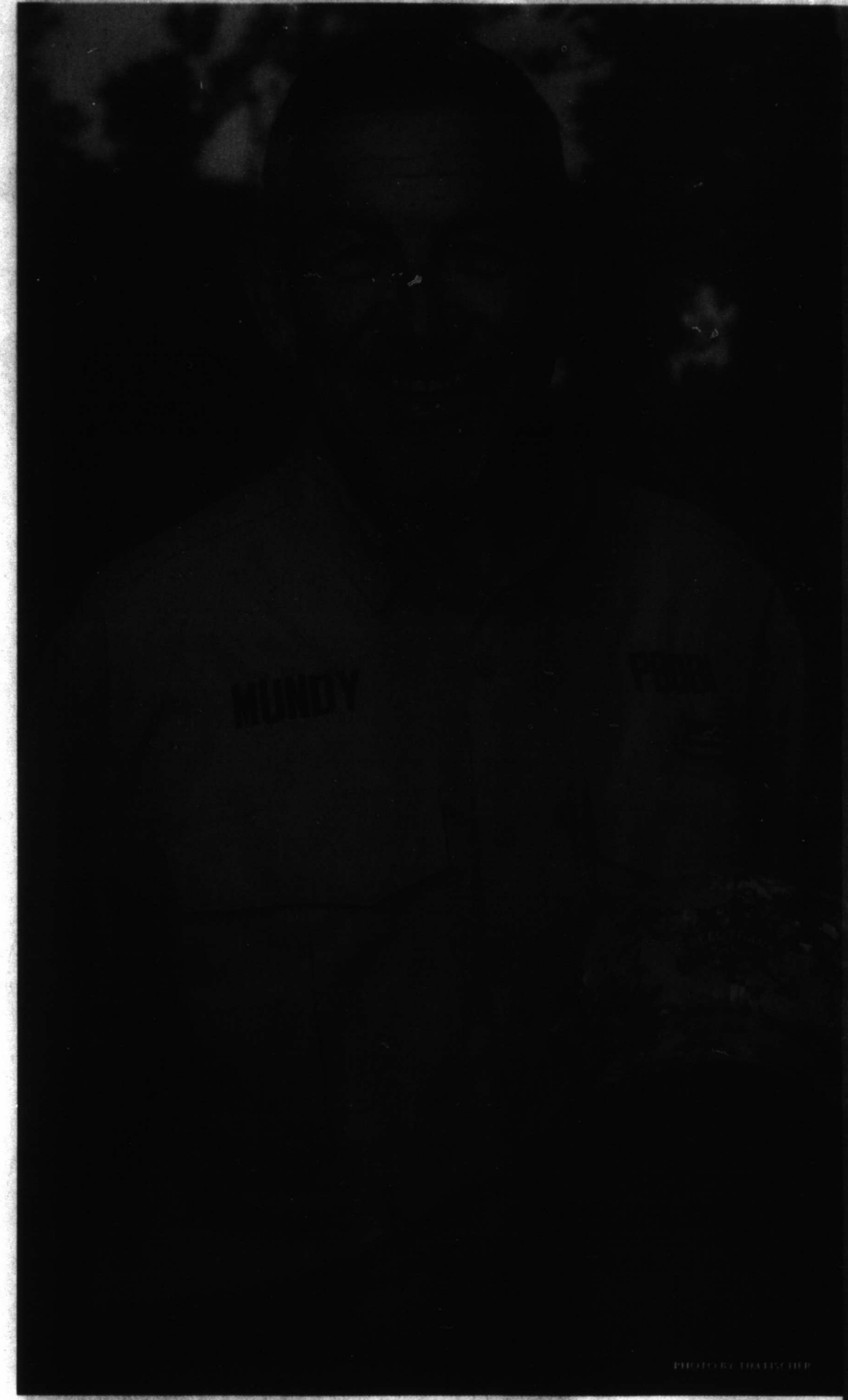

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PERMIAN BASIN OILMAN'S BASS INVITATIONAL BOARD MEMBER AND REEL THANX FOUNDER

What is the Permian Basin Oilman's Bass Invitational, and how did you get involved? I lived in Houston and New Orleans early in my career, and both areas had large fishing tournaments for oilmen. I decided in 1995 to see if we could gather the support to have one in the Permian Basin. Our mission is to promote camaraderie in our industry and to give money to a charity. One of our early board members asked if we would meet with the Make-A-Wish Foundation's West Texas director and listen to what they do. At the time, most of us had never heard of the foundation, but their mission — to give hope to children with life threatening diseases by granting a wish — hit us hard. The decision was easy, and we've supported them ever since. Over the 21 years of our tournament, through the help of generous sponsors and fishermen, we've been able to give them more than $4 million.

For years, before Lake Ivie dried up, we would invite all the Make-A-Wish families in this region to the lake for a weekend of rest and fishing. We put them up in rooms and provided them food, toys for the kids and a boat to take them fishing. With children in their position, many families could never afford to have a vacation. This gave them a chance to get away for a change and have a break.

What is Reel Thanx and how did you get involved? Reel Thanx was started in September 2007 to honor the military of this generation. I was in the Marine Corps and a product of the Vietnam War. Five of my friends, from the little town of Coloradio City, were killed in that war. The way our troops were treated when they came back was a dishonor to our country and them. I never forgot and wanted to make sure that the soldiers and marines in the recent wars were never treated that way.

Thus, Reel Thanx was started to show them the honor and respect that they so rightly deserved. In August, we welcomed our 30th group of wounded veterans and took them fishing at Lake Amistad. This group marks 180 individuals brought to Midland for the trip. They are blown away by the charity, patriotism, and goodness of our community.

Why do you feel called to serve the community? Why do I and ours donate their time and money to our charities? We've been more fortunate than most and want to make a difference. We've found something we are passionate about, and it's the right thing to do. I'm beyond humbled to be one of the 52 Faces of Community involvement. There are so many unsung heroes that make Reel Thanx and the Permian Basin Oilman's Bass Invitational what they are. Without their involvement and dedication, these good works would not be possible. This honor also goes to all of them.

How long has Midland been your home, and why have you stayed? I've lived in Midland for 35 years and love the people and our way of life. Midlanders are some of the most generous people imaginable. I'm so proud of our community.

"A GIVER AND A DOER FOR THE CHARITIES HE SERVES"

I have had the honor of knowing Mike Mundy for several decades. He is giver and a doer for the charities he serves. Mike was instrumental in getting the Permian Basin Oilman's Bass Invitational fishing tournament started for the Make-A-Wish Foundation. He has worked tirelessly over the years on the PBOBI tournament. Mike is also founder of Reel Thanx, which is a nonprofit that takes wounded military personnel fishing. Mike has worked with Reel Thanx for almost eight years since he started the nonprofit. He has a heart as big as Midland for the Make-A-Wish kids and our wounded military service members.

***Alan D. Means,** Reel Thanx director*

"A LEADER IN THE COMMUNITY WHO HAS SELFLESSLY GIVEN SO MUCH"

Mike Mundy is a true community hero. He truly embodies what it means to be a philanthropist, and all who meet him know of the great love he has for those he serves in the organizations he's involved in. For years, he has been a stalwart presence and volunteer with the PBOBI event benefitting the Make-A-Wish Foundation for terminally ill children. He also is the founder and integral board member of Reel Thanx, which since 2007 has reached out to more than 180 military heroes, spouses and local Vietnam veterans to nurture and care for their physical and emotional well-being through fishing trips and wives retreat trips. When you think of a leader in the community who has selflessly given so much of their time, talent and resources to extend love and compassion to those in need, you cannot help but think of Mike Mundy. He is a true hero to all those who have been the recipients of his generosity and support.

***Katy Jordan,** Reel Thanx administrator*

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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Shark Tank		Bachelor in Paradise (SF) (N)		After Paradise (SF) (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory.	Preview (N)	Scorpion "Cliffhanger"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Kolcheck, A."		CBS 7 News	(:35) Scorpion "Rogue Element"	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Laverne & Shirley	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason	McCloud
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	So You Think You Can Dance "Finale Part 1: Top Four Perform" 1/2 cont'd Sept 14 (N)				Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM	IND	11	12	12	11	11	Dr. William	Dr. R.Booker	Update News	Day of Discovery	Light of the Southwest				House Call	Mani Erfan	Rocks/Manuscripts	Y.Salamanca
KWES	NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		American Ninja Warrior "Vegas Finals" The top competitors tackle the finals course. (N)				Running Wild "Drew Brees" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show	(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	WealthTrack	Antiques Rd. "Myrtle Beach (Hour Three)"		The Civil War "The Cause: 1861" Examines slavery and the causes of the war.				Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB	UNI	4	4		4	16	Muchacha Italiana viene a casarse		Amores con trampa		Lo imperdonable		Yo no creo en los hombres		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA	MNT	16	16		16		Fam.Feud	Fam. Feud	SVU "Wrong Is Right"		Law&O: SVU "Honor"		M&M	M&M	Anger M.	Anger M.	Office	Access H.
FLIX		340	575		165		(4:55) Parenthood		★★ Flirting With Disaster		(:35) Honey, I Shrunk the Kids				(:10) Kicking and Screaming		Movie	
HBO		300	550	14	14		(:15) The Jinx		★★★ Horrible Bosses 2 Jason Bateman.				1stLook (:15)	★★ Transcendence			(:20) Hard Knocks '15	
HBO2		302	551	15	101	23	Movie	Last Week	Bill Maher		★★★★ John Wick				(:45) ★★★★ Let's Be Cops Jake Johnson.		Movie	
HBO5		304	552	16	102		(4:50) Thelma & ...		★★ Charlie's Angels			1stLook	★ A Million Ways to Die in the West				★★★ Neighbors	
MAX		380	557	17	120	24	(5:25) Wish I Was ...		(:15) ★★ Lost in Translation				★ Lost River Christina Hendricks.		(:40) Dracula Untold			
MAX2		382	558	18	122		(:10) ★★ Reindeer Games Ben Affleck.				★ The Grand Budapest Hotel				(:40) Forbidden Science "Endless Possibilities"		Movie	
PLEX				96			(5:25) MacShayne...		★★ Young Sherlock Holmes				(:55) Manhattan Murder M...		(:45) ★★ The Meteor Man			
SHOW		320	565	19	140	25	Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		Masters of Sex		★ The General's ...	
TMC		336	573	22	155	26	(5:45) ★★ Last Vegas			★★★ Walking Tall			★★ Snowpiercer ('14, Sci-Fi) Chris Evans.				(:10) ★ Supernova	
ABE		27	58	28	35	47	The First 48		48: KillerConfession "Cranked"		Confessions "Burning Rage/ Fallen Soldier"		48: KillerConfession "Coma/ Disappeared"		48: KillerConfession "Murder in Treme"		48: KillerConfession "Cranked"	
AMC		40	74	23	42	51	(4:30) ★★★ Batman Begins			★★★ Predator ('87, Sci-Fi) Arnold Schwarzenegger.					★★★ Watchmen Malin Akerman.			
BET		58	-		40		(4:30) ★ Good Deeds		★★ Daddy's Little Girls ('07, Rom) Gabrielle Union.				★ Madea's Tough Love				Wendy Williams	
BRAVO		65	76		41		The Real Housewives		Orange County (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Ladies of London (N)		Real Housewives		Ladies of London	
CNBC		46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN		43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		CNN Quiz Show (N)		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain		Anthony Bourdain	
DISC		50	60	31	24	42	Fast n' Loud "71 Scat Pack Challenger" (N)				Fast N' Loud (N)		Rusted (N)		(:05) Fast N' Loud		(:05) Rusted	
DISNEY		56	64	36	25	36	K.C. Undercover (N)		★★ College Road Trip			KC Under	KC Under	Bunk'd	I Didn't	Jessie	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN		32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Countdown (L)		NCAA Football Ohio State at Virginia Tech Site: Lane Stadium (L)						SportsCenter			
ESPN2		34	36	49	32	31	ITF Tennis U.S. Open Site: USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center (L)								E:60		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FAMILY		53	63	34	42	33	(4:00) ★ Forrest Gump				Switched at Birth (N)		Chasing Life (N)		The 700 Club		★ Freaky Friday	
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	Rachael Ray's Kids C		Kids Cook-Off (N)		Cake Masters (N)		Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Diners...	Cake Masters	
FSSW		37	38	50	45	29	(5:30) MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Seattle Mariners Site: Safeco Field -- Seattle, Wash. (L)					Rangers Live (L)	NCAA Big 12 No-Huddle Baylor vs SMU		Replay (N)	SportsDay OnAir	WPT Poker Seminole Hard Rock Showdown	
FX		31	56	59	64	69	Empire		Empire		Empire		Empire		Empire "Who I Am"		Tyrant "Pax Abuddin"	
HALLMARK		54	71	58		34	Waltons "The Conflict"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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LIFETIME		28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★★ Made of Honor		★★★ The Proposal (2009, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds, Betty White, Sandra Bullock.				★★★ The Proposal (2009, Comedy) Ryan Reynolds, Betty White, Sandra Bullock.				★★★ The Proposal	
MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup		Lockup	
NBCSN		38	43			-	To Be Announced				To Be Announced				NASCAR	NASCAR	To Be Announced	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	SanjayCr	Harvey (N)	Sponge	Pig Goat	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Lights	Cops	Cops	Cops
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	Z Nation		Z Nation	Zunami	Z Nation		Z Nation		Z Nation		Z Nation	
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TCM		41	75	24	63	66	(5:00) ★ Sergeant Ru...		★★★★ Of Mice and Men				★ Fragments (2011)				★★ THX 1138	
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	The Man With the 200 lb Tumor		My Giant Head (N)		My Son's Face Won't Stop Growing (N)		Bizarre "My Baby's Got an Extra Head" (N)		Bizarre "World's Tallest Couple" (N)		My Son's Face Won't Stop Growing	
TNT		24	34	40	26	50	The Librarians "And the Heart of Darkness"		The Librarians "And the City of Light"		The Librarians "And the Loom of Fate"		★★ The Librarians: Quest for the Spear ('04, Act) Kelly Hu, Noah Wyle.				Law & Order "Misbegotten"	
TVLAND		49	-	35	54	35	FactsLife	FactsLife	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA		26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "The Truth Is Out There"		WWE Monday Night Raw						(:05) ★★★★ Skyfall (2012, Action) Helen McCrory, Ralph Fiennes, Daniel Craig.			
WGN		19	85				Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Person of Interest		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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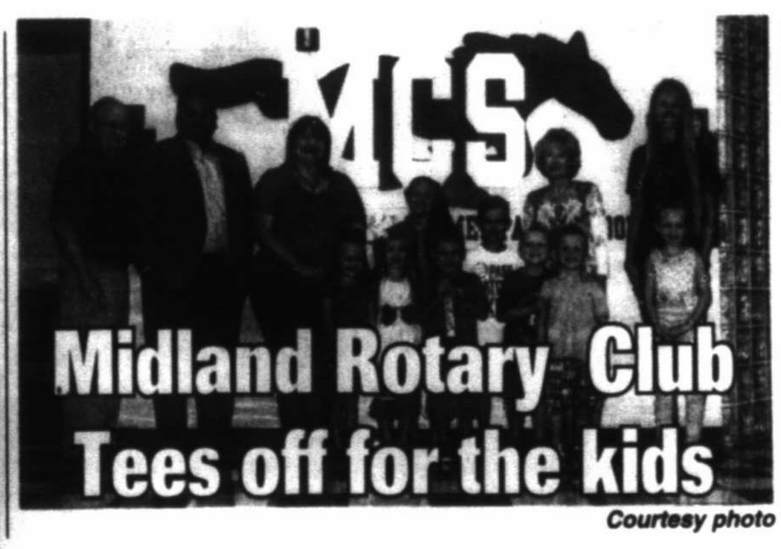
Judge Dean Rucker, second from right, was honored by the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists at a dinner in San Antonio on Aug. 5. With Rucker is his wife, Karen Rucker, and their sons, Dustin Rucker, left, and Clark Rucker, right.

Judge Rucker receives family practiotioner award

From staff reports

Judge Dean Rucker, who retired last year as presiding judge of the 318th District Court, was honored last month by the Texas Academy of Family Law Specialists. At its annual dinner in San Antonio, the academy presented Rucker with the Judge Sam Emison Award, which is "bestowed upon one exceptionally distinguished family law practitioner or judge who has demonstrated a significant commitment and made significant contributions to the practice of family law," according to the group's website.

Rucker, who is presiding judge of the Seventh Administrative Judicial Region — a post he has held since 1998 — was also honored by the authors of a legal reference book. The 25th edition of "Sampson & Tindall's Texas Family Code Annotated" is dedicated to Rucker.



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Members of the Midland North Rotary Club recently raised $3,250 for First Tee at Midland Christian School. The national program is a character-building curriculum. Bill Parmeter with Permian Basin Resources, from left, Rod Aguilar and Debbie Eason of the Johnson Miller & Co. CPA firm pose with Midland Christian School students, Betty Linthicum, elementary principal, and Alicia Filyukova, physical education teacher.

