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Eric Senior, a former Midland College player, named NJCAA First-Team All-American.

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For nearly four decades, Odilon Bretado took pride in maintaining the Crockett Elementary building. Find out what will happen now that Crockett has been closed.

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Study: Fracturing pollutes, causes quakes

By David Hunn
Houston Chronicle

Oil and gas drilling in Texas shale plays pollutes the air, erodes soil and contaminates water, while the disposal of millions of gallons of wastewater causes earthquakes, a consortium of the state's top scientists concluded.

In the most comprehensive analysis of the environmental and social impacts of drilling and hydraulic fracturing, The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas found that the shale oil boom that delivered so much prosperity to Texas also has degraded natural resources, overwhelmed small communities and even boosted the frequency and severity of traffic collisions as workers and equipment rush to oil fields. Fracturing, which uses a high-pressured concoction of water, sand and chemicals to free oil and gas from dense shale rock, is also spreading rapidly across Texas, the study noted. Some companies are even leasing mineral rights under Texas cities.

"We're seeing these activities in places we haven't seen before. And we're seeing them at an increasing scale, pace and intensity," said Marilu Hastings, vice president of sustainability programs for The Cynthia and George Mitchell Foundation, which funded a portion of the research. Texans are asking reasonable questions, she said: "Is it safe? Are my children safe? Is my water safe? What about the environment? What about my land?"

The analysis is likely to increase the scrutiny of fracturing, particularly as a second shale boom gets underway in the Permian Basin in West Texas and other shale plays in the state. No one, including the scientists who conducted the study, expect oil and gas companies to slow production. But the report may boost pressure on the firms to drill more carefully, keep operations out of populated areas, and consider more environmentally friendly fracking technologies.

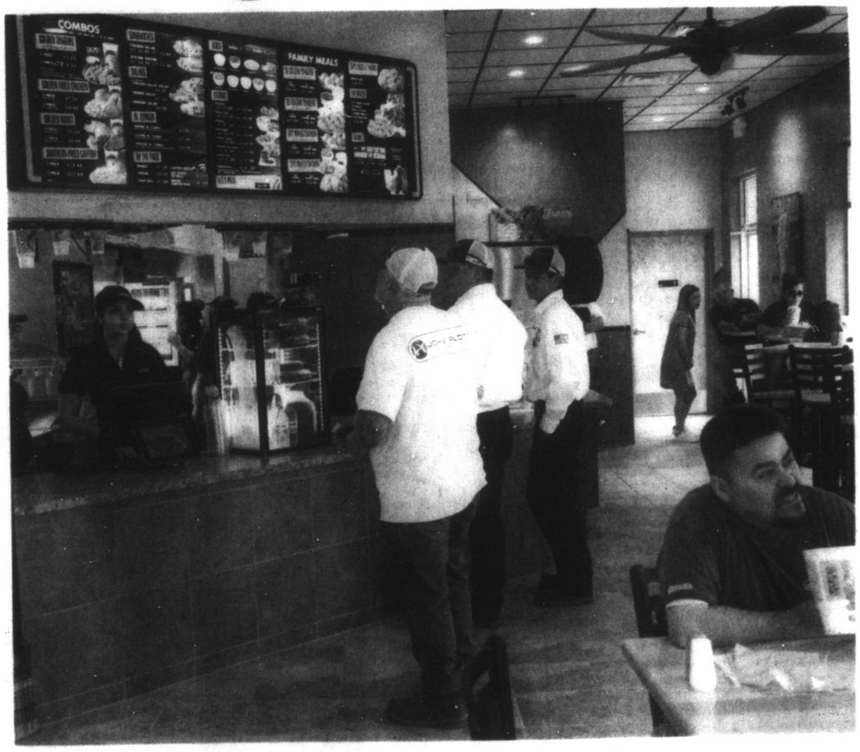
'THERE'S SIGNIFICANT DEBATE'

Houston's Apache Corp., for instance, is experimenting with a large-scale water recycling program in west Texas, where it has come under significant scrutiny as it develops a new oil field near Balmorhea State park and local springs that provide water for farming, drinking supplies and the park's famous pool. The state Parks & Wildlife Department, meanwhile, has launched an unprecedented study of wildlife, plants and water nearby to monitor the environmental impact of Apache's project.

Hydraulic fracturing remains controversial, across the country and around the world. States like Maryland, New York and Vermont have banned the practice, as

Please see **STUDY**/4A

Going for the gold



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Patrons try lunch Monday at the newly opened Golden Chick at 400 E. Florida.

XCOR's Gibson nominated for DoD position

From staff reports

XCOR Aerospace President and CEO James H "Jay" Gibson II has been nominated deputy chief management officer for the Department of Defense.

President Donald Trump's administration announced the nomination late Friday and on Monday announced that the nominations of Gibson and 10 others had been sent to the Senate for approval.

In the past, Gibson had served as the assistant secretary of the Air Force for financial management/comptroller and CFO, as well as deputy undersecretary of defense for management reform, according the White House's initial press release.

Upcoming edition

Read more about Jay Gibson's nomination in the Wednesday edition of the Reporter-Telegram

He took his position with XCOR in March 2015.

The deputy chief management officer, or DCMO, was established by Congress in 2007 as an undersecretary of defense-level position, according to the office's website.

In 2008, the DoD formally chartered the Office of the DCMO to better synchronize, integrate and coordinate the business operations of the department and ensure optimal alignment in support of the warfighting mission.

XCOR is a Midland-headquartered aerospace company that develops rocket engine systems and components. Its most notable project is development of the Lynx spaceplane, a reusable spacecraft that takes off and lands horizontally from a runway. XCOR is located at Midland Spaceport Business Park at Midland International Air & Space Port.

Mr. Vapes, Texas Sun Winery alcohol permits approved

From staff reports

The retail vape shop and lounge Mr. Vapes received approval Monday from the Planning and Zoning Commission to serve alcohol after discussion about the requested hours and security.

Commissioners approved 6-0 allowing Mr. Vapes, located at 4416 Briarwood Ave., to serve all alcohol noon to midnight Sunday through Thursday and noon to 1 a.m. Friday through Saturday, with security on site for 30 minutes after closing from Thursday through Saturday.

The premises is near Taqueria Jalisco, which has an alcohol permit.

Commissioners also approved 6-0 a permit to serve beer and alcohol for Texas Sun Winery at 3415 North Loop 250 West.

The serving hours are from noon to midnight, according to Jessica Carpenter, planning division manager.

The premises is in the Borgata shopping center with Little Woodrow's, a sports bar that was previously approved to serve alcohol between 11 a.m. to 2 a.m.

Midland City Council will make the final decision about alcohol permit requests.

Also at the meeting, commissioners approved 6-0 a specific use permit without term for a veterinary clinic to expand the Mesa Verde Animal Clinic.

Commissioners also voted 6-0 to OK a zone change and approved consent items 5-0.

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$44.20 ▼ $0.54
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The big number
77 percent of Texas voters support state limits on local governments. Poll on Page 4A.

Word of the Day:
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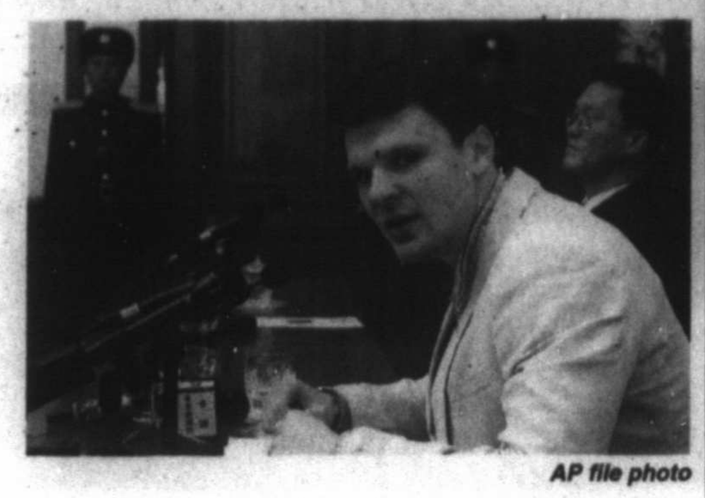
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US student freed by North Korea in a coma dies at 22

By Dan Sewell
Associated Press



AP file photo

American student Otto Warmbier speaks as he is presented to reporters Feb. 29, 2016, in Pyongyang, North Korea. Warmbier, an American college student who was released by North Korea in a coma last week after almost a year and a half in captivity, died Monday his family said.

CINCINNATI — Otto Warmbier, an American college student who was released by North Korea in a coma last week after almost a year and a half in captivity, died Monday, his family said.

The 22-year-old "has completed his journey home," the family said in a statement.

"Unfortunately, the awful, torturous mistreatment our son received at the hands of the North Koreans ensured that no other outcome was possible beyond the sad one we experienced today," his parents said.

Doctors had described his condition as a state of "unresponsive wakefulness" and said he suffered a "severe neurological injury" of unknown cause.

His father, Fred Warmbier, said last week that he believed Otto had been fighting for months to stay alive to return to his family. Their statement Monday said he looked uncomfortable and anguished after returning June 13, but his countenance later changed.

"He was peace. He was home, and we believe he could sense that," they said.

Warmbier was convicted of subversion after he tearfully confessed that he had tried to steal a propaganda banner while visiting with a tour group from China. He was sentenced to 15 years in prison with hard labor in North Korea.

The University of Virginia student was held for more than 17 months. His family said they were told he had been a coma since soon after his March 2016 sentencing.

Doctors said he suffered extensive loss of brain tissue and "profound weakness and contraction" of his muscles, arms and legs. His eyes opened and blinked but without any sign that he understood verbal commands or his surroundings.

Coroner: Cocaine among drugs found in Carrie Fisher's system

By Anthony McCartney
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Carrie Fisher's autopsy report shows the actress had cocaine in her system when she fell ill on a plane last year, but investigators could not determine what impact the cocaine and other drugs found in her system had on her death.

The report released Monday states Fisher may have taken cocaine three days before the Dec. 23 flight on which she became ill. She died four days later.

It also found traces of heroin, other opiates and MDMA, which is also known as ecstasy, but that they could not determine when Fisher had taken those drugs. The findings were based on toxicology screenings done on samples taken when the "Star Wars" actress arrived at a Los Angeles hospital.

Coroner's officials ruled Fisher died from sleep apnea and a combination of other factors. A news release issued Friday mentioned drugs were found in Fisher's system, but it did not provide details.

Monday's full report contains a detailed explanation of the results, such as why investigators believe Fisher took cocaine at least three days before her flight.

"At this time the significance of cocaine cannot be established in this case," the report states.

It also states that while heroin is detectable in the system for a briefer period of time, investigators could not determine when Fisher, 60, took it or the ecstasy. Toxicology tests also found other opiates in Fisher's system, including morphine, although the report states the morphine could have been a byproduct of heroin.

"Ms. Fisher suffered what appeared to be a cardiac arrest on the airplane accompanied by vomiting and with a history of sleep apnea. Based on the available toxicological information, we cannot establish the significance of the multiple substances that were detected in Ms. Fisher's blood and tissue, with regard to the cause of death," the report states.

Among the factors that contributed to Fisher's death was buildup of fatty tissue in the walls of her arteries, the coroner's office said last week.

A phone message left for Fisher's brother, Todd, was not immediately returned.

Todd Fisher said Friday he was not surprised that drugs may have contributed to his sister's death.

Heated weather
(Temperatures at 105 degrees or higher in Midland)

109 -degree high Friday

111 -degree high Saturday

Coming this week
107 -degree high expected Friday

Too hot to handle: Study shows Earth's dangerous heat gets worse

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Killer heat is getting worse, a new study shows.

Deadly heat waves like the one now broiling the American West are bigger killers than previously thought and they are going to grow more frequent, according to a new comprehensive study of fatal heat conditions. Still, those stretches may be less lethal in the future, as people become accustomed to them.

A team of researchers examined 1,949 deadly heat waves from around the world since 1980 to look for trends, define when heat is so severe it kills and forecast the future. They found that nearly one in three people now experience 20 days a year when the heat reaches deadly levels.

But the study predicts that up to three in four people worldwide will endure that kind of heat by the end of the century, if global warming continues unabated.

"The United States is going to be an oven," said Camilo Mora of the University of Hawaii, lead author of a study published Monday in the journal Nature Climate Change.

The study comes as much of the U.S. swelters through extended triple-digit heat. Temperatures hit records of 106, 105 and 103 in Santa Rosa, Livermore and San Jose, California on Sunday, as a heat wave was forecast to continue through midweek. In late May, temperatures in Turbat, Pakistan, climbed to about 128 degrees; if confirmed, that could be among the five hottest temperatures reliably measured on Earth, said Jeff Masters, meteorology director of Weather Underground.

Last year 22 countries or territories set or tied records for their hottest temperatures on record, said Masters, who wasn't part of the study. So far this year, seven have done so.

"This is already bad. We already know it," Mora said. "The empirical data suggest it's getting much worse."

Mora and colleagues created an interactive global map with past heat waves and computer simulations to determine how much more frequent they will become under different carbon dioxide pollution scenarios. The map shows that under the current pollution projections, the entire eastern United States will have a significant number of killer heat days. Even higher numbers are predicted for the Southeast U.S., much of Central and South America, central Africa, India, Pakistan, much of Asia and Australia.

Mora and outside climate scientists said the study and map underestimate past heat waves in many poorer hot areas where record-keeping is weak.

It's more accurate when it comes to richer areas like the United States and Europe.

If pollution continues as it has, Mora said, by the end of the century the southern United States will have entire summers of what he called lethal heat conditions.

A hotter world doesn't necessarily mean more deaths in all locales, Mora said. That's because he found over time the same blistering conditions — heat and humidity — killed fewer people than in the past, mostly because of air conditioning and governments doing a better job keeping people from dying in the heat.

So while heat kills and temperatures are rising, people are adapting, though mostly in countries that can afford it. And those that can't afford it are likely to get worse heat in the future.

"This work confirms the alarming projections of increasing hot days over coming decades — hot enough to threaten lives on a very large scale," said Dr. Howard Frumkin, a University of Washington environmental health professor who wasn't part of the study.

Obituaries



Cynthia Lee Buscaglia

Cynthia Buscaglia, age 61, of Greenwood, Texas, passed from this life Friday, June 16, 2017 in Big Spring, Texas. She was born in Big Spring, TX on August 11, 1955 to Roger and Mary (Ellinger) Williams.

Cynthia was an animal lover. She enjoyed reading, and drawing. Cynthia was a mother to four amazing children in whom she loved dearly, and a grandmother of eleven. Cynthia was a free spirit and will be missed by those who loved her.

She is survived by her three sons, Dominic Tenney and wife Lisa of Big Spring, TX., Jerimiah Lee of Greenwood, TX., and Jonathan Lee of Big Spring, TX.; daughter, Dominique Lewis and husband RJ of Roby, TX.; three brothers, Roger Williams and wife Vicki of Lubbock, TX., David Williams and wife Terri of Mineral Wells, TX., and Scott Williams and wife Kristi of Kermit, TX.; eleven grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Roger and Mary Williams

A Memorial Service will be held at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, June 24, 2017 at Family Services Funeral Chapel Brother Dudley Mullins officiating.

In Lieu of flowers a donation in Cynthia's name can be made to the St. Jude's Children Hospital, 501 St Jude Place Memphis, TN 38105.

Arrangements are entrusted to Family Services Funeral Parlor and online condolences may be sent to the family at *www.fs-fp.com*.

Lee Russell Ansley

"Most of all the great people I have known and loved are not famous movers and shakers, but have served their fellow man and God by doing their simple tasks on earth. They will have their fame in heaven!"

Lee Russell Ansley, 89, lived his life this way and passed away on June 18, 2017.

Lee was born on September 20, 1927 in Anson, Texas to Russell Gordon Ansley and Annie Lee Summers Ansley.

Lee entered the U. S. Navy on June 2, 1945, to see the world. After serving his country, Lee worked in his father's meat market in Odessa, Texas and then attended Texas Tech. After college, Lee returned to Odessa where he met Dorothy Mauldin. Their first date was to Balmorhea, Texas on July 4, 1950 and they married on January 27, 1951.

Lee worked for Gulf Oil Company, Getty Oil Company and retired with Texaco. After retirement, Lee and Dorothy enjoyed visiting their vacation home in Fort Davis, Texas and moved there full time in 2003. They moved to Midland in 2010 to be near family.

Lee was preceded in death by his parents and his sisters, Dixie Jewel Pogue and Ella May Harris.

Lee is survived by his wife of 66 years, Dorothy and their children, Russ Ansley and wife Sheri of Lewisville, Texas; and daughter Kay Bartlett and husband Frank of Midland, Texas.

Lee's grandchildren include Tulsi Ansley McFerren of Manor, Texas, Andrew Bartlett, Allyson Bartlett Munoz and Josh Bartlett, all of Midland and 12 great grandchildren.

Private burial will be conducted in London, Texas.

The family would like to express their thanks to Dr. Ana Francisco and the staff at Mabee Health Care Center. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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Margaret Olean Shannon

Margaret Olean Shannon, passed away peacefully on Friday, June 16, 2017, at Midland Memorial Hospital, in Midland.

She was born December 17, 1950 in Houston, Texas. She married William Shannon on February 12, 1972 in Stanton, Texas. She worked as a house keeper most of her adult life and loved what she did. She always loved taking care of others and was very passionate about doing so. Margaret was a simple person and never wanted for much. She enjoyed chatting with family and friends over the phone, and the times that she had with her grandchildren. She loved her husband, her son, her daughter, her many grandchildren, and her great grandchildren unconditionally.

She is survived by her husband, William (Bill) Shannon; her son, Brian Shannon-Garza and husband Gabe Shannon-Garza; and her daughter, Audra Hicks; grandchildren, Braden, Jimmy, and Jadlyn Brown; granddaughter, Christy Jimenez and husband Blake Jimenez; great grandchildren, Lydia, Savannah, and Dixie Jimenez; brothers, Jerry and Robert Earl Barber; one sister, Nadean Barber; many nieces and nephews.

She is preceded in death by her father, William Barber, mother Josephine Barber, brother William Barber, Jr., and brother Joe Lee Barber.

The family would like to thank all the staff at Midland Memorial Hospital for all the care you gave to Margaret until her death. The family would also like to thank all the staff at Permian Basin Dialysis for all the years of care that they gave to Margaret. She loved every single one of you.

At Margaret's and the family's request there are going to be no services.

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Myrtle M. Taylor

Myrtle M. Taylor, 95 of Lampasas, Texas died June 15, 2017 at a local nursing home. Myrtle was born June 17, 1921 in Tupelo, MS the daughter of Hubert S. Whitenton and Daisy R. (Edwards) Whitenton. She moved to McKinney, Texas at age 15. She married Raymond Ray Taylor in 1937 and they moved to Kermit, Texas. She was a homemaker and a member of First Baptist Church. Odessa, Texas was home for the family for many years. Myrtle loved ballroom dancing.

Funeral service is scheduled for Thursday June 22, 2017 at 1:00 p.m. at First Baptist Church in Lampasas, TX. Burial will be Friday, June 23, 2017 at Greenwood Cemetery in Ft Worth, Texas.

Survivors include: two daughters, Sue King and Sharon McGehee both of Lampasas, TX; three grandchildren, Suzanna Laporte, Vic Burnette and Bradley Burnette; five great-grandchildren, Elizabeth York, Phillip Burnette, George Laporte, Michael Laporte and Christopher Laporte; and one great great-grandchild, Jocelyn Ibarra.

Myrtle was preceded in death by her husband and two sisters, Helen Skelton and Miriam Tunnell; and by her grandson, Buddy Ray York.

Arrangements by Sneed Funeral Chapel of Lampasas.

Sharon Lee Bell

Sharon Lee Bell, 76, of Mountain Home, Arkansas, joined the Lord on Saturday, June 10, 2017. Sharon was born in Carlinville, Illinois, to Clemoth Best and Thelma Stirrup on January 10, 1941.

A naturally selfless person, Sharon's passion throughout her life was helping others and putting their needs before her own. She was not only a beloved wife and mother, but she always had room in her heart for all members of her family, friends, and community. Sharon touched the lives of many as a dental office manager and active congregant of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Mountain Home, as well as a member of the P.E.O. (Philanthropic Educational Organization), the Ladies Guild, and as a Hospital Auxiliary volunteer. She will be deeply, deeply missed by everyone who was lucky enough to know or meet her.

She is survived by her husband, James F. Bell, and daughter, Vicki Bell, of Mountain Home. Sharon is also survived by sisters, Nancy Norton and Sandy Irby of Mountain Home; brother, Kevin Best of Mountain Home; daughters, Kimberly Ristow of Wichita, KS, Cathy Whitcomb of El Cajon, CA, and Julie Nieminski of Bonita Springs, FL; and son, James S. Bell of Kerrville, TX. She will also be greatly missed by nine grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren. She loved Christ and her faith in Him was her source of strength.

A Celebration of Life ceremony for Sharon Bell will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, July 22, 2017 at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Mountain Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to the Baxter Regional Hospital Foundation, the Peitz Cancer Support House at Baxter Regional Hospital Foundation, Redeemer Lutheran Church, or the P.E.O. women's organization are suggested.

The staff at Roller Funeral Home has been honored to assist the family with their arrangements. Visit our guestbook at *www.rollerfuneralhomes.com/mtnhome*.

Death Notices

Leo L. Galindo Hernandez

Leo L. Galindo Hernandez, 39 of Midland, Texas passed away on Saturday, June 17, 2017.

Viewing will be Monday, June 19, 2017 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home for family only. Tuesday, June 20, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home.

A Funeral Mass will be Wednesday, June 21, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. at St Ann's Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

He is survived by his mother, Jesus Galindo; grandfather, Julian Hernandez; wife, Larissa Galindo; sons, Leonardo Galindo and Santiago Galindo; daughter, Emely Galindo; and 6 sisters.

Manuel Cortes

Manuel Cortes, 73, of Odessa, Texas passed away June 15, 2017. He was born in Jalisco, Guadalajara, Mexico January 8, 1944.

He is survived by his wife, Carmen Cortes; three sons, Manuel Cortes, Jr., Humberto Cortes and Victor Cortes; six daughters; 32 grandchildren; six great grandchildren; and two sisters.

A rosary will be held Tuesday, June 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m. at American Heritage Funeral Home. Funeral Mass will be held Tuesday, June 21, 2017, 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery/Funeral Home/Crematory. -0

TODAY IN MIDLAND

WORD OF THE DAY
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Dysentery
[dis-uh n-ter-ee]
noun
1. Pathology.
an infectious disease marked by inflammation and ulceration of the lower part of the bowels, with diarrhea that become mucous and hemorrhagic.

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First day of summer

Summer begins at 11:24 p.m. (CDT) today. Fall starts on Sept. 22.

What is the summer solstice?

The timing of the solstice depends on when the sun reaches its northernmost point from the equator.

The word solstice is from the Latin solstitium, from sol (sun) and stitium (to stop), reflecting the fact that the sun appears to stop at this time (and again at the winter solstice).

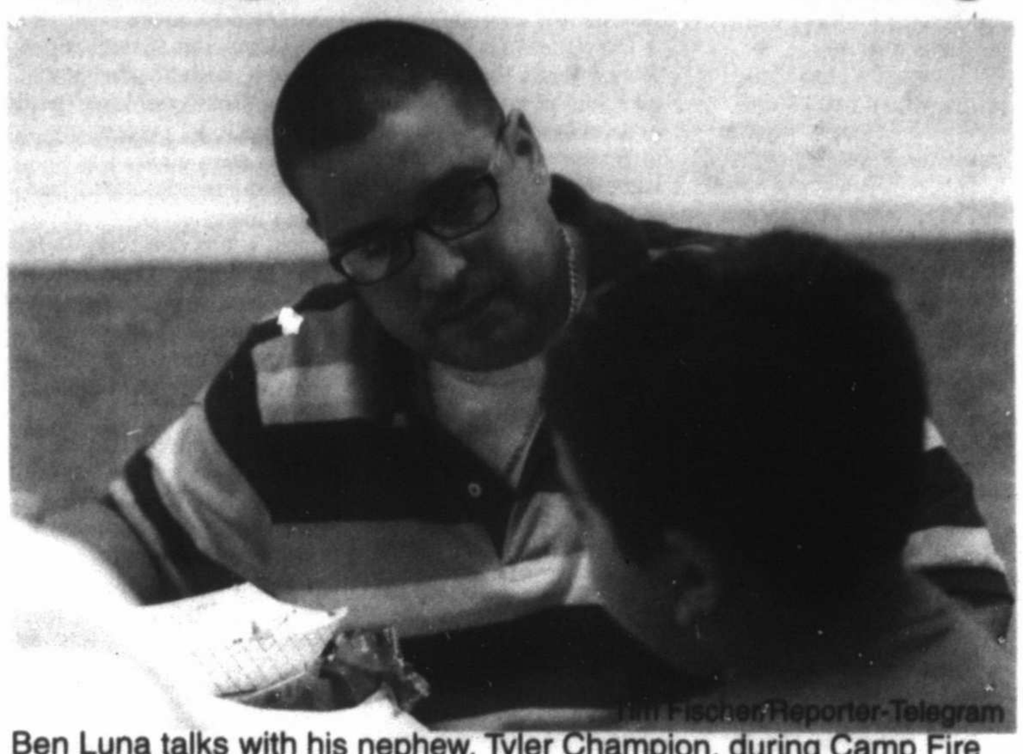
In temperate regions, we notice that the Sun is higher in the sky throughout the day, and its rays strike Earth at a more direct angle, causing the efficient warming we call summer.

Source: www.almanac.com

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Taking time out for family



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Ben Luna talks with his nephew, Tyler Champion, during Camp Fire of West Texas' Father's Day Luncheon on Friday at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. The children created the decorations and served lunch to their guests.

Things to do

■ Bridge game play, 1 p.m. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 432-682-8595.

■ Bingo, 6 p.m., Tall City VFW Post 7206, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

■ Tool Tips: Sharp Gardening, 6 p.m., West Texas Food Bank, 411 S. Pagewood Ave.

■ RiffTrax Live: Summer Shorts Beach Party, 7 p.m., Tall City Stadium 14, 4915

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 7 p.m., Basin Burger House.

■ Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m., Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

■ Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beers and arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero. 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

■ Karaoke and pool tournament at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Things to do for kids

■ Summer Movie Camp: "Moana." Camp includes popcorn, experiments and games, 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., The Petroleum Museum. 1500 I-20 West. $5 per child. Adults join for free ppetro.org.

■ Build a Better World Postcard Day, 11 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250. In partnership with Senior Link Midland, children can write, decorate and send postcards that will be delivered to Meals on Wheels recipients.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-1-3
Pick 3 day: 5-6-9
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Weather

Monday's temperatures

High	91
Low	74
Normal high	94
Normal low	68

June 19's records
Record high: 108 set in 2011
Record low: 56 set in 1985

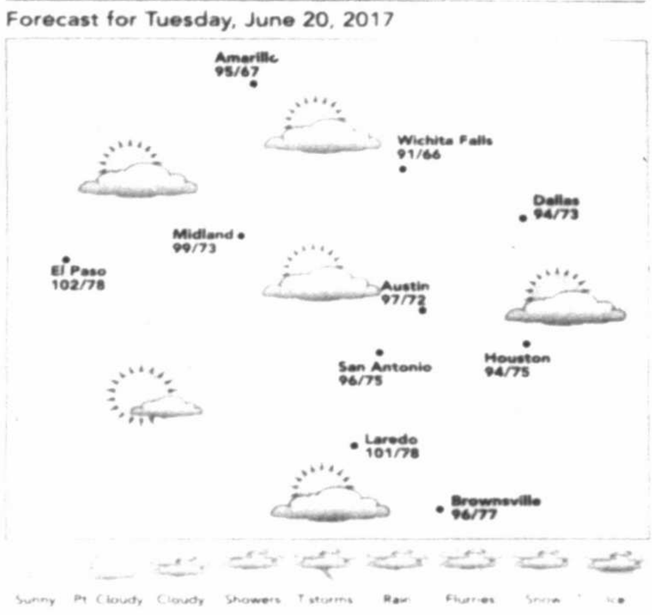
Precipitation

Saturday	0.00 in.
Sunday	0.00 in.
Month total	1.53 in.
Year total	7.22 in.
Normal total (year to date)	5.44 in.

Winds
Average: 10.1 mph
Highest sustained: 15 mph
Highest gust: 17 mph

June 20 forecast

Forecast for Tuesday, June 20, 2017



High: 97
Low: 72
Conditions: Sunny during the day/most clear at night
Winds: 5-10 during the day and night
Chance of rain: None
Sunrise ..... 6:43 a.m.
Sunset ..... 8:58 p.m.

Source: National Weather Service

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

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

A baby born today has a Sun in Gemini and a Moon in Taurus.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 20, 2017:

This year you will be unusually quiet and centered. You often replay a situation, discussion or decision in your head over and over again. You also might opt to do some personal and/or volunteer work. If you are single, you easily could hook up with someone who is emotionally unavailable. Get to know this person before deciding to commit. If you are attached, you and your sweetie will want to plan some getaways for just the two of you. Your bond will be enhanced as a result. TAURUS understands you better than you would like!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might want to consider taking a few days off. You could be concerned about your finances, but you are likely to fare better after refreshing your mind and body. A discussion might unnerve you, unless you are sure of yourself. Tonight: Examine your budget carefully.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Unexpected events will work in your favor if you remain open. Make a long-overdue call. Standing on ceremony won't serve you well. You might wonder if you can achieve a long-term goal. You won't know unless you try. Tonight: Purchase a new item for your wardrobe.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ You might be able to bypass an issue through positive thinking. A friend surprises you, and you can't help but respond. Deal with a problem directly. You have a mental versatility that will help you. Consider what is happening with a loved one. Tonight: Be more understanding.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have a strong drive that easily could become a short fuse if you don't achieve the results you desire. A problem might emerge when you least expect it. Try not to react, though you might find masking your feelings nearly impossible. Tonight: Tap into your imagination.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ You'll assume the lead, take charge and handle a problem. A situation could become upsetting if you are not careful. You have great ideas, but others might not like them or want to follow through on them. Listen to suggestions openly. Tonight: Out until the wee hours.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Detach, and you'll gain a new perspective. You will find this point of view enlightening. A friend could be challenging in that he or she is sure that he or she knows what is best for you to do. Be gracious. You feel inspired by a partner who often has wild ideas. Tonight: Surf the web.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ One-on-one relating seems to dominate your time. A partner could be so unpredictable that it might unnerve you. You still need to push hard to complete a work-related matter. Others seem to want to debate your actions. Listen and participate. Tonight: Make time for a special person.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Defer to others, and listen to their suggestions. A person at a distance could be shaking up the status quo. Your creativity helps you more often than not. A child knows how to get your attention, and you don't seem to mind his or her charming manipulation! Tonight: Say "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might want to pursue a new hobby or activity that involves some form of exercise. Check in with a doctor before you make any changes that could affect your health. A loved one might be argumentative, but he or she still supports you. Tonight: Make a favorite meal.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your creativity seems limitless to a child or loved one. Where others see an obstacle, you still see an opportunity. Brainstorm with a typically argumentative associate. Together you'll come up with even better ideas. Follow your sixth sense, and you will land well. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Don't allow anyone to take away your sense of well-being. Your imagination might be bigger than your checkbook, so you'll need to use some self-discipline. Money seems to slip right through your fingers. Avoid making any major decisions right now. Tonight: Order in.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Speak your mind, and allow others to see your sensitivity. The unexpected might occur with your finances. You'll have an opportunity to add some unusual ideas to a project. A loved one could be challenging if he or she doesn't get what he or she wants. Tonight: Return calls first.

BORN TODAY
Actor Martin Landau (1928), singer/songwriter Lionel Richie (1949), actress Nicole Kidman (1967)

Oxy to buy $600 million in $600M in Permian Basin assets

Collin Eaton
Houston Chronicle

Hess Corp. has inked a deal to sell its stakes in some oil-producing assets in West Texas and New Mexico for $600 million, the New York oil company said Monday.

The four so-called CO2 enhanced oil recovery assets in the Permian Basin, including active oil wells, a gas processing plant in Texas and a CO2 field in New Mexico, pumped an average 8,200 barrels of oil equivalent a day last year for Hess.

Houston's Occidental Petroleum Corp. has agreed to buy the assets in a sale expected to close in August. The deal comes on the heels of Hess's announcement it will join Exxon in assembling a massive deep-water project off the coast of Guyana.

Analysts at Wells Fargo said the sale could fund some 60 percent of Hess's initial share of the first phase of development in the Liza field off Guyana. That share is about $955 million. The Permian Basin assets also make up only 3 percent of Hess's total output, the analysts said.

Meanwhile, Occidental Petroleum said it struck a handful of transactions — including the one with Hess — that will effectively bring its output in the region up by 3,500 barrels of oil equivalent a day. But the deals, the driller said, will balance out in terms of sales and purchases, requiring "no net cash outlay." While it's buying the assets from Hess, it's also selling off acreage in Andrews, Martin and Pecos counties.

"These transactions support our pathway to breakeven at $50 after dividend and production growth," Occidental CEO Vicki Hollub said in a statement.

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UT/TT Poll: Majority of Texas voters back new immigration provisions

By Ross Ramsey
Texas Tribune

Most Texas voters believe local law enforcement should be required to cooperate with immigration authorities and that police should have the right to question the immigration status of the people they stop, according to the latest University of Texas/Texas Tribune Poll.

Those were provisions of anti-"sanctuary cities" legislation signed into law last month by Gov. Greg Abbott — a statute already being challenged in court by local governments across the state.

Requiring local cooperation with immigration officials is the more popular of the two ideas, but it divides voters on party and ethnic lines. Where 85 percent of Republicans support that requirement, only 27 percent of Democrats do. White and black voters support it, though by dramatically different margins — 67 percent supportive to 26 percent opposed among whites, and 47 percent to 37 percent among blacks. Among Hispanic voters, 39 percent support required cooperation, and 48 percent oppose it. More opponents and supporters felt "strongly" about their positions than not.

"There aren't too many people who remain somewhat opposed or somewhat supportive," said Daron Shaw, co-director of the poll and a professor of government at the University of Texas at Austin. "To most people, it's not complicated. It's the mix of immigration plus law enforcement."

Overall support for the "show your papers" provision — ensuring that police officers have the right to question a person's immigration status during a legal detainment or arrest — is softer, but divided along similar lines.

Three-quarters of Democrats oppose that provision, while 86 percent of Republicans support it. Most Hispanic voters (59 percent) and black voters (57 percent) oppose the provision. Most white voters (64 percent) support it.

"Ten years ago, you saw elected Republican officials looking to occupy that sweet spot where they could talk about these issues without fundamentally alienating Democrats," said Jim Henson, director of the Texas Politics Project at UT-Austin and co-director of the poll. "I don't think that concern was as evident in this latest [legislative] session."

Immigration is one of several issues that raised questions of whether state or local laws should prevail in Texas during the recent legislative session. Several of them will be on the plate during the special session this summer.

Property taxes will be near the top of the list. The state itself is barred from levying property taxes, but 27 percent of Texans said the state is most responsible for property taxes. Most — 60 percent — point to local governments and 4 percent point to the federal government, which also doesn't levy those taxes.

Lawmakers locked up over different versions of legislation that would limit the extent to which local governments can raise property taxes. While the Senate and the House couldn't quite put that together during the regular session, 77 percent of Texas voters support state limits on local governments — 48 percent of them "strongly." Only 14 percent oppose limits.

"You can get substantial bond packages to go through, even with the opposition to property taxes," Shaw said. "There's a deep suspicion of federal and state government, but they like targeted solutions."

Democrats strongly oppose it, with 63 percent in favor. But Republicans really oppose it: 91 percent say limits are a good idea.

Reducing the state's business margins tax — which most voters don't pay — has the support of 45 percent of voters, while 26 percent oppose a cut. More than a quarter of the voters didn't have an opinion about that proposal.

Finally, after a 10-year fight, the state has a law banning texting while driving. Voters don't appear to be as conflicted about this as their political representatives: 86 percent of Texas voters favor the ban, and only 10 percent oppose it. The numbers didn't vary much by party, race, gender or education. Texans appear to be united on that issue.

"The public has come to see distracted driving as a pretty clear safety hazard," Henson said.

The University of Texas/Texas Tribune internet survey of 1,200 registered voters was conducted from June 2 to June 11 and has an overall margin of error of +/- 2.83 percentage points. Numbers in charts might not add up to 100 percent because of rounding.

LOCAL&STATEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

NWS: Three 'landspout' tornadoes reported

The National Weather Service stated Monday on its website that three "landspout" tornadoes were reported Sunday night in Upton and Reagan counties.

A landspout, according to the National Weather Service, is a tornado that does not arise from organized storm-scale rotation and therefore is not associated with a wall cloud (visually) or a mesocyclone (on radar). Landspouts typically are observed beneath cumulonimbus or towering cumulus clouds and essentially are the land-based equivalents of waterspouts.

The landspouts Sunday happened as a result of intense heating and an incredible amount of instability along a cold front boundary. The NWS reported the tornadoes as "EF0" on the Enhanced Fujita Tornado Scale. According to the website tornadofacts.net, an EF0 tornado has 65-85 mph winds and can cause "light damage," including "broken branches; shallow rooted trees pushed over and some chimney damage."

The first landspout tornado Sunday, according to the NWS, developed around 6 p.m. near Big Lake and slowly moved west along and near US Highway 67. The tornado was narrow, perhaps 50-75 yards in width; there weren't any reports of damage with this tornado.

The final tornado happened 20 to 25 miles north of Big Lake around 8:05 p.m., according to the NWS. This landspout tornado was not associated with a parent thunderstorm, but instead formed from a towering cumulus cloud along the front. It was seen and recorded by law enforcement just east of State Highway 137. This tornado was brief and also remained in open country. No damage was reported.

HOUSTON

Woman charged in death of 4-year-old daughter

HOUSTON — Officials say a woman has been charged with capital murder in the stabbing death of her 4-year-old daughter at a Houston apartment complex.

Deputy Thomas Gilliland of the Harris County Sheriff's Office says 34-year-old Laquita Lewis texted family members Sunday, telling them she had hurt her child. Gilliland says Lewis texted family members from the hospital, where she had been taken after being injured in a traffic accident.

George P. Bush seeks re-election as Texas land commissioner

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — George P. Bush on Monday formally announced he is seeking re-election as Texas land commissioner next year, hoping to continue running a little-known but powerful agency in a state where his political-dynasty family has been prominent for decades.

Bush's grandfather, President George H.W. Bush, was once a Texas congressman and his uncle, George W. Bush, won two Texas gubernatorial elections before leaving for the White House.

George P. Bush, 41, grew up in Florida, where his father, Jeb, was governor and launched his unsuccessful presidential campaign last year. The younger Bush won the position of Texas' land commissioner handily in 2014, becoming the first in his family to win his first election.

After his father bowed out of the 2016 presidential race, Bush campaigned for Donald Trump as chairman of the Texas Republican Party's victory committee — even though his family shunned the eventual president.

Describing himself as a movement conservative in the Newt Gingrich mold, Bush has said for months that Trump's success repudiating politics-as-usual won't make it harder for a member of one of the country's most famous families to succeed in upcoming elections.

Bush's path to re-election looks easy. He had $3.1-plus million in campaign cash as of January, no major Republicans have expressed interest in challenging him in the state party's March 6 primary and he's unlikely to draw a formidable Democrat in the general election.

A former teacher and oil and gas consultant who speaks fluent Spanish, Bush served in Afghanistan as an intelligence officer for the U.S. Naval Reserve.

His mother, Columba, was born in Mexico and Bush has for years been considered a rising national star who can raise the Republican Party's profile with Hispanic voters.

The land commissioner's office manages 13 million acres (5.2 million hectares) of state public lands, and auctions off leases to explore for oil and natural gas on them. It oversees state veterans outreach and a public school endowment fund. Bush has also helped run an ongoing, $450-million remodel of the Alamo and surrounding plaza in San Antonio.

"My goal is to continue improving the ways in which we take care of veterans, prepare the coast from future disasters, honor the Alamo and generate revenues for the schoolchildren of Texas," Bush told The Associated Press by email.

There had been speculation that Bush could attempt to jump to a higher-profile Texas office, especially with state Attorney General Ken Paxton having been indicted on felony securities fraud charges.

But Bush has long said he planned to run again for his current post. He made it official early Monday, unveiling a revamped campaign website that included a re-election video and emailing top supporters.

Bush shrugged off questions about whether another term as land commissioner could be beneath his political pedigree: "I'm not worried about anyone else's expectations of me."

He led a "reboot" that saw more than 100 staffers fired or leave the agency. Bush also drew criticism amid reports that his office paid nearly $400,000 in what the land commissioners' office termed settlement agreements to dozens of departing employees, effectively keeping them on the state payroll for numerous extra months. The land commissioner's office said those guarded against possible lawsuits from former employees that would have been more costly.

His campaign video trumpeted Bush's "conservative record of accomplishment" noting "he made the General Land Office more efficient and lean, cutting the office staff and reforming the operational budget."

More recently, Bush has written to Trump, seeking $15 billion in federal funding for a costal barrier system to shield Houston and Texas' Gulf Coast from hurricanes. Bush doesn't deny that the climate is changing and that humans play a role, but says he believes the impact of human influence is subject to debate.

Texas' deadline to file for the primary is in December, meaning he still has time to change his mind and seek another office. But Bush says he has no plans to.

"I continue to believe that my skill set as a successful businessman, military veteran and school teacher make me uniquely qualified to serve the people of Texas in this role," he said.

STUDY

From 1A

have countries like France, Germany and Scotland. Counties in California, New Mexico and Colorado, among others, have tried with some success. Even Denton, a North Texas city of about 130,00, adopted a fracking ban before the state Legislature passed a law to prevent it.

"There's significant debate in the public about shale development," said Kris Nygaard, an Exxon Mobil consultant who participated in the Texas study. "And I think we can all agree the most healthy and informative debates surround real data, hard facts, hard information."

The Academy of Medicine, Engineering and Science of Texas is the state's top scientific community. It includes all of the state's Nobel Laureates, plus Texas-based members of the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine.

It launched its fracturing review two years ago, putting together a task force of attorneys, geologists, seismologists and engineers, including representatives from oil companies and an environmental group.

The group's conclusions are based on the review and analysis of hundreds of academic studies, many involving Texas oil and gas operations.

The report noted that the state has no single database tracking environmental impacts, no system for conducting regular research on plants and animals affected, and little detail on wastewater spills from shale drilling and fracturing. There is also limited data concerning exposure to toxins in the air. The report calls for the state to do better in monitoring and collecting data.

In addition to highlighting concerns, the report also aimed to correct misstatements and misunderstandings about shale drilling. For example, surface spills, not fracturing, are the most likely drinking water contaminants, the study found. Oil reservoirs are typically so much deeper than freshwater aquifers that contamination between the two is "unlikely," the report said, "and it has not been observed in Texas."

And the study found little evidence to connect shale oil production emissions to health effects, adding that there isn't much research on the issue.

"There are a lot of people who are afraid of hydraulic fracturing," said University of Houston professor and former Schlumberger petroleum engineer Christine Ehlig-Economides, who chaired the task force. "Hopefully, we have clarified what are not concerns."

A LITANY OF CONCERNS

But the 204-page report still found a litany of worries about fracturing and suggested a bevy of new research.

Specifically:

- Scientists need to better track baseline land and habitat conditions near oil and gas fields, the report said, and record changes to wildlife and vegetation over time.
- Landowners in Texas who do not own the mineral rights on their land have little control over oil and gas operations. Most states with shale resources have a surface damage act to protect landowners; Texas should consider one.
- Data on waste water spills and leaks are less accessible and detailed than in other states. Texas should improve requirements to identify sources and responses.

"I'm a seismologist," said Brian Stump, a professor at Southern Methodist University and member of the task force. "But this shale gas development is critically important to a state like Texas because of its economy, and important internationally because of its energy resources. Understanding the good and bad implications helps us know what's right and what to."

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Canceled flights, burning door handles: Heat hits Southwest

By Clarice Silber and Josh Hoffner
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Airlines canceled flights in Phoenix and doctors urged people to be careful around concrete, playground equipment and vehicle interiors Monday as a punishing heat wave threatens to bring temperatures approaching 120 degrees to parts of the Southwestern U.S.

Arizona is seeing the most stifling temperatures, but the wrath of the heat wave is being felt across Nevada and California as well. Las Vegas was forecast to hit 117 today on the first day of summer, and excessive heat warnings cover almost all of California.

Despite the dangers, the weather may not be as bad as originally expected. The National Weather Service had been forecasting today highs at 120 or higher in Phoenix for the past several days, a number not seen in the desert city in more than 20 years, but it now predicts 119.

"That's deadly heat no matter how you slice it," weather service meteorologist Chris Breckenridge said.

Here are a few things to know about the heat wave:

Airlines watching the heat: When the temperature soars, it's harder for airplanes to take off.

American Airlines canceled nearly 40 flights on Tuesday in Phoenix operated by regional jets because of the heat. The airline also said it will allow Phoenix passengers flying during the peak heat Monday through Wednesday to change flights without a fee.

American Airlines spokesman Ross Feinstein said the smaller regional jets flown by its partners can't operate once the temperature hits 118. That maximum is set by Bombardier, the manufacturer.

Larger airliners made by Boeing and Airbus have higher maximum operating temperatures, but airlines still need to closely monitor the weight of the jets during the heat.

Feinstein said the carrier began limiting sales on some flights to prevent the planes from exceeding maximum weight for safe takeoff in the hot conditions. Airlines can use other strategies for limiting weight during hot weather, such as not fueling completely, then making a refueling stop.

Hitting 120 is rare: Phoenix and Las Vegas are used to 110-degree heat, but temperatures above 115 are rare.

Phoenix has hit 118 degrees 11 times, most recently last summer. The last time it reached 120 was in 1995. A notorious heat wave in 1990 brought consecutive days at 120 degrees, including the record of 122.

The heat is spread across California. The Central Valley has been baking in unusually bad heat, and the Northern California city of Redding hit a June 18 record of 110 degrees on Sunday — 19 degrees above normal.

It could be worse: Death Valley could see 124 degrees today.

Sweltering Las Vegas: Visitors should be aware of a little-known fact about the temperatures in the gambling mecca: The Strip is often hotter than the rest of the city.

Weather service meteorologist Ashley Allen says the Strip's tall, close buildings and long stretches of concrete cause the area to heat quickly and cool slowly.

She says it's hard to predict exactly how hot the Strip will get because the weather service does not get official readings there, but temperatures could reach somewhere between 115 and 120 degrees despite the city's airport forecast to hit 114 on Monday.

Burn risks: It gets so hot in Phoenix that stores put coverings over door handles so people don't burn their hands. Steering wheels and car shifters can be too hot to touch when getting into a car. And the pavement can burn the paws of pets.

The director of the Arizona Burn Center said second- and third-degree burns from touching hot items are common in the extreme heat. Dr. Kevin Foster warned people to be extra careful around concrete, car interiors and playground equipment, especially young children who have sensitive skin.

Pavement and concrete can be dangerous for pets, Foster said.

Health hazards: The heat is a serious public health hazard in places such as Phoenix and Las Vegas.

The county that is home to Phoenix had 130 heat-related deaths in 2016, the highest number in more than a decade. The Arizona Department of Health Services says nearly 2,000 people visit Arizona emergency rooms every year because of heat-related illnesses.

Homeless people comprised one-third of heat-related deaths in 2016, according to county records. Most of the others involved people with non-functioning air conditioners.

Kurt Dickson, an emergency room doctor at Banner Health in Phoenix, said people have a range of heat illnesses during the summer months, including fatigue, heatstroke and severe sun burns.



Photo: Lori Mantz sprays water to cool down her horse Chavi on Monday in Las Vegas. The Southwestern U.S. is about to feel the wrath of a punishing heat wave. **Credit:** *John Loche/Associated Press*

Kelly's Alex Jones report seen by just 3.5 million viewers

Associated Press

HARTFORD, Conn. — The publicity and uproar in the days before Sunday's broadcast of Megyn Kelly's interview with conspiracy theorist Alex Jones didn't translate into ratings.

The NBC program was seen by 3.5 million viewers, according to Nielsen, an audience dwarfed by CBS rival "60 Minutes," a rerun which drew 5.3 million viewers. "Sunday Night with Megyn Kelly" had 6.2 million viewers for Kelly's interview of Vladimir Putin on the show's June 4 debut.

In the days preceding her segment on Jones, Kelly had received widespread criticism for giving a platform to a man whose false allegations only added to the pain of the Newtown tragedy and even encouraged people to harass relatives of the victims. In the interview, Jones never gave a direct answer when Kelly pressed him to admit he was wrong and continued to raise questions about the shootings.

A parent of one of the children killed in the 2012 Connecticut school shootings says she won't view the Megyn Kelly interview of conspiracy theorist Alex Jones that aired on NBC's "Sunday Night With Megyn Kelly."

Nicole Hockley's 6-year-old son, Dylan, was among the 20 children and six educators killed at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown. She said Monday she won't watch the interview for "obvious" reasons; Jones has called the school shooting a hoax.

One Newtown parent did appear on Kelly's program: Neil Heslin, whose 6-year-old son, Jesse Lewis, was killed. When Kelly asked him if he had anything to say to Jones for Father's Day, when the interview aired, he responded, "I think he's blessed to have his children to spend the day with, to speak to. I don't have that."

Andrew Friedman, a representative for the Newtown victims' families, said Monday that neither he nor Joshua Koskoff, the lawyer for the families in a lawsuit against gun maker Remington Arms, had any comment on the Jones interview.

Connecticut's NBC affiliate did not air Sunday's report and lawyers representing 12 people who lost loved ones at Sandy Hook urged NBC News officials not to air the interview. NBC News Chairman Andy Lack told The Associated Press that the Jones story would be edited with its critics in mind.

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By Michael Melson and Associates

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In addition to serving during one of these periods, the veteran must have been discharged under other than dishonorable conditions. Single surviving spouses of such veterans are also eligible. If younger than 65, the veteran must be totally disabled. There is no disability requirement for a surviving spouse.

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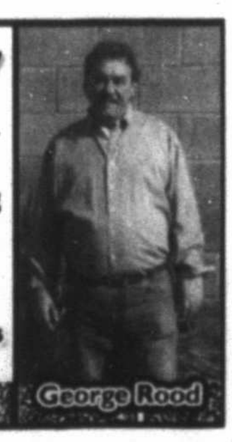
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OPINION

Shooting shouldn't stop you from speaking freely

■ Police what you say for lies, for slander, for stupidity, for simple vileness



ROSS DOUTHAT
New York Times News Service

The first thing to say about the attempted massacre of congressional Republicans on a baseball field in suburban Virginia is that the motivations of the shooter were unusual. By which I mean that, based on what we know, James Hodgkinson had surprisingly normal political beliefs. He hated Donald Trump, he liked Bernie Sanders, he wanted higher taxes on the wealthy. He was not a Communist or a paranoid knight on a shadowy crusade, but an ordinary Midwestern Democrat with far more rage but the same frustrations as many decent liberals.

Where modern assassinations are concerned, such normal partisan motivations are more unusual than you might think. John F. Kennedy was hated passionately by many Republicans in Dallas, but Lee Harvey Oswald's beliefs were Marxist, not right-wing. Nationalist movements, not partisanship, inspired Sirhan Sirhan and the Puerto Ricans who almost killed Harry Truman. George Wallace was shot by a man trying to make "a statement of my manhood for the world to see." One of Gerald Ford's two would-be assassins was a member of the Manson cult, the other a sympathizer with the Symbionese Liberation Army. John Hinckley famously shot Ronald Reagan to impress Jodie Foster.

And most recently — if a little less famously, because the media spent a long time assuming that he was tea party-inspired — Jared Lee Loughner shot Gabby Giffords because he was a lunatic obsessed with (among other things) the government's control of grammar, and she had failed to answer his town hall question: "What is government if words have no meaning?"

So Hodgkinson's seeming normalcy, his angry but relatively mainstream Democratic views, might be a warning sign for the future of our politics. The turmoil of the 1960s and 1970s generated segregationist terrorism on the right and a revolutionary underground on the left, but it did not produce much partisan terrorism, violence inspired simply by fear and hatred of the opposition party. Now, though, we hate each other simply for being Democrats and Republicans more than ever — and violence inspired simply by the polarization of the major parties would be a unique and novel threat.

The second thing to say is that a murderous attack on Republicans by an angry liberal should be an important reminder for our media-cultural establishment that societies can be pulled apart from the left as easily as from the right. Of course, network anchors and magazine editors and editorial boards know this on an intellectual level. But because our centrist elites are actually center-left there is a constant, involuntary tug toward emphasizing what's wrong on the right-wing side of the spectrum and excusing what's wrong on the other.

There's a great deal wrong on the right in the age of Donald Trump, and the scrutiny directed rightward is not at all misplaced. But as Trump proves more hapless than dangerous — or only dangerous because he's hapless — the derangement that he inspires or amplifies among his critics also matters. And if America slides toward a rendezvous with 1968, the tendency of the establishment to only see one side's dangers — to treat Marine Le Pen as uniquely terrifying but Jeremy Corbyn as merely dotty, to "remember" that Loughner was a Palin fan or that right-wing hate killed JFK — will make things more dangerous overall.

Part of what went wrong in America in the later '60s was that the liberal establishment carried water for, protected or excused its far-left children's rage. Part of what could go wrong today is evident in the way that violence in the left-wing core, the university campus, gets met with excuse-making, appeasement and halfhearted punishment from liberal authorities. The House whip bleeding on a baseball field is a reminder that brighter lines against lesser acts of violence serve the entire culture well.

But the third thing to say is that the worst of what could go wrong hasn't yet. James Hodgkinson was not part of a network of terrorists, a literal Democratic underground. No prominent politician justified his act; instead both parties prayed together before a cheering D.C. crowd. The Trump era is crazy, but not as crazy as I feared: The Antifa types and Proud Boys are more performative than revolutionary, college campuses are hothouses but not actually in flames, the internet is deranging us but perhaps also encouraging us to express derangement with tweets rather than bullets.

So we have the space to keep our bearings — which includes remembering that hot political rhetoric is a normal part of high-stakes debate, that lies are wicked but insults are very small-d democratic, that comparing self-aggrandizing presidents to Caesars is as American as apple pie, and that martial metaphors are not incitement. Only incitement is incitement.

Police what you say for lies, for slander, for stupidity, for simple vileness. Don't be Sean Hannity; don't be Kathy Griffin. Abjure the sword, the gun, the bomb.

But don't parse your every word for what a maniac might make of it. This is a free country, and still, thank God, a mostly peaceful one. Say what you believe.

GUEST VIEW

Loretta Lynch should be called to testify about 'matter'

Orange County (Calif.) Register

Sen. Dianne Feinstein has called for an inquiry into why former Attorney General Loretta Lynch directed then-FBI director James Comey to refer to the Clinton email investigation as a "matter."

That's an encouraging development, as law enforcement should never be a playing field for partisan politics.

The words that triggered Feinstein's concern may be just the tip of an iceberg. In his June 8 testimony to the Senate Select Committee on Intelligence, Comey said it gave him a "queasy" feeling that the attorney general was asking him to use language that "tracked the way the campaign was talking about the FBI's work." He called it "concerning."

He wasn't alone in his concerns. On Oct. 3, House Judiciary Committee Chairman Bob Goodlatte sent a letter to Lynch asking about immunity agreements with key witnesses in the FBI's investigation into Clinton's exclusive use of a private email server as secretary of state.

In December 2015, the Justice Department signed two immunity agreements with Bryan Pagliano, the State Department technician who set up Clinton's server. The following May, immunity was granted to Paul Combetta, the information technology contractor who deleted archived Clinton emails that were under subpoena. A month later, the DOJ granted immunity to former State Department information resources manager John Bentel, and to Heather Samuelson and Cheryl Mills, attorneys and former State Department aides to Clinton who had sorted her emails on their laptop computers.

Goodlatte wanted to know why the Justice Department had made side agreements promising that the FBI would destroy both Mills' and Samuelson's laptops after the bureau completed its search of them, making follow-up investigations impossible.

The side agreements also constrained the date range of documents that would be searched. Goodlatte asked why the time limit was necessary, since Mills and Samuelson were given immunity for any potential destruction of evidence charges.

More questions were raised by Lynch's 30-minute meeting in her private plane with Secretary Clinton's husband on June 27. Speaking to reporters after the incident, Lynch brushed off concerns about political interference. "My agency is involved in a matter looking at State Department policies and issues," she said. "It's being handled by career investigators and career agents."

But Comey testified that the conversation on the tarmac was one reason he held a press conference a week later to declare an end to the investigation.

Feinstein is certainly right to ask why the attorney general directed the head of the FBI to use language that "tracked" with the Clinton campaign's messaging.

More broadly, Congress has an obligation to find out if federal law enforcement agencies have acted with political bias to protect some politicians and damage others. That is an abuse of power that cannot be tolerated in a free country.

Feinstein, the ranking Democrat on the Senate Judiciary Committee, joins Republican members Ted Cruz and Lindsey Graham in asking Chairman Chuck Grassley to call on Lynch to testify. The sooner, the better.

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Amazon crushes more dreams

■ Deal to buy Whole Foods will allow company to dominate delivery market



CHRIS TOMLINSON
Houston Chronicle

If you faintly heard the sound of breaking bones and painful whimpers Friday morning, that was Amazon crushing the dreams of thousands of tech entrepreneurs and investors by buying Whole Foods Market.

By taking over an international grocery chain, Amazon will soon dominate the one corner of the delivery sector where it was weakest, fresh food. And that was the one corner of delivery services where smaller companies had hoped to gain a foothold.

The list of startups that offer to make your grocery store run for you is practically endless. In Houston, they include Instacart, Burpy and Shipt to name a few. Investors have put billions of dollars into these companies hoping to make money on you either being too lazy or too busy to buy your own food.

Then there are the internet meal services that send you all of the ingredients to make a meal, including the recipe. These startups include Blue Apron, Sun Basket and Home Chef. All of the ingredients are pre-measured, just follow the instructions like assembling an Ikea book shelf. The prepared food kitchens at Whole Foods can easily provide this service, too.

Then there are Whole Foods' competitors, who have spent the last few years successfully catching up with the Austin-based company's lead in organic and natural food offerings. The national shift toward healthy food has taken away Whole Foods' uniqueness and hurt same-store sales. Many of these grocery chains have either partnered with a delivery service or started their own to further take away market share from Whole Foods.

None of these startups has the resources or the distribution system that an Amazon-owned Whole Foods will possess. And while some competitors will survive, most will fail because Amazon Prime is already so popular.

Then there is the question of cost. Most delivery services allow you to shop the store of your choice online. Once your order is placed, a delivery person literally walks up and down the aisles picking items off the shelf. That's pretty inefficient, and it's labor-intensive, which makes it expensive. Most of these delivery services are losing money as they try to scale up.

Amazon will convert Whole Foods facilities into highly efficient Amazon warehouses, reducing the time it takes to put together an order. By using Amazon trucks currently used to deliver nonperishable packages, the new Whole Foods will get your groceries to you quicker and at a lower cost.

Amazon also has the bank account to operate at a deficit for longer than most of the startups in order to gain market share.

If you are someone who likes to use Amazon, it makes perfect sense to order your groceries while you are buying a book or some other item. This is all part of Amazon's bid to be your one-stop for all of your shopping needs.

What will perhaps be most fascinating to watch over the next few years is how Amazon changes the corporate culture at Whole Foods, a company known for treating employees pretty well. Amazon has a dismal track record.

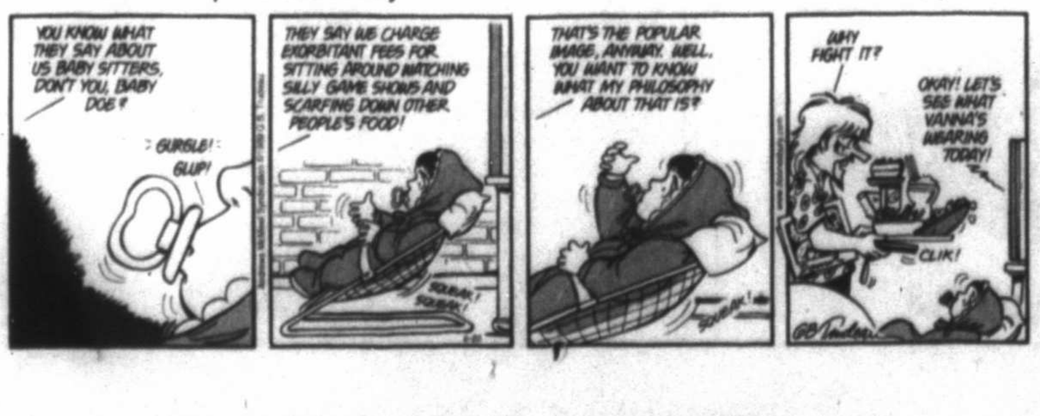
Perhaps the person most likely to feel crushed by the deal is Whole Foods CEO John Mackey, who started the grocery store near the University of Texas at Austin in 1980. The store he started as a rebellion against the big grocery chains and chemically laced foods will soon be the property of a company that will sell almost anything as long as it is legal.

Mackey, though, couldn't stave off the demands of the activist investors he called "greedy bastards" in a Texas Monthly interview. He will be well-compensated, but there is little chance that Whole Foods will not undergo an overhaul under Amazon CEO Jeff Bezos' direction, and Mackey likely will not recognize the company in five years.

Amazon's purchase of Whole Foods is a reminder of why making a wise tech investment is so difficult. There are few ideas, such as grocery delivery, that are truly proprietary. And that means a major corporation can easily big-foot a small startup if a nascent business looks promising.

That's what's happened to dozens of delivery service companies on Friday, and a lot of people just lost a lot of money because Amazon will now dominate the sector.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore





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A police officer stands near floral tributes in Finsbury Park after an incident where a van struck pedestrians Monday in London. British authorities and Islamic leaders moved swiftly to ease concerns in the Muslim community after a man plowed his vehicle into a crowd of worshippers outside a north London mosque early Monday, injuring at least nine people.

Van attack on London Muslims suggests new polarization

By Danica Kirka, Paisley Dodds and Gregory Katz
Associated Press

LONDON — The rash of deadly terror attacks that has rattled Britain in recent months took an ominous new turn on Monday as Muslim worshippers became targets during the holy month of Ramadan, mowed down by an attacker who plowed a van into a crowd leaving prayers at two mosques in north London.

It was the same tactic Islamic extremists used in recent assaults on Westminster Bridge and London Bridge. Those attacks and a third outside a pop concert in Manchester have triggered a surge in hate crimes against Muslims around Britain.

British authorities, including Prime Minister Theresa May, and Islamic leaders moved swiftly to ease concerns in the Muslim community following the attack shortly after midnight that injured at least nine people in London's Finsbury Park neighborhood, which is home to a large Muslim population.

Authorities said the incident was being treated as a terror attack. One man died at the scene, although he was receiving first aid at the time and it wasn't clear if he died as a result of the attack or from something else.

British media identified the suspect as Darren Osborne, a 47-year-old Briton and father of four living in Cardiff, Wales, who was not known to authorities before the attack.

Details about the assailant were sketchy, but the assault — the most dramatic against Muslims in London in recent years — suggested a new, dangerous level of polarization in British society.

"This was an attack on Muslims near their place of worship," May said in a televised address. "And like all terrorism, in whatever form, it shares the same fundamental goal. It seeks to drive us apart — and to break the precious bonds of solidarity and citizenship that we share in this country. We will not let this happen."

Mayor Sadiq Khan, London's first Muslim mayor, also urged residents to stand together.

"While this appears to be an attack on a particular community, like the terrible attacks in Manchester, Westminster and London Bridge, it is also an assault on all our shared values of tolerance, freedom and respect," Khan said, adding that there would be "zero tolerance" for hate crimes.

"We will not allow these terrorists to succeed. ... We will stay a strong city," the mayor said.

May said police would assess security at mosques and provide any additional resources needed ahead of upcoming celebrations marking the end of Ramadan.

The Metropolitan Police Service, already stretched by investigations of the earlier attacks and a high-rise apartment fire that killed at least 79 people, said it was putting extra patrols on the streets to protect the public.

The attack occurred about 12:20 a.m. when a speeding white van swerved into worshippers emerging from prayers outside the Muslim Welfare House and nearby Finsbury Park Mosque. People surrounded the driver and witnesses said the outraged crowd began attacking him. A local imam, Mohammed Mahmoud, said he and others shielded the man until police could take him away.

"By God's grace, we were able to protect him from harm," the imam said.

Police said the driver was arrested on suspicion of the commission, preparation or instigation of terrorism, including murder and attempted murder.

Toufik Kacimi, chief executive of the Muslim Welfare House, told Sky News the attack clearly targeted Muslims, saying the driver acted deliberately and was not drunk or mentally ill.

"The driver of the van, said 'I did my bit,' which means he's not mentally ill," Kacimi said. "This person was conscious. He did what he did deliberately to hit and kill as many Muslims as possible, so he is a terrorist."

But Kacimi said there was no need for the Muslim community to panic, because police and government officials have been "very, very supportive."

SUPREME COURT ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Supreme Court strikes down sex offender social media ban

The Supreme Court struck down a North Carolina law Monday that bars convicted sex offenders from Facebook, Twitter and other popular sites.

The justices ruled unanimously in favor of North Carolina resident Lester Packingham Jr. His Facebook boast about beating a traffic ticket led to his conviction for violating a 2008 law aimed at keeping sex offenders off internet sites children might use.

The court rejected the state's argument that the law deals with the virtual world in the same way that states keep sex offenders out of playgrounds and other places children visit.

WASHINGTON

Top court to hear case that could reshape US political map

The Supreme Court will take up a momentous fight over parties manipulating electoral districts to gain partisan advantage in a case that could affect the balance of power between Democrats and Republicans across the United States.

At issue is whether Republican lawmakers in Wisconsin drew legislative districts that favored their party and were so out of whack with the state's political breakdown that they violated the constitutional rights of Democratic voters.

It will be the high court's first case in more than a decade on what's known as partisan gerrymandering. A lower court struck down the districts as unconstitutional last year.

The justices won't hear the arguments until the fall, but the case has already taken on a distinctly ideological, if not partisan, tone. Just 90 minutes after justices announced Monday that they would hear the case, the five more conservative justices voted to halt a lower court's order to redraw the state's legislative districts by November, in time for next year's elections.

Syria brings new urgency to easing US-Russia tensions

By Robert Burns and Matthew Lee
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The U.S. shoots down a Syrian fighter jet for the first time. Syria attacks America's allies against Islamic State militants. Iran fires missiles into Syria. Russia threatens to target U.S. coalition planes.

As Syria's complex war ramps up, the Trump administration is scrambling to tamp down tensions and avoid open hostilities with the Russians.

This weekend's fast-paced developments bring new urgency to easing escalating strains between Washington and Moscow, who are both fighting in Syria but with opposing objectives. It's an effort made more complicated by the increasingly messy battlefield in the Arab country, which includes deepening Iranian involvement — its first missile foray into Syria occurred Sunday — and an ongoing probe in the United States into Russian meddling in the presidential election.

In the first high-level U.S. public comments about the situation, Marine Gen. Joseph Dunford, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, said Monday the former Cold War foes are in delicate discussions to restore normalcy to communications and maintain focus on fighting IS instead of each other.

"The worst thing any of us could do right now is address this with hyperbole," Dunford said at the National Press Club.

Throughout Syria's six-and-a-half year civil war, the United States has supported rebels opposed to President Bashar Assad's government and extremist groups like IS, while Russia has backed Assad. And that disagreement has constrained American leaders, who've made clear that any U.S. military activity in Syria avoid provoking an open confrontation between the U.S. and Russia, the world's two greatest nuclear powers.

At the White House, spokesman Sean Spicer said: "It's important and crucial that we keep lines of communication open to deconflict potential issues." The U.S. and Russia use the term "deconfliction" for discussions to prevent mishaps between their planes flying in Syria's skies.

But in a warning that the U.S. would protect its partners, Spicer said: "The Syrian regime and others in the region need to understand that we will retain the right of self-defense of coalition forces aligned against ISIS."

Tensions rose Sunday as the U.S. shot down a Syrian Air Force SU-22 fighter that U.S. officials said had bombed American-backed Syrian fighters involved in an emerging battle to recapture the Islamic State's self-declared capital of Raqqa. The U.S.-led coalition said it acted in "collective self-defense" of partnered forces. Russia called it a "cynical" violation of the Arab country's sovereignty.

Russia said its warplanes were flying over Syria at the time of the shootdown and the U.S. failed to use the existing deconfliction channel between U.S. military officers at al-Udeid air base in Qatar and Russian officers at Hemeimeem air base.

"We view these actions by the U.S. military as a deliberate failure to heed its obligations," the Defense Ministry said, adding that it was immediately suspending cooperation under an October 2015 agreement to ensure safe air operations over Syria. It also issued what appeared a threat to target U.S. coalition aircraft flying west of the Euphrates River.

Dunford seemed unperturbed.

"I'm confident that we are still communicating," he said, adding: "I'm also confident that our forces have the capability to take care of themselves."

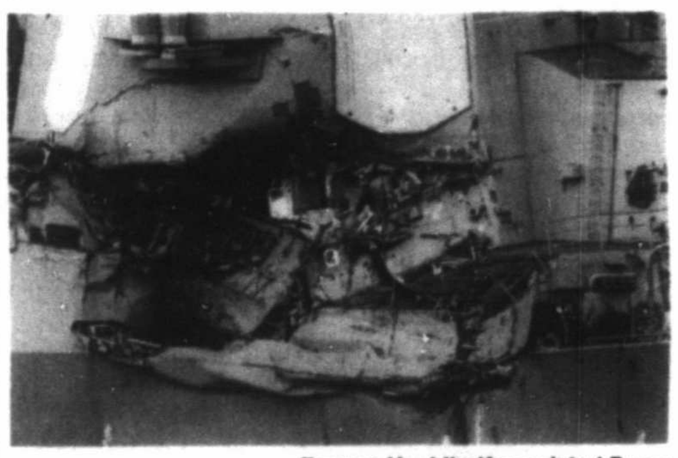
The immediate effect on the U.S.-led campaign against IS is unclear. Coalition aircraft will continue flying throughout Syria, although some assets will be repositioned, said Col. Ryan Dillon, a coalition spokesman.

"We are going to make sure that we have the right aircraft in the right places," he said, noting that some aircraft may have to avoid "high-threat" areas.

The U.S. and its coalition partners fly combat and support missions daily out of several bases in the Middle East, including in Qatar and Turkey. The flights support Syrian Arab and Kurdish fighters aligned against Islamic State militants. The U.S. also has about 1,000 troops on the ground in Syria advising local fighters.

Russia has fighter aircraft, air defense weapons and other military assets in Syria in support of President Bashar Assad's government. Moscow has said it entered the fight mainly to combat IS. "We'll see if that's true here in the coming hours," Dunford said.

Syria's latest developments add significance to talks set for Friday in St Petersburg between senior U.S. and Russian diplomats meant to focus on key differences in the relationship, such as Syria and Ukraine. Tom Shannon, the State Department No. 3, will meet Sergei Ryabkov, Russia's deputy foreign minister.



Eugene Hoshiko/Associated Press

Damaged part of USS Fitzgerald is seen at the U.S. Naval base Sunday in Yokosuka, southwest of Tokyo. Navy divers found a number of sailors' bodies Sunday aboard the stricken USS Fitzgerald that collided with a container ship Saturday in the busy sea off Japan.

Japan investigates delay in reporting US Navy ship collision

By Mari Yamaguchi
Associated Press

TOKYO — Japan's coast guard is investigating why it took nearly an hour for a deadly collision between a U.S. Navy destroyer and a container ship to be reported.

A coast guard official said Monday they are trying to find out what the crew of the Philippine-flagged ACX Crystal was doing before reporting the collision off Japan's coast to authorities 50 minutes later.

The ACX Crystal collided with the USS Fitzgerald off Japan's coast, killing seven of the destroyer's crew of nearly 300. The ships collided early Saturday morning, when the Navy said most of the 300 sailors on board would have been sleeping. Authorities have declined to speculate on a cause while the crash remains under investigation.

A track of the much-larger container ship's route by MarineTraffic, a vessel-tracking service, shows it made a sudden turn as if trying to avoid something at about 1:30 a.m., before continuing eastward. It then made a U-turn and returned around 2:30 a.m. to the area near the collision.

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Poll: Courts are right to block Trump's travel ban

By Alicia A. Caldwell and Emily Swanson
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Most Americans say federal courts are acting properly in blocking President Donald Trump's travel ban, according to a new poll by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research.

Two versions of the travel ban targeting Muslim-majority countries have been put on hold by federal courts. Trump says the ban is necessary to keep would-be terrorists from traveling to the United States. Opponents, including some state officials, argue that it is intended to keep Muslims out.

Fifty-seven percent of Americans say the courts have acted correctly by blocking the travel ban from taking effect, while 39 percent say the judges are wrongly interfering. The poll shows a sharp partisan divide: 82 percent of Democrats say the courts acted rightly, while 73 percent of Republicans say they're wrongly interfering. Among independents, 56 percent agree with the courts.