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For each of the three words below, change one letter to an A, and then rearrange the letters to spell something you can grow.

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BY MARILYN MCKNIGHT HARRISON

NEW ORLEANS FIESTA

Lartry Lawrence, left, and Pat Lawrence.

NEW ORLEANS FIESTA

Sylvia Solis, from left, Glenda Bland, Elaine Thompson and Anabel Weber.

HAITIAN MINISTRY

Jan and Greg West.

NEW ORLEANS FIESTA

Sharon Woodward, from left, Lisa Corbell, Pat Lawrence and Boni Binggeli.

HANEY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Paul Summersgill, from left, Betsy Haney and Joan Baskin.

HAITIAN MINISTRY

Hannah Gloden, back row from left, Naomi Colson and Diane Browne; and Lainey Gloden, front left, and Faith Struta.

NEW ORLEANS FIESTA

Laurie Clark, from left, Charlotte Cooke, Debbie Sparks, Kristal Cotton and April Clay.

HANEY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Drew Anderson, from left, Jeremy Olive and Greg Pysh.

RUIDOSO RETREAT

Tami Stallings, from left, Celista Halpert, Lori Julian, Marilyn Mathis, Frances Collins, Natalie Eustace and Freda Benton.

NEW ORLEANS FIESTA

The Newcomers Club of Midland and friends recently gathered for a fiesta hosted by **Pat Lawrence.** The New Orleans-themed party began with Pat's husband, **Larry Lawrence,** giving a blessing and a reading of "You Know You're at Home in New Orleans When ..."

The guests learned about some New Orleans traditions, including the famous second line, a custom in brass band parades in the city, most notably at funerals. The second line refers to those who follow the band (the first line) just to enjoy the music.

Party favors included second line napkins, inscribed with the words "Pat's Fiesta Bash 7-31-15" and scented toiletries. "Apple of My Eye" also provided bags of gourmet popcorn and candied apples for the guests.

The partygoers enjoyed a Mexican buffet, along with other refreshments.

Seen in the crowd, along with Newcomers Club members, were **Lisa Corbell, Cindy Corral, Vicki Martin, Judy McFarland, Cristal Reyes, Stepfanie Rodriquez** and **Sharon Woodward.** Others in attendance were **Boni Binggeli, Suzie Boyd, April Clay, Charlotte Cooke, Kristal Cotton, Laurie Clark, Amy Ivanhoe, Katie McPherren, Sue Roberson, Eva Salcido, Sylvia Solis, Debbie Sparks** and **Marjorie Ulmo.**

Also enjoying the event were the hostess' sister-in-law, **Melanese McPherson** from New Orleans; her niece, **Sabrina Morton** of Dallas; and **Katheryn Kelly** from New York City. The family often returns to New Orleans for Mardi Gras balls and The Essence Festival and enjoy sharing those traditions with others.

HANEY BIRTHDAY PARTY

Betsy Haney was surprised by members and staff of First Presbyterian Church with a celebration in honor of her 70th birthday in the church parlor on Aug. 18.

Her friends from the Thursday morning Stitchers organized a buffet of savory and sweet treats and surprised her with a gift of yarn and needles. A painting by church member **Mary Rasmussen Summersgill** was presented by **Drew Anderson.**

Guests contributed special notes and tributes on cards to be included in a memory book created by local artist Janet Cook.

The honoree began her career at First Presbyterian Church in January 1996 as a temporary assistant to the senior pastor until a permanent employee could be found.

HAITIAN MINISTRY

Midlanders **Greg and Jan West** were guest speakers at the Petroleum Museum's monthly brown bag luncheon on Aug. 18. They and other Midlanders partner with Heart of the Bride, a ministry in Haiti that runs a school for orphan boys. Midlanders have been a part of Human Care School — located in the remote northwest region of the country — since its beginning.

The founders included young Haitian men who had grown up in orphanages and felt the need for a school for boys like themselves. A decade later, there are more than 150 students.

There are no dorms, but the students have access to medical care and meals in a Christian environment.

Greg West said Midlanders are engaged through financial support, team trips, and by providing scholarships. Their next trip is planned for October.

RUIDOSO RETREAT

Members of PEO Chapter DD recently visited Ruidoso, New Mexico, for the group's annual retreat.

Hosting the group in their mountain homes were **Sara Sumrall** and **Sandie Mock** in Alto and **Jane Dial** and **Freda Benton** in Ruidoso.

Also attending were **Celista Halpert, Tami Stallings, Natalie Eustace, Betty Moore, Darla Pepper, Angela Stanaford, Denise Hampton, Mary Anne Benton, Marilyn Mathis, Lori Julian, Frances Collins, Lynn Phillips** and her mother, **P.D. Heath;** and **Mary Anderson,** a former member from Dallas.

Activities included dining at various well-known restaurants in Ruidoso and Cloudcroft, races at Ruidoso Downs from the vantage point of the Jockey Club, golfing at Alto Lakes Country Club, and dinner and a performance by singer-songwriter Chubby Checker at the Spencer Theater, with dessert afterward at the Sumrall home. The women also were entertained at a candlelight dinner at the Benton cabin and a farewell brunch in the Dial home.

To have an event included in "Have You Heard," email information to Marilyn Harrison at texachem1@gmail.com and photos to Managing Editor Mary Dearen at mdearen@mrt.com.

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PAID CONTENT

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Are you going to stick that in your eye? Five rules for contact lens wearers to protect vision

"Many people who otherwise have good hygiene habits don't realize it when they're handling their contacts in ways that could invite a painful eye infection," says Dr. Heather Kern Golson. She and her husband, Dr. Blake Golson, own Texas Country Eye Care.

The Golsons list five things they wish people knew about contact lenses.

First, don't wear any contacts—even for eye color—that aren't prescription. "The prescription is about more than correction," Dr. Kern points out. "It's also about the shape of your eyeball. I have seen people who, when they removed nonprescription lenses, peeled off the epithelium layer over their cornea." This is not only very painful—for many days—it multiplies the risk of infection.

"If you want eye color, that's fine, just please get a prescription," she says. "Colored lenses are very safe if they're done responsibly."

Second, don't reuse contact cases when you buy new solution. "You're not saving that much money by reusing cases, and this is another way you're risking infection," Dr. Kern explains. After awhile your case collects dust and dirt, which can harbor infection-causing bacteria. Another thing to avoid is getting water in or on your case, because this can further promote the growth of bacteria.

Drs. Blake and Heather Kern Golson say proper care of contacts is really about protecting your vision. Call Texas Country Eye Care at 684-7287.

Third, don't top off your solution. "Contact cleaning solution is made to kill bacteria and viruses, but when you keep adding to existing solution, its infection-fighting power slowly deteriorates," she notes. As before, you're not saving that much money anyway. "It's always best to throw away the old solution and just use new." It's also important to tightly close the cap on the solution bottle to keep the solution clean.

Fourth, take your contacts out at night. While there are some that say they're okay for sleeping, this is more about the oxygen permeability than about bacteria. Yes, your eyeball can "breathe" through these contacts, but those lenses keep your eyeball from being able to wash out dirt and germs. "You increase your chance of a painful eye infection by 15 times when you wear contacts overnight," Dr. Kern warns.

Plus, your eyeball grows different flora from the rest of your body—which require special, very expensive antibiotics. Untreated infections can lead to pain, vision problems, scarring of the eyeball and, in extreme cases, blindness.

Fifth, wash your hands before handling contacts. The same reason you wash hands before you put food in your mouth applies to sticking your finger in your eye. "Your fingernails in particular can harbor bacteria and viruses," says Dr. Kern.

Proper care of contacts is really all about proper care of your vision. If you have any questions about contact care, please contact your vision care professional.

Texas Country Eye Care, owned by Blake Golson, O. D. and Heather Kern Golson, O. D., is at 2200 West Wadley, Ste 22, in the Oak Ridge Square, across from La Bebe Boutique. Hours are 9-5:30 M-F. The phone number is 684-7287. Same day appointments available in most cases. Look for them on Facebook. Their web address is www.texascountryeyecare.com.

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In meeting between top divisions, SEC West wins

By Ralph D. Russo
Associated Press

In the only meeting of the season between teams from the two best divisions in college football, the SEC West was best.

One game in September is unlikely to swing the votes when the College Football Playoff selection committee makes its final decisions in December, but Texas A&M sent a message Saturday night about how the SEC West stacks up against the Pac-12 South with a 38-17 victory against No. 15 Arizona State in Houston.

The Aggies were one of two unranked teams in the seven-team SEC West to start the season, but this was no upset. The Sun Devils are expected to contend for the Pac-12 South title and A&M, with a reworked defense under new coordinator John Chavis, worked them over.

"We weren't ranked, but we were favored," Texas A&M coach Kevin Sumlin said. "I don't understand that."

Early season rankings can be weird. The Aggies looked like a team that will be factor in the SEC West race. If not, that will only make the division look better.

The SEC West dominated the rankings for much of last season then ended it with a thud, going 2-5 in the bowls. The Pac-12 South went 4-1 in the postseason. Those results sparked talk of a power shift west in college football.

Not so fast. No. 3 Alabama slammed No. 20 Wisconsin 35-17 in Arlington, Texas, and No. 6 Auburn beat Louisville 31-24 in Atlanta. The SEC West swept Saturday's most intriguing games.

Arizona State's loss was part of generally disappointing opening weekend for the Pac-12 that had one very bright spot.

Josh Rosen was brilliant in his debut for No. 13 UCLA, answering any questions the Bruins might have had about handing a team that could contend for a Pac-12 title to an 18-year-old.

The Bruins' 34-16 win against Virginia came after four ugly losses by Pac-12 teams during the first three days of the season:

■ Colorado fell 28-20 at Hawaii on Thursday night.

■ Washington lost 16-13 at No. 23 Boise State on Friday night,

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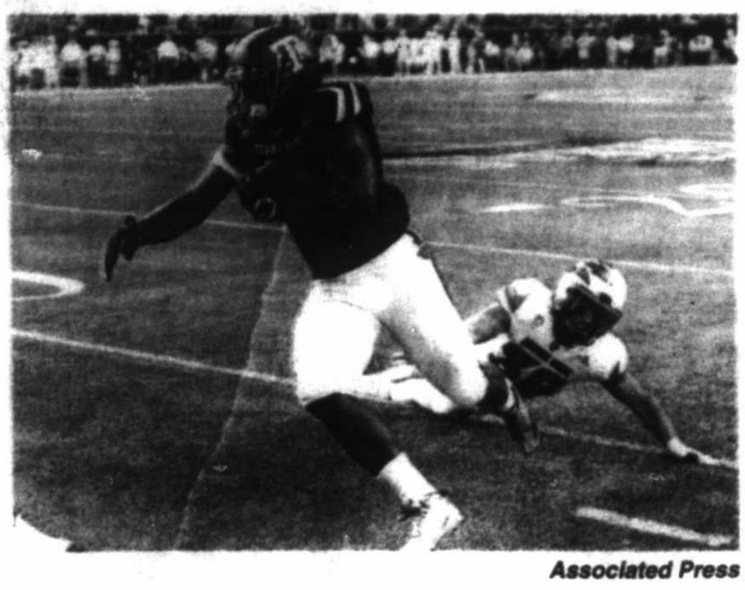

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Texas A&M running back Tra Carson, left, eludes Arizona State defensive back Jordan Simone on his way to a touchdown in the first half of a game on Saturday in Houston.

Sisters set for showdown

Associated Press

LEFT: Serena Williams waves to fans after beating Madison Keys during the fourth round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament Sunday in New York. RIGHT: Venus Williams raises her fist after beating Anett Kontaveit during the fourth round of the U.S. Open.

Serena Williams sets up US Open QF vs. Venus

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

NEW YORK — No need for any extra practice after this performance by Serena Williams.

Plus, it's not as if she needs to study too hard to figure out how to deal with her next opponent.

Playing the best she has in the U.S. Open as she chases a calendar-year Grand Slam, Williams set up a quarterfinal against older sister Venus by making only six unforced errors in a 6-3, 6-3 victory over 19th-seeded Madison Keys on Sunday.

Looking ahead, No. 1 Serena described No. 23 Venus this way: "It's like playing a mirror."

Serena took only 68 minutes to dismiss Keys, a 20-year-old American with formidable serves and forehands who simply was outplayed.

Already a winner of the past four major tournaments, including last year's U.S. Open, Serena is trying to become the first tennis player to win all four in the same season since Steffi Graf in 1988.

Asked why it's been so long since anyone else pulled off a true Grand Slam, Serena paused for effect, smiled and answered: "I don't know why it took me so long."

Standing in the way at the moment is Venus. This will be the 27th all-Williams match over their long and successful careers, and Serena leads 15-11, including 8-5 at majors. Each has beaten the other twice at the U.S. Open, with Venus winning the 2001 final and Serena the 2002 final.

"It's about, of course, forgetting that she's playing Venus," said Serena's coach, Patrick Mouratoglou.

Venus, at 35 the oldest woman in the tournament, was on court even less time than her sibling on Sunday, overwhelming 19-year-old qualifier Anett Kontaveit of Estonia 6-2, 6-1 in 50 minutes.

Venus, of course, knows full well the challenge that awaits Tuesday.

"What else can you do, except try to win the point and hope she doesn't hit an ace?" said Venus, who lost in the third round or earlier at each of the past four U.S. Opens.

The sisters' mother, Oracene Price, said she wouldn't attend the quarterfinal.

As for whether Venus will be in a tough spot — hoping to win, yet also well aware of what her sibling is pursuing — Price said: "I know it's going to

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Texas school district suspends players after referee hit

Associated Press

MARBLE FALLS — A San Antonio school district has suspended two football players from the team after one of them ran into the back of a referee watching a play and the other dove into the official, the district's athletic director said Sunday.

Northside Independent School District athletic director Stan Laing told KENS5-TV that the players had been suspended because of the incident Friday, which he called "disturbing" and "inexcusable."

Video showed the referee watching the play and his head snapping back when he is leveled from behind. The other player then dove on top of him. The team from John Jay High School in San Antonio was playing Marble Falls High School in Marble Falls, located about 90 miles north of San Antonio.

Before the referee was hit, two Jay players had been ejected on separate plays.

Pascual Gonzalez, a spokesman for the Northside Independent School District, told The Associated Press earlier Sunday that the district would hear from game officials, coaches and students during an upcoming due process hearing.

"It is not the good sportsmanlike behavior that we teach students," he said.

The incident occurred with about a minute left in Friday's game, according to Marble Falls coach Matt Green.

Marble Falls was trying to run out the clock and called for a handoff toward the left side of the line of scrimmage.

The penalties stemming from the incident gave Marble Falls a first down. John Jay lost 15-9.

Marble Falls coach Matt Green said John Jay coach Gary Gutierrez apologized after the game.

"I've coached 14 years, and I've never seen anything like it," Green told the San Antonio Express-News.

The referee was "very upset" and "wanting to press charges," Austin Football Officials Association secretary Wayne Elliott told the AP.

Elliott said he was seeking guidance from the state officials association, adding, "the first thing we want is that those two kids never play football again."

He declined to release the referee's name.

The University Interscholastic League, which governs primary and high school sports, is working with the school district and officials on the investigation, according to spokeswoman Kate Hector.

Lowrie's grand slam helps Astros over Twins in victory

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

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HOUSTON — Jed Lowrie was hitting .300 at the end of April before spending three months on the disabled list after thumb surgery.

After a tough August in his return from the injury, Lowrie is starting to heat up, and on Sunday his grand slam in Houston's five-run seventh inning helped the Astros rally for a 8-5 victory over the Minnesota Twins.

The Astros trailed by one when Lowrie hit his second career grand slam and his first since 2009 into the second row in right field off Trevor May (8-9) to make it 5-2.

"It just felt like a lot of pent up emotion," Lowrie said. "That game, nothing was really happening; we were not hitting the ball very hard, and we got the opportunity. I think everybody took a big sigh of relief and had a lot of fun."

May dropped his head when Lowrie connected and shook it as he bounded around the bases and into a celebration at home plate.

"In short, I blew it," May said. "I'm looking forward to another chance to get out there."

Lowrie hit just .181 in August and was in a 0 for 28 slump before starting a current season-high six-game hitting streak where he has three homers, four doubles and seven RBIs.

"I feel like I've been hitting the ball well since coming back, and even in that slump, I was hitting the ball hard and just couldn't get any luck," Lowrie said. "It's nice to get rewarded when you hit the ball eventually."

Dallas Keuchel (17-6) became the American League's first 17-game winner, improved to 13-0 at home this season and set a franchise record with his 14th straight win in Houston dating back to last season. He allowed five hits, three runs and struck out 12 in eight innings.