"From the beginning President Trump said, even before the election, that he intended to ban Muslims, not that he intended to ban terrorists but Muslims," said Nick Hardy, 54, an independent voter who said he leans Democratic. "That's just not right."

Trump initially signed an executive order in late January that banned people from Iran, Iraq, Syria, Yemen, Sudan, Somalia and Libya from traveling to the United States. That included legal permanent residents. The order also blocked all refugees from being resettled in the United States. The order caused chaos and confusion at airports around the world. Some travelers arriving in the United States were detained before being sent home, and people overseas were blocked from boarding U.S.-bound flights.

The original order was blocked in federal court, and an appeals court later upheld that ruling. A second order that dropped Iraq from the list of affected countries also has been blocked. It also exempted legal U.S. residents from the ban.

The Trump administration has asked the Supreme Court to immediately reinstate the updated ban, saying the U.S. will be safer if it is in place.

The San Francisco-based 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals this month refused to reinstate the executive order, and a three-judge panel said the administration failed to show that blocking citizens from the six nations was needed to protect the U.S. The court also found that the president's order violated an immigration law prohibiting discrimination based on nationality.

As a candidate, Trump pledged to block Muslims from traveling to the United States until American authorities could get a better handle on vetting visitors and immigrants. Those campaign remarks have been used as evidence of his intention by opponents of the order.

The 4th U.S. Circuit in Richmond, Virginia, also has called Trump's national security concerns an after-the-fact justification for an order "steeped in animus and directed at a single religious group."

Sixty-two percent of responders did think trying to protect the United States from security threats was a major reason, while 26 percent thought it was a minor reason and 11 percent thought it was not a reason at all.

On the other hand, 50 percent of people who responded to the AP-NORC poll said they think a desire to prevent Muslims from entering the country was a major reason for the ban, while 20 percent said it was a minor reason. Twenty-eight percent thought it was not a reason.

Trump's legal plan built in his image: Fight, fight, fight

By Eric Tucker and Jonathan Lemire
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump, whose combative instincts are to lash out and never retreat, appears to be shaping a legal team in his own image, His clear directive: Fight, fight, fight.

In aggressively worded statements and confrontational TV appearances, Trump's personal lawyers and newly hired proxies have shown themselves more than ready to defend him in the manner to which he is accustomed — with arguments seemingly aimed at public opinion as much as at warding off any actual legal threat from prosecutors.

The legal team, like the president, has come out ready to hit hard, even if not always quite accurately.

"The president has not been and is not under investigation," lawyer Jay Sekulow has declared repeatedly the past few days, only to add to the statement Monday that he didn't know for certain if that was true. "The legal team has not been notified," he said on CNN.

The Trump team's style makes for a study in contrasts when compared to the seasoned group of prosecutors and criminal law experts working under Robert Mueller, the tight-lipped, respected ex-FBI director. To make it even more difficult, their client's public statements often threaten to undercut their work.

"I don't care who Trump hires. There's no reason to think he's going to listen to legal advice," said Washington defense lawyer Peter Zeidenberg. "Good luck trying to represent him."

It's too early to say for sure what legal strategy his team will settle on, especially since the full contours of the probe aren't known and no public allegations have been leveled by investigators. But two avenues appear clear so far: The lawyers are prepared to paint Mueller's investigative team as somehow politically motivated, or too aligned with the interests of fired FBI Director James Comey; and they will argue the president didn't illegally exert pressure on the investigation.

Already, they've floated the idea that Mueller could be biased because some members of his investigative team have made campaign contributions to Democrats and because Mueller interviewed for the FBI director's job after Trump fired Comey.

Attacking the idea that the president tried to obstruct the investigation also seems key. Comey did tell Trump he was not personally under investigation, but that was before the director was fired. Comey has since said he suspects the circumstances of his firing will be scrutinized by Mueller, putting pressure on Trump's supporters to deny any illegal intent — critical to an obstruction of justice case. Some suggest his actions were wholly legitimate, based on ignorance rather than malevolence or on anger at an FBI director who would not repeat publicly his private reassurances.

"If you can prove that there was something there and the president knew about it, then the obstruction case looks far stronger," said Washington attorney Justin Dillon. "But if it's just, he's acting impetuously because he doesn't like having himself or his friends investigated for something he genuinely believes he didn't do, then I think that's a much harder case for obstruction."

Dems' motions, speeches knock GOP health bill for secrecy

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — They threatened to slow the Senate's work with procedural motions. They forced the chamber's top Republican to swat aside reasonable sounding requests, like holding committee hearings. And they delivered speech after speech after speech.

Democrats used all those tools Monday evening to try drawing attention to the Senate GOP's secretive effort to craft a bill scuttling President Barack Obama's health care law and push it through the chamber by next week's end. Their largely symbolic effort was likely to have little or no impact on how Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell handles the measure.

Yet Democrats were hoping it would have at least two effects — scare off Republicans wavering over whether to back the measure, and show liberal activists that Democrats are aggressively trying to thwart the legislation, even though they lack the votes to derail it.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., said President Donald Trump and GOP lawmakers seeking re-election next year "will reap the whirlwind" once voters learn about the legislation.

McConnell, R-Ky., is using closed-door meetings among Republicans to write a bill. In the sessions lawmakers try to resolve internal GOP disputes over how to reduce insurance coverage standards Obama's law requires, cut the Medicaid health care program for the poor and cut taxes Obama levied on higher earners and the medical industry.

"The only thing more secret than Republicans' health care bill is Donald Trump's tax returns," said Sen. Ed Markey, D-Mass.

Democrats are increasingly worried that McConnell will jam the bill through the Senate with little debate, limiting their chance to scrutinize the bill and whip up opposition against it.

Under special rules, each party will have just 10 hours of debate on the measure before the chamber begins a vote-a-rama, a series of quick amendment votes with little discussion. Democrats have even suggested a scenario in which Senate debate begins on a preliminary version of the GOP measure and McConnell offers the final package as a late amendment, giving Democrats little or no time to criticize it.

As Democrats made a series of motions that McConnell turned aside, Schumer twice asked the GOP leader to ensure Democrats they will have more than 10 hours to study the bill before the vote.

"I think we'll have ample opportunity to read and amend the bill," McConnell answered each time.

The procedures McConnell will use will let Senate Republicans pass the bill as long as no more than two of the 52 GOP senators oppose it. It remains uncertain McConnell will be able to do that, but both parties respect his ability to keep his party unified and count votes.

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Retiring custodian leaves mark on Crockett Elementary

■ Educate Midland recognizes employee for 39 years at MISD school

By Simone Jasper
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For nearly four decades, Odilon Bretado took pride in maintaining the Crockett Elementary building. As the campus starts a new chapter, the longtime custodian will settle into retirement.

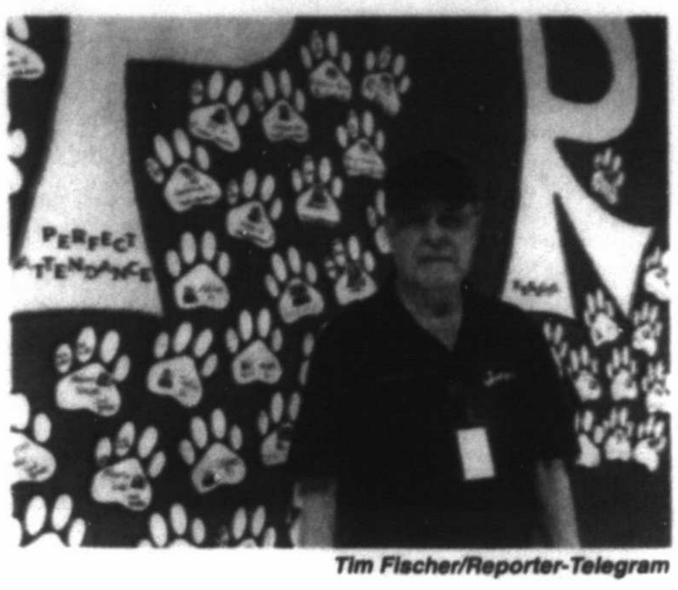
"I feel very proud of the people that were here," he said in Spanish. "We had seven principals, and I respected them all. We were a big family."

During his 39 years as a custodian, Bretado met generations of students attending the elementary school. He said living in the neighborhood allowed him to stay in touch long after they walked the halls.

"I had a lot of pleasure, pride to live in the district and see people at the school and on the street," Bretado said.

Rosa Flores, a former student at Crockett, noticed Bretado's dedication when she taught there. She said he was attentive to her classroom maintenance needs and checked the

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Odilon Bretado is retiring after nearly 40 years as custodian at Crockett Elementary.

LEE CLASS OF 2017



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Lee High School commencement ceremony was held June 3 at Chaparral Center.

Editor's note: The list for the Lee High School Class of 2017 that was published in the June 13 edition was incomplete because the school inadvertently did not submit all of the names. The students who were omitted are listed below. (This list does not include students whose parents have requested that information about their children not be released.)

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Lauren Faith Alexander
Braden Lane Alford
Krystina Anahi Arguello
Chloe Mckenna Berry
Gunnar Cade Blevins
Khalil Abraham Boroski
Nathan Scott Bowden
Neil Braxton Braly
Matthew Brian Calloway
Charlye Elise Campbell
Jared Paul Causey
Jacob Ryan Chaparro
Celie Renae Clark
Britton Oliver Corbett
Tempest Sabine Cox
Erik Patrick Crowl
Kason Lee Curtis
Katelyn Renee Day
Nicholas Matt De La Rosa
Ethan Joshua De Los Rios
Samiksha Reddy Deme
Tatum Renee Dotson
Gavyn David Freeman
Levi Charles Graham
Jacob Daniel Greer
Joshua Ryan Harrington
Amit Raj Heeraman
Aaron Wyatt Hernandez
Mariah Gabrielle Herrera
Eric Anthony Hillman
Marcus Andrew Hinojosa
Christopher Ethan Hobbs
Sarah Katherine Hobbs
Helen Faye Jennings
Madison Sheree Kelly
Jackson Paul Knox
Sophia Koo
Madison Leavitt
Katherine Anne Ledrew
Rylee Christopher Maguire
Aubree Renee Mcdermett
Anuj Ram Mocherla
Jonathan Pete Molina
Trisha Nag
Michille Nguyen
Kelsey Camille Olson
Juwon Isaiah Packer
Michael Edward Parada
James Harrison Patton
Emily Marie Peek
Chloe Skye Perez
Madison Corine Petrich
Augustus Clay Pollock
Randle Cooper Pool
Haylee Shay Pruitt
Jaime Ivan Ramos
Brady Ann Richardson
Jacob Daniel Rodriguez
Jordan Christopher Rodriguez
Joshua Azari Romero
Desirae Anastacia Sanchez
Daniel Lane Shaffer
Meghan Ellyse Smith
Niccolo Giuseppe Sorianello
Kaitlin Nicole Steed
Kyle Douglas Swiney
Callen Gage Thompson
Tatiana Janelle Ulate
Jacob Henry Goshen Vargas
Cason Patrick Vitello
Sarah Meilyn Weaver
Matthew Scott Winkley
Cassidy Lin Wray
John Austin Wuthrich

Some schools rethink tradition of class rankings

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

LANCASTER, N.Y. — At many American high schools, the graduation-day tradition of crowning a valedictorian is becoming a thing of the past.

The ranking of students from No. 1 on down, based on grade-point averages, has been fading steadily for about the past decade. In its place are honors that recognize everyone who scores at a certain threshold — using Latin honors, for example. This year, one school in Tennessee had 48 valedictorians.

About half of schools no longer report class rank, according to the National Association of Secondary School Principals. Administrators worry about the college prospects of students separated by large differences in class rank despite small differences in their GPAs, and view rankings as obsolete in an era of high expectations for every student, association spokesman Bob Farrace said. There are also concerns about intense, potentially unhealthy competition and students letting worries about rank drive their course selections.



Carolyn Thompson/AP

In this June 6 photo, Daniel Buscaglia, 17, looks through the program from the previous night's senior awards banquet at Lancaster High School in Lancaster, N.Y. Buscaglia's 101.9 grade point average earned him the honor of valedictorian of his graduating class of nearly 500 students, but at many American high schools, the tradition of ranking students from No. 1 on down is being replaced by honors that recognize everyone who scores at a certain threshold.

Among those weighing a change is Lancaster High School in suburban Buffalo, where students are leading an exploration of replacing valedictorian-salutatorian recognitions with the college-style Latin honors of summa cum laude, magna cum laude and cum laude.

The principal, Cesar Marchioli, said he's neutral on the issue, though he feels for the 11th-ranked student who falls just short of the recognition awarded to the top 10 seniors honored at the annual banquet.

Graduating Lancaster senior Connor Carrow, 17, has pressed for the switch to Latin honors since his sophomore year, well before landing just out of the top 10, at No. 14, while serving as student union president and playing varsity lacrosse and hockey. He said it's a better fit with the school's collaborative and cooperative ideals.

"You're striving for that (honor) personally, but you're not hoping that you're better than these other 400 people next to you," said Carrow.

The view was somewhat different from the No. 1 spot occupied by Carrow's classmate Daniel Buscaglia, who also played saxophone in several performance ensembles and volunteered in his town's youth bureau. While he doesn't oppose the change, Buscaglia expects the competition in high school, although it was mostly friendly, will help him at Cornell University in the fall.

Elsewhere, commenters have peppered news websites with disparaging comparisons to giving "participation trophies" to avoid hurt

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MIDLAND COLLEGE PROFILES

By Rebecca Bell

Immigrant from Nigeria looks forward to a nursing career

Editor's note: This is one in a series on Midland College students and alumni.

Titilayo Olajide left her home in Lagos, Nigeria, on March 27, 2013, and immigrated to the U.S. Her first stop was New York City.



Olajide

"I had a good life in Nigeria," Titilayo said. "The saddest days of my life were coming to the U.S."

Titilayo's father had accepted a position with Sun Coast Resources Inc. and moved to the U.S. several years earlier. Once he was settled in Midland, Titilayo, her mother and her two younger brothers joined him. At the time, Titilayo was 23, and she said that it was hard leaving her boyfriend and her older sister in Nigeria.

Titilayo had taken some college courses in Nigeria; however, when she first moved to the United States, she didn't feel she was quite ready to take on the challenges of higher education. She spoke English, but she said she was more comfortable speaking her native language, which is Yoruba. She began working at Taco Villa and soon adjusted to life in Midland.

During the time she was becoming acclimated to the U.S., she kept in contact with her boyfriend, and in October 2013, she was able to travel back to Nigeria in order to marry. Her husband joined her in Midland in November 2015, and he is now employed as a parole officer for the Texas Department of Criminal Justice.

In 2016, Titilayo decided it was time to resume college courses, and she enrolled in Midland College with the goal of becoming a registered nurse. She is currently taking general education courses in order to meet the prerequisites for admission into MC's associate degree nursing program.

Titilayo said that there is a demand for nurses in this area, and she believes that a nursing career holds promise of advancement opportunities. She is looking forward to being able to begin taking nursing courses. In the meantime, she said that she is enjoying her prerequisite courses, particularly statistics taught by Linda Penny and history taught by Frank DeLaO.

"I also loved taking English from Dr. Glenda Lindsey Hicks," Titilayo said. "She encouraged me to 'think outside the box' and has really helped me improve my writing skills, while at the same time giving me confidence to express my feelings through written word."

Titilayo and her husband are looking forward to starting a family in the future. For now, they enjoy spending time together watching movies.

"We both really like American comedy and horror movies," she said. "Sometimes, my husband will compromise and watch a romance movie with me. Of course, there are other times, when I watch action movies with him."

The couple now embrace their life in Midland and call it home. Titilayo is enthusiastic about starting a nursing career in the Permian Basin.

"I want to help people, and I like the idea of doing it through nursing," Titilayo said. "I have come to love Midland, and my husband and I want to stay here. In a way, Midland reminds me a lot of my home in Lagos. The terrain is much the same. The only difference is that Lagos tends to be cooler in the summer. My first summer in Midland was hot."

So, as Titilayo begins another summer in the heat of West Texas, she finds herself looking forward to the fall semester at MC, enjoying home life and preparing for a rewarding career in the health care field.

Rebecca Bell is is dean, community relations, at Midland College.

MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

St. Mark's United Methodist Church has awarded scholarships to three of its graduating seniors. Midland High School graduate **Caitlin Bela** and Lee High School graduates **Hannah Gloden** and **Joshua Melendez** received St. Mark's UMC Memorial Scholarships. Bela also received the St. Mark's Tracy Rhodes Memorial Scholarship.

The awards totaled about $6,000.

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Midland Society of University Women has presented **Catherine Reber** with its annual scholarship.



Reber

Reber, the daughter of Dean and Karen Reber, attends University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

This is the third year she has received the scholarship.

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OKLAHOMA CITY — Midlander **Sarah McCoy** has been named to the President's Honor Roll for the spring semester at University of Central Oklahoma. To be eligible, students must maintain a 4.0 GPA.

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SEARCY, Ark. — Two Midlanders have graduated from Harding University.

Amy Rousselot received a bachelor of science in biology and graduated cum laude.

Hannah Reimert received a bachelor of arts in theater.

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BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Midlander **Shelby Collins** has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Samford University.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.5.

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LUBBOCK — Midlander **Morgan Lowery** graduated in May from Lubbock Christian University. She received a bachelor of business administration degree.



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In this June 6 photo, Connor Carrow, 17, left, and Principal Cesar Marchioli pose inside Marchioli's office at Lancaster, High School in Lancaster, N.Y., the day after Marchioli gave Carrow a leadership award at the senior awards banquet. has been fading steadily for about the past decade and about half of American schools no longer report class rank.

MC honors Cogdell scholarship recipients

Midland College hosted a ceremony last week to honor recipients of the Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship. Fifty-one students were recognized for being on the Dean's or President's lists at MC or University of Texas of the Permian Basin or for receiving a degree or certification from one of the two schools.

The scholarship funds tuition, fees and books for students at MC and continues to provide funds for students who wish to transfer to UTPB.

Keynote speaker was Hector Villareal, a high school dropout who received his GED at MC's Cogdell Learning Center. A Cogdell scholarship allowed him to receive an associate degree from MC, and a bachelor of science in math from UTPB.

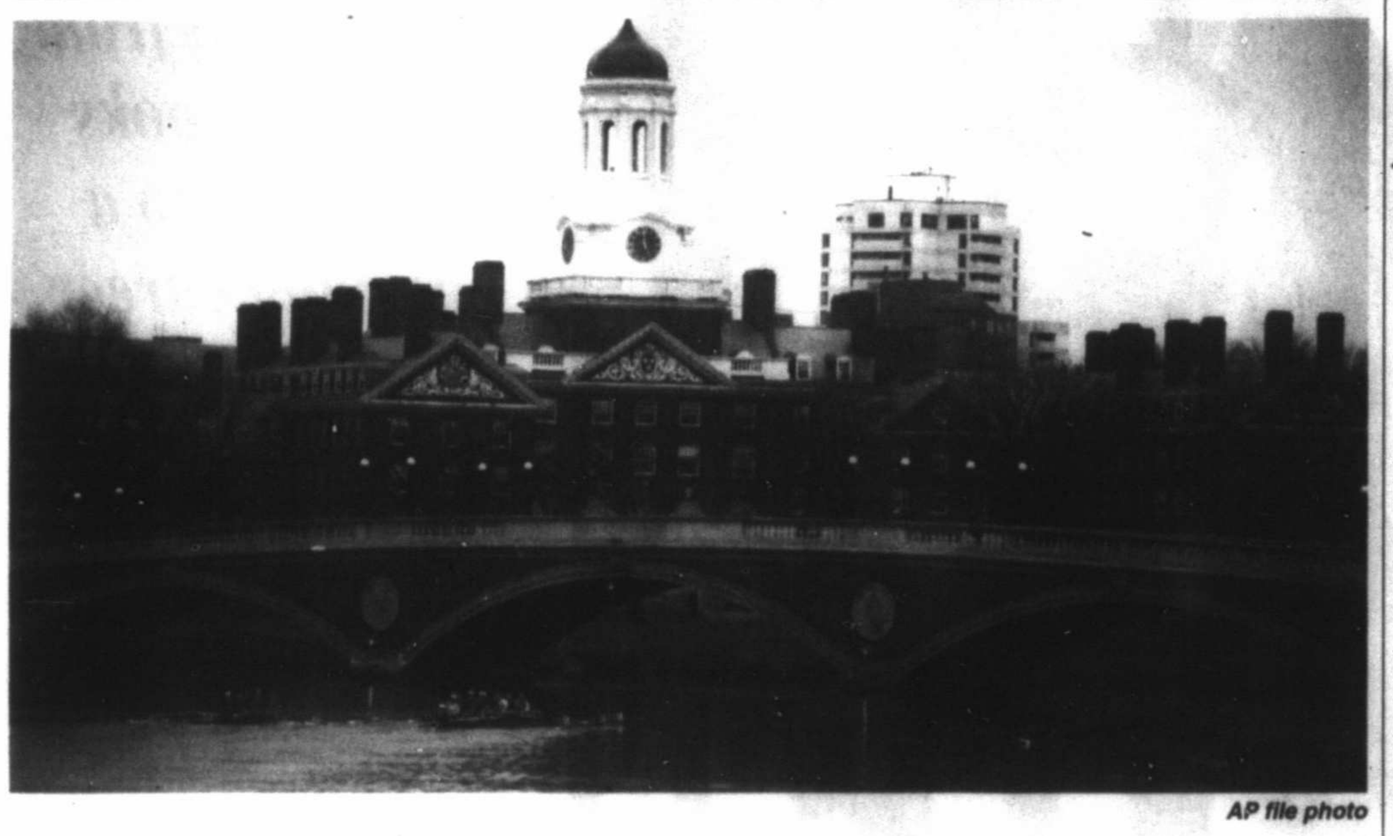
EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Sonic to fund classroom projects

Sonic Drive-In announced last month that 21 local classroom projects will receive more than $13,000 in funding through the Limeades for Learning campaign. The funding will fulfill teachers' projects at various Midland ISD campuses and Greenwood Elementary School.

Limeades for Learning partners with the website donorschoose.org to support public school classrooms in Sonic markets, and the campaign has funded two other Midland-area projects since 2009. The recent announcement coincided with #ThanksTeach, a social media campaign to express teacher appreciation.



AP file photo

In this March 7 photo, rowers paddle down the Charles River near the campus of Harvard University in Cambridge, Mass. A debate over the appropriateness of the school's decision to rescind offers of admission to 10 students has expanded far beyond the halls of Harvard and is being watched closely by other campuses, particularly at a time of heightened attention to free speech on college campuses.

Harvard students' ouster over offensive posts stirs debate

By Sally Ho
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Few college-bound kids lose their shot, and their slot, at their dream school once they get in, but it happened at one of the world's most elite institutions and for a reason that has, until recently, hardly registered in the university admissions process: social media.

Harvard University's decision to rescind admission offers to 10 incoming freshmen because of offensive Facebook posts comes at a time of heightened attention to free speech and student conduct on U.S. college campuses, and has stirred debate far beyond the halls of the Ivy League school.

Other schools say it's an eye-opener for those involved in the admissions process.

"We're going to continue to watch how this unfolds and, with other higher ed institutions, learn from it," said Janet Bonkowski, spokeswoman for the University of Wisconsin in Green Bay.

Harvard rescinded the admission offers after discovering the students had traded offensive images and messages on a private Facebook group, student newspaper The Harvard Crimson reported. The posts were often sexually explicit and mocked Mexicans, the Holocaust, sexual assault and child abuse.

The Cambridge, Massachusetts, university declined to comment, but the school does tell accepted students their offers can be withdrawn if their behavior "brings into question their honesty, maturity or moral character."

Its decision may have been rare, but the situation it addressed was not: young applicants crossing lines in their social media posts.

Mike Reilly, a former college admissions officer in Washington state and now an executive with the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers, said Harvard's move can be seen as incongruent with free speech.

But Nancy Beane, a high school counselor in Atlanta and president of the National Association for College Admission Counseling, said zero tolerance for racist comments should be the standard for all institutions of higher education.

"We're all humans. We're all going to make mistakes and make poor choices in our lives, but there are consequences," Beane said. "I'm not sure why we've decided people can say whatever they want, do whatever they want, and there are no consequences for it."

In 2015, the national counselors association surveyed its members at more than 1,700 colleges and found less than a third reported rescinding

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To post or not to post: Internet tips for college hopefuls

Google yourself. Curate your online photos. The general rule of thumb, as one private high school advises its students: Don't post anything you wouldn't want your grandmother to see.

Guidance counselors have warned college applicants for years to mind their social media posts but can now cite a high-profile example at Harvard University, which revoked offers of admission to 10 students for offensive Facebook posts.

Colleges rarely revoke admission for online offenses, but social media's role in the college admission process is a growing reality. Here are some experts' tips on what to post — and not post — if you're trying to get into college.

What research shows

Research from Kaplan Test Prep suggests online scrutiny of college applicants is increasing. Of 365 admissions officers surveyed, 35 percent said they check Instagram, Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites to learn more about applicants, according to a poll released in February. Kaplan Test Prep has conducted annual surveys on the subject since 2008, when 10 percent of admissions officials said they checked applicants' social media pages.

The Harvard case highlights that "admissions doesn't necessarily end at the acceptance letter," says Yariv Alpher, executive director of research for Kaplan, the test-preparation company.

The case included jokes about the Holocaust and sexual assault that were shared on a private Facebook group for incoming Harvard freshmen, according to The Harvard Crimson, which broke the news earlier this month. Harvard has declined to comment but says it tells new students that admission offers can be withdrawn if their behavior calls into question their maturity or moral character.

The grandmother rule

San Francisco University High School seniors are given a warning each fall to clean up their online presence — and nix any posts they wouldn't show Grandma, said Jon Reider, director of college counseling at the elite private school.

"The mythical grandmother is held up as an icon of moral standards," Reider said.

Another word of wisdom: Don't make jokes online.

"Unless you are certified as being the funniest kid in the class, don't be funny," Reider said. "A sense of humor can be dangerous online."

Don't brag

Colgate University admissions officers don't routinely cruise prospective students' social media sites, says dean of admissions Gary L. Ross.

"However, there are occasions, very rarely, were something might be brought to our attention, and it would be foolish for us, if the matter is serious enough, not to check that out," Ross said.

He cited a case from a few years ago where a student bragged on social media that she applied early to Colgate and another institution, which violates an agreement students sign to apply early to only one school.

"That was brought to our attention. I was in touch with the other dean of admission, and we both agreed it was in violation of each institution's rules, and the student was denied at both."

Edit online user names

Make sure your email address is appropriate, says Nancy Beane, associate director of college counseling at The Westminster Schools in Atlanta, and president of the National Association for College Admission Counseling.

Silly, vulgar or otherwise unprofessional usernames might look good to teenagers but send the wrong message to adults.

Beane also advises students to be mindful of how they treat others online, including comments and trolling of other accounts.

More do's and don'ts

The Princeton Review offers social media tips for college applicants, including "Google yourself" to see what turns up.

"Maybe you've made a comment on a blog that you'd rather not have show up, or a friend has tagged you in an unflattering photo," Princeton Review says in a tip sheet on its website.

It also advises students to check their privacy settings to know what can be seen publicly, and to edit their online photo galleries.

"A picture is worth a thousand words, so make sure you're OK with what those words might be."

By Jocelyn Gecker
Associated Press

RANKINGS

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feelings, while supporters point out the often statistically insignificant differences that separate students.

Rankings still play an important part in aspects of the college admissions process. There are scholarships for the top-ranked students, and the number of top students at colleges is factored into college rankings. Class ranks are also credited with improving diversity at the University of Texas, where a law guaranteed that a school's top 10 percent would be accepted into a public university.

Colleges are adjusting to the increasing number of applications arriving without class rank, though many applications still ask for it if available. Even so, students' individual grades and the rigor of the curriculum they chose tend to weigh more heavily, said Melanie Gottlieb, deputy director of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars and Admissions Officers.

"More and more schools are moving toward a more holistic process. They look deeper into the transcript," Gottlieb said.

Wisconsin's Elmbrook School District has for several years ranked only the valedictorian and salutatorian, and only then because the state awards scholarships to schools' top two graduates, according to Assistant Superintendent Dana Monogue. The change has been accepted by colleges and community alike, Monogue said.

"We are encouraged by any movement that helps students understand that they're more than a score, that they're more than a rank," she said.

Tennessee's Rutherford County schools give the valedictorian title to every student who meets requirements that include a 4.0 grade-point average and at least 12 honors courses. Its highly ranked Central Magnet School had 48 valedictorians this year, about a quarter of its graduating class.

The day rankings came out at Hammond High School in Columbia, Maryland, students were privately told their number — but things didn't stay private for long.

"That was the only thing everyone was talking about," said Mikey Peterson, 18, who shrugged off his bottom-third finish and will attend West Virginia University in the fall.

A spokesman for the Howard County, Maryland, district said schools recognize their top 5 percent so students can include it on college applications and hasn't considered changing.

"There was a big emphasis on where you landed," said Peterson's classmate Vicki Howard, 18. "It made everything 10 times more competitive."

Peterson's mother, Elizabeth Goshorn, said she can't walk into his school without hearing good things about her affable son, but worries about how rankings can affect a teenager's confidence.

"It has such an impact on them as to how they perceive themselves if you're putting rankings on them," she said.

BRETADO

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school on his days off.

"As a teacher, I knew how quiet and friendly he was," Flores said. "He was diligent about what he did."

Bretado worked alongside his wife until she left the campus in 2001. For years, he continued to keep the building and its grounds orderly.

His effort made a difference, according to Carolina Garza, secretary during the 2016-17 school year. She said he was eager to address any part of the campus that needed attention.

"He's an older man," Garza said. "You wouldn't know. He still does everything. You ask, and he'll get it done."

Bretado decided to retire after Midland ISD board members voted in the spring to close Crockett. Garza said the news resonated.

"The whole school was overwhelmed," Garza said. "He does so well. He's important to everybody. Nobody works as hard as Mr. Bretado. This school is so clean because of him."

MISD board members voted to shut down the school because it was labeled "improvement required" for several years, according to previous Reporter-Telegram reports.

Students who attended Crockett in 2016-17 will attend DeZavala or Milam elementary schools. The former Crockett campus is set to open in the fall with mostly new teachers and staff, and it will be home to students living north of Loop 250 near Midland Country Club, according to the report.

Bretado is emotional about the closure but looks forward to spending time with family during retirement. He's grateful for the opportunity to see campus changes throughout the years.

"The community is the same," Bretado said. "The building has changed. When I started, it was small."

Recently, others in Midland took notice of the custodian's work. This spring, some community members called for Crockett to be named in honor of Bretado. The campus was instead named for retired Gen. Tommy Franks, a Lee High School graduate, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram report.

Also, Educate Midland in April recognized Bretado during an appreciation dinner for Crockett staff.

"We heard about the care he demonstrated for the campus," said Pervis Evans, executive director of Educate Midland, in April. "It's a beautifully kept campus, but also he supports students and families."

As staff transition from the school, Evans said Bretado leaves an example for others.

"It's a reminder educating students is not just in the classroom," Evans said. "There's a whole network for educating a child."

Bretado appreciates Educate Midland's recognition and hopes the next custodian will attend to campus needs.

"I enjoyed many things," Bretado said. "I never felt tired working with people."

His enthusiasm for Crockett remained through the end of the school year, according to Garza.

"I honestly know he can go 20 years more," Garza said. "He's a strong … man. If anybody works with him, they would love him — the parents, kids and teachers."

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A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Hoarders "Sandi and Vivian"		Hoarders "Kathy and Elmira"		Hoarders "Celia and Nathan" (N)		Born This Way "What Love Means" (N)		(:05) Hoarders		(:05) Hoarders "Kathy and Elmira"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:30)	Young Gun...	Fury (2014, War)	Logan Lerman, Shia LaBeouf, Brad Pitt.						Rambo: First Blood		
BET	58	-		40		(5:00)	Baby Boy		BETX (N)	Martin	Martin	The Breaks (N)		The Breaks (N)		Martin	Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Below Deck		Below Deck		Below Deck (N)		F.House	F.House	Watch (N)	Below Deck		S. Charm
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		The Profit (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Devil's Canyon (N)		Deadliest Catch		(:05) Devil's Canyon	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Andi M.	Bizaard.	Liv/Mad	Underc.	Underc.	Bunk'd	Jessie	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	NCAA Baseball	Division I Tournament	Site: TD Ameritrade Park (L)				MLB Baseball	New York Mets at Los Angeles Dodgers (L)				
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	NFL Live		DRL Drone Racing		S.Sci.	E:60		S.Sci.	SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five		Hannity		TuckerCarlsonTon		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped Junior (N)		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:30)	Life as We...			Pretty Little Liars (N)		Bold Type "Pilot" (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club	Post Grad
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	18 Holes (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball	Toronto Blue Jays at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park - Arlington, Texas (L)					Rangers Live (L)	Focused	Bull Riding	Championship
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00)	Iron Man 3			Transformers: Dark of the Moon ('11, Act)	Shia LaBeouf.					Riddick	Vin Diesel.
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Fixer Upper		Fixer Upper.		Fixer Upper		Good Bones (N)		H.Hunt	H.Hunt	Fixer Upper	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	War "Cocaine, Cartels and Crackdowns"				War "Gangs, Prisons and Meth Queens" (N)				(:05) War	"Cocaine, Cartels and Crackdowns"		
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) What Happens in Vegas		Enough Said (2013, Romance)	James Gandolfini, Toni Collette, Julia Louis-Dreyfus.			Ghosts of Girlfriends Past ('09, Rom)	Jennifer Garner, Matthew McConaughey.			Enough Said	Julia Louis-Dreyfus.
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All in (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Mixed Martial Arts	World Series of Fighting 35			Mixed Martial Arts	World Series of Fighting			Mixed Martial Arts	World Series of Fighting		
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	Thunder	Thunder	Nicky	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(5:30) Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master		Ink Master (N)		Ink Mstr	Ink Mstr	Tattoo	Tattoo
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(4:30)	Ghost Rider			Face Off (N)			John Wick	Keanu Reeves.		Face Off	"Hive Mind"
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Wrecked (N)	Wrecked (N)	Conan Elle Fanning, Ally Mak.		Wrecked "Ransom"	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:00)	Harvey			Gentleman's Fate		(:45)	The Racket	Louis Wolheim.		Danger Lights	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		El señor de los cielos				El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	Para ser anunciado	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	7 Little Johnstons "Party Pooper"		Little People (N)		Little People "When it Rains it Pours" (N)		7 Little Johnstons "8 Little Johnstons?" (N)		(:05) People "When it Rains it Pours"		(:05) 7 Johnstons "8 Little Johnstons?"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	(5:00)	Transformers	(2007, Action) Megan Fox, Josh Duhamel, Shia LaBeouf.		Animal Kingdom "Broken Boards" (N)		(:05) Animal Kingdom "Broken Boards"		(:05) Law & Order "America, INC"		(:05) Law & Order "Thinking Makes It So"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Ray "Diamonds"		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Fam "iSpy"	WWE Smackdown! WWE superstars do battle in long-running rivalries.				Team Ninja Warrior "Finals Week 1" (N)		Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows	Chrisley Knows
WGN	19	85				Pretty Woman A wealthy businessman hires a free-spirited call girl to be his companion for a week.						Pretty Woman A wealthy businessman hires a free-spirited call girl to be his companion for a week.				Rules of Engage.	Rules "Reunion"

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Friend finds gender fluidity a hard concept to swallow

DEAR ABBY



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DEAR ABBY: I have a longtime friend I see almost every day. She's an awesome friend. Her children are adults. One of them is gay; the other is a transgender male. I respect her for supporting her children, learning everything there is to know about the LGBT community and seeking social change on their behalf.

The conflict lies in the fact that my religious beliefs and personal feelings are at odds with the notion of gender fluidity. I think the concept is nuts. I have compassion, however, for people who suffer with their identity in any form. I also believe in equal rights.

I do support my friend, who supports her kids, but I feel like a fraud when she and her friends talk about gender neutrality and vent their indignation that someone called someone else by the wrong pronoun. I act equally offended, but the truth is, I don't believe in these ideas or this cause.

I don't want to lose an important friend. I want her to feel supported — but I'm lying. Please help. My conscience is bothering me. — FEELING LIKE A PHONY

DEAR "PHONY": Would you feel the same way about a friend who is divorced, if your religion didn't sanction it? I'll bet you wouldn't. The same is true for this longtime friend.

Gender fluidity may be a new concept for you, but it is very real. If you feel like a hypocrite faking indignation during some of these conversations, why not use them as an opportunity to be educated? Listen. Ask questions. Say, "I don't know enough about this, but because I love you, I need to learn more about it."