But Keuchel wasn't celebrating the victory. Instead he was lamenting the

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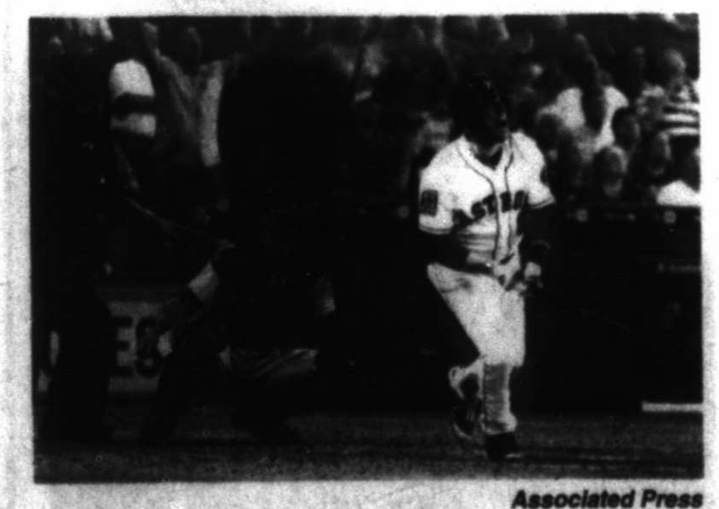

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The Houston Astros' Jed Lowrie watches his grand slam in the seventh inning against the Minnesota Twins on Sunday in Houston.

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ON THE AIR

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BASKETBALL
FIBA Americas, Teams TBD, 8:20 p.m., ESPNDEP

COLLEGE FOOTBALL
Ohio State at Virginia Tech, 7 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
PGA: Deutsche Bank Championship, Final Round, 10:30 a.m., GOLF
PGA: Deutsche Bank Championship, Final Round, 12:30 p.m., CBS

HORSE RACING
Jockey Club Racing Tour: Saratoga Race Course, 4 p.m., FS1

MLB
Baltimore at NY Yankees, Noon, ESPN
Houston at Oakland, 3 p.m., ROOT
Texas at Seattle, 5:30 p.m., FSSW

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Euro Qualifying: Armenia vs Denmark, 11 a.m., FS1/FOXDEP
UEFA Euro Qualifying: Scotland vs Germany, 1:30 p.m., FS1/FOXDEP
UEFA Euro Qualifying: Northern Ireland vs Hungary, 1:30 p.m., FS2
UEFA Euro Qualifying: Republic of Ireland vs Georgia, 1:30 p.m., FOXSOC+
UEFA Euro Qualifying: Albania vs Portugal, 1:30 p.m., ESPNDEP

MOTORSPORTS
NHRA: Chevrolet Performance US Nationals, 3 p.m., ESPN

TENNIS
US Open, 10 a.m., ESPN2

ON RADIO

MLB
Texas at Seattle, 5:30 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Frisco, 6 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
NEW YORK YANKEES — Recalled RHP Nick Goody from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHP Tanner Scheppers from Round Rock (PCL).
National League
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Activated RHP Tyler Cravy from the 15-day DL.
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Activated OF Randal Grichuk from the 15-day DL.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS — Claimed OT Bryce Harris off waivers from New Orleans.
BALTIMORE RAVENS — Signed S Nick Perry, WR Jeremy Butler, QB Bryn Renner, LB Brennen Beyer, OL Kaleb Johnson, OL De'Ondre Wesley and TE Konrad Reuland to the practice squad.
BUFFALO BILLS — Claimed C Gabe Ikard off waivers from Tennessee. Signed WR Dezmon Lewis, G Cyril Richardson, LB Kevin Reddick, S Jonathan Meeks and RB Cierre Wood to the practice squad. Waived WR Austin Willis from the injured reserve list.
CAROLINA PANTHERS — Signed DT Chas Alecxih, WR Brenton Bersin, LB Brian Blechen, CB Carrington Byndom, WR Damiere Byrd, DE Rakim Cox, OT David Foucault, LB Adarius Glanton, TE Scott Simonson and CB Lou Young to the practice squad.
CHICAGO BEARS — Claimed DB Harold Jones-Quartey off waivers from Arizona and G Patrick Omameh off waivers from Tampa Bay. Terminated the contract of S Sherrod Martin. Waived OT Jordan Mills.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Signed DT DeShawn Williams, RB Terrell Watson, WR Jake Kumerow, TE Matt Lengel, LB Trevor Roach, CB Troy Hill, QB Keith Wenning, RB James Wilder Jr., G-OT Dan France and G-C Troy Hopkins to the practice squad. Waived CB-WR Onterio McCalebb. Placed LBs Marquis Flowers and Jayson DiManche on injured reserve.
CLEVELAND BROWNS — Claimed OT Austin Pasztor off waivers from Jacksonville. Traded RB Terrance West to Tennessee for a 2016 seventh-round draft pick. Signed RB Shaun Draughn, DBs James Kendall and De'Ante Saunders, WR Darius Jennings, OLs Erle Ladson, Andrew McDonald and Damian Miller and LB Hayes Pullard III to the practice squad.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Waived DE Lavar Edwards. Acquired RB Christine Michael from Seattle for an undisclosed 2016 draft pick.
DENVER BRONCOS — Waived RB Montee Ball and C Gino Gradkowski. Claimed C James Ferentz off waivers from Houston and TE Mitchell Henry from Green Bay.
DETOIT LIONS — Signed WR Andrew Peacock, DL Larry Webster, TE Casey Pierce, DL Kerry Hyder, DB Isaiah Johnson, OL Braxston Cave and RB George Wynn to the practice squad.
INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Claimed DT T. McGill off waivers from Seattle and G Robert Myers off waivers from Baltimore. Waived-injured RB Boom Herron. Waived LB Amarlo Herrera. Signed LB Daniel Adongo, G David Arkin, WR Quan Bray, WR Duron Carter, OT Ulrick John, S Dewey McDonald, LB Josh McNary, CB Eric Patterson, OT Jaria Pendleton and TE Erik Swoope to the practice squad.
JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS — Signed DL Richard Ash, TE Ben Koyack, DB Craig Loston, OL Chris Reed, WR Neil Sterling, LB Todd Thomas, DB Peyton Thompson and WR Tony Washington to the practice squad.
KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Claimed TE Brian Parker off waivers from San Diego.
MIAMI DOLPHINS — Claimed QB Logan Thomas off waivers from Arizona. Placed RB Jay Ajayi on injured reserve-return. Signed QB McLeod Bethel-Thompson, OL Sam Brenner, DT Deandre Coleman, LB Mike Hull, TE Tim Semisch, TE Jake Stonebumer, OT Aundrey Walker and S Cedric Thompson to the practice squad.
MINNESOTA VIKINGS — Signed DE B.J. DuBose, G Isame Faciane, WR Isaac Fruechte, S Anthony Harris, LB Brian Peters, FB Blake Renaud, LB Brandon Watts. RB Dominique Williams and OL David Yankey to the practice squad.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Claimed DT Khyri Thornton off waivers from Green Bay.
NEW ORLEANS SAINTS — Claimed DE Oburn Gwacham off waivers from Seattle and LB Michael Mauti off waivers from Minnesota.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Claimed DB Asa Jackson off waivers from Baltimore and DT Louis Nix off waivers from Houston. Released DT Kennick Ellis. Waived CB Mike Harris, Signed OL Adam Gettis, OL Emmett Cleary, WR Julian Talley, DE Brad Bars, LB Cole Farrand and DB C.J. Conway to the practice squad.
NEW YORK JETS — Claimed DB Ronald Martin off waivers from Seattle. Released S Rontez Miles. Signed WR-KR Chris Owusu. Placed CB Dee Milliner on injured reserve-return. Signed LB Deion Barnes, FB-LB Julian Howsare, G Wesley Johnson, LB Taiwan Jones, CB Keon Lynn, WR Walter Powell, TE Wes Saxton and DE Jordan Williams to the practice squad.
OAKLAND RAIDERS — Claimed S Keenan Lambert off waivers from Seattle. Waived CB SaDwan Edwards.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES — Claimed QB Stephen Morris off waivers from Jacksonville. Signed G Brett Boyko, G Malcolm Bunche, CB Randall Evans, WR Freddie Martino, DE Brian Mihalik, RB Raheem Mostert, TE Chris Pantale, WR Quron Pratt, S Ed Reynolds, LB Deonte Skinner to the practice squad.
PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Claimed DE Caushaud Lyons off waivers from Tampa Bay. Placed C Maurkice Pouncey on injured reserve-return. Signed RB Jordan Todman and C-G Doug Legursky. Released CB Doran Grant. Waived LB Anthony Chickillo. Signed RB Dominique Brown, DB Jordan Dangerfield, OL Reese Dismukes, OL Antonio Johnson, LB L.J. Fort, LB Shayon Green, DE Ethan Hemer, WR Shakim Phillips, WR Jarrod West and TE Harold Spears to the practice squad.
SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed CB Greg Ducre, WR Javontee Herndon, G Michael Huey, LB Ryan Mueller, S Adrian Phillips, RB Dreamius Smith and NT Damion Square to the practice squad.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Signed WR DiAndre Campbell, CB Marcus Cromartie, RB Kendall Gaskins, DT Kaleb Ramsey, LB Marcus Rush, NT Garrison Smith, QB Dylan Thompson, G Andrew Tiller and S Jermaine Whitehead to the practice squad.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed TE RaShaun Allen, G-C Will Pericak, LB Eric Pinkins, OT Terry Poole, WR Kevin Smith, RB Rod Smith and WR Kasen Williams to the practice squad.
ST. LOUIS RAMS — Signed OT Isaiah Battle, RB Malcolm Brown, S Christian Bryant, S Jacob Hagen, TE Justice Cunningham, FB Cach Lashley, DE Matt Longacre, CB Trovon Reed, DT Louis Trinca-Pasat and DT Doug Worthington to the practice squad.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Claimed DE Kourtnee Brown off waivers from Houston, LB Jeremiah George off waivers from Jacksonville, QB Ryan Griffin off waivers from New Orleans, LB James-Michael Johnson and C Eric Kush off waivers from Kansas City. Released TE Cameron Brate, G Kadeem Edwards, OT Reid Fragel, WR Rennell Hall and LB Jason Williams.
TENNESSEE TITANS — Claimed DE David Bass off waivers from Chicago and LB Steven Johnson off waivers from Denver. Waived LB Justin Staples. LB Jonathan Massaquoi and TE Chase Coffman. Placed RB David Cobb on injured reserve-return. Signed G-OT Will Poehls, G Josue Matias, WR Tre McBride, WR Rico Richardson, RB David Fluellen, TE Tevin Westbrook and S Josh Aubrey to the practice squad.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed LB Houston Bates, OT Takoby Cofield, DE Corey Crawford, CB Quinton Dunbar, LB Terrance Plummer, TE Je'Ron Hamm and RB Trey Williams to the practice squad.

Carl Edwards wins Southern 500

By Pete Iacobelli
Associated Press

DARLINGTON, S.C. — Carl Edwards took the lead on the last pit stop and held off Denny Hamlin on a restart eight laps from the end for his first Southern 500 victory Sunday night.

Edwards was two laps behind early in the long, long, nearly five-hour NASCAR Sprint Cup race, slowed by a record 18 cautions at Darlington Raceway.

Pole-sitter Brad Keselowski was second and Hamlin finished third. Joey Logano was fourth, followed by defending race champion Kevin Harvick and the Busch brothers, Kurt and Kyle.

Edwards won for the second time this season, and gave Joe Gibbs Racing its seventh victory in the last 10 events. JGR swept the weekend, with Hamlin winning the Xfinity race Saturday.

Edwards did his signature victory backflip in the race's return to Labor Day weekend.

"I guess we made it Carlington for a couple of minutes," Edwards said as he crew taped over part of the "D" on the painted Darlington sign along a retaining wall. "This is the Southern 500. This is amazing."

It's the seventh time in 11 seasons as a fulltime driver Edwards has won multiple races.

Keselowski started on the pole and by far led the most laps with 196. But he was beaten out of the pits by Edwards on Darlington's record-setting 18th caution period with 12 laps left.

Almost as much as drivers enjoyed Darlington's throwback paint schemes and retro-1970s theme, they loved the low downforce package given the cars — the same that was used to rave driver reviews in Kentucky earlier this year.

"Man, I loved it. This is as good as it gets," Edwards said of the low-downforce package. "This is what it's about: sliding cars, the tires falling off. If there's any way we can run this in the Chase, I hope we do it."

Keselowski agreed. "It separates the race car drivers from the pretenders and that's the way it should be," he said.

NASCAR returned the Southern 500 to Labor Day weekend for the first time since 2003. The track, the sport's oldest superspeedway, closed NASCAR's summer as one of its crown jewel events for 53 years until losing out in Sprint Cup realignment.

Star Wars in Monza: Lucas awards Hamilton for Italian GP win

By Andrew Dampf
Associated Press

MONZA, Italy — The only thing that came close to stopping Lewis Hamilton at the Italian Grand Prix on Sunday was an inquiry over tire pressure.

In the end — 3 1/2 hours after the Mercedes driver took the checkered flag and was interviewed on the podium by Star Wars creator George Lucas — that obstacle fell away, too.

Hamilton's left rear tire pressure was found to be 0.3 psi below the minimum of 19.5 when measured moments before the race. But stewards decided to take no action because they determined that Mercedes had pumped the correct amount of air into the tires before the pressure dropped on its own.

"I wasn't aware of it," Hamilton said, adding that 0.3 psi "is not really a huge amount on one tire."

Hamilton cruised to his seventh win of the season, and nearly doubled his Formula One lead over Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg, whose engine caught fire with two laps remaining.

A potential challenge from Ferrari fizzled when Kimi Raikkonen stalled on the front row of the starting grid.

In perfect conditions, Hamilton finished 25 seconds ahead of Sebastian Vettel in the other Ferrari, while Felipe Massa narrowly edged Williams teammate Valtteri Bottas for third.

Sole tire supplier Pirelli, still recovering from the Belgian GP two weeks ago where there were frightening tire deterioration problems, agreed with the stewards decision on Hamilton.

"We are totally sure no one is cheating," Pirelli spokesman Roberto Boccafogli said, adding that "0.3 psi is nothing. ... Such a small thing."

Otherwise, it was a golden weekend for Hamilton, who topped every practice, started from pole position and led the race from start to finish.

AUTO RACING RESULTS

Italian Grand Prix

Sunday
At Autodromo di Monza circuit
Monza, Italy
Lap length: 3.60 miles

1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 53 laps, 1:18:00.688, 146.583 mph.
2. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 53, 1:18:25.730.
3. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 53, 1:18:46.323.
4. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 53, 1:18:48.684.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 53, 1:19:09.548.
6. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 53, 1:19:13.471.
7. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 52, +1 lap.
8. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 52, +1 lap.
9. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber, 52, +1 lap.
10. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Red Bull, 52, +1 lap.
11. Carlos Sainz Jr., Spain, Toro Rosso, 52, +1 lap.
12. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Toro Rosso, 52, +1 lap.
13. Felipe Nasr, Brazil, Sauber, 52, +1 lap.
14. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 52, +1 lap.
15. Will Stevens, England, Marussia, 51, +2 laps.
16. Roberto Merhi, Spain, Marussia, 51, +2 laps.
17. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 50, +3 laps, Retired.

Not Classified
18. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren, 47, Retired.
19. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 1, Retired.
20. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 1, Retired.

Drivers Standings
(After 12 of 19 races)

1. Lewis Hamilton, England, Mercedes, 252 points.
2. Nico Rosberg, Germany, Mercedes, 199.
3. Sebastian Vettel, Germany, Ferrari, 178.
4. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Williams, 97.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, Ferrari, 92.
6. Valtteri Bottas, Finland, Williams, 91.
7. Daniil Kvyat, Russia, Red Bull, 58.
8. Daniel Ricciardo, Australia, Red Bull, 55.
9. Romain Grosjean, France, Lotus, 38.
10. Sergio Perez, Mexico, Force India, 33.
11. Nico Hulkenberg, Germany, Force India, 30.
12. Max Verstappen, Netherlands, Toro Rosso, 28.
13. Felipe Nasr, Brazil, Sauber, 16.
14. Pastor Maldonado, Venezuela, Lotus, 12.
15. Fernando Alonso, Spain, McLaren, 11.
16. Carlos Sainz Jr., Spain, Toro Rosso, 9.
17. Marcus Ericsson, Sweden, Sauber, 9.
18. Jenson Button, England, McLaren, 6.

Constructors Standings

1. Mercedes, 451 points.
2. Ferrari, 270.
3. Williams, 188.
4. Red Bull, 113.
5. Force India, 63.
6. Lotus, 50.
7. Toro Rosso, 35.
8. Sauber, 25.
9. McLaren, 17.

NHRA pairings

After Sunday's qualifying, final eliminations
Today
At Lucas Oil Raceway Park
Brownsburg, Ind.

Top Pro

1. Larry Dixon, 3,744 seconds, 326.00 mph vs. 16. Doug Kalitta, 3.995, 290.63. 2. Billy Torrence, 3.771, 323.58 vs. 15. T.J. Zizzo, 3.942, 278.98. 3. Steve Torrence, 3.778, 326.08 vs. 14. Richie Crampton, 3.892, 305.15. 4. Dave Connolly 3.793, 323.59 vs. 13. Khalid alBloushi, 3.887, 315.78. 5. J.R. Todd, 3.795, 323.58 vs. 12. Antron Brown, 3.868, 318.89. 6. Morgan Lucas, 3.795, 320.13 vs. 11. Leah Pritchett, 3.840, 320.66. 7. Brittany Force, 3.798, 319.69 vs. 10. Pat Dakin, 3.817, 319.75. 8. Shawn Langdon, 3.806, 319.29 vs. 9. Tony Schumacher, 3.812, 322.86.

Did Not Qualify: 17. Kebin Kinsley, 4.035, 280.78. 18. Luigi Novelli, 4.163, 275.90. 19. Terry McMillen, 4.338, 263.41. 20. Wayne Newby, 4.367, 189.36. 21. Clay Millican, 4.838, 299.26. 22. Chris Karamesines, 4.900, 294.82.

Funny Car

1. Jack Beckman, Dodge Charger, 3.936, 323.74 vs. 16. Bob Bode, Toyota Solara, 4.736, 178.10. 2. Robert Hight, Chevy Camaro, 3.971, 322.96 vs. 15. John Bojec, Solara, 4.211, 297.55. 3. Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 3.976, 318.32 vs. 14. John Hale, Charger, 4.196, 306.84. 4. Del Worsham, Toyota Camry, 3.978, 322.11 vs. 13. Chad Head, Camry, 4.157, 300.20. 5. Tim Wilkerson, Ford Mustang, 3.998, 319.75 vs. 12. Tony Pedregon, Camry, 4.152, 293.28. 6. Alexis DeJoria, Camry, 4.000, 314.97 vs. 11. Courtney Force, Chevy Camaro, 4.113, 314.06. 7. Cruz Pedregon, Camry, 4.017, 305.91 vs. 10. John Force, Camaro, 4.090, 309.49. 8. Matt Hagan, Charger, 4.023, 315.49 vs. 9. Ron Capps, Charger, 4.033, 317.34.

Did Not Qualify: 17. Justin Schrieter, 6.780, 116.48.

Pro Stock

1. Greg Anderson, Chevy Camaro, 6.562, 210.97 vs. 16. Aaron Stanfield, Dodge Dart, 6.636, 208.68. 2. Jonathan Gray, Camaro, 6.567, 210.21 vs. 15. Vincent Nobile, Camaro, 6.630, 209.62. 3. Drew Skillman, Camaro, 6.589, 210.37 vs. 14. Alex Laughlin, Camaro, 6.628, 209.20. 4. Erica Enders, Camaro, 6.571, 210.54 vs. 13. V. Gaines, Dart, 6.620, 209.01. 5. Allen Johnson, Dart, 6.576, 210.28 vs. 12. Larry Morgan, Camaro, 6.612, 209.07. 6. Shane Gray, Camaro, 6.579, 210.37 vs. 11. Chris McGaha, Camaro, 6.605, 209.95. 7. Jason Line, Camaro, 6.580, 210.14 vs. 10. Deric Kramer, Dart, 6.602, 208.84. 8. Bo Butner, Camaro, 6.582, 210.50 vs. 9. Jeg Coughlin, Camaro, 6.588, 209.95.

Did Not Qualify: 17. Matt Hartford, 6.647, 208.39. 18. John Gaydosh Jr, 6.681, 206.48. 19. Kenny Delco, 6.708, 206.80. 20. Steve Schmidt, 6.824, 203.19. 21. Wally Stroupe, 6.992, 199.40.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1. Chip Ellis, Buell, 6.855, 195.22 vs. 16. Angie Smith, Victory, 7.011, 189.52. 2. Andrew Hines, Harley-Davidson, 6.879, 194.30 vs. 15. Scotty Pollacheck, Buell, 6.998, 191.21. 3. Jerry Savoie, Suzuki, 6.898, 194.74 vs. 14. Chaz Kennedy, Buell, 6.979, 192.52. 4. Angelle Sampey, Buell, 6.899, 193.68 vs. 13. Karen Stoffer, Suzuki, 6.967, 191.06. 5. Matt Smith, Victory, 6.903, 192.19 vs. 12. Shawn Gann, Buell, 6.962, 191.76. 6. Hector Arana, Buell, 6.903, 195.73 vs. 11. Steve Johnson, Suzuki, 6.915, 194.21. 7. Hector Arana Jr, Buell, 6.903, 195.65 vs. 10. Jim Underdahl, Suzuki, 6.915, 195.62. 8. LE Tangilet, Suzuki, 6.905, 195.45 vs. 9. Eddie Krawiec, Harley-Davidson, 6.908, 194.74.

Did Not Qualify: 17. Redoll Harris, 7.064, 189.98. 18. Mike Berry, 7.075, 188.46. 19. Lance Bonham, 7.430, 185.15. 20. Joe DeSantis, broke.

Final round-by-round results from Fourth annual Traxxas Funny Car Shootout

Round One — Ron Capps, Dodge Charger, 4.033, 317.34 def. John Force, Chevy Camaro, 4.148, 285.59. Robert Hight, Chevy Camaro, 4.069, 313.80 def. Matt Hagan, Charger, foul. Jack Beckman, Charger, 4.052, 311.99 def. Courtney Force, Camaro, 4.113, 314.09. Tim Wilkerson, Ford Mustang, 4.055, 317.19 def. Tommy Johnson Jr., Charger, 4.390, 276.41.

Semifinals — Hight, 4.102, 305.56 def. Wilkerson, 4.165, 302.82. Beckman, 4.027, 314.09 def. Capps, 4.122, 305.84.Final — Beckman, 4.051, 309.06 def. Hight, 4.138, 303.71.

NFL TRADE

FROM WIRE REPORTS

IRVING

Cowboys get former Aggies RB Michael in trade from Seattle

The Dallas Cowboys have acquired running back Christine Michael in a trade from Seattle.

Michael was sent to the Cowboys on Sunday for a conditional 2016 draft pick.

Defensive end Lavar Edwards was waived by Dallas to make room on the 53-man roster.

Michael was a second-round pick out of Texas A&M in the 2013 draft. He ran for 254 yards over 14 games the past two seasons with the Seahawks after running for 2,791 yards and 34 touchdowns in four seasons for the Aggies.

After losing NFL rushing leader DeMarco Murray in free agency during the offseason, the Cowboys have multiple options at running back this season. Michael joins Joseph Randle, Darren McFadden and Lance Dunbar in Dallas.

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Buffalo	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-New England	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y.Jets	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Houston	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Indianapolis	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Jacksonville	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tennessee	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Baltimore	0	0	0	.000	0	0
x-Cincinnati	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Cleveland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Pittsburgh	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Denver	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Kansas City	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Oakland	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Diego	0	0	0	.000	0	0

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
y-Dallas	0	0	0	.000	0	0
N.Y. Giants	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Philadelphia	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Washington	0	0	0	.000	0	0
South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Atlanta	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Carolina	0	0	0	.000	0	0
New Orleans	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Tampa Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Chicago	0	0	0	.000	0	0
x-Detroit	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Green Bay	0	0	0	.000	0	0
Minnesota	0	0	0	.000	0	0
West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
x-Arizona	0	0	0	.000	0	0
San Francisco	0	0	0	.000	0	0
y-Seattle	0	0	0	.000	0	0
St. Louis	0	0	0	.000	0	0

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's Game
Pittsburgh at New England, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Green Bay at Chicago, noon
Kansas City at Houston, noon
Seattle at St. Louis, noon
Cleveland at N.Y. Jets, noon
Indianapolis at Buffalo, noon
Miami at Washington, noon
Carolina at Jacksonville, noon
New Orleans at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Detroit at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.
Cincinnati at Oakland, 3:25 p.m.
Baltimore at Denver, 3:25 p.m.
Tennessee at Tampa Bay, 3:25 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.

Monday's Games
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:10 p.m.
Minnesota at San Francisco, 9:20 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-New York	22	9	.710	—
x-Chicago	20	12	.625	2½
x-Indiana	18	13	.581	4
Washington	16	15	.516	6
Connecticut	14	18	.438	8½
Atlanta	13	18	.419	9
WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	21	11	.656	—
x-Phoenix	19	13	.594	2
x-Tulsa	16	15	.516	4½
Los Angeles	14	18	.438	7
Seattle	9	22	.290	11½
San Antonio	7	25	.219	14

x-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's scores
Atlanta 73, Washington 67
Los Angeles 92, Tulsa 73
Chicago 93, Seattle 65
New York 75, Minnesota 71

Today's Games
No games scheduled

Tuesday's Games
Indiana at Washington, 6 p.m.
San Antonio at Tulsa, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	13	10	5	44	35	34
New York	12	7	6	42	43	28
Columbus	11	9	8	41	45	47
New England	11	9	7	40	38	36
Toronto FC	11	11	4	37	45	44
Montreal	9	11	4	31	34	37
Philadelphia	8	14	6	30	35	45
Orlando City	7	13	8	29	33	50
New York City FC	7	13	7	28	38	48
Chicago	7	16	6	27	34	42
Houston	9	10	8	35	35	34
Colorado	8	9	9	33	25	27
Real Salt Lake	8	11	8	32	29	40

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

Sunday's score
FC Dallas 3, Columbus 0

Wednesday's games
Colorado at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Sporting Kansas City at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

Friday's game
Chicago at New York, 6 p.m.

Saturday's games
Columbus at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
New York City FC at FC Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Seattle at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Montreal at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

WESTERN CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Los Angeles	13	8	7	46	49	33
Vancouver	14	10	3	45	38	28
FC Dallas	13	8	5	44	39	30
Seattle	13	13	2	41	34	31
Kansas City	11	7	7	40	40	35
Portland	11	9	6	39	29	32
San Jose	11	11	5	38	33	31

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MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 10 ORIOLES 4

TORONTO — Troy Tulowitzki, Jose Bautista and Kevin Pillar homered against Chris Tillman, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Baltimore Orioles 10-4 on Sunday.

AL East-leading Toronto improved to 78-58, becoming the first team since the 2004 Astros to reach 20 games above .500 after having a losing record following the All-Star break.

Toronto was 50-51 on July 28, the day after the Blue Jays acquired Tulowitzki from Colorado. Two days later, Toronto added left-hander David Price in a deal with Detroit.

WHITE SOX 7 ROYALS 5

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Adam Eaton homered and scored three times as Chicago beat Kansas City for its fourth straight win.

Eaton had three hits and is batting .517 (15 for 29) in his last seven games. Erik Johnson (1-0), one of Chicago's top prospects, pitched six innings of three-run ball in his first major league appearance this season. He allowed five hits, including homers by Salvador Perez, Jarrod Dyson and Mike Moustakas.

The AL-leading Royals were swept at home for the first time this season. Johnny Cueto (2-5) was pulled after three innings in his fourth straight loss.

YANKEES 6 RAYS 4

NEW YORK — Brian McCann and Alex Rodriguez hit back-to-back homers off All-Star Chris Archer that sent New York past Tampa Bay.

Ivan Nova (6-7) pitched six solid innings to stop a three-start losing streak and help the Yankees take two of three in the series. New York, which leads the American League wild-card chase, remained 1 1/2 games behind Toronto in the AL East.

After the first 18 Yankees batters were held to one hit, New York finally broke through in the sixth inning and erased a 3-0 deficit. McCann hit a three-run shot with two outs off Archer (12-11) for his career-high 25th home run.

Rodriguez connected on the next pitch from Archer, who had allowed only one home run in eight previous starts against New York. He entered 5-0 with a 1.78 ERA against the Yankees.

INDIANS 4 TIGERS 0

DETROIT — Cody Anderson threw seven innings of two-hit ball to outpitch Justin Verlander, and Cleveland beat skidding Detroit.

Francisco Lindor snapped a scoreless tie with a two-run triple in the sixth, helping the Indians win for the eighth time in 11 games. Anderson (3-3) walked two and struck out three.

Detroit (62-74) has dropped 13 of 16 and matched a season worst at 12 games below .500.

Verlander (3-7) allowed three runs and seven hits in seven innings, but was done in yet again by a lack of run support.

MARINERS 3 ATHLETICS 2

OAKLAND, Calif. — Hisashi Iwakuma won for the fifth time in six starts and Seattle earned its fifth straight victory, completing a three-game sweep of Oakland.

Kyle Seager and Ketel Marte each drove in a run, and Brad Miller collected two hits for the Mariners.

Shawn O'Malley singled and walked Sunday and had six hits in his first seven major league at-bats as the Mariners swept a series in Oakland for the first time in six years.

National League

MARLINS 4 METS 3

MIAMI — Martin Prado hit a sacrifice fly in the bottom of the ninth inning to give Miami a victory over the New York Mets.

New York's lead in the NL East was shaved to four games over the Nationals heading into a pivotal three-game series between the teams beginning Monday afternoon in Washington.

The Mets dropped two of three in Miami, with both losses coming on game-ending swings by Prado. He also hit a walk-off double in Friday's 6-5 win in 11 innings as part of a five-hit night.

Pinch-hitter Justin Bour delivered a tying homer for the Marlins with two outs in the eighth off Tyler Clippard (2-1).

DODGERS 5 PADRES 1

SAN DIEGO — A.J. Ellis had an RBI single and the Dodgers capitalized on some sloppy defense as Los Angeles beat San Diego.

Ellis put Los Angeles ahead 2-1 with a sharp single to left in the sixth.

With the bases loaded in the seventh, Padres reliever Nick Vincent had a two-out, three-base throwing error after fielding Andre Ethier's dribbler up the first base line. Vincent tossed it over first baseman Wil Myers' head, allowing three runs to score.

REDS 6 BREWERS 3

CINCINNATI — Jay Bruce homered and drove in three runs, Michael Lorenzen won for the first time in more than two months and Cincinnati beat Milwaukee to avoid a sweep.

Brandon Phillips also homered and had three hits for the Reds, who overcame Ryan Braun's 25th homer in the eighth inning to end Milwaukee's six-game winning streak.

Lorenzen (4-8) had been 0-5 in nine starts since a win over Miami on June 21. He pitched five shutout innings before Adam Lind drove in one run with a grounder and Shane Peterson added an RBI single in the sixth.

GIANTS 7 ROCKIES 4

DENVER — Buster Posey connected for his 100th career home run and Matt Duffy hit a tiebreaking two-run triple in a five-run fifth, backing a gritty effort from Madison Bumgarner as San Francisco beat Colorado.

CUBS 6 DIAMONDBACKS 4

CHICAGO — Kris Bryant homered high off the left-field video board and tied a club rookie record for RBIs, and Miguel Montero hit a grand slam as Chicago defeated Arizona to complete a three-game sweep.

Bryant's drive leading off the fifth against Rubby De La Rosa (12-7) traveled an estimated 495 feet. It also gave him 86 RBIs, matching a club rookie mark held by Hall of Famer Billy Williams (1961) and Geovany Soto (2008).

Montero connected against Matt Reynolds in a five-run sixth. Pinch-hitter Jonathan Herrera added a solo drive off Silvino Bracho.

Welington Castillo had three hits, including an RBI double and a solo home run. Nick Ahmed added a two-run drive for the Diamondbacks, who have lost 11 of 14.

NATIONALS 8 BRAVES 4

WASHINGTON — Bryce Harper homered for the third straight day and Washington beat lowly Atlanta to finish a four-game sweep.

Jayson Werth hit a three-run homer in Washington's five-run second inning, helping the Nationals to their fifth straight win and seventh in nine games overall. Yunel Escobar had three hits and scored two runs.

Five relievers combined for 4 2-3 innings of two-hit ball, with Felipe Rivero (2-1) getting the win.

Interleague

RED SOX 6 PHILLIES 2

BOSTON — David Ortiz hit his 497th home run to get Boston's offense started, and Eduardo Rodriguez pitched seven solid innings as the Red Sox completed a three-game sweep of Philadelphia.

It was Big Papi's 20th career homer in Fenway Park. The 39-year-old slugger is looking to become the 27th player to reach the 500-homer mark.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 7, ROUGHRIDERS 1
At Dr. Pepper Ballpark, Frisco

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Renato Nunez continued his recent tear at the plate by going 3-for-4 with a grand slam and five RBI. ... Trever Adams and Zach Cone were 2-for-4 with a double for Frisco.

TOP PITCHER: Midland's Dillon Overton picked up his fifth win of the year by pitching five shutout innings and allowing four hits with five strikeouts.

HIGHLIGHTS: Nunez hit his grand slam in the third inning. ... Midland's Chad Oberacker extended the RockHounds' lead to 6-0 in the fourth with a two-run single.