You can be a trans ally without becoming an activist. PFLAG has a user-friendly resource, "Guide to Being a Trans Ally," that you may find interesting and helpful. Find it at pflag.org/guidetobeingatransally.

DEAR ABBY: An 8-year-old boy in my daughter's class recently passed away. She's only in second grade, so I wouldn't expect her to fully grasp the meaning of death, but she understands it perfectly and is not upset one bit. Multiple times, she has acknowledged the fact that her classmate is no longer present, and is actually somewhat cheerful about it. My husband and I are very worried. Is this normal behavior? — CONCERNED MOTHER

DEAR CONCERNED: Children are often more resilient than they are given credit for. If your daughter wasn't particularly close to the child who died, his death may not have affected her deeply. Some children do not mourn the way adults do, and you should not expect her to.

Grief counselors may have spoken to the students about it, or they may have been given other opportunities to air their feelings. Because you are concerned, discuss this with her teacher, but I don't think you have anything to be worried about.

DEAR ABBY: What do you make of a host who issues a BYOB invitation to his party and then proceeds to drink the guests' liquor? — APPALLED IN FLORIDA

DEAR APPALLED: I'd say he was thirsty.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Bob Jones

Which suit first?

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
♠ A 2
K 7 6 5 2
Q
♣ Q 9 7 3 2

WEST
♠ J 10 9 8 6 3
Q 10 3
A 5
♣ A 6

EAST
♠ Q 5
J 8
K J 7 3 2
♣ 10 8 5 4

SOUTH
♠ K 7 4
A 9 4
10 9 8 6 4
♣ K J

The bidding:

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

*Hearts and a minor, at least 5-5

Opening lead: Jack of ♠

South could have bid two no-trump to inquire about partner's minor suit, but he didn't really care. His hand would complement his partner's regardless of which minor partner held. The leap to four hearts was only mildly aggressive.

New players are taught to draw trumps as soon as possible, but a little experience teaches us that it is often correct to do something else first. South has three sure losers, assuming a 3-2 trump split, and must take care not to lose a second club trick. A 3-3 club split would make it a wonderful world, but South must anticipate a 4-2 split.

South won the opening spade lead with dummy's ace and led a low club to his king. West might complicate matters by ducking, but that would be a foolish play if East held the club jack. West continued with a second spade to declarer's king. South cashed the jack of clubs to unblock the suit, cashed the ace of trumps and led a trump to the king, and then ruffed a club with his last heart. All the heavy lifting had been done, and declarer could now concede a trump and a diamond to the defense, claiming the rest.

Had West ducked his ace of clubs, South would have had to consider whether to continue clubs or draw two rounds of trumps. A club continuation might allow the defense to play a third round of the suit and promote a second trump winner. That couldn't happen on this lay-out, but it would give declarer something to think about.

Harlingen students overcome challenges to win full scholarships

■ Terry Foundation provides high school graduates chance to attend one of Texas' public universities

By Travis M. Whitehead
Valley Morning Star

HARLINGEN — Full ride, yes.

Easy ride? Not a chance. Nor would these three seniors want one, not after all their work the past few years.

Norman Torres Jr., who just graduated from Harlingen High School, will soon begin studies at the University of Texas at Austin on a Terry Scholarship.

So will Lucas Rivas and Rodolfo Montero, graduates of the Harlingen High School South class of 2017.

"I feel really fortunate because I was going to go out completely on student loans for college and then I got the scholarship," said Montero, 17, the son of Rodolfo and Roxana Montero.

Montero, who immigrated from Puerto Rico at age 9, is planning to study engineering at Texas State University in San Marcos this fall.

He had planned to borrow thousands of dollars in loans, but then he was awarded a Terry Scholarship. The Terry Foundation is the largest private scholarship provider in Texas. It's purpose is to give outstanding high school graduates the chance for a quality education at 13 Texas public universities.

Winning a Terry Scholarship is no easy matter, as the three graduates will attest to. They filled out the applications and wrote numerous essays which were used in the selection process. If they made the cut, they had to travel to Austin for what at first appeared to be an intimidating interview.

"At first it was nerve-wracking," said Rivas, 18. "But as soon as I sat down in that room and realized that nobody's against me, everybody's trying just to get to know me and see who I am as a person, it was fairly easy."

Rivas who plans to study medicine at the University of Texas San Antonio, appreciated the chance to tell his story. And a story did he have to tell.

He immigrated from Asuncion, Paraguay, when he was 5 years old. But his story began the moment he was born.

"It started off as me being a premature baby, highly at risk of getting diseases that would leave me handicapped," said Rivas, now a stocky, handsome young man who is the picture of health. As a premature baby, he was even predisposed to cystic fibrosis.

"I turned out to be pretty well," he said with a quick smile. "I had my share of challenges. I went from having a language barrier to deal with, overweight issues to being predisposed to diabetes. I found a way to escape all that and focus on my academics."

Overweight issues took care of-themselves.

"Ever since I got into middle school I realized I really loved sports, whether it be watching or playing," Rivas said. "I only played tennis in school but when I was out of school I would play anything. Not for the school. It was more of a recreational thing."

Rivas and Montero both had their language barriers to deal with, and more. Those barriers turned out to be advantages as they applied for the Terry Scholarship.

"What really helped me out was that I was born in Puerto Rico," Montero said. "I didn't really know a lot of English when I moved here. So they asked me about that."

The entirety of the questions showed that the judges wanted, simply, to know about him.

"They wanted to know what kind of person I was," he said. "They asked a lot of personal questions, too, just to see my reactions, I guess. They asked about my parents' income and stuff, and they asked about my plans for the future."

Montero's years at Harlingen High School South helped prepare him for that future, as well as his parents.

"My dad was an engineer so I was already headed towards that," he said. "I was always pretty good at math, and I like scienee and physics, so it kind of came natural. And then at South I took as many AP classes as I could, and that really helped me out a lot."

Rivas believes the essays he wrote for the Terry Scholarship showed his leadership potential. And that helped convince the judges.

"In each essay I showed I was really involved in all of the activities that I would participate in," he said.

"Most of them were leadership topics, but I strongly believe that a leader is someone that gets involved as well, not so much giving orders but someone that goes in there and gets with their team."

In other words, it's not just barking out orders, but knowing how to follow them.

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Teacher-prep programs give incomplete lesson



ESTHER J. CEPEDA
Washington Post Writers Group

Good news: According to the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), when it comes to the core subjects of reading and math, high school teachers-in-training are well-prepared to teach the content.

This is largely because teacher candidates are required to have an undergraduate major in these subjects or pass a licensing test. Seems simple enough, right? But then look at science and social studies.

After reviewing program course catalogues, degree plans, syllabuses, observation forms and student-teaching agreements with districts for 717 undergraduate programs that train high school teachers, the NCTQ found that fewer than three in five (57 percent) teacher-prep programs adequately cover the subject content that both science and social studies teachers need in order to be effective in the classroom.

For instance, even though history is a subject most social studies teachers will eventually be assigned to teach, one out of five programs requires few or no history courses for their candidates.

Science teaching preparation is spotty because when programs certify teachers to instruct more than one science — i.e. biology and chemistry and/or physics — it's likelier that the program will not have adequate coursework requirements.

Truthfully, this is only part of the bad news.

Far worse is that too many teacher-prep programs are not doing a great job of instilling in teaching candidates the art and science of how to teach — the best methods for teaching subject matter and how to effectively manage a classroom.

Anyone who has ever learned to drive knows that just because someone is skilled behind the wheel, this alone does not make him or her gifted at passing their skills and knowledge onto others.

Yet, a quarter of all programs do not offer a course in the best ways to teach a specific subject. And if you can grasp that teaching physics will require a different skill set than that which is necessary to teach a literature class, you see the problem.

For instance, I possess a teaching certification that allows me to teach any subject for any grade level through high school. Yet my training program required me only to take one class each in teaching reading and math at the elementary school level.

I'm not saying I would have preferred to have an additional five courses required in order to graduate, but a survey course of the best practices for, say, the core high school classes would have been an efficient way to at least ignite awareness of the different methods for effectively teaching different subjects.

Also, of the 15 or so courses required to earn my master of education degree, not a single one centered on classroom management. I went the extra mile and paid to take an online course in managing classroom behaviors, but no one forced me to. And even though my training happened a while ago, this is still in line with the current reality: Only 44 percent of teacher-prep programs expect teacher candidates to demonstrate the most effective strategies for managing classrooms while student teaching.

Keep in mind that classroom management has been found to significantly contribute to new teachers being effective in the classroom and persisting in teaching careers — teachers who can't manage routines and behaviors in the classroom get stressed, burn out and leave the profession.

Does all this reflect poorly on the quality of the teachers in our public schools?

You could look at it that way, but that would be unfair. Teachers want to get into classrooms to do good for society, not to flop. And they often fill in the blanks themselves, as the NCTQ report notes: "Teachers teach themselves what their teacher-prep programs neglected."

This is not right. Students who want to go into the teaching profession expect that the programs they pay top dollar for will provide cutting-edge training in being both knowledgeable in their subject area and effective in the classroom.

Since this is not uniformly the case, it's wonderful that potential teachers have resources like the NCTQ's reports to guide them as they pick a program that will adequately prepare them for today's students.

The onus, however, must be on teacher-prep programs to improve their training.

Colleges and universities may quibble about some of the methods, conclusions or specifics of an independent analysis of high school education programs, but it is surely an important tool for doing a better job of preparing teachers for the difficult work of educating our nation's students.



Morgan Lee/AP

Marisa Bono, southwest regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, outlines accusations that the state of New Mexico has failed to provide essential educational opportunities to all students, outside a state district courthouse in Santa Fe, N.M.,on Monday. Parents, school districts and advocacy groups allege that New Mexico's education system isn't meeting its responsibilities for Native American students, low-income students and those learning English as a second language.

New Mexico lawsuit puts state education system on trial

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A lawsuit that could upend the way New Mexico's public schools are funded went to trial Monday to resolve accusations that the state is failing to meet constitutional obligations to provide essential educational opportunities to all students.

Parents, school districts and advocacy groups say that New Mexico's education system isn't meeting its responsibilities for Native American students, low-income students and those learning English as a second language.

"These failings are costing students the opportunity to succeed," said Marisa Bono, a lead attorney for the plaintiffs, in opening statements to the court. "The state is pumping hundreds of thousands of students into the state economy who are wholly unprepared for college or career."

Education officials under Republican Gov. Susana Martinez say spending is more than adequate, and that the state has added specialized programs to help struggling students while holding teachers and school leaders more accountable for students' academic progress.

In opening statements Monday, an attorney for the state said high levels of poverty across New Mexico have a major impact on the results of student testing — something that won't be addressed by funneling more money toward public schools.

"The evidence will show that additional spending will have virtually no effect on student test scores," attorney Jeff Wechsler said. "The defendants cannot show that spending more will impact them in any meaningful way."

Courts in several states are being called upon to shore up funding for public schools, amid frustration with elected officials over state budget priorities and the quality of education.

The plaintiffs called on Santa Fe Public Schools Superintendent Veronica Garcia — a former state public education secretary — to testify about what she described as shockingly low levels of proficiency in math and reading among graduating students.

Garcia noted that many schools are not included in new programs that intercede at an early age by expanding pre-school to 4-year-olds and lengthening the school day and school year through third grade. She faulted the overall level of state funding for public schools, as well as limited funds for programs tailored toward the students from low-income households where English is not the primary language.

The New Mexico case merges two lawsuits brought against the state on behalf of parents of public school students, from metropolitan Albuquerque to rural Zuni Pueblo, with seven school districts also joining the lawsuit. They were being represented by attorneys with the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The plaintiffs argue that New Mexico does not equitably provide enough funding or enrichment opportunities to all students, despite constitutional guarantees to a free, uniform and sufficient public school system for all school-age children. Attorneys assembled state testing data to show that the majority of Native American students fail to meet grade-level proficiency in math and reading.

In a pre-trial ruling, Judge Sarah Singleton said the plaintiffs will have to do more than showcase abysmal test scores to prove that the state is violating constitutional guarantees to sufficient funding.

Plaintiffs of the lawsuit say public schools are underfunded by hundreds of millions of dollars each year. As they struggle with some of the nation's highest childhood poverty rates, New Mexico's school districts rely mostly on state funding for educational programs with some federal aid.

The lawsuit threatened to wrest control of public school funding away from the Legislature and New Mexico Public Education Department, over objections from fiscally conservative lawmakers and the governor.

Criticism of New Mexico's education system has spanned the tenures of governors from both sides of the political aisle.

A state budget crisis has added a sense of urgency to the trial, as New Mexico grapples with a weak local economy and waning income from oil and natural gas.

To close a budget deficit for the budget year ending June 30, state spending on school programs was trimmed by 1.5 percent, with additional reductions to district cash balances and funding for transportation and instructional materials.

In Oklahoma, another energy-dependent state, budget cuts have prompted nearly 100 school districts to move to a four-day school week.

Lawmakers in Washington state have been struggling this year to satisfy a 2012 Supreme Court order to put more money toward basic education. In Arizona, a group of school districts and education associations sued the state in May, saying the Legislature has short-changed them by billions of dollars in required infrastructure spending during the past decade.

DEBATE

From 2B

an admissions offer each year. Nearly 70 percent of those colleges said it was because of a dishonest application, while 20 percent said it was over a disciplinary issue. Social media behavior wasn't considered a reason to drop a student.

David Cruz, 22, who is studying hospitality management at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, said Harvard did the right thing. The transfer student pointed to colleges across the country that have been criticized for not doing enough when it comes to troublesome student conduct, from reported sex assaults to racist incidents.

"Their students acted on their own, but that also represents the school," Cruz said. "Whatever you post, everyone can see it, whether you're trying to hide it or not."

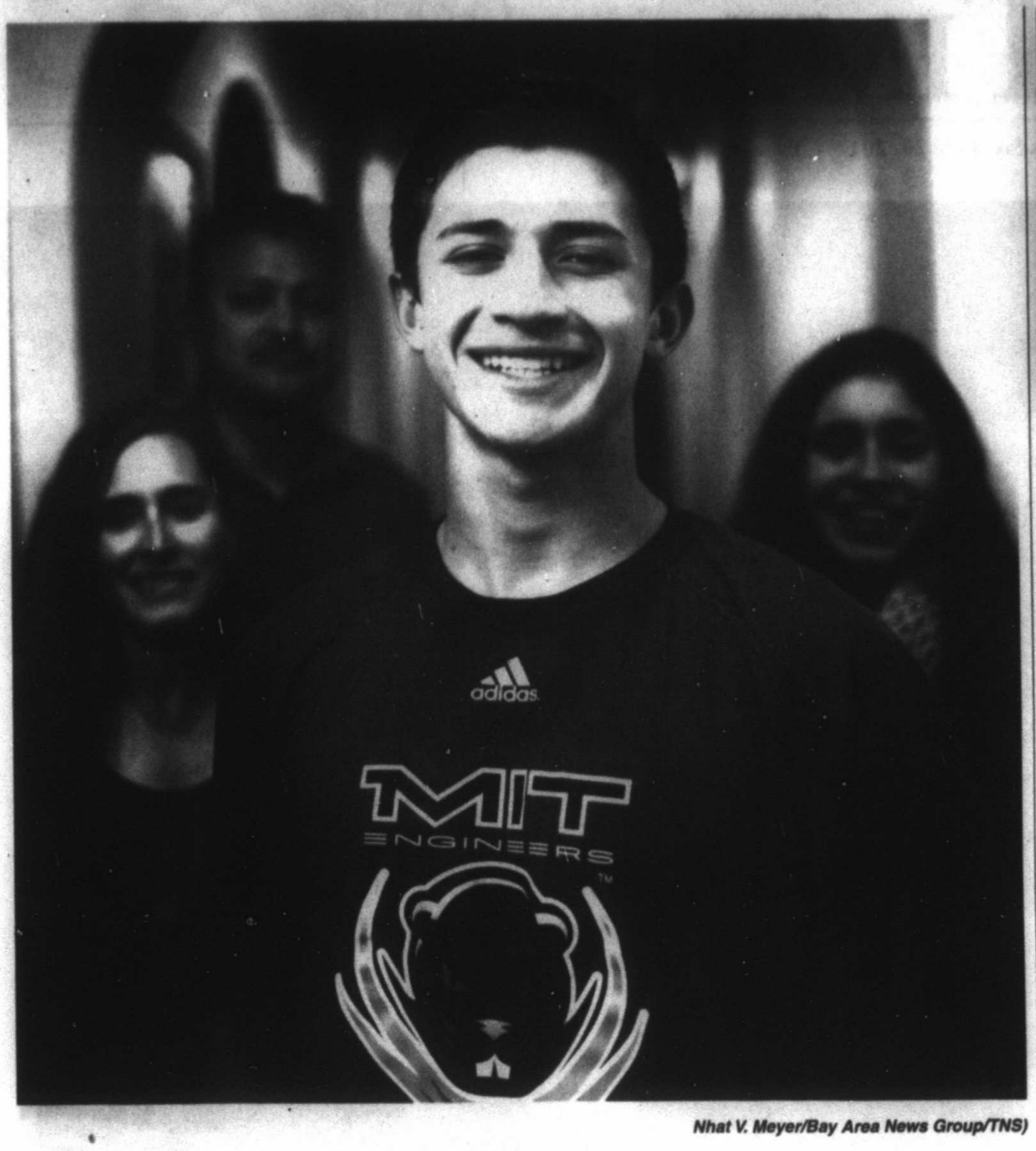
Some admissions officers can and do use Facebook, Twitter and other social media sites when assessing applicants, though they generally don't patrol the internet for damaging information. Instead, they consider online posts when something specific is brought to their attention.

Still, social media content being used to oust a student is uncommon. The University of Wisconsin, for instance, doesn't check applicants' social media accounts and doesn't have plans to start.

In general, dropping an admitted student is a last-resort move, reserved for the most egregious cases. Even then, the college usually will attempt to keep the student by confronting them with the hope that an explanation and a slap on the wrist will resolve the issue.

Harvey Mudd College in California has never rescinded an offer because of a social media profile, said Peter Osgood, its admissions director. But he recalls one instance where school officials discussed an objectionable post with an admitted applicant.

"This matter was dealt with privately and discretely, and that student became a wonderful citizen for the college, even a much valued tour guide," Osgood said.



Nhat V. Meyer/Bay Area News Group/TNS)

Alejandro Diaz, center, a senior at Christopher High School, with this mother Emily, father Enrique and sister Isabella, at the Diaz home in Gilroy, Calif., on May 10. Alejandro is planning on attending MIT.

Great-grandson of migrant worker to attend MIT

■ Family believes in power of education

By Tatiana Sanchez
The Mercury (California) News

GILROY, Calif. — When Alejandro Diaz arrives at the world-renowned Massachusetts Institute of Technology in the fall, the Gilroy teen will mark an odds-defying achievement for a family of recent immigrants who embody the promises of the American dream.

MIT seems like a natural fit for Alejandro, a 17-year-old athlete, musician and avid community volunteer, who graduated from Christopher High School with a 4.56 GPA.

At a time when immigration roils national politics and in a town at Silicon Valley's heel known more for its garlic production and impoverished communities, Alejandro has succeeded in a public school system that, like many across California, has struggled to get Latino students ahead.

"It's a milestone," said 45-year-old Enrique Diaz, Alejandro's father, an Apple software engineer whose parents, now U.S. citizens, came to the country illegally in the 1970s for farm work. "I don't think that I could have imagined it, let alone my mom or my grandfather."

Alejandro turned down offers from Columbia, USC, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego and UCLA, among others.

"I didn't really have a top school," he said. "I just knew that there were a lot of good schools out there for me."

The story of the Diaz family goes back several decades, to the start of the Bracero Program in 1942 and the fateful purchase of an ox. The Bracero initiative legally brought millions of Mexican guest workers to the U.S. on short-term, primarily agricultural labor contracts to alleviate a worker shortage plaguing the agricultural industry during World War II.

Alejandro's great-grandfather, Porfirio Huerta, immigrated with his brother, Urbano, under the program, working part-time in the Imperial Valley while making trips back to Mexico to visit his wife and children.

"They wanted to earn enough money to buy an ox — a becerro — so that they can plow their fields," said Enrique Diaz, Huerta's grandson. "That's all they wanted to do. To earn enough to then go back to Mexico and continue working."

Their journey north marked the beginning of the Diazes' migration story, one that would take the family from San Miguel de Allende in the Mexican state of Guanajuato to the agricultural fields of California's Central Valley and finally, the Bay Area. Each generation has paved the way for the next, establishing roots in the United States and pursuing greater educational opportunities.

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Scott-Clayton agrees, saying the jobs that students get on campus are often connected with their career plans and are more accommodating of their academic schedule compared to regular part-time work off-campus.

"It's more flexible and more workable," Scott-Clayton said. "And it's giving them access to an experience."

But work-study has a flaw, experts say: its funding mechanism tends to benefit higher-income students attending elite private colleges at the expense of low-income students at public institutions. Due to an archaic formula, some money is distributed among established universities that have already been in the program for decades, while another part is divided among schools based on students' financial need, which may benefit more expensive schools where tuition is higher, according to Justin Draeger, president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Scott-Clayton said the program does need to be re-evaluated and overhauled to make it more equitable, but not cut.

"Cutting funding in half would be catastrophic for the functioning of work-study programs on campuses nationwide, yet would save the federal government very little money," Scott Clayton said.

But Jason Delisle, a fellow at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, called work-study an outdated, opaque and poorly targeted program. He said grants would benefit students more and students can find jobs off-campus.

"The universities are certainly free to hire them without the federal money for those jobs," Delisle said. "I am guessing they are doing important jobs and the university should be able to hire them to do those jobs without the federal program."

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By Travis M. Whitehead
Valley Morning Star

HARLINGEN — Full ride, yes.

Easy ride? Not a chance. Nor would these three seniors want one, not after all their work the past few years.

Norman Torres Jr., who just graduated from Harlingen High School, will soon begin studies at the University of Texas at Austin on a Terry Scholarship.

So will Lucas Rivas and Rodolfo Montero, graduates of the Harlingen High School class of 2017.

"I feel really fortunate because I was going to go out completely on student loans for college and then I got the scholarship," said Montero, 17, the son of Rodolfo and Roxana Montero.

Montero, who immigrated from Puerto Rico at age 9, is planning to study engineering at Texas State University in San Marcos this fall.

He had planned to borrow thousands of dollars in loans, but then he was awarded a Terry Scholarship. The Terry Foundation is the largest private scholarship provider in Texas. It's purpose is to give outstanding high school graduates the chance for a quality education at 13 Texas public universities.

Winning a Terry Scholarship is no easy matter, as the three graduates will attest to. They filled out the applications and wrote numerous essays which were used in the selection process. If they made the cut, they had to travel to Austin for what at first appeared to be an intimidating interview.

"At first it was nerve-wracking," said Rivas, 18. "But as soon as I sat down in that room and realized that nobody's against me, everybody's trying just to get to know me and see who I am as a person, it was fairly easy."

Rivas who plans to study medicine at the University of Texas San Antonio, appreciated the chance to tell his story. And a story did he have to tell.

He immigrated from Asuncion, Paraguay, when he was 5 years old. But his story began the moment he was born.

"It started off as me being a premature baby, highly at risk of getting diseases that would leave me handicapped," said Rivas, now a stocky, handsome young man who is the picture of health. As a premature baby, he was even predisposed to cystic fibrosis.

"I turned out to be pretty well," he said with a quick smile. "I had my share of challenges. I went from having a language barrier to deal with, overweight issues to being predisposed to diabetes. I found a way to escape all that and focus on my academics."

Overweight issues took care of themselves.

"Ever since I got into middle school I realized I really loved sports, whether it be watching or playing," Rivas said. "I only played tennis in school but when I was out of school I would play anything. Not for the school. It was more of a recreational thing."

Rivas and Montero both had their language barriers to deal with, and more. Those barriers turned out to be advantages as they applied for the Terry Scholarship.

"What really helped me out was that I was born in Puerto Rico," Montero said. "I didn't really know a lot of English when I moved here. So they asked me about that."

The entirety of the questions showed that the judges wanted, simply, to know about him.

"They wanted to know what kind of person I was," he said. "They asked a lot of personal questions, too, just to see my reactions, I guess. They asked about my parents' income and stuff, and they asked about my plans for the future."

Montero's years at Harlingen High School South helped prepare him for that future, as well as his parents.

"My dad was an engineer so I was already headed towards that," he said. "I was always pretty good at math, and I like science and physics, so it kind of came natural. And then at South I took as many AP classes as I could, and that really helped me out a lot."

Rivas believes the essays he wrote for the Terry Scholarship showed his leadership potential. And that helped convince the judges.

"In each essay I showed I was really involved in all of the activities that I would participate in," he said.

"Most of them were leadership topics, but I strongly believe that a leader is someone that gets involved as well, not so much giving orders but someone that goes in there and gets with their team."

In other words, it's not just barking out orders, but knowing how to follow them.

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Teacher-prep programs give incomplete lesson



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Good news: According to the National Council on Teacher Quality (NCTQ), when it comes to the core subjects of reading and math, high school teachers-in-training are well-prepared to teach the content.

This is largely because teacher candidates are required to have an undergraduate major in these subjects or pass a licensing test. Seems simple enough, right? But then look at science and social studies.

After reviewing program course catalogues, degree plans, syllabuses, observation forms and student-teaching agreements with districts for 717 undergraduate programs that train high school teachers, the NCTQ found that fewer than three in five (57 percent) teacher-prep programs adequately cover the subject content that both science and social studies teachers need in order to be effective in the classroom.

For instance, even though history is a subject most social studies teachers will eventually be assigned to teach, one out of five programs requires few or no history courses for their candidates.

Science teaching preparation is spotty because when programs certify teachers to instruct more than one science — i.e. biology and chemistry and/or physics — it's likelier that the program will not have adequate coursework requirements.

Truthfully, this is only part of the bad news.

Far worse is that too many teacher-prep programs are not doing a great job of instilling in teaching candidates the art and science of how to teach — the best methods for teaching subject matter and how to effectively manage a classroom.

Anyone who has ever learned to drive knows that just because someone is skilled behind the wheel, this alone does not make him or her gifted at passing their skills and knowledge onto others.

Yet, a quarter of all programs do not offer a course in the best ways to teach a specific subject. And if you can grasp that teaching physics will require a different skill set than that which is necessary to teach a literature class, you see the problem.

For instance, I possess a teaching certification that allows me to teach any subject for any grade level through high school. Yet my training program required me only to take one class each in teaching reading and math at the elementary school level.

I'm not saying I would have preferred to have an additional five courses required in order to graduate, but a survey course of the best practices for, say, the core high school classes would have been an efficient way to at least ignite awareness of the different methods for effectively teaching different subjects.

Also, of the 15 or so courses required to earn my master of education degree, not a single one centered on classroom management. I went the extra mile and paid to take an online course in managing classroom behaviors, but no one forced me to. And even though my training happened a while ago, this is still in line with the current reality: Only 44 percent of teacher-prep programs expect teacher candidates to demonstrate the most effective strategies for managing classrooms while student teaching.

Keep in mind that classroom management has been found to significantly contribute to new teachers being effective in the classroom and persisting in teaching careers — teachers who can't manage routines and behaviors in the classroom get stressed, burn out and leave the profession.

Does all this reflect poorly on the quality of the teachers in our public schools?

You could look at it that way, but that would be unfair. Teachers want to get into classrooms to do good for society, not to flop. And they often fill in the blanks themselves, as the NCTQ report notes: "Teachers teach themselves what their teacher-prep programs neglected."

This is not right. Students who want to go into the teaching profession expect that the programs they pay top dollar for will provide cutting-edge training in being both knowledgeable in their subject area and effective in the classroom.

Since this is not uniformly the case, it's wonderful that potential teachers have resources like the NCTQ's reports to guide them as they pick a program that will adequately prepare them for today's students.

The onus, however, must be on teacher-prep programs to improve their training.

Colleges and universities may quibble about some of the methods, conclusions or specifics of an independent analysis of high school education programs, but it is surely an important tool for doing a better job of preparing teachers for the difficult work of educating our nation's students.



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Marisa Bono, southwest regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund, outlines accusations that the state of New Mexico has failed to provide essential educational opportunities to all students, outside a state district courthouse in Santa Fe, N.M., on Monday. Parents, school districts and advocacy groups allege that New Mexico's education system isn't meeting its responsibilities for Native American students, low-income students and those learning English as a second language.

New Mexico lawsuit puts state education system on trial

By Morgan Lee
Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — A lawsuit that could upend the way New Mexico's public schools are funded went to trial Monday to resolve accusations that the state is failing to meet constitutional obligations to provide essential educational opportunities to all students.

Parents, school districts and advocacy groups say that New Mexico's education system isn't meeting its responsibilities for Native American students, low-income students and those learning English as a second language.

"These failings are costing students the opportunity to succeed," said Marisa Bono, a lead attorney for the plaintiffs, in opening statements to the court. "The state is pumping hundreds of thousands of students into the state economy who are wholly unprepared for college or career."

Education officials under Republican Gov. Susana Martinez say spending is more than adequate, and that the state has added specialized programs to help struggling students while holding teachers and school leaders more accountable for students' academic progress.

In opening statements Monday, an attorney for the state said high levels of poverty across New Mexico have a major impact on the results of student testing — something that won't be addressed by funneling more money toward public schools.

"The evidence will show that additional spending will have virtually no effect on student test scores," attorney Jeff Wechsler said. "The defendants cannot show that spending more will impact them in any meaningful way."

Courts in several states are being called upon to shore up funding for public schools, amid frustration with elected officials over state budget priorities and the quality of education.

The plaintiffs called on Santa Fe Public Schools Superintendent Veronica Garcia — a former state public education secretary — to testify about what she described as shockingly low levels of proficiency in math and reading among graduating students.

Garcia noted that many schools are not included in new programs that intercede at an early age by expanding pre-school to 4-year-olds and lengthening the school day and school year through third grade. She faulted the overall level of state funding for public schools, as well as limited funds for programs tailored toward the students from low-income households where English is not the primary language.

The New Mexico case merges two lawsuits brought against the state on behalf of parents of public school students, from metropolitan Albuquerque to rural Zuni Pueblo, with seven school districts also joining the lawsuit. They were being represented by attorneys with the New Mexico Center on Law and Poverty and the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund.

The plaintiffs argue that New Mexico does not equitably provide enough funding or enrichment opportunities to all students, despite constitutional guarantees to a free, uniform and sufficient public school system for all school-age children. Attorneys assembled state testing data to show that the majority of Native American students fail to meet grade-level proficiency in math and reading.

In a pre-trial ruling, Judge Sarah Singleton said the plaintiffs will have to do more than showcase abysmal test scores to prove that the state is violating constitutional guarantees to sufficient funding.

Plaintiffs of the lawsuit say public schools are underfunded by hundreds of millions of dollars each year. As they struggle with some of the nation's highest childhood poverty rates, New Mexico's school districts rely mostly on state funding for educational programs with some federal aid.

The lawsuit threatened to wrest control of public school funding away from the Legislature and New Mexico Public Education Department, over objections from fiscally conservative lawmakers and the governor.

Criticism of New Mexico's education system has spanned the tenures of governors from both sides of the political aisle.

A state budget crisis has added a sense of urgency to the trial, as New Mexico grapples with a weak local economy and waning income from oil and natural gas.

To close a budget deficit for the budget year ending June 30, state spending on school programs was trimmed by 1.5 percent, with additional reductions to district cash balances and funding for transportation and instructional materials.

In Oklahoma, another energy-dependent state, budget cuts have prompted nearly 100 school districts to move to a four-day school week.

Lawmakers in Washington state have been struggling this year to satisfy a 2012 Supreme Court order to put more money toward basic education. In Arizona, a group of school districts and education associations sued the state in May, saying the Legislature has short-changed them by billions of dollars in required infrastructure spending during the past decade.

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an admissions offer each year. Nearly 70 percent of those colleges said it was because of a dishonest application, while 20 percent said it was over a disciplinary issue. Social media behavior wasn't considered a reason to drop a student.

David Cruz, 22, who is studying hospitality management at the University of Nevada in Las Vegas, said Harvard did the right thing. The transfer student pointed to colleges across the country that have been criticized for not doing enough when it comes to troublesome student conduct, from reported sex assaults to racist incidents.

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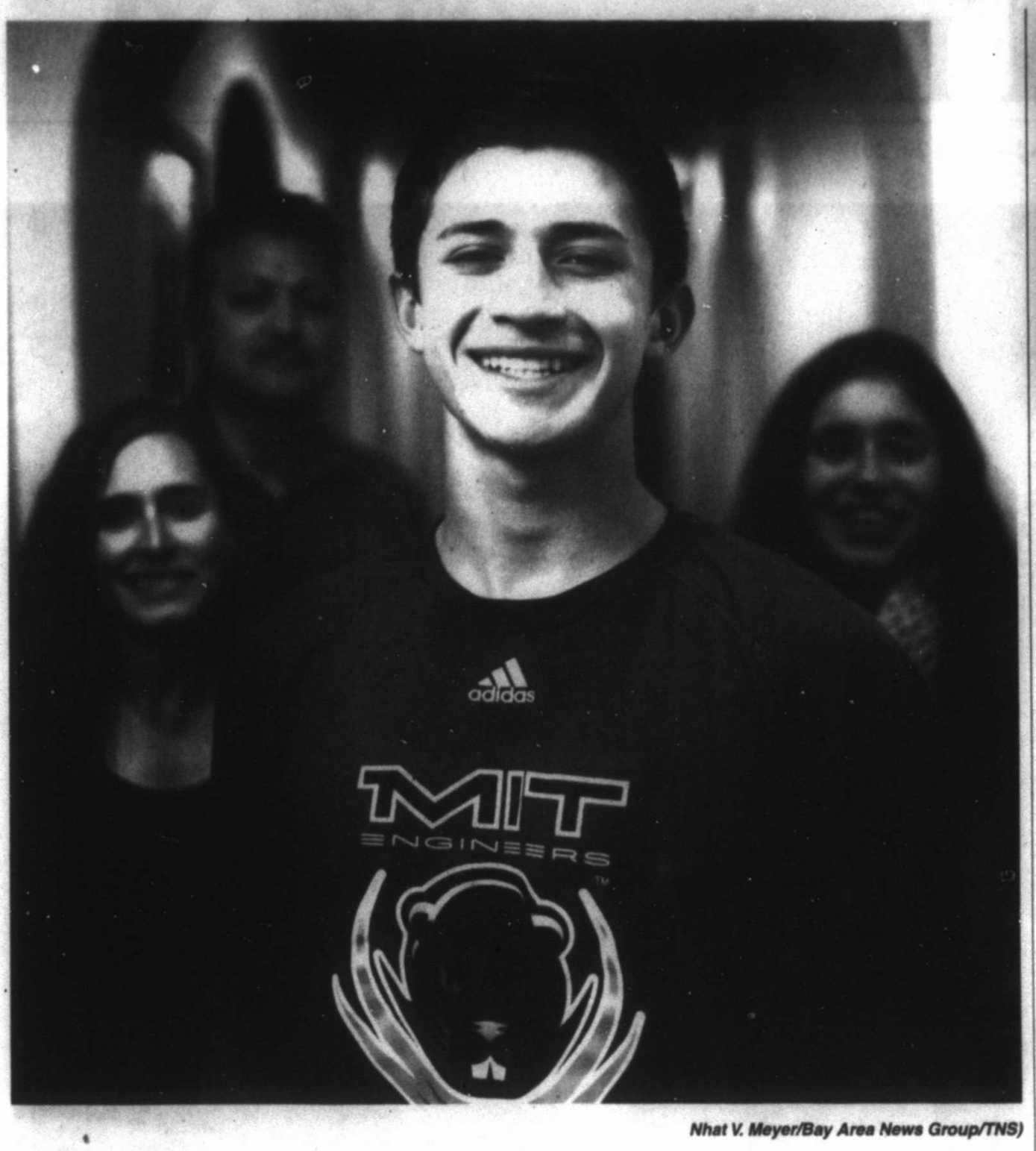
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Still, social media content being used to oust a student is uncommon. The University of Wisconsin, for instance, doesn't check applicants' social media accounts and doesn't have plans to start.

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By Tatiana Sanchez
The Mercury (California) News

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"One way to address our student debt challenge is to make sure that borrowers are landing good jobs," Chopra said. "And work-study may be a way for many students to gain valuable work experience."

Scott-Clayton agrees, saying the jobs that students get on campus are often connected with their career plans and are more accommodating of their academic schedule compared to regular part-time work off-campus.

"It's more flexible and more workable," Scott-Clayton said. "And it's giving them access to an experience."