NOTES: Nunez has gone 8-for-11 with two grand slams and 11 RBI in his last two games. ... Midland is now 82-57 on the year and 47-22 in the Texas League's second half of the season. ... The Texas League regular season ends today as the RockHounds close out their three-game series at 6:05 p.m. ... Midland then begins Texas League playoffs at Corpus Christi at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Jonathon Joseph (7-4, 4.12); Frisco — RHP Adam Quintana (0-0, 0.00)

ROCKHOUNDS 7, ROUGHRIDERS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	4	1	1	2	Rodriguez 2b	3	1	1	0
Walsh 2b	2	2	1	0	Votolato pr-lf	1	0	0	0
Alioto 1b	4	1	1	0	Proctor dh	4	0	1	0
Nunez dh	4	1	3	5	Cordell cf-3b	4	0	1	0
Healy 3b	4	0	0	0	Beck rf	4	0	1	0
Olson rf	3	1	1	0	Wise c	3	0	0	0
Whitaker lf	4	1	1	0	Adams 1b	4	0	2	0
Maxwell c	4	0	0	0	Cone lf-cf	4	0	2	0
Kirkland ss	4	0	0	0	Mendez 3b-2b	4	0	0	0
					Marte ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	33	7	8	1	Totals	35	1	8	1

Midland ..... 004 200 100 —7
Frisco ..... 000 001 000 —1

E — Healy (18). DP — Midland 1. LOB — Midland 6, Frisco 8. 2B — Walsh (39), Whitaker (26), Cone (11), Adams (16). HR — Nunez (18). SB — Oberacker (19), Walsh (17). CS — Oberacker (4)

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Overton W, 5-2	5.0	4	0	0	0	5
Lurran	1.0	2	1	2	1	1
Urbaub	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Avila	1.0	1	0	0	0	0
McCurry	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Midland						
Leclerc L, 6-8	4.1	6	6	6	4	5
James	3.2	1	1	1	1	5
Valdespina	1.0	1	0	0	0	0

HBP — by Leclerc (Nunez); by James (Olson)
T — 2:50. A — 11,813

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	34	35	.493	—
Springfield	33	36	.478	1
Tulsa	32	37	.464	2
a-Northwest Arkansas	29	38	.426	4½

South Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
yz-Midland	47	22	.681	—
x-Corpus Christi	40	29	.580	7
Frisco	31	37	.456	15½
San Antonio	29	40	.420	18

x-clinched first half
y-clinched division (refers to second half)
z-clinched playoff spot

Sunday's Scores

Arkansas 3, Northwest Arkansas 1
Midland 7, Frisco 1
Tulsa 10, Springfield 4
Corpus Christi 9, San Antonio 2

Today's Games

Tulsa at Springfield, 12:10 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 1:10 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 2:05 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 6:05 p.m.

Santiago, Angels bounce back for 7-0 win over Rangers

By Joe Resnick
Associated Press

Angels 7
Rangers 0

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Mike Trout had everyone spoiled for so long that when he finally found himself in a home run drought of sizable proportions — at least by his standards — it came as a relief for himself and the Los Angeles Angels when it finally ended.

The reigning AL MVP snapped a career-worst 27-game dry spell with a first-inning solo shot against Colby Lewis on Sunday, igniting a 7-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

"Is it a weight off your shoulders, because people kind of expect you to hit some home runs," Trout said. "But I can't think about that. Obviously, I'm not trying to do it — because once you try to hit homers, you're going to get in trouble."

Trout went the other way with an 0-1 pitch, barely clearing the yellow line atop the 18-foot wall in right field.

"Yeah, it felt good," he said." Like I told you guys last night. I've been barreling the ball, but they just weren't going over the fence. But I put a good swing on a ball today, barreled it, and it went over."

It was the reigning AL MVP's 34th homer this season and first in a span of 96 at-bats since his solo shot off Baltimore's Kevin Gausman on Aug. 7 at the "Big A." He hit a career-high 36 last year.

"I thought I made a good pitch to Trout, a guy who hadn't hit a home run in a month," Lewis said. "It was a fastball down and away. That's my strength. But he hit it out."

Hector Santiago (8-9) pitched six innings of one-hit ball for his first victory in seven weeks, helping give manager Mike Scioscia his 1,400th regular-season win.

Scioscia, who has guided the Angels to six AL West championships and a World Series title during his 16 seasons in the job, surpassed Wilbert Robertson for 27th place on the career win list and became the 10th manager to reach 1,400 victories with one club.

"We've had good players and good teams here and had an opportunity to be here a while, but I think it speaks much more toward the organization than anything I've done," Scioscia said. "These guys have played hard, so we've been able to be here a while and get some wins."

A one-out double in the second inning by Rougned Odor was the Rangers' only hit against the effectively wild Santiago, who issued a career-high six walks and struck out three.

The left-hander bailed himself out with inning-ending double plays in each of the first two frames — the second of which he started by snaring a line drive by Chris Gimenez and doubling off Odor at second base with two men in scoring position.

"For some reason, I pitch better with guys on base and I bear down," Santiago said.

Harvey changes speeds, says he would pitch in playoffs

Associated Press

MIAMI — Matt Harvey now insists he will pitch in the playoffs if the New York Mets get there.

After a two-day uproar over his innings limit this year, Harvey wrote Sunday on The Players' Tribune website that he would definitely participate in the postseason.

"There has never been a doubt in my mind: I will pitch in the playoffs. I will be healthy, active and ready to go," he wrote.

Harvey said he is communicating with his doctor, agent Scott Boras and the first-place Mets to come up with an innings-limit plan that would make the right-hander available in October.

"I can assure everyone that we're all on the same page," Harvey wrote. "It will be a compromise between the doctors and the Mets organization to get me, and the team, to where we need to be for our postseason run."

The article was posted one day after Harvey indicated he has been advised by his surgeon not to pitch more than 180 innings this season and declined to answer when asked if he is committed to pitching in the playoffs.

The staff ace drew criticism for potentially abandoning his team at the most important time even though the Mets have juggled their rotation and managed his innings in an attempt to ensure he would be available in September and October.

ASTROS

From 1C

season-high three homers he allowed.

"Because I don't want to give up home runs," he said. "I don't want to give up runs period. So I think if anybody's satisfied with giving up runs, they're not taking their job very seriously."

The bullpen collapse ruined a solid start for Twins starter Tyler Duffey, who was born in Houston and went to Rice. He yielded six hits and two runs with eight strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings.

Brian Dozier, Eduardo Escobar and Aaron Hicks each hit a solo home run for the Twins, who have dropped three of their last four games.

Jake Marisnick padded Houston's lead with a three-run shot in the eighth inning.

The Twins added two runs in the ninth off Chad Qualls before Luke Gregerson got the final out for his 26th save.

The victory salvaged a series win for the AL West-leading Astros, who begin a key 10-game road trip against teams in the division on Monday.

Keuchel retired nine of the first 10 batters he faced before Dozier sent the first pitch of the fourth inning into the seats in left field to make it 1-0. The Twins pushed the lead to 2-0 on Escobar's homer with one out in the fifth.

The Astros had a double in the third and hit leadoff doubles in both the fifth and sixth innings, but didn't have more than one hit in an inning until their big seventh.

Carlos Gomez got things going with a single with one out in that inning before a two-out single by Luis Valbuena chased Duffey. He was replaced by May, who walked pinch-hitter Preston Tucker to load the bases. Jose Altuve hit a dribbler to third baseman Trevor Plouffe and narrowly beat the throw to first for an RBI single to cut the lead to 2-1 before Lowrie's slam.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Toronto	78	58	.574	—
New York	76	59	.563	1½
Tampa Bay	67	69	.493	11
Baltimore	65	71	.478	13
Boston	64	72	.471	14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	82	54	.603	—
Minnesota	70	66	.515	12
Cleveland	66	69	.489	15½
Chicago	65	70	.481	16½
Detroit	62	74	.456	20

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	75	62	.547	—
Texas	71	64	.526	3
Los Angeles	69	67	.507	5½
Seattle	68	71	.482	9
Oakland	58	79	.423	17

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	75	61	.551	—
Washington	71	65	.522	4
Miami	57	80	.416	18½
Atlanta	54	83	.394	21½
Philadelphia	53	84	.387	22½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	87	49	.640	—
Pittsburgh	81	54	.600	5½
Chicago	78	57	.578	8½
Milwaukee	60	76	.441	27
Cincinnati	56	79	.415	30½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	78	58	.574	—
San Francisco	71	66	.518	7½
Arizona	65	72	.474	13½
San Diego	65	72	.474	13½
Colorado	56	80	.412	22

Sunday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
N.Y. Yankees 6, Tampa Bay 4
Toronto 10, Baltimore 4
Cleveland 4, Detroit 0
Chicago White Sox 7, Kansas City 5
Houston 8, Minnesota 5
L.A. Angels 7, Texas 0
Seattle 3, Oakland 2

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 6, Milwaukee 3
Miami 4, N.Y. Mets 3
Washington 8, Atlanta 4
Chicago Cubs 6, Arizona 4
L.A. Dodgers 5, San Diego 1
San Francisco 7, Colorado 4
Pittsburgh 7, St. Louis 1

INTERLEAGUE
Boston 6, Philadelphia 2

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore (W.Chen 8-7) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 10-8), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Smyly 2-2) at Detroit (Wolf 0-3), 12:08 p.m.
Toronto (Buehrle 14-8) at Boston (Porcello 6-12), 12:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Bauer 10-11) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 12-7), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Feldi 2-0) at Oakland (Doubront 2-1), 3:05 p.m.
Texas (Gallardo 11-9) at Seattle (Elias 4-7), 5:40 p.m.
Minnesota (Milone 7-4) at Kansas City (Ventura 10-7), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
N.Y. Mets (Niese 8-10) at Washington (Scherzer 11-11), 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Z.Davies 0-0) at Miami (Nicolino 3-2), 12:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 7-9) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 7-10), 12:10 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Haren 8-9) at St. Louis (Wacha 15-4), 1:15 p.m.
Colorado (K.Kendrick 4-12) at San Diego (Kennedy 9-12), 3:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Leake 9-7) at Arizona (Corbin 4-3), 3:10 p.m.
Atlanta (W.Perez 4-6) at Philadelphia (Harang 5-14), 6:05 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 15-3) at L.A. Angels (Tropeano 1-2), 8:05 p.m.

Texas box scores

ASTROS 8, TWINS 5

Minnesota	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
A.Hicks lf	5	1	1	1	Altuve 2b	5	1	3	1
Dozier 2b	4	1	1	1	Lowrie 3b	5	1	1	4
Mauer 1b	3	0	0	1	Correa ss	4	0	2	0
Sano dh	4	0	0	0	Gattis dh	2	0	0	0
Plouffe 3b	3	1	1	0	C.Rivera rf	4	0	0	0
Wilkin rf	4	1	3	0	CGomez cf	3	2	2	0
EEscar ss	3	1	1	2	MGonz lf-1b	4	1	1	0
KSuzuki c	4	0	0	0	Valbuena 1b	3	0	1	0
Buxton cf	3	0	0	0	Marnick pr-lf	1	2	1	3
KVargas ph	1	0	1	1	Conger c	2	0	0	0
DeBrito pr	0	0	0	0	Tucker ph	0	1	0	0
Stassi c	1	0	0	0					
Totals	34	5	8	5	Totals	34	8	11	8

Minnesota ..... 000 110 012—5
Houston ..... 000 000 53x—8

DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Minnesota 5, Houston 6. 2B—Tor.Hunter (18), Altuve 2 (26), C.Gomez (8). HR—A.Hicks (9), Dozier (27), Edu. Escobar (9), Lowrie (8), Marisnick (8). SF—Edu. Escobar.

Minnesota	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Duffey	6 2-3	6	2	2	1	8
May L,8-9	0	3	3	3	1	0
Fien	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Colla	1-3	2	3	3	1	0
Boyer	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Houston						
Keuchel W,17-6	8	5	3	3	2	12
Qualls	2-3	3	2	2	0	0
Gregerson S,26-31	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

May pitched to 4 batters in the 7th.
T—2:55. A—37,646 (41,574).

ANGELS 7, RANGERS 0

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Los Angeles	ab	r	h	bi
Stubbs cf	3	0	0	0	Calhoun rf	5	0	1	0
Choo rf	3	0	1	0	Trout cf	2	1	1	2
Fielder dh	3	0	0	0	Pujols dh	1	0	0	1
Beltre 3b	3	0	0	0	DvMrp lf	3	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	3	0	0	0	Victorn ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Andrus ss	3	0	0	0	Cron 1b	4	0	1	0
Odor 2b	3	0	1	0	Aybar ss	3	1	0	0
Venable lf-rf	2	0	0	0	C.Perez c	3	3	2	0
Smoak 1b	1	0	0	0	Simmons 2b	4	0	3	2
Gimenez c	2	0	0	0	Cowart pr-3b	0	0	0	0
Stergy rf	2	0	0	0	Freese 3b	3	0	0	0
Gallo ph-lf	1	0	0	0	Pinto c	0	0	0	0
Totals	27	0	2	0	Totals	30	7	11	7

Texas ..... 000 000 000—0
Los Angeles ..... 130 100 00x—7

E—Lewis (1). DP—Texas 3, Los Angeles 2. LOB—Texas 6, Los Angeles 6. 2B—Odor (18), Freese 2 (20), Pinto (4). HR—Trout (34). SB—Stubbs (1). CS—Featherston (2). SF—Trout, Pujols.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Lewis L,14-8	5	10	7	6	3	5
Ohlendorf	1	0	0	0	1	1
Feliciano	1	0	0	0	0	0
Jackson	1	1	0	0	0	2
Los Angeles						
Santiago W,8-9	6	1	0	0	6	3
Cor.Rasmus	1	0	0	0	0	0
Morin	2-3	1	0	0	0	2
C.Ramos	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

Lewis pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Lewis (Pujols). WP—Lewis.
T—2:46. A—38,387 (45,957).

Saturday's late Texas box score

RANGERS 2, ANGELS 1

Texas	Los Angeles

	ab	r	h	bi		ab	r	h	bi
DShida cf	5	0	0	0	Calhoun rf	4	0	1	0
Choo rf	3	1	1	0	Trout cf	4	1	1	0
Stubbs pr-lf	0	0	0	0	Pujols dh	3	0	0	0
Fielder dh	4	0	0	0	Cron 1b	4	0	1	1
Beltre 3b	4	0	1	1	Aybar ss	3	0	0	0
Morlnd 1b	3	0	2	0	Freese 3b	3	0	0	0
Stergy pr	0	1	0	0	Cowgill lf	3	0	0	0
Napoli 1b	0	0	0	0	Iannett c	2	0	1	0
Andrus ss	4	0	2	0	Pthrsn 2b	2	0	0	0
Odor 2b	3	0	0	1	Victorn ph	1	0	0	0
Venable lf-rf	2	0	0	0	Rickon 2b	0	0	0	0
SWilson c	4	0	0	0					
Totals	32	2	6	2	Totals	29	1	3	1

Texas ..... 100 000 000—1
Los Angeles ..... 100 000 000—1

LOB—Texas 10, Los Angeles 3. 2B—Andrus (25). 3B—Trout (5). SB—Choo (4), Andrus (17). CS—Iannetta (1). SF—Odor.

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
D.Holland W,3-1	6	3	1	1	2	5
Sh.Tolleson S,29-31	1	0	0	0	0	2
Los Angeles						
Weaver	6	4	1	1	3	3
Salas	1	0	0	0	0	1
J.Smith L,4-5	1	2	1	1	0	2
Morin	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
J.Alvarez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Weaver (Moreland, Venable).
T—2:45. A—39,889 (45,957).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
YANKEES 6, RAYS 4

Tampa Bay ..... 001 000 010 —4 10 1
New York ..... 000 004 11x —6 8 1

Archer, E.Romero (7), Geltz (8), Rieknauer (8) and Rivera, Arencibia; Nova, Ja.Wilson (7), Betancourt (7), A.Miller (9) and B.McCann. W—Nova 6-7. L—Archer 12-11. Sv—A.Miller (31). HRs—Tampa Bay, Kiermaier (8), A.Cabrera (11). New York, B.McCann (25), A.Rodriguez (28).

BLUE JAYS 10, ORIOLES 4

Baltimore ..... 001 001 001 —4 6 1
Toronto ..... 302 103 01x—10 15 1

Tillman, S.Johnson (4), Matusz (5), Roe (8), Brach (8), Jas.Garcia (7), Diske (8) and Clevenger; Estrada, Hawkins (6), Hendriks (7), Lowe (8), Osuna (9) and D.Navarro. W—Estrada 12-8. L—Tillman 9-11. HRs—Baltimore, Flaherty (7), Reimold (3). Toronto, Bautista (33), Tulowitzki (5), Pillar (10).

INDIANS 4, TIGERS 0

Cleveland ..... 000 003 001 —4 9 0
Detroit ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 0

Co.Anderson, B.Shaw (8), Allen (9) and Y.Gomes; Verlander, Gonzalezmy (8), N.Feliz (9) and J.McCann. W—Co.Anderson 3-3. L—Verlander 3-7.

WHITE SOX 7, ROYALS 5

Chicago ..... 302 001 001 —7 12 0
Kansas City ..... 010 002 200 —5 7 0

E.Johnson, Petricka (7), M.Albers (7), Duke (8), Dav.Robertson (9) and Beatty; Cueto, C.Young (4), Hochever (7), F.Morales (8), Madison (9) and S.Perez. W—E.Johnson 1-0. L—Cueto 2-5. Sv—Dav.Robertson (29). HRs—Chicago, Eaton (12), Kansas City, S.Perez (19), J.Dyson (2), Moustakas (18).

MARINERS 3, ATHLETICS 2

Seattle ..... 000 030 000 —3 7 0
Oakland ..... 000 000 110 —2 6 0

Iwakuma, Nuno (7), Zych (7), Kensing (8), Wilhelmsen (9) and Sucre; Nolin, Dull (7), Pomeranz (8), Doolittle (9) and Pinegles; Vogt, Blair. W—Iwakuma 7-3. L—Nolin 0-1. Sv—Wilhelmsen (10). HRs—Oakland, B.Butler (10).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 4, METS 3

New York ..... 100 002 000 —3 8 0
Miami ..... 100 010 011 —4 9 0

Mitz, Robles (8), A.Reed (7), Clippard (9) and Plawecki; Reckr; Cosart, Narveson (5), Barnes-dough (7), Dunn (7), A.Ramos (9) and Mathis. W—A.Ramos 2-4. L—Clippard 2-1. HRs—New York, Cespedes (12), W.Flores (16). Miami, Mathis (1), Bour (18).

REDS 6, BREWERS 3

Milwaukee ..... 000 002 010 —3 9 2
Cincinnati ..... 102 020 01x —6 12 0

Nelson, Crawy (6), Golforth (7) and Lucroy; Lorenzen, LeCure (8), Matthaus (7), Hoover (8), A.Chapman (9) and R.Cabrera. B.Pena. W—Lorenzen 4-8. L—Nelson 11-11. Sv—A.Chapman (28). HRs—Milwaukee, Braun (25). Cincinnati, Phillips (11), Bruce (20).

NATIONALS 8, BRAVES 4

Atlanta ..... 100 120 000 —4 7 3
Washington ..... 052 100 00x —8 9 1

Banuelos, Marimon (3), Wisler (5), Moylan (7), E.Jackson (8) and Pierzynski; J.Ross, Solis (5), Jensen (6), Rivero (8), Storen (8), Papelbon (9) and W.Ramos. W—Rivero 2-1. L—Banuelos 1-4. HRs—Washington, Werth (7), Harper (34), Rendon (4)

CUBS 6, DIAMONDBACKS 4

Arizona ..... 000 100 003 —4 6 0
Chicago ..... 000 015 00x —6 9 1

R.De La Rosa, Burgos (6), Mat.Reynolds (6), Bracho (6), Collmenter (7) and W.Castillo; Hendricks, Grimm (6), Rodney (7), Cahill (8), Strop (9) and M.Montero. W—Grimm 3-4. L—R.De La Rosa 12-7. HRs—Arizona, W.Castillo (18), Ahmed (8). Chicago, Bryant (23), M.Montero (15), J.Herrera (2)

GIANTS 7, ROCKIES 4

San Francisco ..... 010 150 000 —7 14 0
Colorado ..... 200 020 000 —4 9 0

Bumgarner, Strickland (7), Lopez (8), Romo (8), Casilla (9) and Posey; Flande, B.Brown (5), Brothers (5), Hale (5), J.Miller (7), Friedrich (7), Germen (8), Je.Diaz (9) and Hundley, Garneau. W—Bumgarner 17-7. L—Flande 3-2. Sv—Casilla (32). HRs—San Francisco, Posey (17)

PIRATES 7, CARDINALS 1

Pittsburgh ..... 000 100 132 —7 13 0
St. Louis ..... 000 000 001 —1 4 1

G.Cole, Watson (8), Sora (9) and Cervelli; Lackey, Cishek (8), Lyons (9), M.Harris (9) and Molina. W—G.Cole 16-8. L—Lackey 11-9. HRs—Pittsburgh, Ar.Ramirez (16). S.Rodriguez (4), S.Marte (16).

DODGERS 5, PADRES 1

Los Angeles ..... 100 001 300 —5 7 0
San Diego ..... 001 000 000 —1 6 1

B.Anderson, Howell (6), Avilan (7), Y.Garcia (8), P.Baez (9) and Ellis; Cashner, Mateo (7), Vincent (7), Edwards (8), Garces (9) and Hedges, De.Norris. W—B.Anderson 9-8. L—Cashner 5-14. HRs—San Diego, Gyorko (13).

INTERLEAGUE
RED SOX 6, PHILLIES 2

Philadelphia ..... 001 000 001 —2 11 0
Boston ..... 040 000 00x —6 9 0

Eickhoff, Hinojosa (5), Neris (7), Lu.Garcia (8) and Kratz; E.Rodriguez, Tazawa (8), Ross Jr. (9) and Hanigan. W—E.Rodriguez 9-5. L—Eickhoff 1-3. HRs—Boston, Ortiz (31).

SATURDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
MARINERS 8, ATHLETICS 3

Seattle ..... 302 110 010 —8 14 0
Oakland ..... 000 200 000 —3 7 0

F.Hernandez, Beimel (9) and Sucre; Chavez, A.Leon (3), Vandlen (8), R.Alvarez (8), Mujica (9) and Vogt. W—F.Hernandez 16-8. L—Chavez 7-14. HRs—Seattle, Morrison (16), O'Malley (1). Oakland, Canha (12).

GIANTS 7, ROCKIES 3

San Francisco ..... 011 021 200 —7 15 1
Colorado ..... 001 002 000 —3 5 1

Peavy, Lopez (6), Strickland (7), Osich (8), Casilla (9) and H.Sanchez; Peavy, Betts, Brothers (5), SLCastro (6), Gurka (7), Oberg (7), Germen (8), M.Castro (9) and Garneau. W—Peavy 5-8. L—Betts 0-5. HRs—San Francisco, Pagan (1), G.Blanco (4). Colorado, Arenado (26).

DODGERS 2, PADRES 0

Los Angeles ..... 000 100 010 —2 8 0
San Diego ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 0

A.Wood, Hatcher (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal; T.Ross, Guggenbush (7), Benoit (8), B.Norris (9) and Hedges. W—A.Wood 10-9. L—T.Ross 10-10. Sv—Jansen (28).

Stenson takes the lead at Deutsche Bank

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

NORTON, Mass. — One 3-wood quickly put Henrik Stenson into the mix at the Deutsche Bank Championship. Another one helped to give him the lead.

Stenson drilled a 3-wood on the 298-yard fourth hole at the TPC Boston that hit into the bank and rolled up to 20 feet for an eagle that allowed him to bolt up the leaderboard. The Swede showed off his supreme strength on the par-5 closing hole with a 3-wood off the tee that left him only a 6-iron into the green for a two-putt birdie that gave him a 6-under 65 and a one-shot lead over Rickie Fowler.

Five shots behind going into the third round Sunday, Stenson made up that deficit in just seven holes. He can only hope to make up that kind of ground on a winless season during the final month of the FedEx Cup playoffs.

"It's a good time to start playing well," said Stenson, who was at 13-under 200. "It's a big event and lots to play for. I'm happy with the progress I made and it gave me a little bit of a confidence boost last week that I had a nice tournament. I hope I can have another one here tomorrow."

Fowler had a 67, missing out on a chance to share the lead when his 5-iron into the 18th was too strong and he had to scramble to salvage a par.

Sean O'Hair (67) and Matt Jones (68) were two shots behind.

They all took advantage of a collapse by Charley Hoffman, who blazed his way to victory at the TPC Boston five years ago. After opening with a birdie, Hoffman put his second shot into the hazard at the par-5 second hole and made bogey, and it slipped away from there. He shot 41 on front, had five bogeys in a seven-hole stretch and didn't make another birdie until his last hole for a 76.

Jordan Spieth was headed for a return to No. 1, and he's not even here after missing his second straight cut.

PGA champion Jason Day would have to win the Deutsche Bank to go to No. 1 in the world, and the Australian finally hit the wall. Day made a double bogey on the reachable par-4 fourth hole and never quite recovered. He had a 73, his first round over par since closing with a 74 at the U.S. Open in June.

"There's no excuse for poor playing," said Day, who was nine shots out of the lead. "I just wish I had a little bit more energy."

Rory McIlroy needs to finish 10th alone to remain No. 1, but he had to birdie his last two holes for a 71. He was 15 shots out of the lead. McIlroy, playing for only the second time since the U.S. Open because of an ankle injury, had made only nine birdies in 54 holes.

The biggest move might have been Hunter Mahan, the only player to never miss a FedEx Cup playoff event since the series began in 2007. Mahan faces elimination this week as only the top 70 advance to the third tournament, and he came in at No. 91. But he found a swing key on the practice, holed some putts and shot a 64 to bolt up the leaderboard into a tie for 11th. He has a chance to at least advance to Chicago in two weeks.

Stenson, however, grabbed most of the attention. He won the Deutsche Bank two years ago, and converted that into a $10 million bonus when he dominated the field at East Lake to win the Tour Championship. The runner-up finish (by six shots) to Day at The Barclays put Stenson in good shape for the FedEx Cup, and this could only help.

It's a big course that favors big hitters, and Stenson is smashing it at the moment.

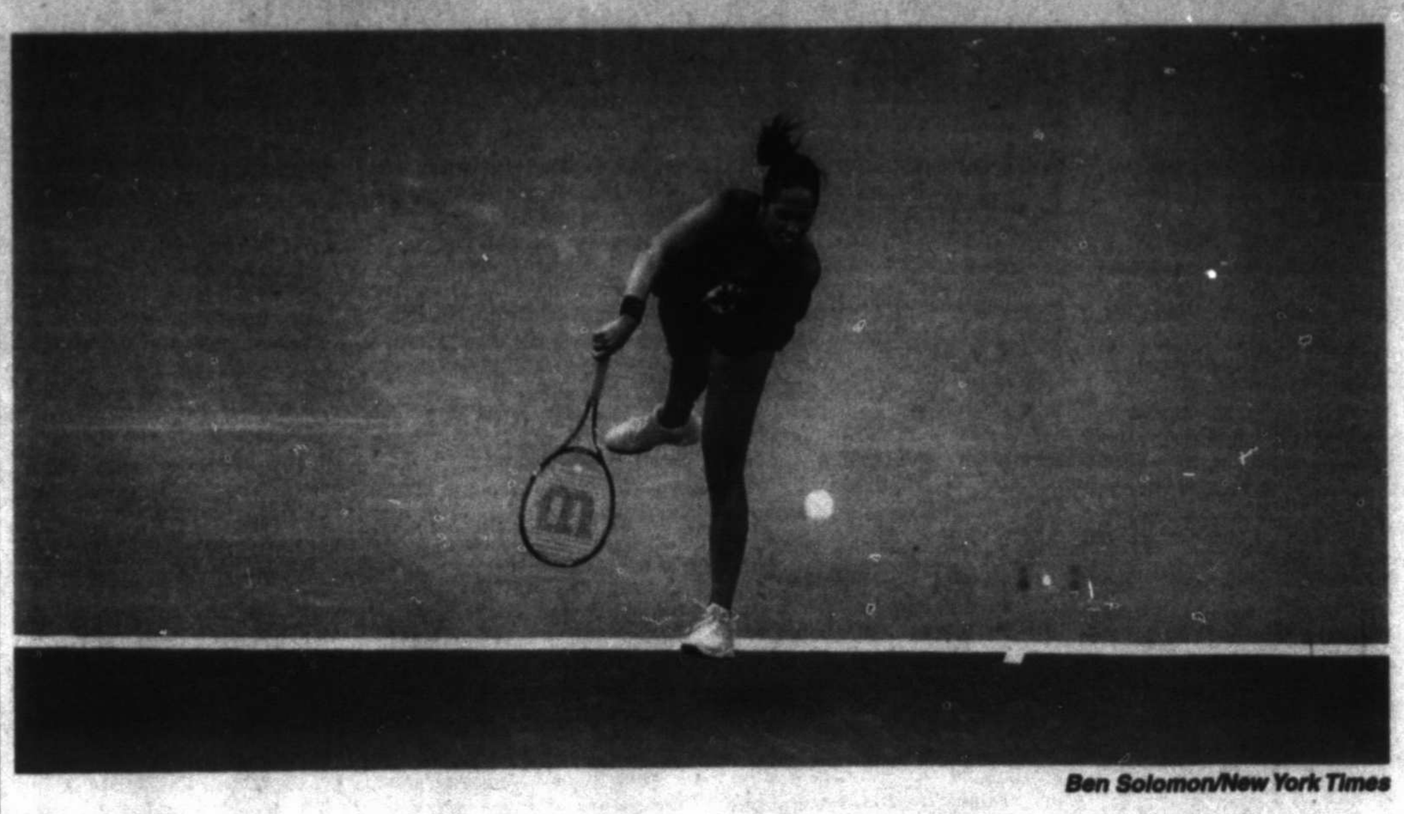
He made his move with a 7-iron into 6 feet on the par-3 third, and then drilling a 3-wood that climbed onto the green at the par-4 fourth hole and settled 20 feet away, setting up an eagle. He closed out the front nine with two more birdies, and Fowler was keeping pace behind him.

Stenson kept his cool on the back nine as the putts stopped falling. He missed four good birdie chances from 12 feet or in, but after another big 3-wood off the tee at the 18th, he hit 6-iron to the middle of the green for his two-putt birdie and the lead.

Fowler chipped through the 18th green and his ball got hung up in the rough. He did well to get up-and-down for a par to get in the last group with Stenson.

"He's a strong, powerful player," Fowler said. "And obviously, he's playing well this week to be in the position he's in. I'm looking forward to the two of us playing well, go head-to-head and seeing if one of us will be the one to come out on top."

Still in range was Russell Knox, who hit one of the best shots of the week behind the 18th green. From about the spot Fowler was in, Knox drilled a pitch into the hill to kill the speed and watching it trickle down the slope to 3 feet for birdie and a 68 to get within three shots of the lead.



Ben Solomon/New York Times

Madison Keys hits during her fourth-round match against Serena Williams at Arthur Ashe Stadium during the U.S. Open in New York on Sunday.

US OPEN

From 1C

be hard, because I know (Venus) wants (Serena) to get it."

Serena acknowledged having a bout with the jitters before her second-round match, when she double-faulted 10 times and made another two dozen unforced errors against a qualifier ranked 110th. Afterward, she took pointers from Mouratoglou and went to the practice court right away.

In the third round, against someone ranked 101st, Serena dropped the first set and was two games from defeat in the second before turning things around. Again, she put in more work to fix things.

"I was like, 'Serena, it's now or never. You've got to get that serve together,'" she said after winning 22 of 28 first-serve points and never facing a break point against Keys.

And what about heading back out for a training session with Mouratoglou?

"No, not today," Serena said. "I'm going to take the rest of the day off and relax and just enjoy it."

Keys played well, too, at the outset, and appeared relaxed, managing to smile after miscues. But at the first moment of any real tension, down 15-30 on her serve while trailing 4-3, Keys blinked, double-faulting twice.

Some terrific returning by Serena in the second set kept the heat on Keys.

"I think I served pretty well. I think she returned better," Keys said. "To beat Serena when she's playing well, you have to do a lot of things great."

Another women's fourth-round match scheduled for Sunday was scratched when 25th-seeded Eugenie Bouchard withdrew with a concussion, two days after slipping and falling in the locker room. That allowed Roberta Vinci of Italy to advance to the quarterfinals against the winner of Sunday night's match between No. 13 Ekaterina Makarova and Kristina Mladenovic.

In men's action, 32nd-seeded Fabio Fognini of Italy — who stunned Rafael Nadal in the third round — had his back and neck adjusted by a trainer and also tried using an inhaler during a 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-1 loss to 18th-seeded Feliciano Lopez of Spain. Lopez now meets No. 1 Novak Djokovic or No. 23 Roberto Bautista Agut, who were scheduled to play Sunday night.

Defending champion Marin Cilic overcame a tweaked right ankle thanks in large part to 23 aces, returning to the quarterfinals by eliminating 27th-ranked Jeremy Chardy of France 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1. Cilic now faces 19th-seeded Jo-Wilfried Tsonga.

In the pivotal third-set tiebreaker, Cilic hit four serves: 120 mph ace, 131 mph ace, 123 mph ace, 112 mph ace.

US OPEN RESULTS

Sunday
At The USTA Billie Jean King National Tennis Center
New York
Purse: $43.3 million
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Fourth Round

Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, def. Jeremy Chardy (27), France, 6-3, 2-6, 7-6 (2), 6-1.
Jo-Wilfried Tsonga (19), France, def. Benoit Paire, France, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Feliciano Lopez (18), Spain, def. Fabio Fognini (32), Italy, 6-3, 7-6 (5), 6-1.

Women
Fourth Round

Venus Williams (23), United States, def. Anett Kontaveit, Estonia, 6-2, 6-1.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Madison Keys (19), United States, 6-3, 6-3.
Roberta Vinci, Italy, def. Eugenie Bouchard (25), Canada, walkover.

Doubles
Men
Third Round

Dominic Inglot, Britain, and Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, def. Tommy Haas, Germany, and Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.
Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (12), France, def. Marcel Granollers and Marc Lopez (7), Spain, 6-2, 6-3.
Leonardo Mayer, Argentina, and Joao Sousa, Portugal, def. Colin Fleming, Britain, and Treat Huey, Philippines, 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.
Jamie Murray, Britain, and John Peers (8), Australia, def. Philipp Oswald, Austria, and Adil Shamasdin, Canada, 6-4, 6-4.