But work-study has a flaw, experts say: its funding mechanism tends to benefit higher-income students attending elite private colleges at the expense of low-income students at public institutions. Due to an archaic formula, some money is distributed among established universities that have already been in the program for decades, while another part is divided among schools based on students' financial need, which may benefit more expensive schools where tuition is higher, according to Justin Draeger, president of the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Scott-Clayton said the program does need to be re-evaluated and overhauled to make it more equitable, but not cut.

"Cutting funding in half would be catastrophic for the functioning of work-study programs on campuses nationwide, yet would save the federal government very little money," Scott Clayton said.

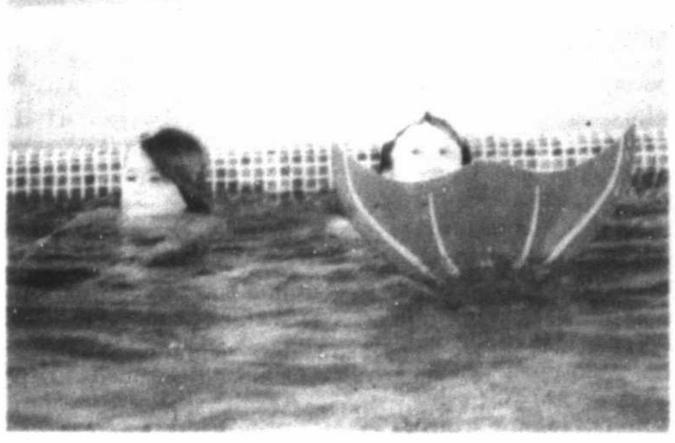
But Jason Delisle, a fellow at the conservative American Enterprise Institute, called work-study an outdated, opaque and poorly targeted program. He said grants would benefit students more and students can find jobs off-campus.

"The universities are certainly free to hire them without the federal money for those jobs," Delisle said. "I am guessing they are doing important jobs and the university should be able to hire them to do those jobs without the federal program."



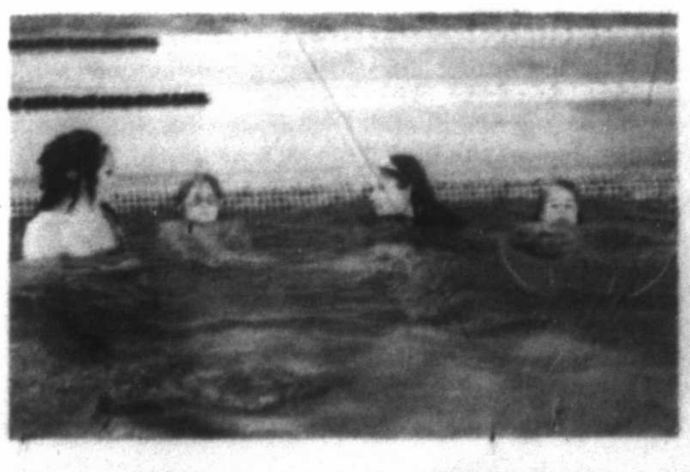
UNDER THE SEA

Photos by James Durbin
Reporter-Telegram





Meara Wood, right, leads a mermaid swimming class for Kids College campers June 7 at COM Aquatics. Wood said students will learn how to safely swim in a monofin — the swim fin that goes inside of a mermaid tail — do mermaid- and ocean- themed crafts and learn about "professional mermaids," the ocean, its creatures and how to protect and preserve them. After the Kids College sessions, Wood will be teaching the class July 17-20, July 24-27 and July 31-Aug. 3.







MC players garner NJCAA All-American honors

By Oscar LeRoy
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Rattai

Former Midland College baseball player Eric Senior received another big honor on Monday when he was named as an NJCAA First-Team All-American.

Senior, an outfielder, was the Western Junior College Athletic Conference MVP and was recently drafted in the 13th round (403rd overall) by the Washington Nationals.

Fellow former Chaparral Nolan Rattai was also honored by the NJCAA as he was named as an Honorable Mention All-American. Rattai, who is from Medicine Hat, Alberta, Canada, and also earned first-team WJCAC honors, led the Chaps this past season with a .413 batting average to go with six home runs and 72 RBI.

Rattai, a middle infielder, has signed to play with Northern Kentucky University.

When reached by phone on Monday, Senior said he was considering committing to NKU but now there is a possibility of signing a pro contract with the Nationals.

"I should be deciding within a week or a couple of days," said Senior, who is from Toronto. "But I'm just super excited to keep my baseball career going and play at the next level."

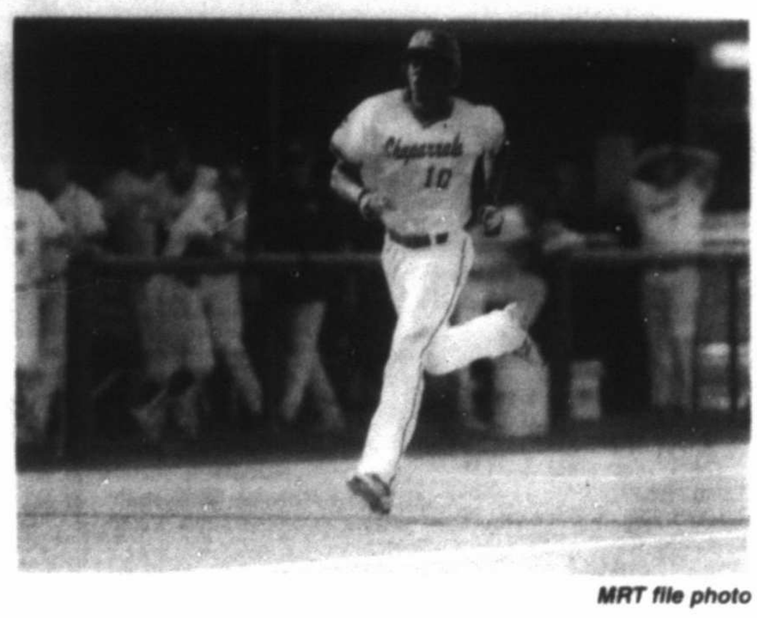
Senior said he had an opportunity to go pro after high school when he was drafted in the 23rd round by the Oakland Athletics, but chose to attend Midland College for two years instead.

"Looking back, there were some times when I thought it would have been better signing a pro contract, but after improving and working on my game, I was pleased with my decision," Senior said.

If Senior does indeed sign, it would be the third straight year that a player would sign a pro contract right out of Midland College, joining infielder Blaine Prescott (Texas Rangers) in 2015 and left-handed pitcher Tucker Davidson (Atlanta Braves) last year.

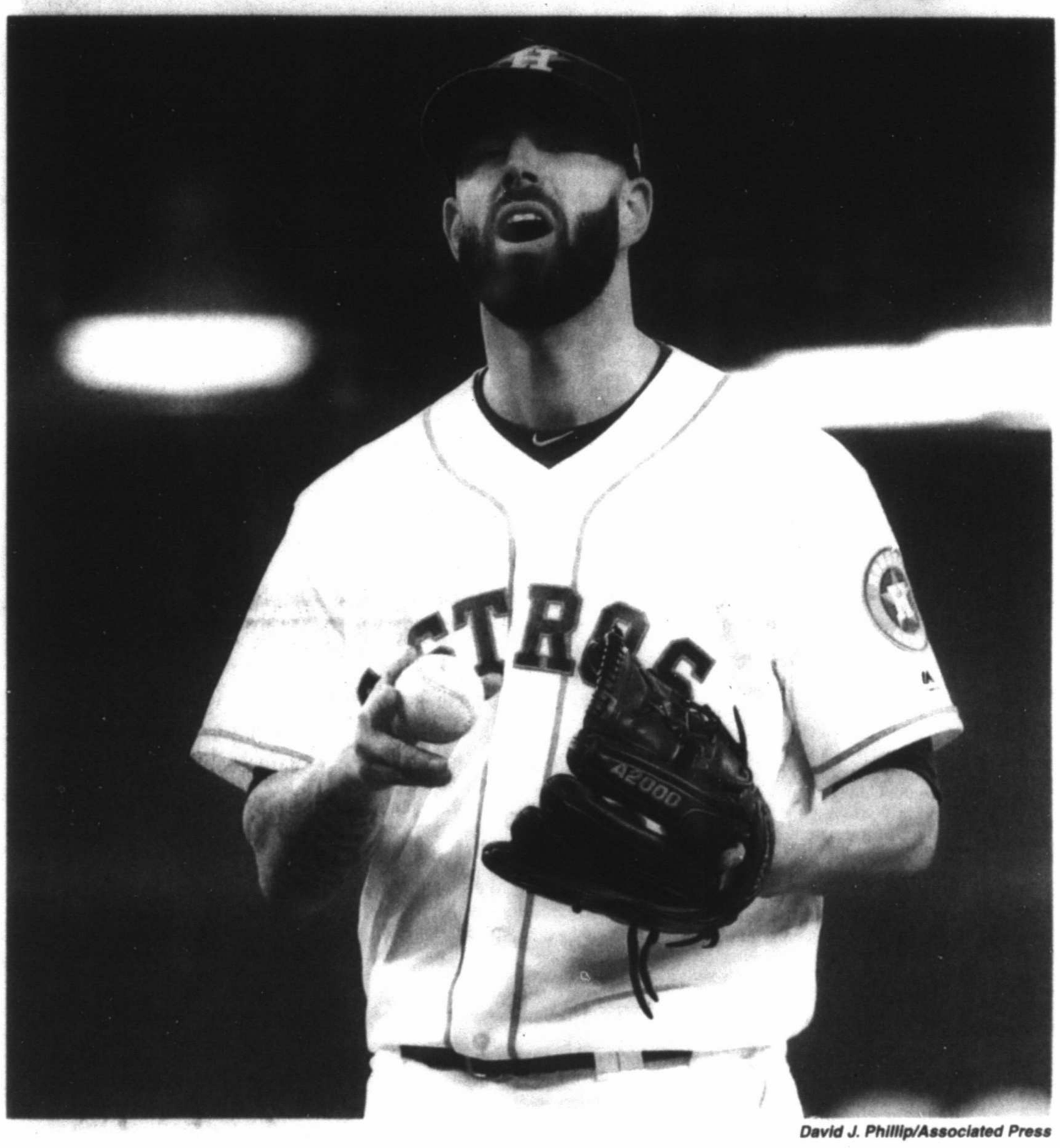
After having an up-and down freshman campaign with the

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MRT file photo

Midland College's Eric Senior (10) rounds third for home against Howard College on March 11 at Christensen Stadium.

Even the best struggle


David J. Phillip/Associated Press

Houston Astros starting pitcher Mike Fiers reacts as manager A.J. Hinch makes his way to the mound to pull him from the baseball game during the eighth inning against the Los Angeles Angels on June 10 in Houston.

Makeshift rotation tries to keep Astros afloat

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Dallas Keuchel isn't pitching for the Houston Astros right now.

Neither are Lance McCullers, Charlie Morton and Collin McHugh.

With four-fifths of their rotation on the disabled list, the first-place Astros are relying on two rookies, a second-year player, one who has bounced between the bullpen and starting and Mike Fiers, who was supposed to be their fifth starter, to keep the rotation afloat until the ailing starters return.

"You don't really prepare for those extreme circumstances, but you hope that your organization can respond," general manager Jeff Luhnow said.

The Astros have been without McHugh all season as he dealt with a dead arm in spring training before an elbow injury landed him on the 60-day disabled list. Keuchel, McCullers and Morton all had strong starts to the season to pair with a powerful offense and help the Astros race out to a huge lead in the American League West and the best record in the majors.

But just as folks started talking about how many wins this team could pile up and predicting a deep postseason run, injuries to their starting pitchers started to mount.

Keuchel was the first to follow McHugh to the disabled list. His first trip was merely a bump in the road as the left-hander missed just one start last month with a pinched nerve in his neck before returning to the mound. Then just before what would have been his third start back, he was scratched and put back on the disabled list when the same problem returned.

The 2015 AL Cy Young Award winner, who is 9-0 and leads the majors with a 1.67 ERA, acknowledged he returned

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76ers get No. 1 pick from Celtics, chance to draft Fultz

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

History will say the Boston Celtics passed on the No. 1 overall pick in this year's NBA draft, not only trading it away but doing so in a deal with one of the team's fiercest rivals.

Danny Ainge isn't worried.


Fultz

Philadelphia and Boston completed their trade of draft picks on Monday, the 76ers acquiring the No. 1 pick from the Celtics and netting the chance to draft Washington guard Markelle Fultz. The Celtics moved down two spots to No. 3 and picked up another first-round selection in either 2018 or 2019 — with Ainge saying the deal came at no cost to Boston whatsoever.

"We're getting the player we want. They're getting the player they want," said Ainge, the Celtics' president of basketball operations. "And we're getting an additional player that we want in next year's draft or the year after. It's a good deal for both teams."

The player Philadelphia wants is clear. The 76ers wouldn't say it Monday, but they're going to take Fultz barring something cataclysmic happening before Thursday.

"We felt like the move from 3 to 1 was worth the cost of a first-round pick in the future," 76ers president of basketball operations Bryan Colangelo said.

Next up will be the Los Angeles Lakers, expected to take UCLA guard Lonzo Ball.

And then come the Celtics, starting the real intrigue. If Ainge is to be believed, even they don't know who they will take at No. 3 — but he insisted that whichever choice they make there would have been the choice they made at No. 1 if this deal hadn't gone down. The Celtics had Duke's Jayson Tatum in for a workout on Monday and hope to have Kansas' Josh Jackson in on Tuesday.

"I think they're both terrific players," Ainge said. "I'll say that. ... I like both of those kids. I think they're both terrific talents."

So the way he looks at it, the deal is a win-win.

For now, Boston has seven first-round picks in the next three years.

And that means the Celtics could be gearing up for more moves soon.

After finishing with the No. 1 seed in the East this season before getting ousted in the conference finals by Cleveland in a one-sided series, the Celtics have considered packaging some of their future picks for an established star that could help them close the gap on the Cavaliers and Golden State — the teams that have

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Justices say law on offensive trademarks is unconstitutional

By Sam Hananel
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Supreme Court on Monday struck down part of a law that bans offensive trademarks, ruling in favor of an Asian-American rock band called the Slants and giving a major boost to the Washington Redskins in their separate legal fight over the team name.

The justices were unanimous in saying that the 71-year-old trademark law barring disparaging terms infringes free speech rights guaranteed in the Constitution's First Amendment.

"It offends a bedrock First Amendment principle: Speech may not be banned on the ground that it expresses ideas that offend," Justice Samuel Alito said in his opinion for the court.

Slants founder Simon Tam tried to trademark the band name in 2011, but the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office denied the request on the ground that it disparages Asians. A federal appeals court in Washington later said the law barring offensive trademarks is unconstitutional and the Supreme Court agreed.

The Redskins made similar arguments after the trademark office ruled in 2014 that the name offends American Indians and canceled the team's trademark. That case, before a federal appeals court in Richmond, had been on hold while the Supreme Court considered the Slants case.

Tam insisted he was not trying to be offensive, but wanted to transform a derisive term into a statement of pride. The Redskins also contend their name honors American Indians, but the team has faced decades of legal challenges from Indian groups that say the name is racist.

Tam said the band was "beyond humbled and thrilled" with the ruling.

"This journey has always been much bigger than our band: it's been about the rights of all marginalized communities to determine what's best for ourselves," he said.

Despite intense public pressure to change the Redskins name, team owner Dan Snyder has refused, saying in the past that it "represents honor, respect and pride" for Native Americans. Snyder issued a quick statement after Monday's decision: "I am THRILLED. Hail to the Redskins."

Redskins attorney Lisa Blatt said the court's decision effectively resolves the Redskins' longstanding dispute with the government.

"The Supreme Court vindicated the team's position that the

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MONDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 3, Midland 1

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

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Midland 35-35
Frisco 31-39

Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Frisco 3, Midland 1	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BOXING
Eddie Ramirez vs. Erick Bone, 8 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

COLLEGE BASEBALL
CWS: Texas A&M vs. TCU, 1 p.m., ESPN
CWS: Florida State vs. Louisville, 6 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
PGA Professional Championship, 3rd Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

HORSE RACING
Royal Ascot, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN

MLB
LA Angels at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB
Toronto at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., ROOT
NY Mets at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Euro U-21: Serbia vs. Macedonia, 11 a.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3
UEFA Euro U-21: Portugal vs. Spain; 1:45 p.m., ESPNDEP, ESPN3

RUGBY
State of Origin: New South Wales vs. Queensland, 5 a.m., FS2

TENNIS
ATP: Halle; ATP: London, 5 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: Aegon Classic, 5:30 a.m., beIN

ON RADIO

MLB
Toronto at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring); KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM



Nati Harnik/Associated Press

Oregon State's KJ Harrison, in the middle of the pack, is mobbed by celebrating teammates and coach Pat Casey (9) after he hit a grand slam in the sixth inning of a College World Series baseball game against LSU in Omaha, Neb., on Monday.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES ROUNDUP

FLORIDA STATE 6
CSU FULLERTON 4

OMAHA, Neb. — Florida State's dugout was a bit deflated after the Seminoles gave up three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to have a two-run lead against Cal State Fullerton turn into a one-run deficit.

Things perked up when shortstop Timmy Richards couldn't make a play on Taylor Walls' grounder leading off the top of the seventh. That started a three-run inning that helped send the Seminoles to a 6-4 win that knocked the Titans out of the College World Series.

"Anytime a guy gets on base, the first hitter, we think we'll score a crooked number, not just one," FSU's Drew Mendoza said. "The first hitter sets the tone, and with guys getting on base, we were feeling really good about the inning. It gives the guy behind him confidence to pass the bat to the next guy."

Fullerton (39-24) has gone two games and out in four straight CWS appearances and has lost nine games in a row in Omaha. The last four of those losses are on coach Rick Vanderhook's tab.

"I know I'm 0-4. I knew how difficult it was to get here. But it's even more difficult to get here and win," he said.

Chase Haney (3-2) worked two-thirds of an inning for the win, and Drew Carlton earned his seventh save after Fullerton put two runners on base with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Pinch hitter Hank LoForte struck out looking to end the game.

It was another heart-wrenching loss for the Titans. They blew a 5-4 lead in the sixth inning against No. 1 seed Oregon State on Saturday, a[nd] to hold a 4-3 sixth-inning lea[d] Seminoles after Dilion Pers[on] and Timmy Richards' two-ru[n]

"You get up one. It's tough[,]" said. "We wanted a shutdow[n] the momentum on our side."

That didn't happen. The S[eminoles] (46-22) used three walks, tw[o] singles and a double to take[...] the seventh.

After Walls reached lead[off] Jack Pabich (1-3), Dylan Bu[rd] when left fielder Chris Pres[co]t to catch the low fly, which c[ame] his glove when he ran into [it]

Blake Workman came o[n] tionally walked Jackson Lu[ke] walked Quincy Nieporte an[d] to give the Seminoles a one[-]run lead. Florida State made it 6-4 again[st] when Richards couldn't m[ake] Matt Henderson's grounder[...]

OREGON STATE 13
LSU 1

OMAHA, Neb. — Bryce Fehmel limited LSU to two hits in eight innings, KJ Harrison hit the first College World Series grand slam at TD Ameritrade Park, and Oregon State beat LSU 13-1 for its 23rd straight win Monday night.

LOCAL SPORTS

PBLA PLAYDAY RESULTS
Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club

First Flight — 1st Gross, Violin Dupasquier, 82. Ranchland Hills Golf Club; 2nd gross, La Wat son, 86, Midland Country Club; 1st Net, Babas Hester, 69, Ranchland Hills GC; 2nd Net, Jackie Marquez, 71, Ratliff Ranch. Low Putts, Tammy Marcum, 28, Hogan Park.

Second Flight — 1st Gross, Lydia Thomson, 92, Hogan Park; 2nd Gross, Rhonda Wenger, 98, Hogan Park; 1st Net, Linda Alexander, 72, Ratliff Ranch; 2nd Net, Bobbye Harris, 73, Ratliff Ranch. Low Putts, Trish Gabbard, 28, Comanche Trails.

Third Flight — 1st Gross, Erin Bethancourt, 99, Hogan Park; 2nd Gross, Joan Bohannon, 102, Ranchland Hills; 1st Net, Nancy Lloyd, 69, Hogan Park; 2nd Net, Mary Jane Belden, 70, Hogan Park. Low Putts, Judy Hunnicutt, 30, Ranchland Hills.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Upheld the six-game suspension of San Francisco's Hunter Strickland for brawling with Washington's Bryce Harper on May 29. Suspended New York Yankees minor league RHP Matt Marsh (Thanton-EL) and Minnesota minor league LHP Cam Booser (Fort Myers-FSL) 50 games each following second positive tests for a drug of abuse, a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed SS J.J. Hardy on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of INF Paul Janish from Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with INF Tanner Nishioka and OF Jordan Wren on minor league contracts and assigned them to Lowell (NYP).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed INF-OF Leury Garcia on the 10-day DL, retroactive to June 16.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Acquired RHP Jarrett Grube from Toronto for cash and assigned him to Columbus (IL). Activated OF Michael Brantley from the paternity list and placed him on the 10-day DL, retroactive to June 16.

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Buck Farmer to Toledo (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with 1B Nick Pratto.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Tyler Stevens, Connor Riley, Daniel Procopio, Isaac Mattson and Zac Ryan; LHP James Ziemba; OFs Jonah Todd, Brandon Sandoval and Kevin Williams; SSs Matt McCann and Bernabe Camargo; 1B David MacKinnon; and C Harrison Wenson on minor league contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Garvin Alston bullpen coach.

TEXAS RANGERS — Purchased the contract of RHP Tanner Scheppers from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned OF Jared Hoying to Round Rock. Transferred RHP A.J. Griffin to the 60-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with Cs Riley Adams and Reilly Johnson; INFs Kevin Smith, Cullen Large, Kacy Clemens and Ryan Noda; OFs Brock Lundquist, Tanner Kinker D.J. Neal and Brandon Polizzi; RHPs Colton Laws, Justin Dillon, Donnie Sellers, Matt Shannon, Ty Tice, Graham Spraker, Maverik Buffin, Jonathan Cheshire and Justin Watts; LHPs Zach Logue, Jordan Barrett, Joseph DiBenedetto, Matt Gunter and Marcus Reyes.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed RHP Bronson Arroyo and SS Zack Cozart on the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Jesse Winker from Louisville (IL) and RHP Ariel Hernandez from Pensacola (SL). Agreed to terms with LHP Packy Naughton and RHPs Connor Ryan, Ryan Nutof, Robby Howell and Tyler Buffett on minor league contracts.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent LHP Tyler Anderson to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Designated LHP Jason Wheeler for assignment. Agreed to terms with LHP Chris Resnick on a minor league contract. Reinstated RHP Sergio Romo from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Josh Fields to Oklahoma City (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Drew Steckenrider to New Orleans (PCL). Reinstated LHP Justin Nicolino from the 10-day DL. Sent SS Adeiny Hechavarria and 3B Martin Prado to Jupiter (SL) for rehab assignments.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Roberto Delgado on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Tony Dibrell, Marcel Renteria, Connor O'Neil, Trey Cobb, Cannon Chadwick, Stephen Villines, Nate Peden, Joshua Payne, Joe Cavallaro, Billy Oxford, Liam McCall, Ryan Selmer and Noah Nunez; INFs Dylan Snypes, Carl Stadzuhar, Gavin Garay and Jeremy Vasquez; LHPs Aaron Ford and Jose Sierra; and C Robby Kidwell on minor league contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with LHPs Evan Kruczynski, Brett Seeburger and Patrick Dayton; 3B Evan Mendoza; RHPs Evan Mendoza, Jake Walsh, Will Latcham, Evan Guillory, Thomas St. Clair and Paul Balestrieri; 2Bs Irving Lopez and Wood (John) Myers; and OF J.D. Crowe. Brandon Benson and Michael Britar on minor league contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Claimed LHP Dillon Overton off waivers from Seattle and optioned him to El Paso (PCL). Designated RHP Zach Lee for assignment.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed LHP Anthony Pacillo.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released LHP Jon Jones and RHP Carlos Misell.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Matt Sergey.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed LHP Carson McPherson. Released OF Brendan O'Brien.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF Andrew Frazier. Released OF Thomas Bass.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed LHP John Lamnan.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Keegan Yuhi.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Jon Velasquez.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF David Glaude.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS — Traded the 2017 first-round draft pick (No. 1) to Philadelphia for the 76ers' 2017 first-round draft pick (No. 3) and a conditional first-round pick in 2018 or 2019.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Named Jerry West consultant.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Announced president Chris Granger is leaving. Promoted chief financial officer John Rinehart to president of business operations.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

DETROIT LIONS — Signed WR Kenny Golladay.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed RB D'Onta Foreman.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Promoted regional scout Chip Flanagan to national scout, scouting assistant RJ Gillen to pro scout, scouting assistant Jacob Nierob to player personnel assistant, scouting assistant John Stevenson to regional scout and NFS scout John Stevenson to regional scout.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

MINNESOTA WILD — Announced an ECHL affiliation agreement with the Rapid City (ECHL) for the upcoming season.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Joonas Lyytinen to a two-year, entry-level contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Signed D George Bello and Fs Lagos Kunga and Patrick Okonkwo.

National Women's Soccer League

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed F Estefania Banini.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Named Jon Ish men's associate head basketball coach.

BARTON — Named Warren Shumate men's lacrosse coach.

BLOOMFIELD — Named Vanessa Watson women's basketball coach.

DELAWARE — Bob Clark women's associate head basketball coach.

NC STATE — Announced junior S Stephen has transferred from Tennessee.

NEW MEXICO — Announced the resignation of defensive passing game coordinator and safeties coach Charles McMillian.

OKLAHOMA — Promoted pitching coach Skip Johnson to baseball coach. Suspended junior S Will Sunderland from the football team indefinitely.

PENN STATE — Named Rose Pietrzak Carter associate director of communications.

PEPPERDINE — Announced the retirement of men's volleyball coach Marv Dunphy.

TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Damien Flowers track and field and cross country coach.

SPORTS BRIEFS

WYOMING

Injured Odessa College bull rider showing some improvement

CASPER — An Odessa College bull rider who was severely injured after being stepped on by a bull during the College National Finals Rodeo in Wyoming has been showing signs of improvement.

On Monday, Bradie Gray gave a thumbs up sign to his parents.

However, Gray remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Gray was injured after being stepped on by a bull during Thursday's competition. He suffered broken ribs, a torn aorta and collapsed lungs.

Odessa coach C.J. Aragon tells the Casper Star-Tribune that the Hallsville, Australia, native is making small improvements.

A post on the team's Facebook page says Gray gave his parents a thumbs up sign and is trying to communicate by writing.

ARKANS

Mayfield acce[pts] plea for 3 misd[emeanors]

FAYETTEVILLE [...] says Oklahoma quart[erback] Mayfield was fined $[...] to pay court costs afte[r] guilty plea to three m[isdemeanors] following his arrest [...] in Fayetteville, Arka[nsas].

Fayetteville City P[rosecutor] Thomas said Monday [Mayfield] accepted a guilty pl[ea] to public intoxicatio[n], disorderly conduct, [and] each punishable by [up to] jail, but Thomas say[s he] only fined.

Thomas says he [dropped] of refusing to submi[t] prosecutor says the [...] received is a typical [...] quarterback was "[...] else."

Last week, the So[oners] ...

HONORS

From 1C

Chaps. Senior had a big year as a sophomore as not only did he show great improvement but he showed off his athleticism, speed on the base paths and his home run power. He finished with a .398 batting average, led the team with 17 home runs, drove in a team-high 91 runs (third in the NJCAA), had a team-high seven triples, and was 12-for-13 on stolen base attempts.

"I started off slow[ly] ing with (MC head [coach] Coleman) and that [helped me] ceed and excel this [season]. "I think getting m[ore] with my surroundi[ngs] more comfortable with [the] man was the m[ain] thing this year."

Three other players from the WJCAC also received All-American honors by the NJCAA. Odessa Col- ... All-American selection.

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PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through June 18
All-around

1. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $70,549
2. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $65,403
3. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $64,211
4. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $52,614
5. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $47,144
6. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $43,867
7. Tiell Ellsbury, Goodwell, Okla. $41,747
8. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $40,958
9. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $35,420
10. JoJo LeMond, Andrews, Texas$32,546
11. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $29,104
12. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $28,428
13. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $27,166
14. Jordan Kelscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $26,924
15. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $20,772
16. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $20,592
17. Chant DeForest, Wheatland, Calif. $19,456
18. Adam Rose, Willard, Mo. $18,409
19. John Leinaweaver, Ontario, Ore. $18,032
20. McCoy Profitt, Okeechobee, Fla. $15,987

Bareback Riding

1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $87,076
2. R.C. Landingham, Hat Creek, Calif. $76,110
3. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $70,077
4. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $61,469
5. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas $57,846
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $47,343
7. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $46,712
8. Chad Rutherford, Lake Charles, La. $43,655
9. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $42,379
10. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. $42,186
11. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $36,439
12. Wyatt Bloom, Bend, Ore. $37,053
13. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $36,985
14. Tyler Nelson, Victor, Idaho $36,850
15. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas $34,912
16. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $33,884
17. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manito $33,303
18. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $29,819
19. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $28,819
20. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev.$26,799

Steer Wrestling

1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $106,775
2. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $71,494
3. Olin Hannum, Mallad, Idaho $53,344
4. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $49,275
5. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $46,786
6. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $40,568
7. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $38,021
8. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas $37,335
9. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $35,039
10. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta $33,668
11. J.D. Struxness, Appleton, Minn. $32,905
12. Chance Howard, Cedarville, Ark. $32,723
13. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $32,591
14. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $32,027
15. Justin Shaffer, Hallsville, Texas $28,036
16. Jon Ragatz, Beetown, Wis. $27,813
17. Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev. $25,911
18. Dirk Tavenner, Rigby, Idaho $25,543
19. Rowdy Parrott, Marrero, La. $23,978
20. Shane Frey, Duncan, Okla. $23,482

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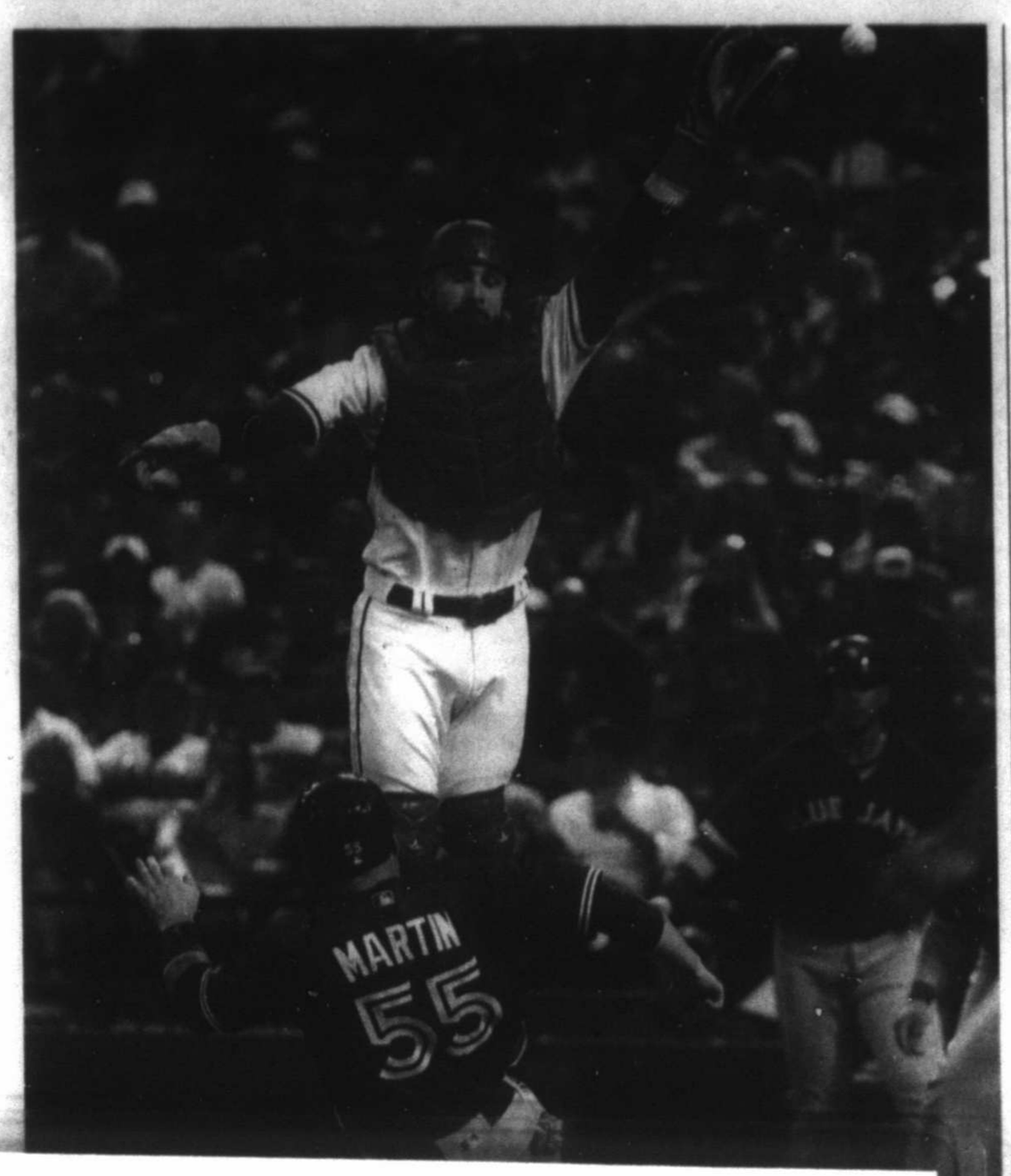
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ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 1
At Dr Pepper Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Jose Trevino went 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI to lead Frisco. ... Midland's Max Schrock was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Frisco starter Colin Wiles earned his sixth win of the season after he allowed one run on six hits and struck out two over six innings of work. ... Frisco's Ryne Slack earned his third save of the season after he didn't allow a hit and struck out one in 1 1/3 shutout innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Frisco got on the board in the bottom of the second when Eric Aguilera singled home Scott Heineman, who reached on a double. ... Midland tied it at 1 in the top of the fourth when Schrock singled to score Yairo Munoz, who had stolen second base. ... Trevino gave the RoughRiders the lead for good in the fifth with a sacrifice fly to score Heineman. Trevino added an RBI double in the seventh.

NOTES: Monday marked the end of the Texas League first half. Midland finished with a 35-35 record for second place in the South Division. ... Prior to Monday's game, the RockHounds announced that RHP Brett Graves was placed on the seven-day disabled list, RHP Lou Trivino was transferred from Midland to Triple-A Nashville, RHP Tyler Sturdevant was transferred from Nashville to Midland, and that LHP A.J. Puk, the Oakland A's top pitching prospect, was added to the roster after being moved up from Single-A Stockton. ... Puk allowed three runs on four hits, walked two, hit two batters, threw a wild pitch and struck out seven in his Double-A debut. ... The Oakland A's announced on Monday that it had named former Midland manager Steve Scarsone as its acting third base coach. With Scarsone's addition, that makes three former members from the RockHounds' field staff now in Oakland with former manager Darren Bush (hitting coach) and former pitching coach Scott Emerson. ... The two teams will play the third game of a four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
Midland - RHP Grant Holmes (5-6, 5.45 ERA). Frisco - LHP Yohander Mendez (4-4, 3.78).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Northwest Arkansas	39	31	.557	—
Springfield	35	35	.500	4
Tulsa	33	37	.471	6
Arkansas	32	38	.457	7

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-San Antonio	41	29	.586	—
Midland	35	35	.500	6
Corpus Christi	34	36	.486	7
Frisco	31	39	.443	10

y-won first half title

Monday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 3, Arkansas 2
Tulsa 5, Springfield 2
Northwest Arkansas 3, Arkansas 2
Frisco 3, Midland 1
Corpus Christi 3, San Antonio 2

Today's Games
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd lf	4	0	2	0	O'Neill lf	4	0	0	0
Munoz 3b	4	1	2	0	Ibanez 2b	3	0	0	0
Schrock 2b	4	0	2	1	Profar 3b	4	0	0	0
Marincov dh	4	0	1	0	Tendler dh	3	0	0	0
Rojas 1b	4	0	0	0	Heineman cf	1	3	1	0
Taylor c	4	0	0	0	Aguilera 1b	3	0	1	1
Sportman rf	4	0	1	0	Bolinger rf	2	0	0	0
Vertigan cf	4	0	1	0	Trevino c	2	9	2	2
Martin ss	3	0	0	0	Marte ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**1**	**9**	**1**	**Totals**		**25**	**3**	**4**	**3**

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Frisco	010	010	100	—3

E - Marte (2). DP - Midland 1. Frisco 1. LOB - Midland7. Frisco 3. 2B - Sportman (14). Heineman (11). Trevino (5). SB - Munoz (11). CS - Schrock (1). SF - Trevino.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Puk L, 0-1	7.0	4	3	3	2	7
Sturdevant	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Frisco						
Wiles W, 6-3	6.0	6	1	1	0	2
McCain	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Garrett	0.2	2	0	0	0	0
Slack S, 3	1.1	0	0	0	0	1

WP - Puk. HBP - by Puk (Heineman), by Puk (Bolinger).
T - 2:29. A - 3,342.