Women
Third Round

Anna-Lena Grenefeld, Germany, and CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, def. Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (7), Czech Republic, 6-2, 6-4.
Casey Dellacqua, Australia, and Yaroslava Shvedova (4), Kazakhstan, def. Jelena Jankovic and Aleksandra Krunic, Serbia, 2-6, 7-5, 7-5.
Caroline Garcia, France, and Katarina Srebotnik (5), Slovenia, def. Kiki Bertens, Netherlands, and Johanna Larsson, Sweden, 6-7 (4), 7-6 (4), 7-5 (2).
Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Sania Mirza (1), India, def. Michaella Krajicek, Netherlands, and Barbora Strycova (15), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-0.
Chan Yung-jan and Chan Hao-ching (9), Taiwan, def. Irina-Camelia Begu and Raluca Olaru, Romania, 5-7, 6-1, 7-6 (4).
Sara Errani and Paola Pennetta (11), Italy, def. Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (8), United States, 5-7, 6-2, 6-2.

Mixed
Second Round

Andrea Hlavackova, Czech Republic, and Lukasz Kubot, Poland, def. Taylor Townsend and Donald Young, United States, 6-7 (3), 6-1, 10-5.
Simona Halep and Horia Tecau, Romania, def. Julia Georges, Germany, and Nenad Zimonjic (8), Serbia, 6-2, 7-5.

GOLF SCORES

Deutsche Bank Championship

Sunday
At TPC Boston
Norton, Mass.
Purse: $8.25 million
Yardage: 7,242; Par 71
Third Round

Henrik Stenson	67-68-65—200
Rickie Fowler	67-67-67—201
Sean O'Hair	68-67-67—202
Matt Jones	67-67-68—202
Russell Knox	70-65-68—203
Jerry Kelly	71-66-68—205
Daniel Berger	68-69-68—205
Hideki Matsuyama	71-65-69—205
Danny Lee	70-66-69—205
Kevin Chappell	67-67-71—205
Hunter Mahan	69-73-64—206
Matt Kuchar	69-72-65—206
Patrick Reed	72-67-67—206
Hudson Swafford	69-69-68—206
Jim Furyk	71-65-70—206
Charley Hoffman	67-63-76—206
Brendon de Jonge	65-68-73—206
Louis Oosthuizen	73-67-67—207
Gary Woodland	68-70-69—207
Kevin Kisner	71-71-66—208
Dustin Johnson	70-70-68—208
Sangmoon Bae	69-70-69—208
Ian Poulter	67-72-69—208
Zach Johnson	69-65-74—208
Rory Sabbatini	69-74-65—208
William McGirt	73-70-66—209
Troy Merritt	74-67-68—209
Harris English	67-74-68—209
Daniel Summerhays	71-68-70—209
Brendan Steele	70-67-72—209
Jason Day	68-68-73—209
Chris Kirk	74-69-67—210
Cameron Tringale	75-66-69—210
Charles Howell III	70-70-70—210
Zac Blair	70-69-71—210
Luke Donald	67-71-72—210
Scott Piercy	75-70-65—211
Davis Love III	69-75-67—211
J.B. Holmes	74-68-69—211
Nick Watney	72-70-69—211
Carl Pettersson	72-70-69—211
Carlos Ortiz	74-67-70—211
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Yardage: 7,035; Par: 71
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Lee Slattery	68-67-67-69—269
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James Heath	70-66-71-65—272
Oskar Henningsson	68-68-67-69—272
Michael Hoey	71-69-71-64—272
Pablo Martin Benavides	68-67-70-67—272
Ben Evans	67-69-71-67—273
Craig Lee	67-69-66-71—273
Jake Roos	69-74-68-63—273
Bradley Dredge	68-68-72-70—274
Maximilian Kieffer	68-69-71-66—274
Daniel Vancsik	69-69-70-67—274
David Drysdale	68-69-69-69—275
Ricardo Santos	74-67-69-65—275
Jason Schivener	70-68-70-69—275

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Dodge Kemmer	71-69-68-69—276
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Big stage: No. 1 Buckeyes, Hokies meet in Labor Day rematch

By Hank Kurz Jr.
Associated Press

Ohio State coach Urban Meyer says he meant no disrespect to Virginia Tech when he blamed the Buckeyes' stunning home loss to the Hokies last season on his team's "lack of preparation."

That doesn't figure to be a problem tonight.

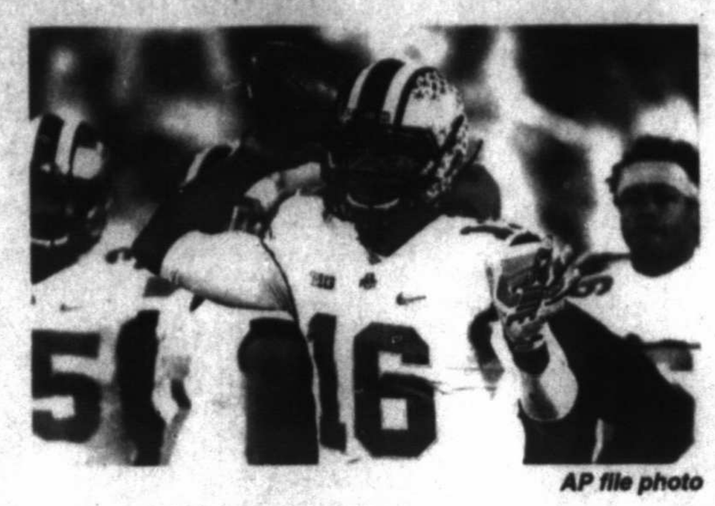
The Buckeyes, the first unanimous preseason No. 1 team in college football, get a chance to exact revenge in what promises to be a raucous Blacksburg, Virginia.

Ohio State won 13 in a row, and the national championship, after that 35-21 loss a year ago. While Meyer and most of his players downplay revenge as a motivator, quarterback T.J. Barrett has a photo of Lane Stadium as the background on his phone to remind him of what happened in 2014.

Barrett threw three interceptions in the loss, including one that Donovan Riley returned 63 yards for a touchdown with 46 seconds to go, making the Hokies the first nonconference opponent in 65 games to win at Ohio Stadium.

Barrett is not alone in admitting the loss still stings.

"They came into our house and embarrassed us," said senior tight end Nick Vannett, who figures to loom large in the Buckeyes' passing game because of suspensions and injuries to four receivers. "We're out for revenge and we're going to do the same thing to them."



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On Oct. 25, 2014, Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett warms up before an NCAA college football game against Penn State in State College, Pa.

The Hokies have played the No. 1 team eight times in their history, and have lost all eight, seven by double figures. "I don't know that there's every been a No. 1 team in the country that's as far No. 1 as this crowd is," coach Frank Beamer said this week. "Real challenge to the program. Real challenge to what we're all about here at Virginia Tech. I think our players look forward to the challenge, but what an undertaking this is."

Some things to watch tonight:

MILLER'S TALE: Ohio State coach Urban Meyer hasn't said who his starting quarterback will be, but it won't be Braxton Miller, the two time Big Ten offensive player of the year who missed last season with a shoulder injury. Miller has moved to receiver, and the Buckeyes are short-handed there with Jalin Marshall, Corey Smith and Dontre Wilson all suspended for the game and Noah Brown out for the season after breaking his left leg last week.

MICHAEL BREWER 2.0: The Texas Tech transfer endeared himself to Hokies fans in just his second start a year ago, throwing two touchdown passes and guiding an offense that converted 9 of 17 third-down chances. He and offensive coordinator Scot Loeffler have said Brewer is miles ahead of where he was then in understanding the offense. He will need to show it against a Buckeyes defense that battered him regularly in last year's victory.

REDOUBTABLE THOMAS: The marquee matchup of the game has Buckeyes receiver Michael Thomas, nephew of former NFL star Keyshawn Johnson, going against cornerback Kendall Fuller, a third-team All-American last season, and Brandon Facyson, who is returning from a broken leg. Defensive coordinator Bud Foster's defense often finds the cornerbacks in one-on-one matchups, and the Hokies can't afford to lose too many of them to keep it close.

BUCKY'S DENT: The Hokies have dynamic receivers of their own in Isaiah Ford and Cam Phillips, but their real wild card is tight end Bucky Hodges, a 6-foot-6 former quarterback whose athleticism can be problematic for a defense, especially in the red zone. Virginia Tech would love to see him one-on-one with a linebacker.

New Mexico State bus target of theft during Florida game

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — University of Florida police say electronics, computers and other items were stolen from a New Mexico State team personnel bus during Saturday's game.

Brad Barber of the university police department said Sunday that the bus, which carried football staff members, was parked outside the stadium in a secure area during the game.

"Dozens of police cars were parked near the bus, so it seemingly took some gall to enter the bus where it was parked," Barber told The Associated Press by phone.

Florida beat New Mexico State 61-13 in their season-opening game.

New Mexico State Athletic Director Mario Moccia tweeted his frustration over the matter. "We'll it's a first. Our bus was broken into all athletic dept staff and guest bags stolen inside! Not a joke," he wrote.

SEC West

From 1C

though no shame in that.

■ Washington State lost 24-17 at home to Portland State of the FCS.

■ No. 21 Stanford sleepwalked through a 16-6 loss at Northwestern.

But what Rosen did at the Rose (Rosen?) Bowl might have been the biggest news of the weekend for the Pac-12's playoff prospects.

The Bruins were a bit of a disappointment last season at 10-3, but most of that team is back. And it's loaded with potential stars such as linebacker Myles Jack, defensive tackle Kenny Clark and running back Paul Perkins.

A hole at quarterback could sink a promising season, but Rosen, the southern California kid who was the top-rated QB in the class of 2015, looks like he will do just fine. He went 28 for 35 for 351 yards with three touchdowns and no interceptions against a Virginia secondary that is the strength of its team.

"Sometimes we were looking at each other, 'OK, how did he do that?'" UCLA receiver Thomas Duarte said.

A few missteps by Pac-12 North teams and South cellar-dweller Colorado are short-term embarrassments for the conference. Arizona State's loss to Texas A&M stings. Rosen's rise is a developing story that could produce long-term gains for the Bruins and the Pac-12.

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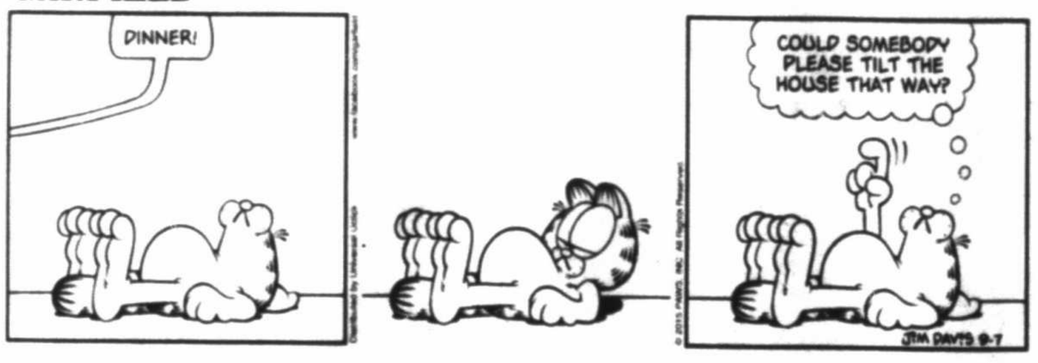

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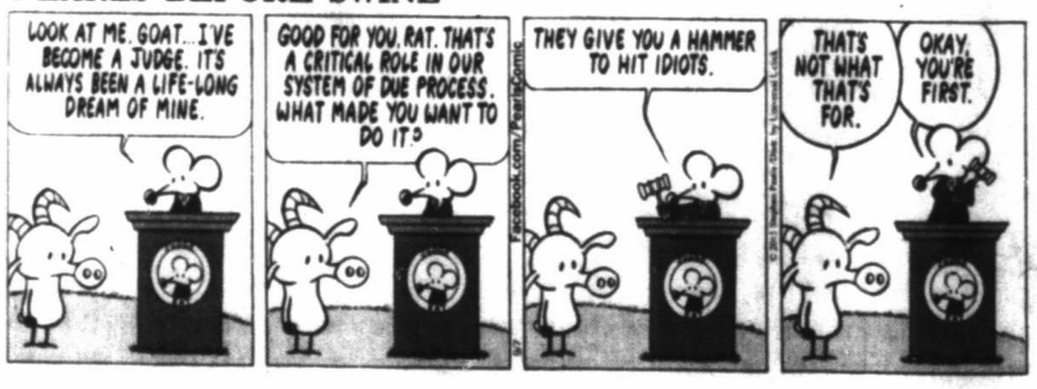

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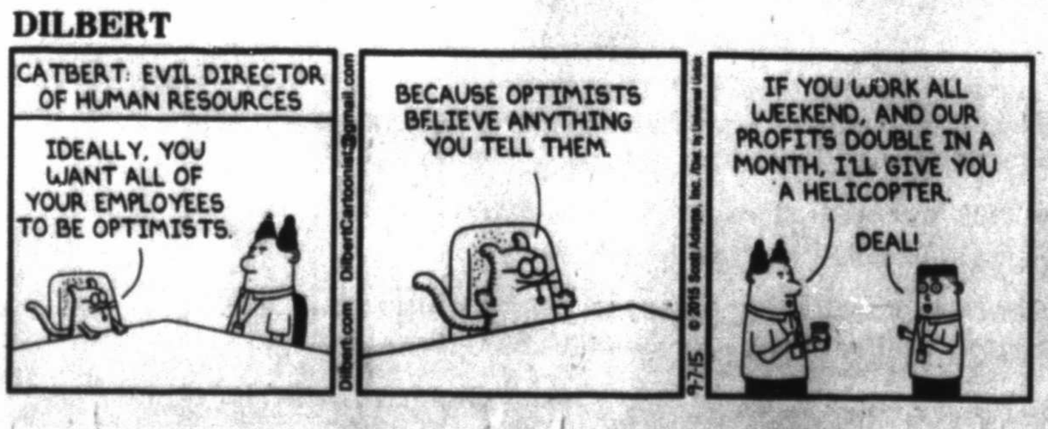

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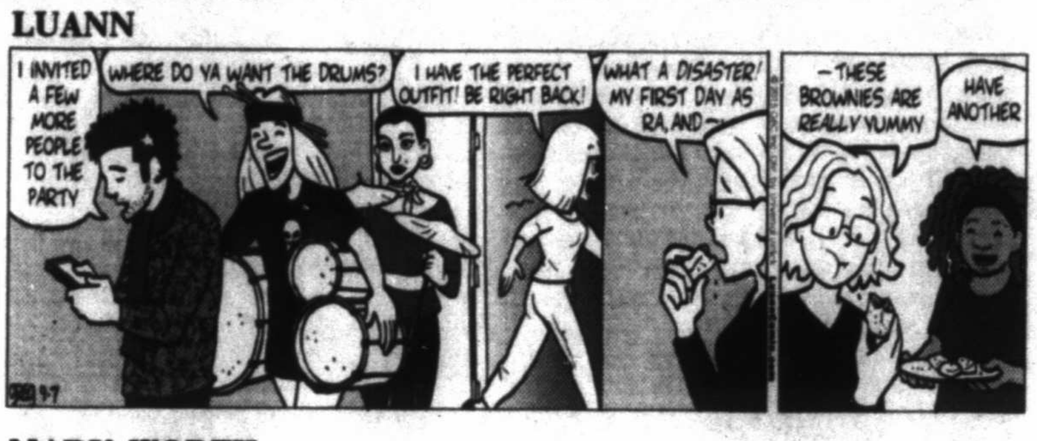

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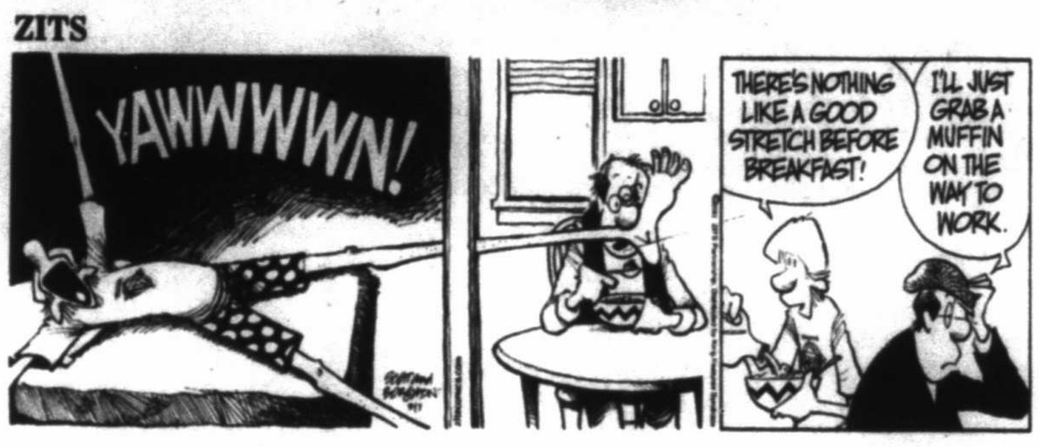

BABY BLUES

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"One of you complain about having a hair in their soup?"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"I HAD A CRAZY DAY... AND I NEED TO UNWIND."