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 12
ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE — While Corey Kluber mowed down the Baltimore Orioles and the Indians ran around the bases at Camden Yards, Cleveland's bullpen did absolutely nothing.

That, as much as anything else, really made it a perfect night for manager Terry Francona.

ROYALS 4
RED SOX 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Whit Merrifield drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Eric Hosmer hit a two-run homer and the Kansas City Royals beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2 on Monday night for their eighth win in nine games.

Jason Hammel (4-6) pitched seven sharp innings before turning it over to Mike Minor, who loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth. No. 9 hitter Christian Vazquez proceeded to send a slow bounder toward third base that Cheslor Cuthbert fielded cleanly and fired to first to end the threat.

National League

BRAVES 9
GIANTS 0

ATLANTA — R.A. Dickey threw seven scoreless innings, Matt Adams hit another homer and the Atlanta Braves sent the San Francisco Giants to their seventh straight loss, a 9-0 rout Monday night.

The 42-year-old Dickey (5-5) escaped a jam in the first to turn in his strongest outing of the season. He surrendered just three hits and retired 16 of the last 17 hitters he faced.

CUBS 3
PADRES 2

CHICAGO — Willson Contreras hit a tying home run, Javier Baez scored the winning run on an error and Wade Davis worked out of a ninth-inning jam to lead the Chicago Cubs past the San Diego Padres 3-2 Monday night.

Anthony Rizzo thrived in the leadoff spot again, extending his career-high hitting streak to 13 games by going 2 for 3 with an RBI as Chicago won its second straight to improve to 35-34.

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR BRACKETS

Texas West District 3
8-10 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Floyd Gwin (1) 5, Northern 4
Game 2: Mid City 16, Jim Parker 4
Game 3: Tower 14, Sherwood 3

Sunday, June 18

Game 4: Eastern 12, Big Spring 2
Game 5: Floyd Gwin (1) 28, Floyd Gwin (2) 2

Loser's bracket

Game 6: Northern 21, Jim Parker 1

Monday, June 19
Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 9: Mid City vs. Tower, late
Game 10: Floyd Gwin (1) vs. Eastern, late

Loser's bracket second round

Game 7: Floyd Gwin (2) vs. Big Spring, late
Game 8: Northern vs. Game 3 loser, late

Tuesday, June 20
Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 13: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m. at Field 1

Loser's bracket quarterfinals

Game 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 loser, 6 p.m. at Field 1
Game 12: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 loser, TBA at Field 1

Wednesday, June 21
Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 1

Thursday, June 22
Loser's bracket final

Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 13 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 1

Friday, June 23
Championship

Game 16: Game 13 winner vs. Game 15 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 1

Saturday, June 24
If necessary game

Game 17: Game 16 winner vs. Game 16 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 1

9-11 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Mid City 10, Eastern 0
Game 2: Northern 10, Floyd Gwin 0
Game 3: Jim Parker 9, Big Spring 6
Game 4: Tower 11, Sherwood 1

Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 5: Northern 11, Mid City 12
Game 6: Jim Parker 18, Tower 15

Loser's bracket

Game 7: Eastern 7, Floyd Gwin 3
Game 8: Big Spring 12, Sherwood 7

Monday, June 19
Loser's bracket second round

Game 9: Eastern vs. Tower, late
Game 10: Big Spring vs. Mid City, late

Tuesday, June 20
Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 11: Northern vs. Game 6 winner, 8 p.m. at Field 2

Loser's bracket quarterfinal

Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m. at Field 2

Wednesday, June 21
Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 13: Game 12 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 2

Thursday, June 22
Championship

Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 2

Friday, June 23
If necessary game

Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 2

10-12 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Sherwood 9, Big Spring 5
Game 2: Eastern 9, Tower 8
Game 3: Northern 2, Floyd Gwin 1
Game 4: Mid City 14, Jim Parker 0

Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 5: Eastern 12, Sherwood 10
Game 6: Northern 19, Mid City 4

Loser's bracket

Game 7: Big Spring 13, Tower 12
Game 8: Floyd Gwin 14, Jim Parker 2

Monday, June 19
Loser's bracket second round

Game 9: Big Spring vs. Mid City, late
Game 10: Floyd Gwin vs. Sherwood, late

Tuesday, June 20
Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 11: Eastern vs. Northern, 8 p.m. at Field 1

Loser's bracket quarterfinal

Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m. at Field 1

Wednesday, June 21
Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 13: Game 12 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 1

Thursday, June 22
Championship

Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 1

If necessary game

Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 1

Intermediate All-Star Tournament
At Roy Anderson Sports Complex, Big Spring
Saturday, June 17

Winner's bracket quarterfinal

Game 1: Midland 13, Odessa East 3

Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 2: Midland 25, Big Spring 9

Monday, June 19
Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 3: Big Spring vs. Odessa East, late

Tuesday, June 20
Championship

Game 4: Midland vs. Game 3 winner, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21
If necessary game

Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m.

Junior All-Star Tournament
At Big Spring High School Steer Field
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Midland 8, Big Spring 4

Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 2: Midland 10, Odessa West 8

Monday, June 19
Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 3: Big Spring vs. Odessa West, late

Tuesday, June 20
Championship

Game 4: Midland vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21
If necessary game

Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 4 loser, TBA

Senior All-Star Tournament
At Big Spring High School Steer Field
Saturday, June 17

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 1: Odessa East 13, Big Spring 7
Game 2: Odessa West 6, Midland 2

Sunday, June 18
Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 3: Odessa East 8, Odessa West 4

Loser's bracket quarterfinal

Game 4: Big Spring 9, Midland 1

Monday, June 19
Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 5: Odessa West vs. Big Spring, late

Tuesday, June 20
Championship

Game 6: Odessa East vs. Game 5 winner, 8:30 p.m.

If necessary game

Game 7: Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser, TBA

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	29	.567	—
Boston	39	31	.557	½
Tampa Bay	37	36	.507	4
Toronto	34	35	.493	5
Baltimore	34	35	.493	5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	37	31	.544	—
Minnesota	34	33	.507	2½
Kansas City	34	35	.493	3½
Detroit	32	36	.471	5
Chicago	31	37	.456	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	46	24	.657	—
Los Angeles	36	37	.493	11½
Texas	34	35	.493	11½
Seattle	34	37	.479	12½
Oakland	31	38	.449	14½

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	42	26	.600	—
Atlanta	32	37	.464	9½
New York	31	37	.456	10
Miami	31	37	.456	10
Philadelphia	22	46	.324	19
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	34	.528	—
Chicago	35	34	.507	1½
Pittsburgh	32	38	.457	5
St. Louis	31	37	.456	5
Cincinnati	30	39	.435	6½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	46	26	.639	—
Los Angeles	44	26	.629	1
Arizona	44	26	.629	1
San Diego	28	43	.394	17½
San Francisco	26	46	.361	20

Scores and Schedules

American League
Monday's Scores
Cleveland 12, Baltimore 0
Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 4, Boston 2
Toronto 7, Texas 6
Houston at Oakland, late
Detroit at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Cleveland (Tomlin 4-8) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-5), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Bridwell 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 7-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Garrett 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-5), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Liriano 3-2) at Texas (Martinez 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Holland 5-6) at Minnesota (Santana 8-4), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Sale 8-3) at Kansas City (Strahm 2-3), 7:15 p.m.
Houston (Martes 1-0) at Oakland (Gray 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 5-5) at Seattle (Miranda 6-3), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Monday's Scores
Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 3
Miami 8, Washington 7
Atlanta 9, San Francisco 0
Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
St. Louis (Leake 5-6) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 5-5), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Garrett 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-5), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 6-1) at Miami (Volquez 3-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Moore 2-7) at Atlanta (Teheran 6-4), 6:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-6) at Milwaukee (Davies 7-3), 6:40 p.m.
San Diego (Chacin 6-5) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 8-3) at Colorado (Marquez 5-3), 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 5-4) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 5-3), 9:10 p.m.

Texas boxes

BLUE JAYS 7, RANGERS 6

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Pillar cf	5	0	0	0	Choo rf	5	1	2	0
Dnldson 3b	4	1	1	1	Andrus ss	5	1	2	2
J.Bsta rf	4	1	1	1	Mazara lf	4	2	1	1
Morales dh	5	1	2	1	Beltre 3b	4	0	1	3
Barney pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Odor 2b	5	0	0	0
Smoak 1b	4	2	3	1	C.Gomez cf	3	1	1	0
Tlwtzki ss	5	0	1	0	Napoli dh	3	0	0	0
R.Mrtin c	2	1	0	0	Lucroy c	2	1	0	0
Pearce lf	4	0	1	3	Gallo 1b	3	0	0	0
Smith Jr lf	0	0	0	0					
Goins 2b	4	1	1	0					
Totals	**37**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**Totals**	**34**	**6**	**7**	**5**

Toronto	010	400	002—7
Texas	100	500	000—6

LOB - Toronto 9, Texas 8. 2B - Morales (13), Tulowitzki (7), Pearce (4), Goins (7), Beltre (8), Choo (7), Andrus (20), Mazara (9), Napoli (20), Lucroy (6). HR - J.Bautista (12), Smoak (20), Mazara (9). SB - Donaldson (1). S - Andrus.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Estrada	3.2	3	7	6	4	4
Leone	2.3	0	0	0	3	0
Loup	1.2	3	0	0	0	3
Grilli	1	0	0	0	0	1
Bellveau W, 1-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Osuna S, 18-21	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Bibens-Dirkx	5	5	5	5	1	5
Scheppers	1.2	3	1	0	2	2
Alvarez	1.0	0	0	0	2	2
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	1	2
Bush L, 2-2	BS 3	1	1	2	2	1

WP - Leone.
T - 3:48. A - 25,115 (48,114).

SUNDAY'S LATE BOX
RED SOX 6, ASTROS 5

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Betts rf	4	1	1	0	Springer rf	4	2	2	1
Pedroia 2b	2	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	3	1	2	0
Sndoval 3b	0	0	0	0	Correa ss	5	1	2	1
Bgaerts ss	4	2	3	4	B McCnn c	3	0	2	1
Mreland 1b	4	0	1	0	Ms Grza pr-1bl	0	0	0	0
H.Pmrez dh	4	1	1	0	Beltran dh	4	0	1	1
Brndrd lf	3	1	1	0	Y.Grml 1b	5	0	2	0
Bndy J cf	3	0	0	0	Gattis c	0	0	0	0
Rfledge 3b-2b	4	0	1	0	Bhrgman 3b	4	0	1	0
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	Fisher lf-cf	5	0	1	0
Mrsnick cf	3	1	1	1					
Aoki ph-lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**33**	**6**	**9**	**6**	**Totals**	**36**	**5**	**14**	**5**

Boston	100	004	100—6
Houston	100	012	010—5

DP - Boston 1, Houston 1. LOB - Boston 4, Houston 13. 2B - Bradley Jr. (9), Altuve (20), Y.Gurriel 2 (16). HR - Bogaerts 2 (4), Springer (19), Correa (13), Marisnick (8). CS - Pedroia (3), Fisher (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Price W, 2-1	7	4	1	1	1	7
Hembree	1	1	0	0	0	1
Kelly	1	0	0	0	0	1
Barnes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Scott	2.3	1	0	0	0	3
Kimbrel S 20-21	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Musgrove L, 4-6	5.2	3	1	1	1	5
Hoyt	2.3	1	0	0	0	3
Devenski	2.3	1	0	0	0	3
Feliz	1	0	0	0	0	1

Price pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.
HBP - by Price (McCann), by Hoyt (Betts), by Hoyt (Pedroia). WP - Price 2, Musgrove.
T - 4:08. A - 38,389 (42,060).

Monday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 12, ORIOLES 0

Cleveland	000	443	001	—12	17	0
Baltimore	000	000	000	—0	3	2

Kluber and Gomes; Bundy, Nuno (5), Ynoa (6), Bleier (9) and Castillo, Joseph. W—Kluber 6-2. L—Bundy 7-6. HRs—Cleveland: Kipnis, Santana.

ROYALS 4, RED SOX 2

Boston	000	200	000	—2	10	0
Kansas City	002	000	20x	—4	10	0

Velazquez, Abad (6), Boyer (6), Scott (7), Maddox (8) and Vazquez. Leon; Hammel, Minor (8), Herrera (9) and Butera, S.Perez. W—Hammel 4-6. L—Boyer 0-1. Sv—Herrera (16). HRs—Boston: Bradley Jr. Kansas City: Hosmer.

INTERLEAGUE
REDS 7, RAYS 3

Cincinnati	000	012	031	—7	9	1
Tampa Bay	000	001	200	—3	7	0

Feldman, Lorenzen (7), Iglesias (9) and Hanigan; Odorizzi, Alvarado (8), Farquhar (8) and Norris. W—Lorenzen 4-2. L—Alvarado 0-2. HRs—Cincinnati: Schebler, Gennett. Tampa Bay: Souza Jr., Robertson.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES 9, GIANTS 0

San Francisco	000	000	000	—0	4	0
Atlanta	001	100	07x	—9	11	0

Cueto, Osich (8), Law (8), Morris (8) and Posey, Dickey, Vizcaino (8) ... Jackson (9) and Flowers. W—Dickey 5-5. L—Cueto 5-7. HRs—Atlanta: Adams, Santana.

MARLINS 8, NATIONALS 7

Washington	213	010	000	—7	13	1
Miami	000	006	101	—8	13	1

Roark, Grace (3), O.Perez (6), J.Turner (7), Romero (8) and Wieters. Nicolino, Worley (4), Garcia (6), McGowan (7), Barraclough (8), Ramos (9) and Realmuto. W—Ramos 2-3. L—Romero 2-3. HRs—Washington: Rendon. Harper. Miami, Bour, Stanton.

PIRATES 8, BREWERS 1

Pittsburgh	002	002	400	—8	11	0
Milwaukee	010	000	000	—1	5	2

Cole, Marinez (8) and Cervelli. Garza, Peralta (6), Espino (7) and Pina. W—Cole 5-6. L—Garza 3-3. HRs—Pittsburgh: McCutchen. Milwaukee: Shaw.

CUBS 3, PADRES 2

San Diego	101	000	000	—2	7	1
Chicago	001	000	20x	—3	7	1

Richard, Yates (7), Hand (7), Maton (8) and Hedges. Torrens, Lester, Rondon (7), Uehara (8), Davis (9) and Contreras. W—Rondon 2-1. L—Yates 1-1. Sv—Davis (14). HRs—San Diego, Preia. Solarte. Chicago, Contreras.

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MONDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 3, Midland 1

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.

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RECORDS
Midland 35-35
Frisco 31-39

Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Frisco 3, Midland 1	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.	Midland at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

BOXING
Eddie Ramirez vs. Erick Bone, 8 p.m., FS1, FXDEP

COLLEGE BASEBALL
CWS: Texas A&M vs. TCU, 1 p.m., ESPN
CWS: Florida State vs. Louisville, 6 p.m., ESPN

GOLF
PGA Professional Championship, 3rd Round, 7 p.m., GOLF

HORSE RACING
Royal Ascot, 7:30 a.m., NBCSN

MLB
LA Angels at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB
Toronto at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., ROOT
NY Mets at LA Dodgers, 9 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

MEN'S SOCCER
UEFA Euro U-21: Serbia vs. Macedonia, 11 a.m., ES-PNDEP, ESPN3
UEFA Euro U-21: Portugal vs. Spain, 1:45 p.m., ES-PNDEP, ESPN3

RUGBY
State of Origin: New South Wales vs. Queensland, 5 a.m., FS2

TENNIS
ATP: Halle; ATP: London, 5 a.m., TENNIS
WTA: Aegon Classic, 5:30 a.m., beIN

ON RADIO

MLB
Toronto at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring); KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)
Houston at Oakland, 9 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM, 1400 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL
Midland at Frisco, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM



Nati Harnik/Associated Press

Oregon State's KJ Harrison, in the middle of the pack, is mobbed by celebrating teammates and coach Pat Casey (9) after he hit a grand slam in the sixth inning of a College World Series baseball game against LSU in Omaha, Neb., on Monday.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES ROUNDUP

FLORIDA STATE 6
CSU FULLERTON 4

OMAHA, Neb. — Florida State's dugout was a bit deflated after the Seminoles gave up three runs in the bottom of the sixth inning to have a two-run lead against Cal State Fullerton turn into a one-run deficit.

Things perked up when shortstop Timmy Richards couldn't make a play on Taylor Walls' grounder leading off the top of the seventh. That started a three-run inning that helped send the Seminoles to a 6-4 win that knocked the Titans out of the College World Series.

"Anytime a guy gets on base, the first hitter, we think we'll score a crooked number, not just one," FSU's Drew Mendoza said. "The first hitter sets the tone, and with guys getting on base, we were feeling really good about the inning. It gives the guy behind him confidence to pass the bat to the next guy."

Fullerton (39-24) has gone two games and out in four straight CWS appearances and has lost nine games in a row in Omaha. The last four of those losses are on coach Rick Vanderhook's tab.

"I know I'm 0-4. I knew how difficult it was to get here. But it's even more difficult to get here and win," he said.

Chase Haney (3-2) worked two-thirds of an inning for the win, and Drew Carlton earned his seventh save after Fullerton put two runners on base with two outs in the bottom of the ninth. Pinch hitter Hank LoForte struck out looking to end the game.

It was another heart-wrenching loss for the Titans. They blew a 5-1 lead in the sixth inning against No. 1 national seed Oregon State on Saturday, and they failed to hold a 4-3 sixth-inning lead against the Seminoles after Dillon Persinger's double and Timmy Richards' two-run homer.

"You get up one. It's tough," Persinger said. "We wanted a shutdown inning to get the momentum on our side."

That didn't happen. The Seminoles (46-22) used three walks, two infield singles and a double to take the lead in the seventh.

After Walls reached leading off against Jack Pabich (1-3), Dylan Busby doubled when left fielder Chris Prescott went back to catch the low fly, which dropped out of his glove when he ran into the fence.

Blake Workman came on and intentionally walked Jackson Luecki, and then walked Quincy Nieporte and Cal Raleigh to give the Seminoles a one-run lead. Florida State made it 6-4 against Brett Conine when Richards couldn't make a play on Matt Henderson's grounder to short.

OREGON STATE 13
LSU 1

OMAHA, Neb. — Bryce Fehmel limited LSU to two hits in eight innings, KJ Harrison hit the first College World Series grand slam at TD Ameritrade Park, and Oregon State beat LSU 13-1 for its 23rd straight win Monday night.

The top-seeded Beavers (56-4), who matched the school-record win streak they set earlier this season, took control of Bracket 1. They don't play again until Friday, and need one more win to advance to next week's best-of-three finals.

LSU (49-18) had its 17-game win streak end with its most lopsided CWS loss since a 20-6 throttling by Cal State Fullerton in 1994. The Tigers face elimination when they play Florida State on Wednesday.

Starter Eric Walker (6-2) left the game in the third inning because of forearm tightness. Caleb Gilbert held the Beavers for a couple of innings, but they capitalized on a couple of LSU misplays to go up 3-0 in the fifth.

Harrison's slam made it 8-0 in the sixth.

Fehmel (6-2) wiggled out of a mini jam in the fifth before Zach Watson's homer in the seventh allowed LSU to avoid getting shut out for the first time in its 62 CWS games.

LOCAL SPORTS

PBLA PLAYDAY RESULTS
Permian Basin Ladies Association Playday at Ranchland Hills Golf Club

First Flight — 1st Gross, Violin Dupasquier, 82; Ranchland Hills Golf Club; 2nd gross, Lia Worson, 86, Midland Country Club; 1st Net, Babara Hester, 69, Ranchland Hills GC; 2nd Net, Jackie Marquez, 71, Ratliff Ranch; Low Putts, Tammy Marcum, 28, Hogan Park

Second Flight — 1st Gross, Lydia Thomason, 92, Hogan Park; 2nd Gross, Rhonda Winegar, 98, Hogan Park; 1st Net, Linda Alexander, 72, Ratliff Ranch; 2nd Net, Bobbye Harris, 73, Ratliff Ranch; Low Putts, Trish Gabbard, 28, Comanche Trails

Third Flight — 1st Gross, Erin Bethancourt, 99, Hogan Park; 2nd Gross, Joan Bohannon, 102, Ranchland Hills; 1st Net, Nancy Lloyd, 69, Hogan Park; 2nd Net, Mary Jane Belden, 70, Hogan Park; Low Putts, Judy Hunnicutt, 30, Ranchland Hills

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Upheld the six-game suspension of San Francisco's Hunter Strickland for brawling with Washington's Bryce Harper on May 29.

Suspended New York Yankees minor league RHP Matt Marsh (TRenton-EL) and Minnesota minor league LHP Cam Dosser (Fort Myers-FSL) 50 games each following second positive tests for a drug of abuse, a violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program.

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed SS J.J Hardy on the 10-day DL. Selected the contract of INF Paul Janish from Norfolk (IL).

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with INF Tanner Nishioka and OF Jordan Wren on minor league contracts and assigned them to Lowell (NYP).

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Placed INF/OF Leury Garcia on the 10-day DL, retroactive to June 16.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Acquired RHP Jarrett Grube from Toronto for cash and assigned him to Columbus (IL). Activated OF Michael Brantley from the paternity list and placed him on the 10-day DL, retroactive to June 16.

DETROIT TIGERS — Optioned RHP Buck Farmer to Toledo (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with 1B Nick Pratto.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Tyler Stevens, Connor Riley, Daniel Procopio, Isaac Mattson and Zac Ryan, LHP James Dzierba, OFs Jonah Todd, Brandon Sandoval and Kevin Williams, SSs Matt McCann and Bernabe Camargo; 1B David MacKinnon; and C Harrison Wenson on minor league contracts.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Named Garvin Alston bullpen coach.

TEXAS RANGERS — Purchased the contract of RHP Tanner Scheppers from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned OF Jared Hoying to Round Rock. Transferred RHP A.J. Griffin to the 60-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with Cs Riley Adams and Reilly Johnson, INFs Kevin Smith, Cullen Large, Kacy Clemens and Ryan Nodal, OFs Brock Lundquist, Tanner Kinwer, D.J. Neal and Brandon Polizzi; RHPs Colton Laws, Justin Dillon, Donnie Sellers, Matt Shannon, Ty Tice, Graham Spraker, Maverik Buffo, Jonathan Cheshire and Justin Watts, LHPs Zach Logue, Jordan Barrett, Joseph DiBenedetto, Matt Gunter and Marcus Reyes.

National League

CINCINNATI REDS — Placed RHP Bronson Arroyo and SS Zack Cozzprion the 10-day DL. Recalled OF Jesse Winkler from Louisville (IL) and RHP Ariel Hernandez from Pensacola (SL). Agreed to terms with LHP Packy Naughton and RHPs Connor Ryan, Ryan Nutof, Robby Howell and Tyler Buffett on minor league contracts.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent LHP Tyler Anderson to Albuquerque (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Designated LHP Jason Wheeler for assignment. Agreed to terms with LHP Chris Resnick on a minor league contract. Reinstated RHP Sergio Romo from the 10-day DL. Optioned RHP Josh Fields to Oklahoma City (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned RHP Drew Steckenrider to New Orleans (PCL). Reinstated LHP Justin Nicolino from the the 10-day DL. Sent SS Adeiny Hechevarria and 3B Martin Prado to Jupiter (SL) for rehab assignments.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Roberto Delgado on a minor league contract.

NEW YORK METS — Agreed to terms with RHPs Tony Dibrell, Marcel Renteria, Connor O'Neil, Trey Cobb, Cannon Chadwick, Stephen Villines, Nate Peden, Joshua Payne, Joe Cavallaro, Billy Oxford, Liam McCall, Ryan Selmar and Noah Nunez. INFs Dylan Snypes, Carl Stajduhar, Gavin Garay and Jeremy Vasquez. LHPs Aaron Ford and Jose Sierra and C Robby Kidwell on minor league contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with LHPs Evan Kruczynski, Brett Seeburger and Patrick Dayton; 3B Evan Mendoza; RHPs Evan Mendoza, Jake Walsh, Will Latcham, Evan Guillory, Thomas St. Clair and Paul Balestrieri; 2Bs Irving Lopez and Wood (John) Myers; and OF J.D Crowe. Brandon Benson and Michael Bridar on minor league contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Claimed LHP Dillon Overton off waivers from Seattle and optioned him to El Paso (PCL). Designated RHP Zach Lee for assignment.

American Association

FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed LHP Anthony Pacillo.

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released LHP Jon Jones and RHP Carlos Misell.

KANSAS CITY T-BONES — Signed RHP Matt Sergio.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed LHP Carson McPherson. Released OF Brendan O'Brien.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed INF Andrew Frazier. Released OF Thomas Bess.

Atlantic League

LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed LHP John Lannan.

Can-Am League

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Keegan Yuhl.

ROCKLAND BOULDERS — Signed RHP Jon Velasquez.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Signed INF David Glaude.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

BOSTON CELTICS — Traded the 2017 first-round draft pick (No. 1) to Philadelphia for the 76ers' 2017 first-round draft pick (No. 3) and a conditional first-round pick in 2018 or 2019.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS — Named Jerry West consultant.

SACRAMENTO KINGS — Announced president Chris Granger is leaving. Promoted chief financial officer John Rinehart to president of business operations.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

DETROIT LIONS — Signed WR Kenny Golladay.

HOUSTON TEXANS — Signed RB D'Onta Foreman.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS — Promoted regional scout Chip Flanagan to national scout, scouting assistant RJ Gillen to pro scout, scouting assistant Jacob Nierob to player personnel assistant, scouting assistant John Stevenson to regional scout and NFS scout John Stevenson to regional scout.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

MINNESOTA WILD — Announced an ECHL affiliation agreement with the Rapid City (ECHL) for the upcoming season.

NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed D Joonas Lyytinen to a two-year, entry-level contract.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

ATLANTA UNITED — Signed D George Bello and Fs Lagos Kunga and Patrick Okonkwo.

National Women's Soccer League

WASHINGTON SPIRIT — Signed F Estefania Banini.

COLLEGE

ALBANY (NY) — Named Jon Iati men's associate head basketball coach.

BARTON — Named Warren Shumate men's lacrosse coach.

BLOOMFIELD — Named Vanessa Watson women's basketball coach.

DELAWARE — Bob Clark women's associate head basketball coach.

NC STATE — Announced junior S Stephen has transferred from Tennessee.

NEW MEXICO — Announced the resignation of defensive passing game coordinator and safeties coach Charles McMillian.

OKLAHOMA — Promoted pitching coach Skip Johnson to baseball coach. Suspended junior S Will Sunderland from the football team indefinitely.

PENN STATE — Named Rose Pietrzak Carter associate director of communications.

PEPPERDINE — Announced the retirement of men's volleyball coach Marv Dunphy.

TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Darren Flowers track and field and cross country coach.

COLLEGE WORLD SERIES GLANCE

At TD Ameritrade Park Omaha Omaha, Neb.
(Double Elimination; x-if necessary)
Saturday, June 17
Oregon State 6, Cal State Fullerton 5
LSU 5, Florida State 4
Sunday, June 18
Louisville 8, Texas A&M 4
Florida 3, TCU 0
Monday, June 19
Florida State 6, Cal State Fullerton 4, CSF eliminated
Oregon State 13, LSU 1
Today
Game 7 — Texas A&M (41-22) vs. TCU (47-17), 1 p.m.
Game 8 — Louisville (53-10) vs. Florida (48-18), 6 p.m.
Wednesday, June 21
Game 9 — Florida State (46-22) vs. LSU (49-18), 6 p.m.
Thursday, June 22
Game 10 — Game 7 winner vs. Game 8 loser, 7 p.m.
Friday, June 23
Game 11 — Oregon State (56-4) vs. Game 9 winner, 2 p.m.
Game 12 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 7 p.m.
Saturday, June 24
x-Game 13 — Game 6 winner vs. Game 9 winner, TBA
x-Game 14 — Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, TBA
If only one game is necessary, it will be played at night
Championship Series
(Best-of-3)
Monday, June 26: Pairings TBA, 6 p.m.
Tuesday, June 27: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.
x-Wednesday, June 28: Pairings TBA, 7 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFS FROM THE WIRE

WYOMING

Injured Odessa College bull rider showing some improvement

CASPER — An Odessa College bull rider who was severely injured after being stepped on by a bull during the College National Finals Rodeo in Wyoming has been showing signs of improvement.

On Monday, Bradie Gray gave a thumbs up sign to his parents.

However, Gray remains in critical condition in the intensive care unit at Wyoming Medical Center in Casper.

Gray was injured after being stepped on by a bull during Thursday's competition. He suffered broken ribs, a torn aorta and collapsed lungs.

Odessa coach C.J. Aragon tells the Casper Star-Tribune that the Hallsville, Australia, native is making small improvements.

A post on the team's Facebook page says Gray gave his parents a thumbs up sign and is trying to communicate by writing.

ARKANSAS

Mayfield accepts guilty plea for 3 misdemeanors

FAYETTEVILLE — A prosecutor says Oklahoma quarterback Baker Mayfield was fined $300 and ordered to pay court costs after accepting a guilty plea to three misdemeanors following his arrest earlier this year in Fayetteville, Arkansas.

Fayetteville City Prosecutor Brian Thomas said Monday that Mayfield accepted a guilty plea last week to public intoxication, fleeing and disorderly conduct. The charges are each punishable by up to 30 days in jail, but Thomas says Mayfield was only fined.

Thomas says he dropped a charge of refusing to submit to arrest. The prosecutor says the deal Mayfield received is a typical offer and that the quarterback was "treated like anyone else."

Last week, the Sooners announced internal sanctions against Mayfield, including 35 hours of community service and an alcohol education program. He won't miss any games.

NEW YORK

Dirk Nowitzki to serve as a captain in NBA Africa Game

Dirk Nowitzki, the career scoring leader among international players, will be one of the captains for the NBA's Africa Game on Aug. 5.

The league and the National Basketball Players Association announced Monday that the Dallas Mavericks star will be a co-captain of Team World along with Charlotte Hornets All-Star Kemba Walker. Team Africa will be captained by the Lakers' Luol Deng, who is from the South Sudan, and Atlanta's Thabo Sefolosha, whose father is from South Africa.

Nowitzki is a 13-time All-Star. Last season, the German became the first international player with 30,000 career points.

HONORS

From 1C

Chaps. Senior had a big year as a sophomore as not only did he show great improvement but he showed off his athleticism, speed on the base paths and his home run power. He finished with a .398 batting average, led the team with 17 home runs, drove in a team-high 91 runs (third in the NJCAA), had a team-high seven triples, and was 12-for-13 on stolen base attempts.

"I started off slow but I kept working with (MC head coach David Coleman) and that helped me succeed and excel this year," Senior said. "I think getting more comfortable with my surroundings and getting more comfortable with Coach Coleman was the main thing this year."

Three other players from the WJCAC also received All-American honors by the NJCAA. Odessa College sophomore first baseman Andrew Morales was named to the First Team, Howard College freshman catcher Doug Fascendo was named as a Second Team honoree, while Clarendon College's sophomore Yan Tremblay was also a Second Team All-American selection.

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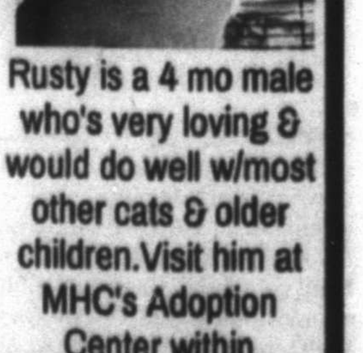
Through June 18
All-around
1. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $70,549
2. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $65,403
3. Tuf Cooper, Weatherford, Texas $64,211
4. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $52,614
5. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $47,144
6. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $43,867
7. Trell Ellsbury, Goodwell, Okla. $41,747
8. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $40,958
9. Marcus Theriot, Poplarville, Miss. $35,420
10. Josh LeMond, Andrews, Texas$32,546
11. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $29,104
12. Seth Hall, Albuquerque, N.M. $28,428
13. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $27,186
14. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $26,924
15. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $20,772
16. Cody Doescher, Oklahoma City, Okla. $20,592
17. Chant DeForest, Wheatland, Calif. $19,458
18. Adam Rose, Willard, Mo. $18,409
19. John Lehnaeseaver, Ortennne, Pa. $18,032
20. McCoy Profit, Okeechobee, Fla. $15,987

Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $87,076
2. R.C. Landingham, Hot Creek, Calif. $76,110
3. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $70,077
4. Jake Brown, Cleveland, Texas $61,469
5. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, Texas $57,946
6. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $47,343
7. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $46,712
8. Chad Rutherford, Lake Charles, La. $43,655
9. Clayton Biglow, Clements, Calif. $42,379
10. Justin Miller, Billings, Mont. $42,186
11. Ty Breuer, Mandan, N.D. $38,439
12. Wyatt Bloom, Bend, Ore. $37,053
13. Mason Clements, Santaquin, Utah $36,985
14. Tyler Nelson, Victor, Idaho $36,850
15. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, Texas $34,912
16. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $33,884
17. Orin Larsen, Inglis, Manito $33,303
18. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $29,819
19. Winn Ratliff, Lakeville, La. $28,819
20. Wyatt Denny, Minden, Nev.$26,799

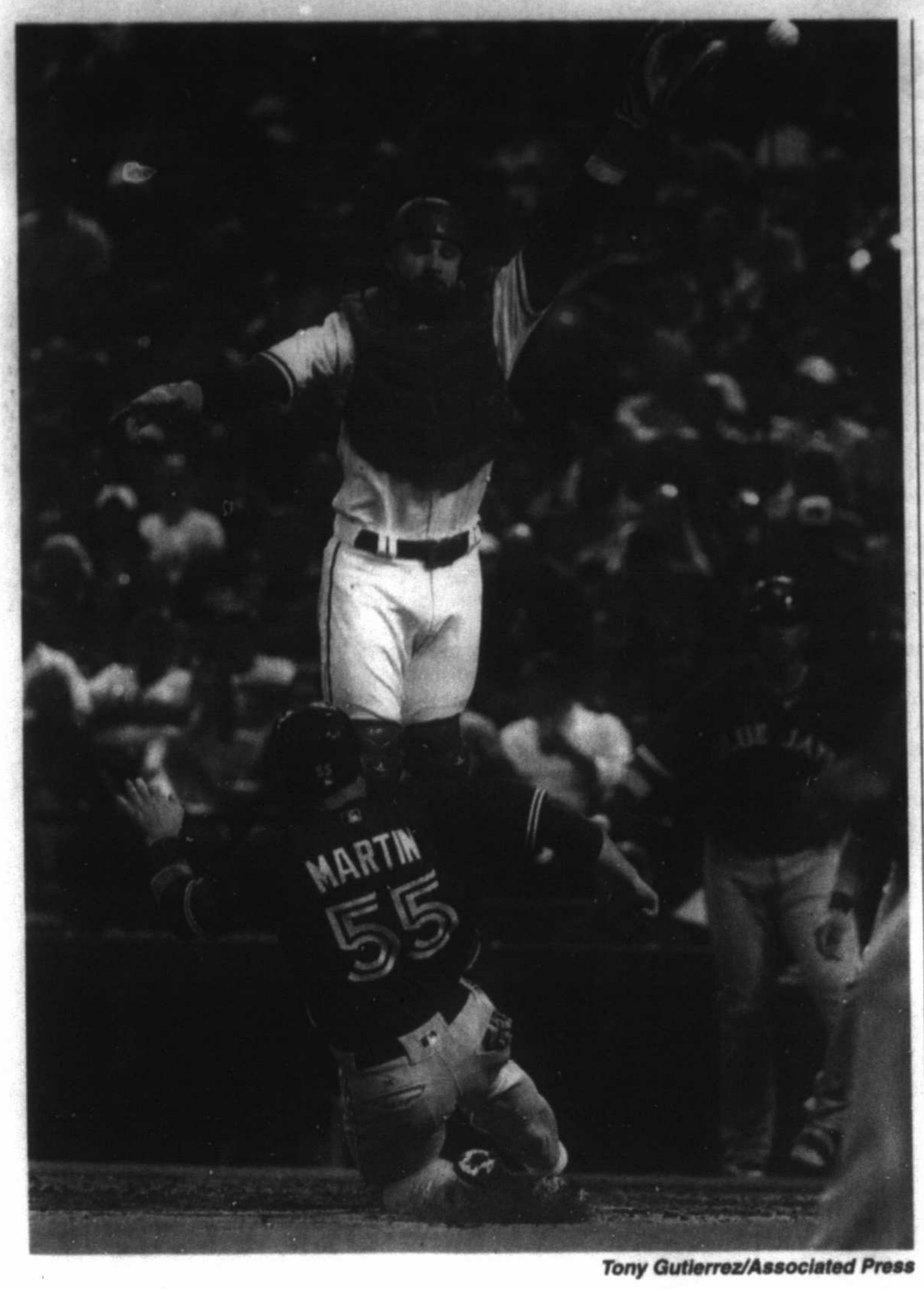
Steer Wrestling
1. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $106,775
2. Tyler Waguespack, Gonzales, La. $71,494
3. Olin Hannum, Malad, Idaho $53,344
4. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $49,275
5. Baylor Roche, Tremonton, Utah $46,786
6. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $40,568
7. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $38,021
8. Matt Reeves, Cross Plains, Texas $37,335
9. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $35,039
10. Scott Guenthner, Provost, Alberta $33,688
11. J.D. Struennes, Appleton, Minn. $32,905
12. Chance Howard, Cedarville, Ark. $32,723
13. Tyler Pearson, Louisville, Miss. $32,591
14. Clayton Hass, Weatherford, Texas $30,027
15. Justin Shaffer, Hallsville, Texas $29,036
16. Jon Ragatz, Bedown, Wis. $27,813
17. Sterling Lambert, Fallon, Nev. $25,911
18. Dirk Tavenner, Rigby, Idaho $25,543
19. Rowdy Parrott, Mamou, La. $23,978
20. Shane Frey, Duncan, Okla. $23,482

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6/19 & 6/26 4-10 Sit, Stay, Sip Profit Share at The Blue Door
6/24 9-12 Shot & Chip Clinic at Midland College
7/6 6:30-8:30 Microchipping at Beer Garden's Yappy Hour
7/15 9-12 Shot & Chip Clinic at Dennis the Menace Park
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Tony Gutierrez/Associated Press

Texas Rangers catcher Jonathan Lucroy goes up for the high and wide throw to the bag as Toronto Blue Jays' Russell Martin slides in safely on a bases-clearing double by Steve Pearce in the fourth inning of a baseball game Monday in Arlington.

Blue Jays rally in 9th, beat Rangers 7-6 in ALDS rematch

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Kendrys Morales hit a go-ahead single after a tying single by Josh Donaldson in the ninth inning, and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Texas Rangers 7-6 on Monday night in a matchup of AL Division Series opponents the past two seasons.

The Blue Jays won despite blowing a 5-1 lead in their first visit to Texas since last postseason, when they won the first two games in a best-of-five sweep that was their second straight ALDS victory over the two-time defending AL West champs.

Donaldson's single off closer Matt Bush scored Ryan Goins, who just beat the throw to second for a leadoff double. Morales' hit to the gap in left-center scored Donaldson from second after a stolen base and a walk. It was the third blown save in 11 chances for Bush (2-2).

Jeff Beliveau (1-0) pitched a perfect eighth, and Roberto Osuna worked a 1-2-3 ninth for his 18th save in 22 chances.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 1
At Dr Pepper Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Jose Trevino went 2-for-2 with a double and two RBI to lead Frisco. ... Midland's Max Schrock was 2-for-4 with an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Frisco starter Colin Wiles earned his sixth win of the season after he allowed one run on six hits and struck out two over six innings of work. ... Frisco's Ryne Slack earned his third save of the season after he didn't allow a hit and struck out one in 1 1/3 shutout innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Frisco got on the board in the bottom of the second when Eric Aguilera singled home Scott Heineman, who reached on a double. ... Midland tied it at 1 in the top of the fourth when Schrock singled to score Yairo Munoz, who had stolen second base. ... Trevino gave the RoughRiders the lead for good in the fifth with a sacrifice fly to score Heineman. Trevino added an RBI double in the seventh.

NOTES: Monday marked the end of the Texas League first half. Midland finished with a 35-35 record for second place in the South Division. ... Prior to Monday's game, the RockHounds announced that RHP Brett Graves was placed on the seven-day disabled list, RHP Lou Trivino was transferred from Midland to Triple-A Nashville, RHP Tyler Sturdevant was transferred from Nashville to Midland, and that LHP A.J. Puk, the Oakland A's top pitching prospect, was added to the roster after being moved up from Single-A Stockton. ... Puk allowed three runs on four hits, walked two, hit two batters, threw a wild pitch and struck out seven in his Double-A debut. ... The Oakland A's announced on Monday that it had named former Midland manager Steve Scarsone as its acting third base coach. With Scarsone's addition, that makes three former members from the RockHounds' field staff now in Oakland with former manager Darren Bush (hitting coach) and former pitching coach Scott Emerson. ... The two teams will play the third game of a four-game series at 7:05 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland - RHP Grant Holmes (5-6, 5.45 ERA). Frisco - LHP Yohander Mendez (4-4, 3.78).

TL standings

First Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-Northwest Arkansas	39	31	.557	—
Springfield	35	35	.500	4
Tulsa	33	37	.471	6
Arkansas	32	39	.457	7

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
y-San Antonio	41	29	.586	—
Midland	35	35	.500	6
Corpus Christi	34	36	.486	7
Frisco	31	39	.443	10

y-won first half title

Monday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 3, Arkansas 2
Tulsa 5, Springfield 2
Northwest Arkansas 3, Arkansas 2
Frisco 3, Midland 1
Corpus Christi 3, San Antonio 2

Today's Games
Tulsa at Springfield, 6:30 p.m.
Midland at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Corpus Christi, 7:05 p.m.
Northwest Arkansas at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

ROUGHRIDERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Boyd lf	4	0	2	0	O'Neill lf	4	0	0	0
Munoz 3b	4	1	2	0	Ibanez 2b	3	0	0	0
Schrock 2b	4	0	2	1	Profar 3b	4	0	0	0
Marincov dh	4	0	1	0	Tendler dh	3	0	0	0
Rosa 1b	4	0	0	0	Heineman cf	1	3	1	0
Taylor c	4	0	0	0	Aguilera 1b	3	0	1	1
Sportman rf	4	0	1	0	Bolinger rf	2	0	0	0
Vertigan cf	4	0	1	0	Trevino c	2	9	2	2
Martin ss	3	0	0	0	Martin ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	35	1	9	1	Totals	25	3	4	3

Midland.....000 100 000—1
Frisco.....010 010 100—3

E - Martin (2). DP - Midland 1. Frisco 1. LOB - Midland7. Frisco 3. 2B - Sportman (14), Heineman (11), Trevino (5). SB - Munoz (11). CS - Schrock (1). SF - Trevino.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Puk L, 0-1	7.0	4	3	3	2	7
Sturdevant	1.0	0	0	0	0	1
Frisco						
Wiles W, 6-3	6.0	6	1	1	0	2
McCain	1.0	1	0	0	0	1
Garrett	0.2	2	0	0	0	0
Slack S, 3	1.1	0	0	0	0	1

WP - Puk. HBP - by Puk (Heineman). by Puk (Bolinger)

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MLB ROUNDUP

American League

INDIANS 12
ORIOLES 0

BALTIMORE — While Corey Kluber mowed down the Baltimore Orioles and the Indians ran around the bases at Camden Yards, Cleveland's bullpen did absolutely nothing.

That, as much as anything else, really made it a perfect night for manager Terry Francona.

ROYALS 4
RED SOX 2

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Whit Merrifield drove in the go-ahead run in the seventh inning, Eric Hosmer hit a two-run homer and the Kansas City Royals beat the Boston Red Sox 4-2 on Monday night for their eighth win in nine games.

Jason Hammel (4-6) pitched seven sharp innings before turning it over to Mike Minor, who loaded the bases with two outs in the eighth. No. 9 hitter Christian Vazquez proceeded to send a slow bounder toward third base that Cheslor Cuthbert fielded cleanly and fired to first to end the threat.

National League

BRAVES 9
GIANTS 0

ATLANTA — R.A. Dickey threw seven scoreless innings, Matt Adams hit another homer and the Atlanta Braves sent the San Francisco Giants to their seventh straight loss, a 9-0 rout Monday night.

The 42-year-old Dickey (5-5) escaped a jam in the first to turn in his strongest outing of the season. He surrendered just three hits and retired 16 of the last 17 hitters he faced.

CUBS 3
PADRES 2

CHICAGO — Willson Contreras hit a tying home run, Javier Baez scored the winning run on an error and Wade Davis worked out of a ninth-inning jam to lead the Chicago Cubs past the San Diego Padres 3-2 Monday night.

Anthony Rizzo thrived in the leadoff spot again, extending his career-high hitting streak to 13 games by going 2 for 3 with an RBI as Chicago won its second straight to improve to 35-34.

ASTROS

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too quickly the first time and would be out longer in his second DL stint. He's been on the disabled list 14 days this time and is still at least a week away from coming back.

Morton (strained back muscle) went out between Keuchel's two trips to the disabled list before McCullers (back soreness) joined both of them on the shelf June 12.

While injuries happen to every club, so many at the same position so close together had the Astros scrambling to piece together a rotation.

"I don't characterize any of these as major injuries because all of these guys are expected to be back and expected to contribute in the second half," Luhnow said. "But to have them all happen at the same time is a little frustrating and really stresses our organizational depth."

The Astros planned to move Fiers into the bullpen after he struggled early this season and had a 5.75 ERA through his first seven starts. But Fiers never pitched in relief as the injuries forced Houston to keep him in the rotation. He's been much better in his last three starts, going 2-0 with a 1.40 ERA to help boost the fledgling group.

Lately, he's been thinking a lot about something manager A.J. Hinch told the team early in spring training.

"When we had everyone in there, the whole 40-man roster, he told us that we were going to need all of us to win," Fiers said. "It's not just going to be the 25 that make the team out of spring."

Joe Musgrove, who is in his second major league season, has been in the rotation since opening day because of the injury to McHugh. He missed a couple of weeks on the disabled list, too, but is healthy now.

The same can be said for rookies David Paulino and Francis Martes. Paulino is 1-0 with a 5.03 ERA in four starts. After struggling in his first two starts this month, Paulino allowed three hits and one run — both season lows — in a season-best six innings against the Red Sox to get his first major league win in his last outing.

Martes, a 21-year-old who was Houston's top prospect entering this season, had a tough time in a relief outing in his major league debut June 9, but rebounded in his first start to help the Astros to a win over the Rangers.

Brad Peacock joins Fiers as the only other veteran currently in the rotation. He was good early this season pitching out of the bullpen, but has been inconsistent as a starter.

Though the Astros still have the best record in the majors and entered Monday's games with an 11-game lead in the AL West, this recent flurry of injuries has taken a toll as the team has dropped five of its last seven games.

The good news is the makeshift rotation shouldn't have to hold up for much longer with McCullers expected to return by this weekend and Keuchel and Morton not far behind him. That's if everything goes well for the trio in the upcoming days.

LITTLE LEAGUE ALL-STAR BRACKETS

Texas West District 3
8-10 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Floyd Gwin (1) 5, Northern 4
Game 2: Mid City 16, Jim Parker 4
Game 3: Tower 14, Sherwood 3

Sunday, June 18

Game 4: Eastern 12, Big Spring 2
Game 5: Floyd Gwin (1) 28, Floyd Gwin (2) 2

Loser's bracket

Game 6: Northern 21, Jim Parker 1

Monday, June 19

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 9: Mid City vs. Tower, late
Game 10: Floyd Gwin (1) vs. Eastern, late

Loser's bracket second round

Game 7: Floyd Gwin (2) vs. Big Spring, late
Game 8: Northern vs. Game 3 loser, late

Tuesday, June 20

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 13: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 8 p.m. at Field 3

Loser's bracket quarterfinals

Game 11: Game 7 winner vs. Game 9 loser, 6 p.m. at Field 3
Game 12: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 loser, TBA at Field 4

Wednesday, June 21

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 14: Game 12 winner vs. Game 11 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 3

Thursday, June 22

Loser's bracket final

Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 13 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 3

Friday, June 23

Championship

Game 16: Game 13 winner vs. Game 15 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 3

Saturday, June 24

If necessary game

Game 17: Game 16 winner vs. Game 16 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 1

9-11 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Mid City 10, Eastern 0
Game 2: Northern 10, Floyd Gwin 0
Game 3: Jim Parker 9, Big Spring 6
Game 4: Tower 11, Sherwood 1

Sunday, June 18

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 5: Northern 13, Mid City 12
Game 6: Jim Parker 18, Tower 15

Loser's bracket

Game 7: Eastern 7, Floyd Gwin 3
Game 8: Big Spring 12, Sherwood 7

Monday, June 19

Loser's bracket second round

Game 9: Eastern vs. Tower, late
Game 10: Big Spring vs. Mid City, late

Tuesday, June 20

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 11: Northern vs. Game 6 winner, 8 p.m. at Field 2

Loser's bracket quarterfinal

Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m. at Field 2

Wednesday, June 21

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 13: Game 12 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 2

Thursday, June 22

Championship

Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 2

Friday, June 23

If necessary game

Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 2

10-12 Year Old All-Star Tournament
At Windlands Park
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Sherwood 9, Big Spring 5
Game 2: Eastern 9, Tower 8
Game 3: Northern 2, Floyd Gwin 1
Game 4: Mid City 14, Jim Parker 0

Sunday, June 18

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 5: Eastern 12, Sherwood 10
Game 6: Northern 19, Mid City 4

Loser's bracket

Game 7: Big Spring 13, Tower 12
Game 8: Floyd Gwin 14, Jim Parker 2

Monday, June 19

Loser's bracket second round

Game 9: Big Spring vs. Mid City, late
Game 10: Floyd Gwin vs. Sherwood, late

Tuesday, June 20

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 11: Eastern vs. Northern, 8 p.m. at Field 1

Loser's bracket quarterfinal

Game 12: Game 9 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 6 p.m. at Field 1

Wednesday, June 21

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 13: Game 12 winner vs. Game 11 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 1

Thursday, June 22

Championship

Game 14: Game 11 winner vs. Game 13 winner, 7 p.m. at Field 1

If necessary game

Game 15: Game 14 winner vs. Game 14 loser, 7 p.m. at Field 1

Intermediate All-Star Tournament
At Roy Anderson Sports Complex, Big Spring
Saturday, June 17

Winner's bracket quarterfinal

Game 1: Midland 13, Odessa East 3

Sunday, June 18

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 2: Midland 25, Big Spring 9

Monday, June 19

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 3: Big Spring vs. Odessa East, late

Tuesday, June 20

Championship

Game 4: Midland vs. Game 3 winner, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21

If necessary game

Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 4 loser, 8 p.m.

Junior All-Star Tournament
At Big Spring High School Steer Field
Saturday, June 17

Game 1: Midland 8, Big Spring 4

Sunday, June 18

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 2: Midland 15, Odessa West 8

Monday, June 19

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 3: Big Spring vs. Odessa West, late

Tuesday, June 20

Championship

Game 4: Midland vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m.

Wednesday, June 21

If necessary game

Game 5: Game 4 winner vs. Game 4 loser, TBA

Senior All-Star Tournament
At Big Spring High School Steer Field
Saturday, June 17

Winner's bracket quarterfinals

Game 1: Odessa East 13, Big Spring 7
Game 2: Odessa West 6, Midland 2

Sunday, June 18

Winner's bracket semifinal

Game 3: Odessa East 8, Odessa West 4

Loser's bracket quarterfinal
Game 4: Big Spring 9, Midland 7

Monday, June 19

Loser's bracket semifinal

Game 1: Odessa West vs. Big Spring, late

Tuesday, June 20

Championship

Game 4: Odessa East vs. Game 3 winner, 6:30 p.m.

If necessary game

Game 1: Game 6 winner vs. Game 6 loser, TBA

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	38	29	.567	—
Boston	39	31	.557	½
Tampa Bay	37	36	.507	4
Toronto	34	35	.493	5
Baltimore	34	35	.493	5
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	37	31	.544	—
Minnesota	34	33	.507	2½
Kansas City	34	35	.493	3½
Detroit	32	36	.471	5
Chicago	31	37	.456	6
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	46	24	.657	—
Los Angeles	36	37	.493	11½
Texas	34	35	.493	11½
Seattle	34	37	.479	12½
Oakland	31	38	.449	14½

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	42	28	.600	—
Atlanta	32	37	.464	9½
New York	31	37	.456	10
Miami	31	37	.456	10
Philadelphia	22	46	.324	19
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	39	34	.534	—
Chicago	35	34	.507	1½
Pittsburgh	32	38	.457	5
St. Louis	31	37	.456	5
Cincinnati	30	39	.435	6½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Colorado	46	26	.639	—
Los Angeles	44	26	.629	1
Arizona	44	26	.629	1
San Diego	28	43	.394	17½
San Francisco	26	46	.361	20

Scores and Schedules

American League
Monday's Scores
Cleveland 12, Baltimore 0
Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 3
Kansas City 4, Boston 2
Toronto 7, Texas 6
Houston at Oakland, late
Detroit at Seattle, late

Today's Games
Cleveland (Tomlin 4-8) at Baltimore (Tillman 1-5), 6:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Bridwell 1-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 7-3), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Garrett 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-5), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Liriano 3-2) at Texas (Martinez 1-3), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Holland 5-6) at Minnesota (Santana 8-4), 7:10 p.m.
Boston (Sale 8-3) at Kansas City (Strahm 2-3), 7:15 p.m.
Houston (Martes 1-0) at Oakland (Gray 2-2), 9:05 p.m.
Detroit (Zimmermann 5-5) at Seattle (Miranda 6-3), 9:10 p.m.

National League
Monday's Scores
Cincinnati 7, Tampa Bay 3
Miami 8, Washington 7
Atlanta 9, San Francisco 0
Pittsburgh 8, Milwaukee 1
Chicago Cubs 3, San Diego 2
N.Y. Mets at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
St. Louis (Lyles 5-6) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 5-5), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Garrett 3-5) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 5-5), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Gonzalez 6-1) at Miami (Volquez 3-7), 6:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Moore 2-7) at Atlanta (Teheran 6-4), 6:35 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Kuhl 1-6) at Milwaukee (Davies 7-3), 6:40 p.m.
San Diego (Chacin 6-5) at Chicago Cubs (Montgomery 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
Arizona (Greinke 8-3) at Colorado (Marquez 5-3), 7:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gsellman 5-4) at L.A. Dodgers (McCarthy 5-3), 9:10 p.m.

Texas boxes

BLUE JAYS 7, RANGERS 6

Toronto	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Pillar cf	5	0	0	0	Choo rf	5	1	2	0
Dnldson 3b	4	1	1	1	Andrus ss	5	1	2	2
J.Bsta rf	4	1	1	1	Mazara lf	4	2	1	1
Morales dh	5	1	2	1	Beltre 3b	4	0	1	3
Barney pr-dh	0	0	0	0	Odor 2b	5	0	0	0
Smoak 1b	4	2	3	1	C.Gomez cf	3	1	1	0
Tlwtzki ss	5	0	1	0	Napoli dh	3	0	0	0
R.Mrtn c	2	1	0	0	Lucroy c	2	1	0	0
Pearce lf	4	0	1	3	Gallo 1b	3	0	0	0
Smith Jr lf	0	0	0	0					
Goins 2b	4	1	1	0					
Totals	37	7	10	7	Totals	34	6	7	6

Toronto.....010 400 002—7
Texas.....100 500 000—6

LOB—Toronto 9, Texas 8. 2B—Morales (13), Tulowitzki (7), Pearce (4), Goins (7), Beltre (5), Choo (14), Andrus (25), Mazara (8). HR—J.Bautista (12), Smoak (20), Mazara (9). SB—Donaldson (11).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Estrada	3 2/3	7	6	6	4	4
Leone	2/3	0	0	0	3	0
Loup	1 2/3	0	0	0	0	1
Grilli	1	0	0	0	0	0
Beliveau W,1-0	1	0	0	0	0	2
Osuna S,18-22	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Bibens-Dirkx	5	5	5	5	1	5
Scheppers	1 2/3	2	0	0	2	2
Alvarez	1/3	1	0	0	0	0
Leclerc	1	0	0	0	1	2
Bush L,2-2	BS 3	1	1	1	2	2

WP—Leone.
T—3:48. A—25,115 (48,114).

SUNDAY'S LATE BOX
RED SOX 6, ASTROS 5

Boston	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Betts rf	4	1	1	0	Springer rf	4	2	2	1
Pedroia 2b	2	1	0	0	Altuve 2b	3	1	2	0
Sndoval 3b	0	0	0	0	Correa ss	5	1	2	1
Bgaerts ss	4	2	3	4	B.McCnn c	3	0	2	1
Mreland 1b	4	0	0	0	Ma.Gnza pr-1b	0	0	0	0
H.Rmrez dh	4	1	1	0	Beltran dh	4	0	1	1
Brntnsk lf	3	1	1	0	Y.Grml 1b	5	0	2	0
Bndby J cf	4	0	1	2	Gattis c	3	0	0	0
Rdrigz 3b-2b	4	0	1	0	Bregman 3b	4	0	1	0
Vazquez c	4	0	0	0	Fisher lf-cf	5	0	1	0
Mrnck cf	3	1	1	1					
Aoki ph-lf	2	0	0	0					
Totals	33	6	8	6	Totals	38	5	14	5

Boston.....100 004 100—6
Houston.....100 012 010—5

DP—Boston 1, Houston 1. LOB—Boston 4, Houston 13. 2B—Bradley Jr. (9), Altuve (20), Y.Gurriel 2 (16). HR—Bogaerts 2 (4), Springer (19), Correa (13), Marisnick (8). CS—Pedroia (3), Fisher (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Price W,2-1	7	4	1	1	1	3
Hembree	1	0	0	0	0	1
Kelly	1	1	0	0	0	2
Barnes	1	0	0	0	1	1
Scott	2/3	1	0	0	0	1
Kimbrel S,20-21	1	0	0	0	0	2
Houston						
Musgrove L,4-6	5 2/3	6	5	5	3	2
Hoyt	2/3	1	1	1	1	0
Devenski	2/3	1	0	0	0	1
Feliz	1	2	0	0	0	1

Price pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Price (McCann). by Hoyt (Betts). by Hoyt (Pedroia). WP—Price 2, Musgrove.
T—4:08. A—38,389 (42,060).

Monday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
INDIANS 12, ORIOLES 0

Kluber and Gomes. Rundy, Nuno (5), Ynoa (6), Bleier (9) and Castillo, Joseph. W—Kluber 6-2. L—Bundy 7-6. HRs—Cleveland, Kipnis, Santana.

ROYALS 4, RED SOX 2

Boston.....000 200 000—2 10 0
Kansas City.....002 000 20x—4 10 0

Velazquez, Abad (6), Boyer (8), Scott (7), Maddox (8) and Vazquez, Leon; Hammel, Minor (8), Herrera (9) and Butera, S.Perez. W—Hammel 4-6. L—Boyer 0-1. Sv—Herrera (16). HRs—Boston, Bradley Jr. Kansas City, Hosmer.

INTERLEAGUE
REDS 7, RAYS 3

Cincinnati.....000 012 031 —7 9 1
Tampa Bay.....000 001 200 —3 7 0

Feldman, Lorenzen (7), Iglesias (9) and Barnhart; Odorizzi, Alvarado (8), Farquhar (8) and Norris. W—Lorenzen 4-2. L—Alvarado 0-2. HRs—Cincinnati, Schebler. Gennett. Tampa Bay, Souza Jr., Robertson.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES 9, GIANTS 0

San Francisco.....000 000 000 —0 4 0
Atlanta.....001 100 07x —9 11 0

Cueto, Osich (8), Law (8) and Morris (8); Morton, Dickey, Ocampo (8), Jackson (9) and Flowers. W—Dickey 5-5. L—Cueto 5-7. HRs—Atlanta, Adams, Santana.

MARLINS 8, NATIONALS 7

Washington.....213 010 000 —7 13 1
Miami.....006 000 101 —8 13 1

Roark, Grace (3), O.Perez (8), J.Turner (7), Romero (8) and Wieters. Nicolino, Worley (4), Garcia (6), McGowan (7), Barraclough (8), Ramos (9) and Realmuto. W—Ramos 2-3. L—Romero 2-3. HRs—Washington, Rendon, Harper. Miami, Bour, Stanton.

PIRATES 8, BREWERS 1

Pittsburgh.....002 002 400 —8 11 0
Milwaukee.....010 000 000 —1 5 2

Cole, Martinez (8) and Cervelli; Garza, Peralta (6), Espino (7) and Pina. W—Cole 5-6. L—Garza 3-3. HRs—Pittsburgh, McCutchen. Milwaukee, Shaw.

CUBS 3, PADRES 2

San Diego.....101 000 000 —2 7 1
Chicago.....001 000 20x —3 7 1

Richard, Yates (7), Hand (7), Maton (8) and Hedges, Torrens; Lester, Rondon (7), Ushiara (8), Davis (9) and Contreras. W—Rondon 2-1. L—Yates 1-1. Sv—Davis (14). HRs—San Diego, Preia, Solarte. Chicago, Contreras.

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AP Sources: George informs Pacers he will leave in 2018

By Jon Krawczynski
Associated Press

The Indiana Pacers' timeline for making a decision on star forward Paul George just kicked into overdrive.

George's camp has informed the Pacers that the four-time All-Star intends to leave in the summer of 2018 when he becomes a free agent, two people with knowledge of the situation told The Associated Press on Sunday night. The people spoke on condition of anonymity because neither side publicly discusses unresolved personnel matters.


George

George has spent all seven of his NBA seasons in Indiana, emerging as one of the league's top players. He averaged a career-high 23.7 points and shot 46 percent last season, but the seventh-seeded Pacers were swept by Cleveland in the first round of the Eastern Conference playoffs. The steady decline in competitiveness of the franchise, and LeBron James' dominance of the conference, has led George to look elsewhere as he nears free agency next summer.

The Pacers' chances of keeping George also took a big hit when he was not voted to one of the three All-NBA teams after this season. Had he been voted in, George would have qualified for a super-max contract worth about $210 million over five years, a staggering sum that may have been too much to turn down. Instead, the Pacers are able to offer him around $177 million.

George's declaration puts the Pacers on the spot. They can either try to trade him this summer in hopes of getting a package of players and draft picks that can at least help them try to make up for the loss of a foundational star, or they can try to keep him for this season, make some other moves around him to improve the roster and hope they can change his mind.

It's quite a test for Kevin Pritchard, who took over as the chief decision-maker in the Pacers front office after Larry Bird abruptly stepped down after the season concluded. Pritchard is well-respected across the league and has considerable experience from his time running the show in Portland. He also spent several years under Bird in Indiana, which gives him the familiarity of the roster and George to make an informed decision.

Complicating matters is the widely held belief across the league that George wants to return to his native California to play for the Los Angeles Lakers. That means any team other than the Lakers that makes a play for George this summer runs the risk of giving up considerable assets for a one-year rental. That could force the Pacers to push their asking price down after resisting significant offers from the Boston Celtics at the trade deadline in February.

Yahoo! Sports first reported that George's camp made his feelings known to the Pacers on Sunday.

Word of George's intentions spread quickly across the league and is sure to solicit inquiries. A player of George's caliber — dynamic and versatile on offense and accomplished on defense — can be a game-changer for several teams trying to find a way to stay competitive with the star-studded Golden State Warriors.

The Warriors just won their second championship in three seasons, and their addition of Kevin Durant last summer gave them four All-Stars on a super team that showed few weaknesses while going 16-1 in the playoffs.

With his ability to play multiple positions, defend and shoot the 3-pointer, George is just the kind of player who could give the Warriors fits. So teams near the top like the Cleveland Cavaliers, who have faced the Warriors each of the last three seasons in the NBA Finals, could see adding him as the missing piece to being able to match up across the board.

The risk any team takes is losing him after one season. But the Cavaliers have walked out on that limb before, trading No. 1 overall pick Andrew Wiggins to Minnesota in 2014 so they could land All-Star Kevin Love, another player many thought was destined to head to California when he became a free agent. Love teamed with James and Kyrie Irving to help the Cavs reach three straight finals and signed a five-year, $110 million maximum contract to remain in Cleveland in 2015.

The Pacers could still roll the dice and try to convince George to remain with the only team for which he has played. Just last week, at his celebrity softball game, George told reporters that "I'm under contract as a Pacer. That's all that needs to really be known. I'm here. I'm a Pacer. Again, what I've been dealing with is stories. You guys talking or teams talking. I'm a Pacer. There's no way around that. This is my team, my group and this is where I'm at."

LAW

From 1C

First Amendment blocks the government from denying or cancelling a trademark registration based on the government's opinion," Blatt said.

Trademark office spokesman Paul Fucito said officials are reviewing the court's ruling and planned to issue further guidance on how they will review trademark applications.

Indian groups opposing the Redskins said the ruling does not change the fact that the name "is a dictionary-defined racial slur."

"If the NFL wants to live up to its statements about placing importance on equality, then it shouldn't hide behind these rulings, but should act to the end this hateful and degrading slur," said a joint statement from the National Congress of American Indians and the group Change the Mascot.

The ruling means offensive trademarks can no longer be denied, even for names that intend to disparage individuals or groups of people, said Megan Carpenter, dean at the University of New Hampshire School of Law and an expert on trademark law.

While the justices all agreed on the outcome, they split in their rationale. Alito rejected arguments that the government has an interest in preventing speech that is offensive to certain groups.

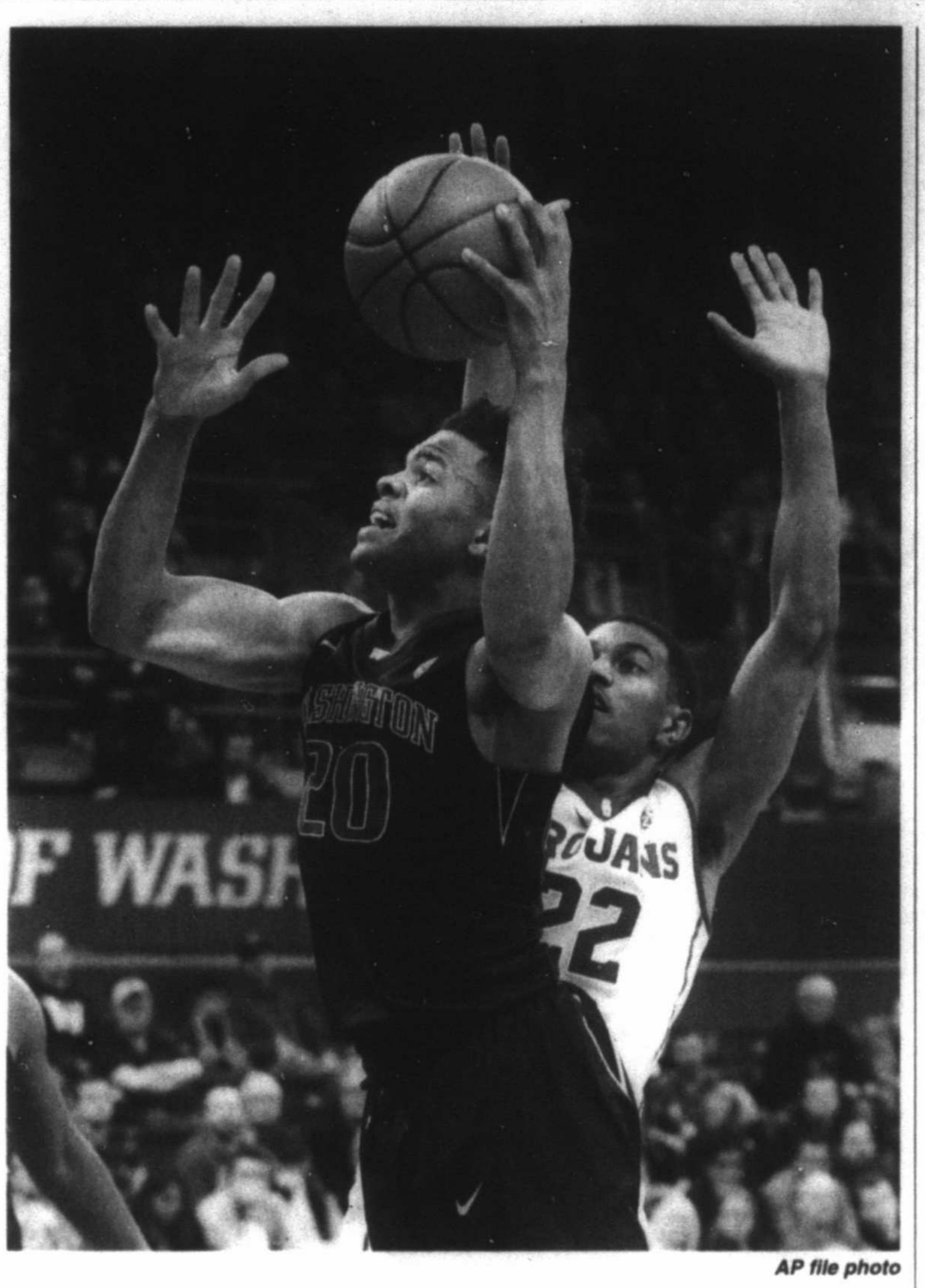
"Speech that demeans on the basis of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, age, disability, or any other similar ground is hateful; but the proudest boast of our free speech jurisprudence is that we protect the freedom to express the thought we hate," Alito said in a part of his opinion joined by Chief Justice John Roberts and Justices Clarence Thomas and Stephen Breyer.

Writing separately, Justice Anthony Kennedy stressed that the ban on disparaging trademarks was a clear form of viewpoint discrimination forbidden under the First Amendment.

Justice Neil Gorsuch took no part in the case, which was argued before he joined the court.

Government officials said the law did not infringe on free speech rights because the band was still free to use the name even without trademark protection. The same is true for the Redskins, but the team did not want to lose the legal protections that go along with a registered trademark. The protections include blocking the sale of counterfeit merchandise and working to pursue a brand development strategy.

Critics of the law said the trademark office has been wildly inconsistent over the years in deciding what terms are too offensive to warrant trademark protection. The government has in the past rejected trademarks for the terms "Heeb" and "Injun," but allowed those for companies such as Baked By A Negro bakery products, Midget Man condoms, and Dago Swagg clothing.


AP file photo

Washington's Markelle Fultz (20) drives to the basket ahead of Southern California's De'Anthony Melton during the first half of a game in Seattle on Feb. 1. Fultz is expected to be a top pick at the NBA Draft on Thursday.

DRAFT

From 1C

met in the last three NBA Finals.

With Isaiah Thomas and Al Horford, Ainge is looking to make a deal like the seven-for-one trade in 2007 that brought Kevin Garnett — and an NBA-record 17th championship — to Boston.

"We are certainly aware of our competition," Ainge said. "We know how good Cleveland and we know how good Golden State is. We watched the same Finals that everybody did. But I think we're still moving on the same path. ... And when the right deals come around, we will move on them."

Philadelphia will hold the No. 1 pick for the second straight year. The Sixers worked Fultz out on Saturday night as talks with the Celtics got to the final stages. It was agreed to in principle at that point, with the last holdup being the customary league approval on the terms — which came Monday.

There are some conditions on the future first-rounder Boston gets out of this deal. If the Lakers hold a pick between No. 2 and No. 5 next season, Boston now gets that one as well. If not, Philadelphia will send Boston either its own first-rounder in 2019 or Sacramento's first-rounder that year.

"This is certainly a trade that is under the microscope more than others," Ainge said. "But we're not afraid of that."

With Thomas, the Celtics didn't necessarily need a point guard — which is the piece Philadelphia apparently wanted most.

Fultz averaged 23.2 points, 5.7 rebounds and 5.9 assists in 25 games during his lone college season at Washington, excelling on a team that finished 9-22. Fultz, who went to high school in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, led the Pac-12 in scoring and finished No. 6 among all Division I players. He was the top freshman scorer in the country.

In 2016, the Sixers picked Ben Simmons, who didn't play at all during the season after breaking a bone in his foot. Fultz would join a Philadelphia roster that includes Simmons, Jahlil Okafor and 2017 Rookie of the Year finalists Jóel Embiid and Dario Saric.

"I am incredibly excited that we've acquired the No. 1 overall pick in Thursday's NBA draft," 76ers managing general partner Josh Harris said. "This pick provides us a tremendous opportunity to add another foundational player to our promising core."