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"I REMEMBER WHEN I ASKED LORETTA TO MARRY ME... AND THEY SAY THERE ARE NO STUPID QUESTIONS."

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Well, I see you found the river."

TODAY: Sunny — High: 96 Low: 74
TUESDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 96 Low: 73
WEDNESDAY: Partly sunny — High: 90 Low: 69
THURSDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 90 Low: 67
FRIDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 89 Low: 65
SATURDAY: Mostly sunny — High: 86 Low: 64

Local forecast

The National Weather Service forecast has a chance of rain Tuesday through Saturday. The greatest chances appear to be Tuesday night (30 percent) and all day Wednesday (40 percent). With the showers come cooler temperatures. By next weekend, temperatures could be 5 degrees cooler than normal for this time of year.

The record high for Sept. 6 is 96 set in 1948 and 2000. The record low is 50 set in 2011. On Sept. 6 of last year, the high was 74 and the low was 63.

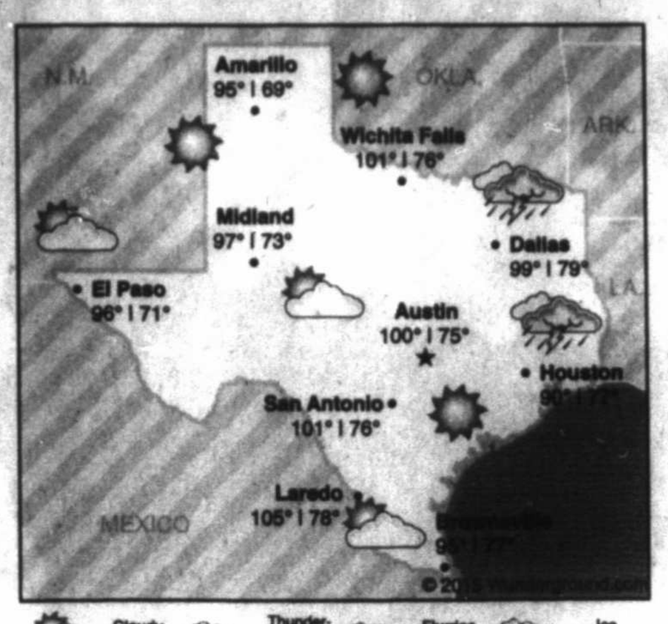
Weather brief

HONOLULU

Tropical Storm Jimena produces high surf on eastern shores

Weather forecasters say they expect high surf from Tropical Storm Jimena to continue to affect Hawaiian shores and a coastal flood warning remains in effect through today.

According to the Central Pacific Hurricane Center, large and powerful long-period swells will produce hazardous and potentially life-threatening surf in the main Hawaiian islands over the next couple of days, primarily along the east and northeast facing shores.



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Precipitation

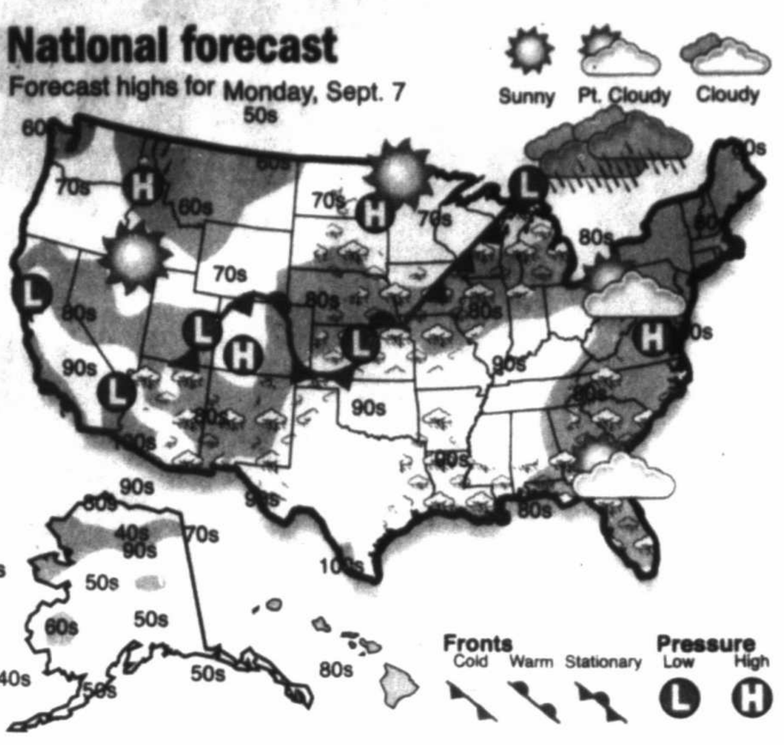
Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	14.01 in.
Normal total (year to date)	10.11 in.

Sunday's temperatures

High	96
Low	72
Normal high	90
Normal low	65
Sunrise	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	8:05 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Monday, Sept. 7



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Finding daughter's playmate wrong reason to adopt

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: I am a 24-year-old single mother of an amazing 3-year-old girl. I have had more than my share of turmoil with her father. We are no longer together, and he isn't in the picture. Abby, I feel damaged. I'm afraid I will never love again or find anyone to love me the way I need.

My daughter is my shadow. We are literally joined at the hip. She's lonely, always around adults and has no one her age to play with. I really want to have another child. While I may never have the right man to father one, I'd like to save a life and adopt another daughter and playmate for my little girl.

Some people may see me as too young or unable to do it. But the love, care and providing for my child exceed anything I'll ever do in my life. What do you think? — MATERNAL MIDWESTERNER

DEAR M.M.: To adopt a child for the reason you have stated would be a terrible disservice to an innocent child. If you want your little girl to learn to make friends with other children, then enroll her in day care, where she will be exposed to some.

As to your feeling that you are damaged and will never find love again, many women feel as you do after a bad breakup. Most of them heal, learn from their experience and go on to have fulfilling lives. In your case, it may take the help of a therapist to find your self-confidence again. But trust me, it can be done. Another child is not the answer to what's ailing you right now.

DEAR ABBY: My 35-year-old sister accompanied me to see the doctor because I told her I have been having thoughts of harming myself. While we were there, the doctor expressed concern about the amount of strong prescription painkillers I have been taking. He brought up my record, and it showed I have picked up this medication four times in the last month.

Abby, my sister has been getting these pills, not me! In the past, she ordered them and picked them up for me when I was unable to do it myself, but I had no idea she has been collecting more in my name until today. I didn't want to get her in trouble, so I didn't admit the truth to the doctor, but then he started to insist that my sister keep any medications I have under lock and key "in case I decide to harm myself."

I don't know what to do. She made me promise not to tell anyone, and I don't want to get her into trouble. (She's training to be a nurse and this could get her kicked out of the course.) Please help. — ANXIOUS IN ENGLAND

DEAR ANXIOUS: Straighten this out with your doctor immediately! Do not try to "protect" your sister. There are programs for health care workers who become addicted to drugs, and she needs to get into one right now. If you need medications, you will have to arrange for someone other than your sister to dole them out — another relative, a friend, pharmacist, whomever. Your doctor may be able to suggest someone.

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 Monday, Sept. 7, 2015:

This year you have the ability to make new friends, and you seem to enjoy a difference of opinion more than you have in the past. You are secure enough to understand where others are coming from. If you are single, you could be taken aback by everything that is occurring in your social life. Somewhere in this whirlwind of activity lies someone who could be quite significant to your future. If you are attached, the two of you open up to a broader circle of friends. You enjoy socializing even more together than in the past. CANCER is as emotional as you are intellectual.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Emphasis is on family and perhaps the last hurrah of summer. A conversation with a loved one could become difficult and evolve into a much more contentious situation. An argument interference from a third party will make a resolution possible. Tonight: Opt for togetherness.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might be more direct that you have been in a while. Understand your limitations as well as your assets. You have the ability to open up a conversation despite others' tendency to be withholding. You'll gain an insight about one of the parties involved. Tonight: Doors open.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Your ability to get past an immediate hassle proves to be effective, as you see others get stuck in the muck. Move in a new direction, but use caution with a partner who might not see eye to eye with you. Others might not want to follow in your footsteps. Tonight: All smiles.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have a fiery side to your personality that emerges every so often, and now is one of those times. Understand that you have the ability to stand up to others. Perhaps you need to support yourself more in saying "no," before your temper flares. Tonight: Be spontaneous.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ You might feel as if you are at your wits' end. Distance yourself rather than get involved in any hostile flurry of activity. As a result, you'll see life from a new perspective. Understand others' needs, but don't feel responsible to fulfill them at this point. Tonight: Not to be found.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You'll want to deal on a one-on-one level with a partner who keeps shaking up the status quo. You might be tired of this perpetual upheaval. Listen to others' opinions. How you see a situation evolve could depend on your integration of different ideas. Tonight: Near the action.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might feel as if someone is out of control. You have several choices to make, and one of them could be to sever the bond — at least for now. Another would be to find out what is going on with this person. Understand the ramifications involved. Tonight: Do your thing.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You are able to make a difference simply by detaching. You have the unique ability at the present moment to see the big picture. Don't hesitate to share some of your ideas, as they appear to be blocked from another person's vision. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Your effectiveness blends well with a partner's intuitive knowledge. You often have differing opinions, but don't dismiss any of his or her thoughts right now. This person's ideas remain instrumental to your ability to breeze past hassles. Tonight: Touch base with a friend.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You seem to be at the point where you can make a difference with a key person in your life. Remain on top of a situation, and let others know that they have a say. Understand your limits in steering someone in the direction you feel is most beneficial. Tonight: Say "yes."

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Remain nurturing and caring despite a temporary snafu. Losing your temper or being erratic at this point will not bode well. You'll want to avoid a confrontation at all costs. You need to understand your limits, but also let others understand theirs. Tonight: Make it early.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be in a situation where you'll want to let someone else take the lead. You are not a sign that enjoys confrontation. Understand that others can be more suited and less emotional about the same matter. Let them run the show. Tonight: Lighten up the moment.

BORN TODAY

Queen Elizabeth I (1533), musician Buddy Holly (1936), singer Gloria Gaynor (1949)

GOREN BRIDGE

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you hold:

♠ J 4 ♡ A 7 6 5 ◇ A K 8 7 6 ♣ 6 4

As dealer, what call would you make?

A — With this distribution, you might open one heart with a strong four-card suit to facilitate an easy re-bid. This suit doesn't qualify. Bid one diamond.

Q 2 — North-South vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ Void ♡ Q 8 3 ◇ Q 10 9 6 3 ♣ Q J 8 5 2

Right-hand opponent opens one spade. What call would you make?

A — Should you and your partner play the unusual no-trump — a jump to two no-trump to show 5-5 in the minors — don't use it here. You need a better hand when vulnerable. Pass.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A J 2 ♡ 9 5 ◇ A 7 6 3 ♣ 10 4 3 2

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	2♡	?	

What call would you make?

A — Is this hand worth a game invitation? We think it is. Bid three hearts if you agree, or bid two spades if you don't.

Q 4 — Both vulnerable, as South, you hold:

♠ A 8 2 ♡ A K Q 7 ◇ 8 7 4 ♣ 7 5 3

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
Pass	Pass	1♡	Pass
2◇	Pass	?	

What call would you make?

A — It was a good idea to open your strong four-card major in third position, but any second bid by you promises a fifth heart. Pass.

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6 Alabama civil rights march city
11 Muddy farm abode
14 Send to seventh heaven
15 Earlier
16 Drain-cleaning chemical
17 Sensible
19 Alias, for short
20 Private school attendee
21 Actor Rob of "90210"
23 Actor's tryout
27 Padlocked fasteners
32 Maintained, as beliefs
33 Extremely
35 Wheel tooth
36 Judge's garb
40 Romantic anniversary getaway
43 1970s-'80s sketch show
44 Letters of obligation
45 Took by force
46 "Full House" acting twins
49 January, to Juan
50 Concert memento
54 Irish actor Milo
55 Hopi homes
61 Hard __ rock
62 Perform a cheerleader's feat, and a hint to what 17-, 23-, 40- and 50-Across' first words have in common
66 Pester for payment
67 Bull on a glue container
68 Assume as fact
69 Up to now
70 Curbs, with "in"
71 Sandwich cheese with ham

DOWN

1 "SOS!"
2 Robert who played Anthony Soprano Jr.
3 Keep in reserve
4 Ladder rung
5 Shrill bark
6 Orator's delivery
7 Chapter in history
8 Jar cover
9 Cohort of Curly and Larry
10 Intensely devoted
11 List of candidates
12 Tricycle riders
13 Bread-baking need
18 "__ Girl Friday": 1940 Cary Grant comedy
22 Enter angrily
24 Runner-up's demand
25 North Carolina university
26 Outer margins
27 Gas brand with collectible toy trucks
28 With, in France
29 Breakaway religious group
30 Egg on
31 ID on an IRS form
34 Creator of praiseful poems
37 Move like slime
38 Afrikaans speaker
39 Prefix with skeleton
41 Sod-busting tools
42 "__-haw!"
47 Orchestra conductor, e.g.
48 Building custodians
50 Sycophant
51 Magazine edition
52 Repeated unison rallying cry
53 Urban transport
56 Omar of "House"
57 Low __: cheap shot
58 Italian actress Virna
59 Elevator pioneer
60 Former Mach 2 fliers, briefly
63 World Cup cry
64 Texter's "Keep the details to yourself"
65 One in a coop group

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Z	A	B	A	G	L	I	O	N	E		E	R	I	Q
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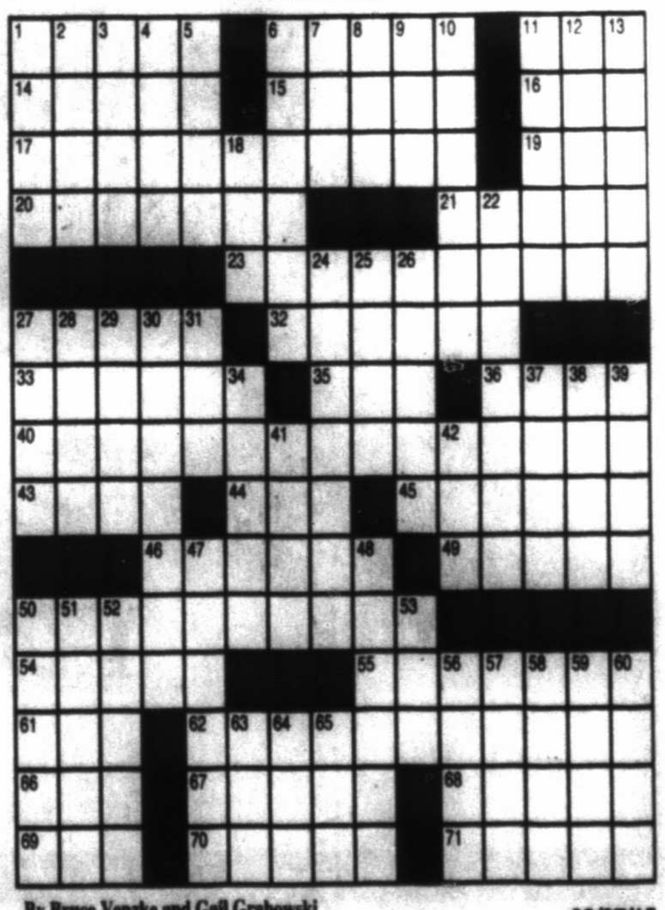

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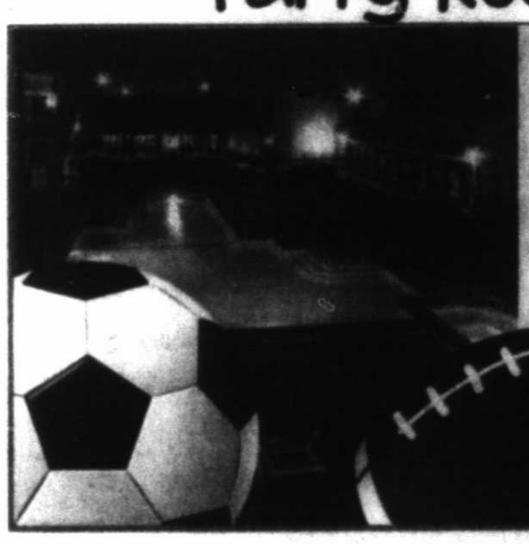

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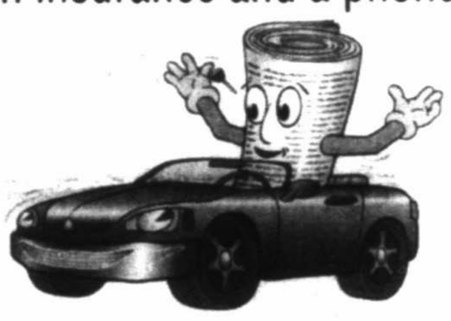

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