NBA DRAFT ORDER

Draft: June 22

FIRST ROUND

1. Boston (from Brooklyn)
2. L.A. Lakers
3. Philadelphia (from Sacramento)
4. Phoenix
5. Sacramento (from Philadelphia)
6. Orlando
7. Minnesota
8. New York
9. Dallas
10. Sacramento(from New Orleans)
11. Charlotte
12. Detroit
13. Denver
14. Miami
15. Portland
16. Chicago
17. Milwaukee
18. Indiana
19. Atlanta
20. Portland (from Memphis through Denver and Cleveland)
21. Oklahoma City
22. Brooklyn (from Washington)
23. Toronto (from LA Clippers through Milwaukee)
24. Utah
25. Orlando (from Toronto)
26. Portland (from Cleveland)
27. Brooklyn (from Boston)
28. L.A. Lakers (from Houston)
29. San Antonio
30. Utah (from Golden State)

SECOND ROUND

31. Atlanta (from Brooklyn)
32. Phoenix
33. Orlando (from L.A. Lakers)
34. Sacramento (from Philadelphia through New Orleans)
35. Orlando
36. Philadelphia (from New York through Utah and Toronto)
37. Boston (from Minnesota through Phoenix)
38. Chicago (from Sacramento through Cleveland)
39. Philadelphia (from Dallas)
40. New Orleans
41. Charlotte
42. Utah (from Detroit)
43. Houston (from Denver)
44. New York (from Chicago)
45. Houston (from Portland)
46. Philadelphia (from Miami through Atlanta)
47. Indiana
48. Milwaukee
49. Denver (from Memphis through Oklahoma City)
50. Philadelphia (from Atlanta)
51. Denver (from Oklahoma City)
52. Washington
53. Boston (from Cleveland)
54. Phoenix (from Toronto)
55. Utah
56. Boston (from L.A. Clippers)
57. Brooklyn (from Boston)
58. New York (from Houston)
59. San Antonio
60. Atlanta (from Golden State through Philadelphia and Utah)

Hall of Famer Jerome Bettis: NFL's been cagey on concussions

By Aron Heller
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Hall of Fame running back Jerome Bettis says the NFL has taken advantage of its players by not sharing with them all the information it had about the risk of concussions.


Bettis

After viewing an innovation expo in Jerusalem that included a presentation from ElMindA, an Israeli neuro-technology company that can help the NFL diagnose concussions, Bettis said Monday that he was encouraged by the progress but still perplexed about how transparent the league has been over the years.

"The problem is we don't necessarily know all the things the league is doing. For instance, working with this company here, you don't know if they are working with them closely to try to help solve the problem," Bettis said. "You definitely feel as though you were taken advantage of in a way that you weren't given that information, and you always want to have the choice of knowing, and when that is taken away from you, you feel as though you were taken advantage of."

Bettis, the NFL's sixth all-time leading rusher, said he suffered concussions during his 13-year career, adding, "I don't think you'll find many guys that had a long career, played 10-plus years, that didn't have a concussion."

After years of denials, the NFL eventually acknowledged the link between repeated blows to the head during football and chronic traumatic encephalopathy, known as CTE. The issue also garnered wide attention following the 2015 Will Smith film "Concussion."

Just last week, the first two claims in the NFL's billion-dollar concussion settlement were announced, with a total of $9 million in benefits. In the lawsuit filed in Philadelphia, the league was accused of hiding what it knew about the link between concussions and CTE, the degenerative brain disease that has been found in dozens of former players after their deaths.

In recent years, the NFL has undertaken a series of initiatives both on the field and off, including spending millions of dollars on research into head trauma.

"The NFL invests and collaborates with leading experts and innovators to advance progress in the prevention, diagnosis and treatment of head injuries," league spokesman Brian McCarthy told The Associated Press.

Cavs, GM Griffin part after title, 3 straight NBA Finals

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — David Griffin's run with the Cleveland Cavaliers is over after one championship and three straight trips to the NBA Finals.

The general manager and team mutually parted ways on Monday when owner Dan Gilbert said Griffin's contract will not be extended once it expires June 30.

"On behalf of the entire organization, I would like to thank Griff for his leadership and many contributions during his time here, including most recently, his role in the franchise's first NBA Championship," Gilbert said in a statement. "We have no announcement at this time related to new leadership of the Cavaliers basketball operations group, but we are confident our current front office will continue to aggressively explore and pursue opportunities to improve our team in the weeks ahead."

Griffin's departure comes on the anniversary of the Cavs' dramatic Game 7 win over Golden State, capping a historic comeback that gave Cleveland its first major professional sports championship since 1964.

He's also leaving three days before the draft — the Cavs are currently without a pick — and on the eve of free agency. Cleveland could have a busy summer as it looks to revamp its roster after losing to the Warriors in five games in this year's Finals.

A team spokesman said Trent Redden, the team's senior vice president of basketball operations, is also not returning. Assistant general manager Koby Altman remains with the team and is part of a group overseeing draft preparation and trade talks.

The Cavs have reportedly been contacted by the Indiana Pacers in a potential deal for All-Star Paul George, who will be a free agent after the 2017-18 season.

SUDOKU

THE SAMURAI OF PUZZLES By The Mepham Group

Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

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2					3			
1		3				9		5
3					9			
		7				5		
			7					9
7		5				1		4
			6					8
8	4			1			7	6

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SOLUTION TO MONDAY'S PUZZLE

4	1	9	2	5	7	6	8	3
2	5	7	8	6	3	9	1	4
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9	8	5	4	7	2	1	3	6
3	6	4	5	8	1	2	9	7
6	4	3	7	1	9	5	2	8
5	2	1	6	4	8	3	7	9
7	9	8	3	2	5	4	6	1

JUMBLE

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by David L. Hoyt and Jeff Knurek

Unscramble these four Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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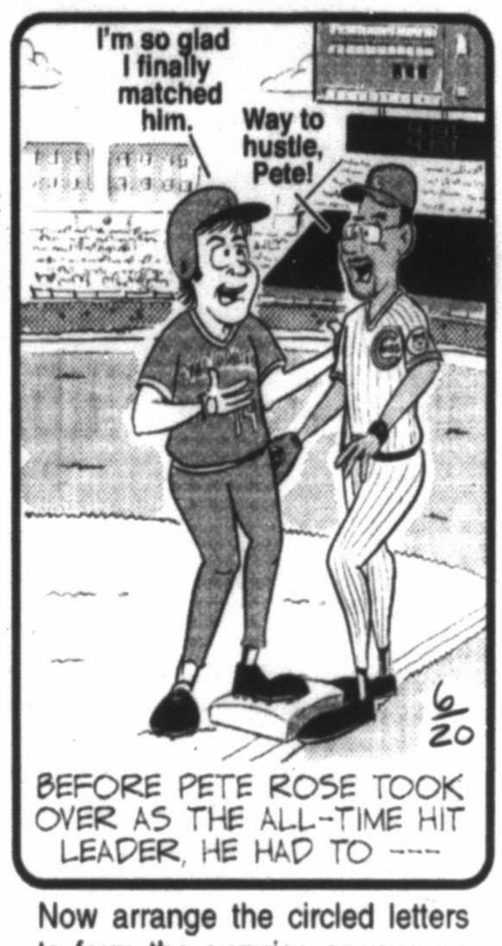
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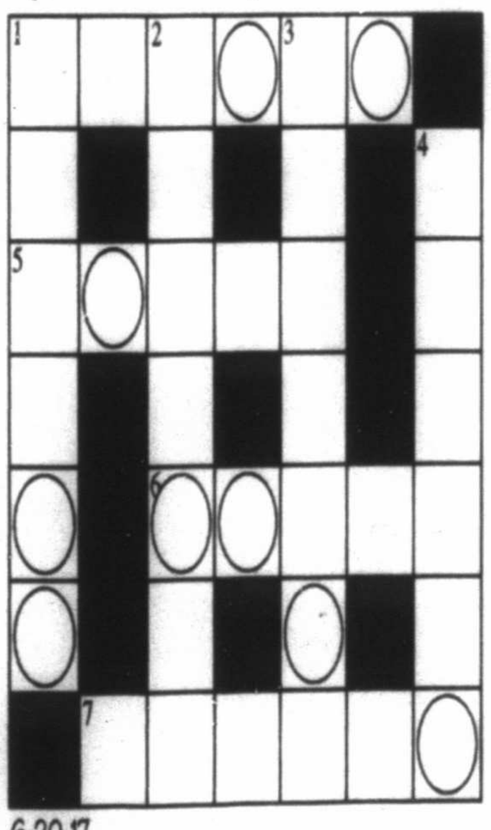
Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Print your answer here: " " " " (Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: LOGIC CONGA DONKEY JUNIOR
Answer: She knew the difference between stratus, cirrus and cumulus and was — ON CLOUD NINE

JUMBLE CROSSWORDS

by David L. Hoyt



ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. ___ nickel	NOEWOD
5. Corn	AIZME
6. Nebraska city	HAOAM
7. Self-___	EEEMST

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Down Under animal	ATOMWB
2. Threatening	MIOOUNS
3. Lift	VTELAEE
4. Make harmless	RSMAID

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

6-20-17 CLUE: This actor was named "Sexiest Man Alive" by People magazine in 2007.

BONUS

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ANSWERS: 1A-Hoodoo 6A-Ohioana 7A-Esteem 1D-Member 2D-Ominous 3D-Elevate 4D-Charm B-Hasbeen

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS

1 Fancy tie
6 Facts and figures
10 Herring family fish
14 Pageant topper
15 Broadcast with greater image resolution, as TV shows
16 Sign over
17 Caribbean island group
19 Golf outing spoiler
20 Mature
21 "Give all thou __": Wordsworth
22 Helping hands
23 Independence Day colors
26 Olive product
27 Vicinity
28 Piano-bass-drums jazz group, e.g.
31 __ apso: dog
34 Bumped into
37 Auto visibility aid with intermittent settings
41 Atypical
42 Ballplayer with "SD" on his cap
43 Quartet that covered "Woodstock," initially
44 Jamaican fruit
46 Royal flush card
48 "How about that!"
56 Cereal grass disease
57 Broadcaster
58 "Don't Bring Me Down" rock gp.
59 From the top
60 Extensive ... and what's literally seen in this puzzle's circles
62 "The __ of the Ancient Mariner"
63 Actor Guinness
64 Augment
65 Gardener's purchase
66 Playbill listing
67 Cuts with a light beam

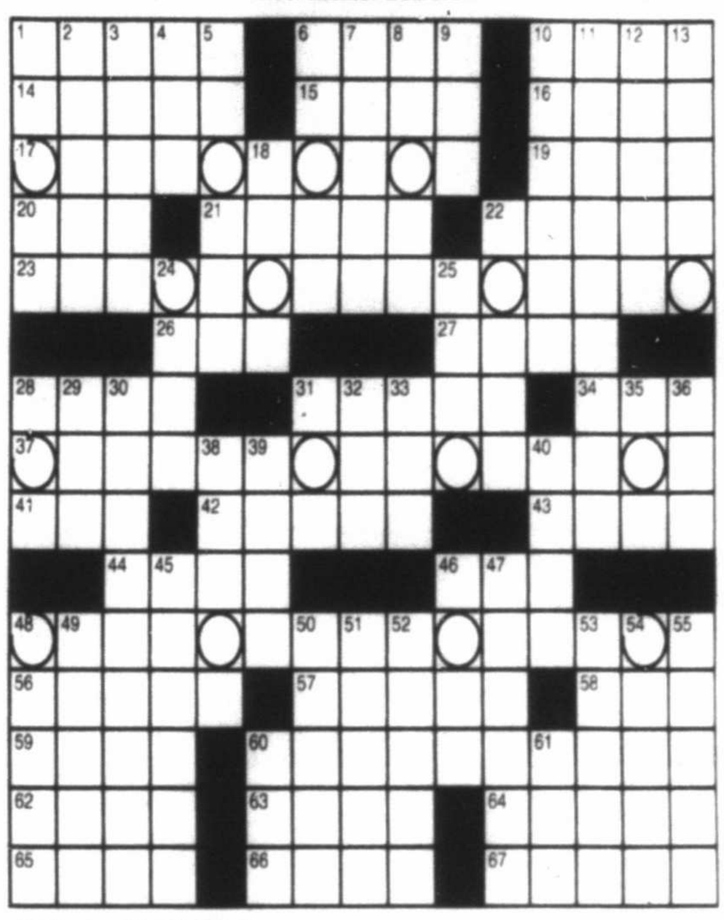
DOWN

1 Batting it out
2 Prolonged battle
3 Scoped out with bad intentions
4 Table scrap
5 Meditative Chinese exercise
6 Neglected to
7 Ouzo flavoring
8 Consonant before iota
9 Promos that interrupt programs
10 Old manuscript copier
11 Illumination on helmets
12 Farewell
13 Tightly packed
18 Polished body part
22 Play to __: tie
24 Lumberyard purchase
25 Former OTC watchdog
28 Couple
29 Get __ of: discard
30 "I'd like this favor"
31 Cookie jar cover
32 Ship's pronoun
33 Malt brew
35 Poetic twilight
36 "These are the times that __ men's souls": Paine
38 Bowler's challenge
39 Flag down, as a cab
40 Cake decorator
45 Emitted an aura
46 Orange drinks
47 __ tunnel syndrome
48 Has on
49 Orange Muppet
50 Muhammad's boxing daughter
51 __ one's time: waits patiently
52 Standing straight
53 Non-negotiable things
54 Fill with glee
55 Extinct birds
60 WWII GI Jane
61 Dietary guideline letters

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

M	E	L	E	E		B	O	O	K	S		M	L	S
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2. Right now

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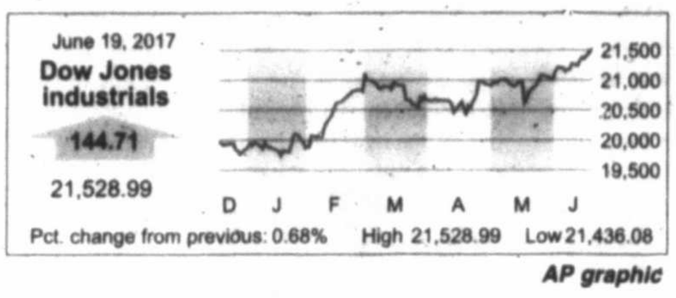
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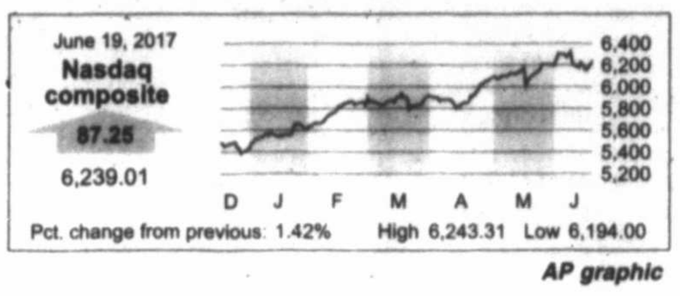
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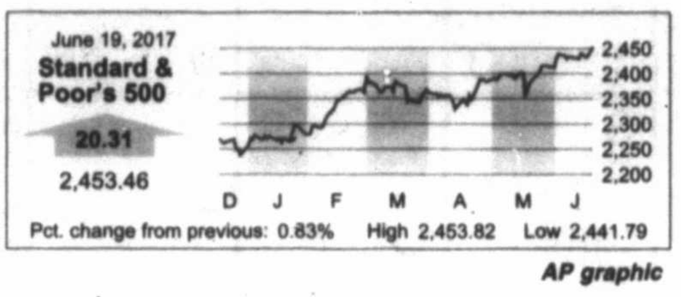
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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday: $44.20
Previous: $44.74

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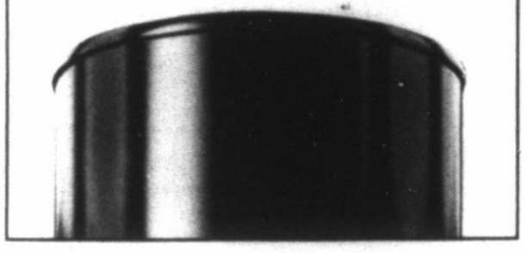
Monday: $40.50
Previous: $41.25

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $37.10
Previous: $37.85

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.894
Previous: $3.037



Oil tankers store most oil this year as glut continues

Bloomberg

Oil traders are resorting to storing more and more oil at sea amid swelling output in the Atlantic region, a sign the market is far from the kind of re-balancing that OPEC would have hoped for when the group set out last year to bring down global stockpiles.

The amount of oil stored in tankers reached a 2017 high of 111.9 million barrels earlier this month, according to Paris-based tracking company Kpler SAS. Higher volumes of storage in the North Sea, Singapore and Iran account for most of the increase.

The build-up occurs even as the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries and 11 other nations led by Russia cut supplies. Since the beginning of the year, those nations have attempted to trim nearly 1.8 million barrels a day from the market, though higher output in the U.S. and Africa and sluggish demand in Asia have all helped to undermine their efforts.

"If anything, it shows that OPEC cuts still aren't having enough of an impact," Olivier Jakob, managing director of consultant Petromatrix GmbH, said of the buildup at sea. "The pressure is coming from the Atlantic Basin," where there are additional supplies, he said.

Companies including Trafigura Group and Vitol Group have recently chartered older supertankers for as long as eight months, and some of the vessels are likely to be used for floating storage, according to a research note Monday from Pareto Securities AS.

As a result of the persisting surplus, spot prices for oil are being pushed lower than those for supplies months and years into the future. Such a structure, known as contango, can make it profitable for traders to store oil in tanker ships for delivery later, although data compiled by Bloomberg and E.A. Gibson Shipbrokers Ltd. indicate that's not the case yet.

As recently as May 1, the average volume was about 74 million barrels, according to Kpler. Floating storage in Singapore has risen by 23 percent this year and 32 percent in the North Sea, it estimates.

The return of West African and Libyan crude "could be a reason for the build in the North Sea," said Jorge Antequera, a crude oil market analyst at Kpler. Because the Brent benchmark is priced in that region "even if it's a small build, it will have a significant impact on oil prices."

Earlier this month, Royal Dutch Shell Plc lifted export restrictions on Nigeria's Forcados crude, which had been shut in for more than a year after a militant attack on a sub-sea pipeline. Forcados exports are now expected to average about 285,000 barrels a day in August, almost a quarter of the volume that OPEC has pledged to cut from the market.

In addition, Libya's biggest oil field, Sharara, has restarted after intermittent halts and is now pumping about 270,000 barrels a day, the level before a recent shutdown, according to the state-run National Oil Corp. Libyan output is the highest since 2013 after a deal with Wintershall AG enabled at least two fields to resume production.

Tanker tracking by Bloomberg show almost 9 million barrels of key crude grades Brent, Forties, Oseberg and Ekofisk crudes are now floating on Aframax vessels and crude supertankers off the U.K.'s coasts. The tankers have been floating from less than a week to over two months. The region's inventories on ships last increased in March, before receding again.

In the U.S., crude oil production has been on an upward trend since October, and last month it reached 9.34 million barrels a day, the highest level since August 2015. Rig counts have increased for a record 22 weeks straight as shale producers have boosted output, according to data from Baker Hughes Inc.

Global crude inventories are likely to decline to some extent later this year, but "a return to five-year average stock levels remains elusive for some time to come," Morgan Stanley analysts including Martijn Rats wrote in a research note Monday. Oil in floating storage has been building at a rate of about 800,000 barrels a day since early May and continues to increase, they said.

Although oil appears to be flowing into floating storage, estimates from E.A. Gibson and exchange data compiled by Bloomberg show that keeping barrels at sea wouldn't normally be profitable at the moment. For three, six and twelve months, traders would lose money by storing at sea either in the North Sea, the Mediterranean, or Asia. Floating storage isn't viable, David Martin, an analyst at JPMorgan Chase & Co., wrote in a research note.

Stocks hit records

Apple and other big-name technology stocks got back to their winning ways Monday and helped drive U.S. indexes once again to record heights.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 20.31 points, or 0.8 percent, to 2,453.46 and surpassed its old record, set nearly a week ago, by half a percent. The Dow Jones industrial average added 144.71 points, or 0.7 percent, to 21,528.99, and the Nasdaq composite jumped 87.25, or 1.4 percent, to 6,239.01.

Tech heavyweights, which had been among the stock market's biggest stars until recently, led the way. After being up more than 20 percent for the year, tech stocks in the S&P 500 fell sharply two Fridays ago on worries that they had risen too much, too quickly. In a little more than a week, tech stocks lost about a fifth of their year-to-date gains.

On Monday, Apple rose for just the second time since two Thursdays ago. It jumped $4.07, or 2.9 percent, to $146.34 for its second-best day of the year so far. Google's parent, Alphabet, rose $16.60. or 1.7 percent, to $975.22. Altogether, tech stocks in the S&P 500 rose 1.7 percent, the largest gain among the 11 sectors that make up the index.

Metal prices end mixed

Gold fell $9.80 to settle at $1,246.70 per ounce, silver lost 16 cents to $16.50 per ounce and copper added 3 cents to $2.59 per pound.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RiceEngy	613873	24.57	+4.88
iShEMkts	589151	41.63	+.41
BkofAm	572409	23.91	+.48
SPDR Fncl	562449	24.54	+.25
B iPVxST n	523282	12.58	-.41

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RiceEngy	24.57	+4.88	+24.8
EQT GP n	29.19	+4.23	+16.9
CAI Intl	24.14	+3.16	+15.1
RiteAid	3.36	+.36	+12.0
Hornbeck	2.90	+.26	+9.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
RiceMidstr	17.80	-6.56	-26.9
CSVLgNG rs	12.42	-1.78	-12.5
DxBioBear	8.01	-1.00	-11.1
CGG rs	4.83	-.50	-9.4
EQT Corp	53.51	-5.26	-9.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,838
Declined	1,068
Unchanged	139
Total issues	3,045
New Highs	225
New Lows	29
Volume	3,118,671,619

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	72441	2.90	-.04
B2gold g	38922	2.76	+.04
TherapMD	38799	5.34	-.01
NovaGld g	30590	4.01	-.02
AskanoG g	30575	1.36	-.05

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Myomo n	19.31	+4.86	+33.6
Auxilio n	4.75	+.55	+13.1
NovaBay rs	2.80	+.30	+12.0
MexcoEn	4.25	+.30	+7.6
Ballantry	7.05	+.45	+6.8

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Air Inds	2.34	-.16	-6.4
AvalonHld	2.49	-.14	-5.3
AltarcAst	85.20	-4.25	-4.8
RxVitmxWk	3.34	-.17	-4.8
LilisEn n	5.06	-.25	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	184
Declined	150
Unchanged	28
Total issues	362
New Highs	8
New Lows	8
Volume	93,335,385

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PwShs QQQ	343771	140.46	+2.31
Apple Inc	305591	146.34	+4.07
Altaba	273545	54.46	+1.88
MicronT	242995	31.20	+1.34
Microsoft	217068	70.87	+.87

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Novadaq g	11.70	+5.70	+95.0
ClovisOnc	87.88	+27.91	+46.5
ZionO&G	2.75	+.67	+32.2
NantHlth n	4.35	+.78	+21.8
Cyclacel pf	6.68	+.87	+15.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Celsion rs	2.44	-.76	-23.8
Orminto n	7.11	-1.29	-15.4
Abeona wt	2.65	-.35	-11.7
KuraOnc n	7.20	-.75	-9.4
Beyondsp n	33.71	-3.09	-8.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,888
Declined	942
Unchanged	208
Total issues	3,038
New Highs	139
New Lows	49
Volume	1,855,420,491

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $116.23 Down 0.76

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.09 Up 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $85.89 Up 1.02

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.40 Down 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.25 Up 0.30

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $24.15 Down 0.55

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $13.20 Down 0.28

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $30.62 Up 0.13

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.03 Down 0.25

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.08 Down 0.22

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel		22	6.28	+.29	38.5
AT&T Inc	1.96	15	38.91	.05	-8.5
Abraxas			1.83		-28.8
AdaDvsEq	.926		14.45	+.14	+13.7
AMD			11.93	+.49	+5.2
Alibaba		40	139.47	+4.60	+58.8
AlonUSA	.60		13.51	+.01	+18.7
Altaba			54.46	+1.88	+40.8
Ambev	.06e	5	5.40	+.06	+10.0
Amgen	4.60f	15	165.09	**+2.67**	**+12.9**
Anadarko	.20		46.70	**-.34**	**-33.0**
Apache	1.00		49.82	**+.28**	**-21.5**
Apple Inc	2.52f	17	146.34	+4.07	+26.4
ApldMatl	.40	18	44.29	**+1.18**	**+37.2**
ArcelorM rs		6	20.41	+.29	
Archrock	.48		10.65	-.10	-19.3
ATMOS	1.80	24	85.06	**-.48**	**+14.7**
AutoData	2.28	27	104.11	+.62	+1.3
BP PLC	2.38	54	36.04	**+.04**	**-3.6**
BakrHu	.68		56.55	-.74	-13.0
BkofAm	.30f	15	23.91	+.48	+8.2
B iPVxST rs			12.58	-.41	-50.7
BarringCp s	1.20		15.18	-.02	-1.9
BasicEnS			.45		
BerkHa A			1725732	**0.00**	**+869.90**
BlkHillsCp	1.78f	21	71.60	**-.28**	**+16.7**
BostonSci		55	28.25	+.50	+30.6
BrMySq	1.56	33	55.22	**+.76**	**-5.5**
BrownFA s		30	50.67	**+.01**	**+9.6**
BrownFB s			49.52	**+.05**	**+10.2**
CSX	.80f	29	53.26	+.52	+48.2
CVS Health	2.00	13	78.10	+1.04	-1.0
CallonPet		32	10.13	**+.10**	**-34.1**
Caterpillar	3.12	33	107.49	-.11	+15.9
Celestic g		10	13.81	+.22	+16.5
Cemex	.29t		9.23	-.01	+19.5
CntryLink	2.16	11	25.36	-.36	+6.6
ChesEng		45	4.99	-.11	-28.9
Chevron	4.32		107.46	**-.89**	**-8.7**
Chicos	.33	13	9.14	-.11	-36.5
Cimarex	.32	44	93.45	-.37	-31.2
Cisco	1.16	16	31.99	+.36	+5.9
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CocaCola	1.48	28	45.38	**+.07**	**+9.5**
ColgPalm	1.60	27	76.90	**+.59**	**+17.5**
Comcast s	.63	23	41.80	+.52	+21.1
ConAgra	.80	20	37.52	**-.49**	**-5.1**
ConchoRes			116.23	**-.76**	**-12.3**
ConocoPhil	1.06	52	46.36	**-.17**	**-7.5**
Costco	1.80a	28	164.34	-2.77	+2.6
CrackerB	4.80f	26	166.00	+2.68	-.6
CSVLgNG rs			12.42	-1.78	-73.1
CrosTim	1.10e	15	15.38	**-.02**	**-14.4**
DCP Mid	3.12	19	31.48	-.28	-18.0
DTE	3.30f	26	110.90	-.29	+12.6
Delcath rs			10	+.05	-89.2
DevonE	.24		31.32	**-.44**	**-31.4**
DrGMBI rs			17.28	-.74	
DxBioBear			8.01	-1.00	-57.7
Disney	1.56f	18	105.37	**-.14**	**+1.1**
DowChm	1.84	21	65.22	**+.83**	**+14.0**
DryShp rs			1	-.56	-99.9
EOG Resrcs	.67		88.07	**-.45**	**-12.9**
EQT Corp	.12	86	53.51	-5.26	-18.2
Energen	.08		51.85	-.05	-10.1
EnPro	.88	44	71.26	**+.90**	**+5.8**
ENSCO	.04	1	5.70	-.01	-41.4
EntProdPt	1.66f	21	26.60	-.22	-1.6
Ericsson	.11e		7.06	+.08	+21.1
ExxonMbl	3.08f	37	82.76	**-.73**	**-8.3**
Facebook		34	152.87	+2.23	+32.9
FordM	.60a	6	11.24	+.02	-7.3
FrptMcM			11.59	+.17	-12.1
FrontierCm	.16m		1.32	.07	-60.9
GATX	1.60	11	65.14	**+.26**	**+6.8**
GabMdRT	.84e		8.83	**+.09**	**+22.0**
GAInv	1.15e		34.30	**+.36**	**+10.0**
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GenMotors	1.52	5	34.35	+.06	-1.4
GtPlainEn	1.10	18	29.76	**-.16**	**+8.8**
HP Inc	.53	11	17.69	+.34	+19.2
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Intel	1.09f	16	35.51	**+.30**	**-2.1**
InterDig	1.20	9	80.95	+1.30	-11.4
JD.com			39.74	+1.57	+56.2
JPMorgCh	1.92	14	88.07	+1.89	+2.1
JohnJn	3.36f	20	134.07	**-.28**	**+16.4**
KimbClk	3.88	22	132.78	**+2.57**	**+16.4**
Kroger s	.48	11	22.64	+.35	-34.4
LegacyRes	.60m		1.40	-.01	-34.0
Lubys			3.01	**-.04**	**-29.7**
MarathnO	.20		12.49	-.03	-27.8
McDnlds	3.76	28	153.14	+1.15	+25.8
Merck	1.88	17	63.68	+.71	+8.2
MeritMed		46	36.10	**+.75**	**+36.2**
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TylerTech		55	171.12	**+1.29**	**+19.9**
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USSteel	.20		20.80	+.64	-37.0
Vale SA	.29e		8.03	+.15	+5.4
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ValeroE	2.80	18	66.61	+.81	-2.5
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VanE JrGld			32.46	-.54	+2.9
VulcanM	1.00	41	130.24	**+.86**	**+4.1**
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WPX Engy			9.01	-.14	-38.2
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WalgBoots	1.50	17	79.81	+1.37	-3.6
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WellsFargo	1.52	14	54.24	+.35	-1.6
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Yamana g	.02		2.37	-.06	-15.7
ZionO&G			2.75	+.67	+100.7
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21,391.97	17,063.08	Dow Jones Industrials	21,528.99	+144.71	+.68	+8.94	+20.92
9,639.33	7,029.41	Dow Jones Transportation	9,476.63	+62.56	+.66	+4.78	+23.51
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	734.44	-3.07	-.42	+11.34	+7.61
11,811.50	9,918.72	NYSE Composite	11,833.34	+61.32	+.52	+7.02	+13.24
6,341.70	4,574.25	Nasdaq Composite	6,239.01	+87.25	+1.42	+15.90	+28.98
2,446.17	1,991.68	S&P 500	2,453.46	+20.31	+.83	+9.59	+17.77
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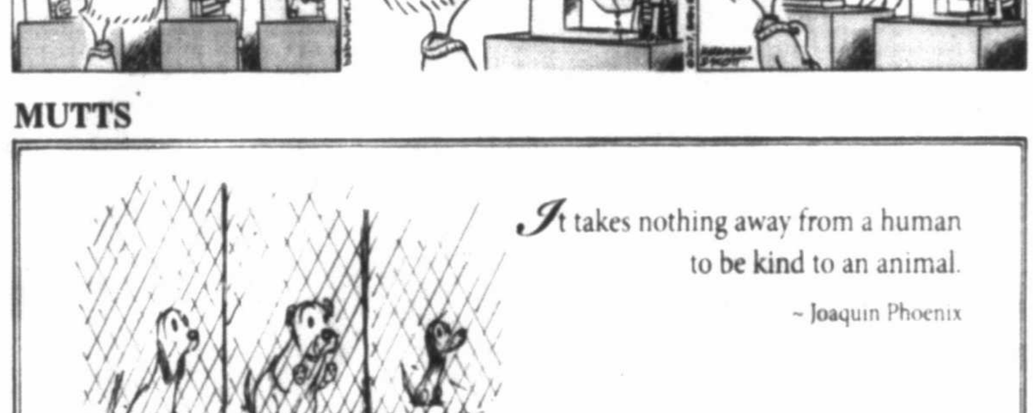
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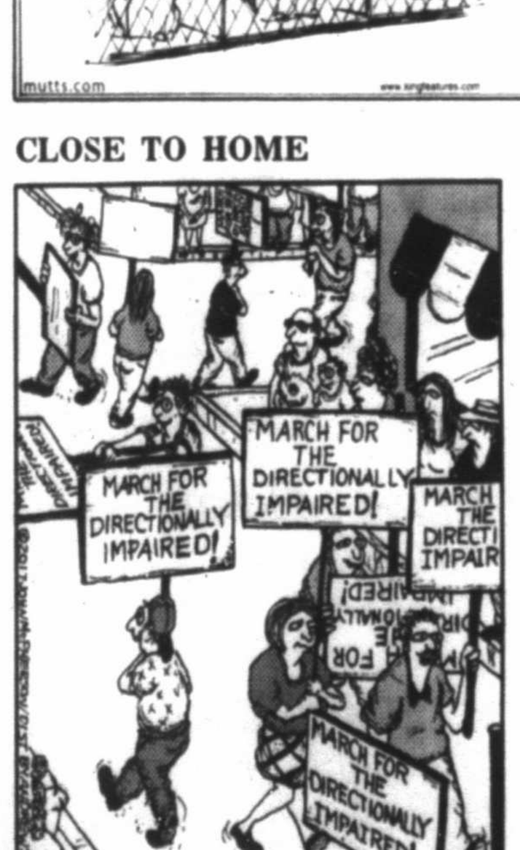
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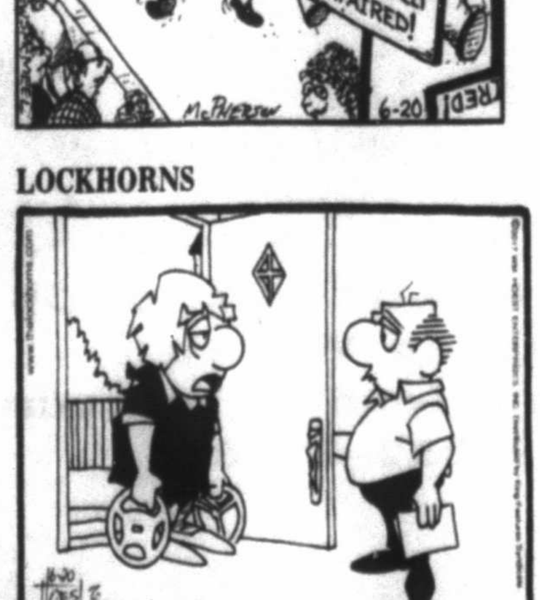


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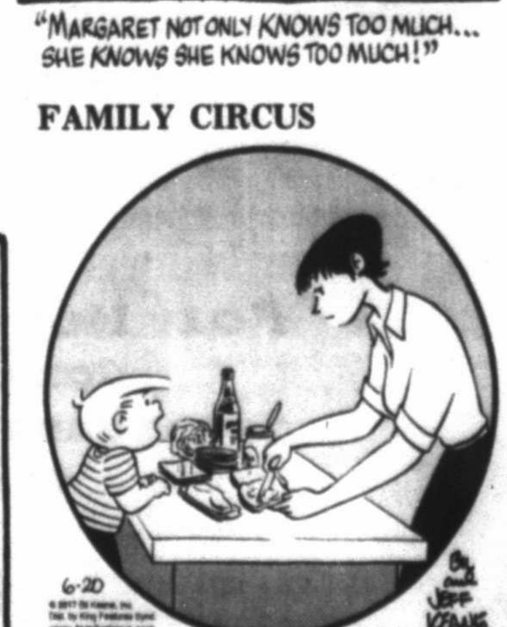
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District Manager

The Midland Reporter-Telegram

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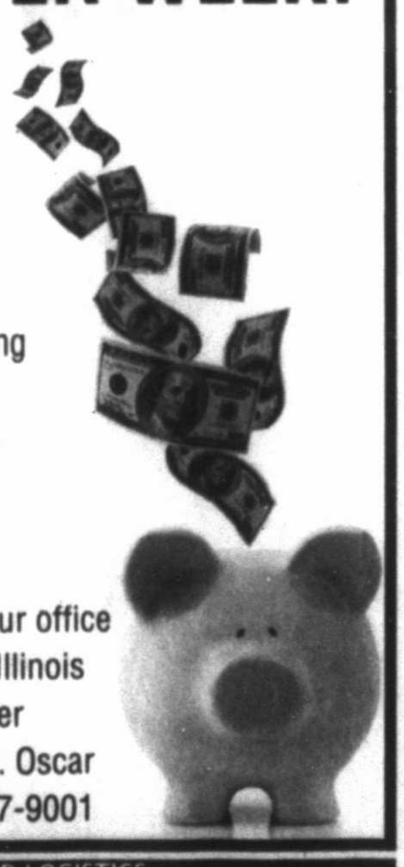
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Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

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The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting the City of Midland, at 432- 685-7247. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Amy Turner, MMC
CITY SECRETARY

NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INJECT FLUID INTO A RESEVOIR PRODUCTIVE OF OIL OR GAS

Kinder Morgan Production Company LLC, Opr. No 463316, 6 Desta Drive, Suite 6000, Midland, TX. 79705 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for an amendment to a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, formation In the Goldsmith-Landreth/San Andres/UT Lease, Well Number 15W. The proposed injection well is located 3.3 miles northwest of Goldsmith, Texas, in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4056 feet to 4500 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE

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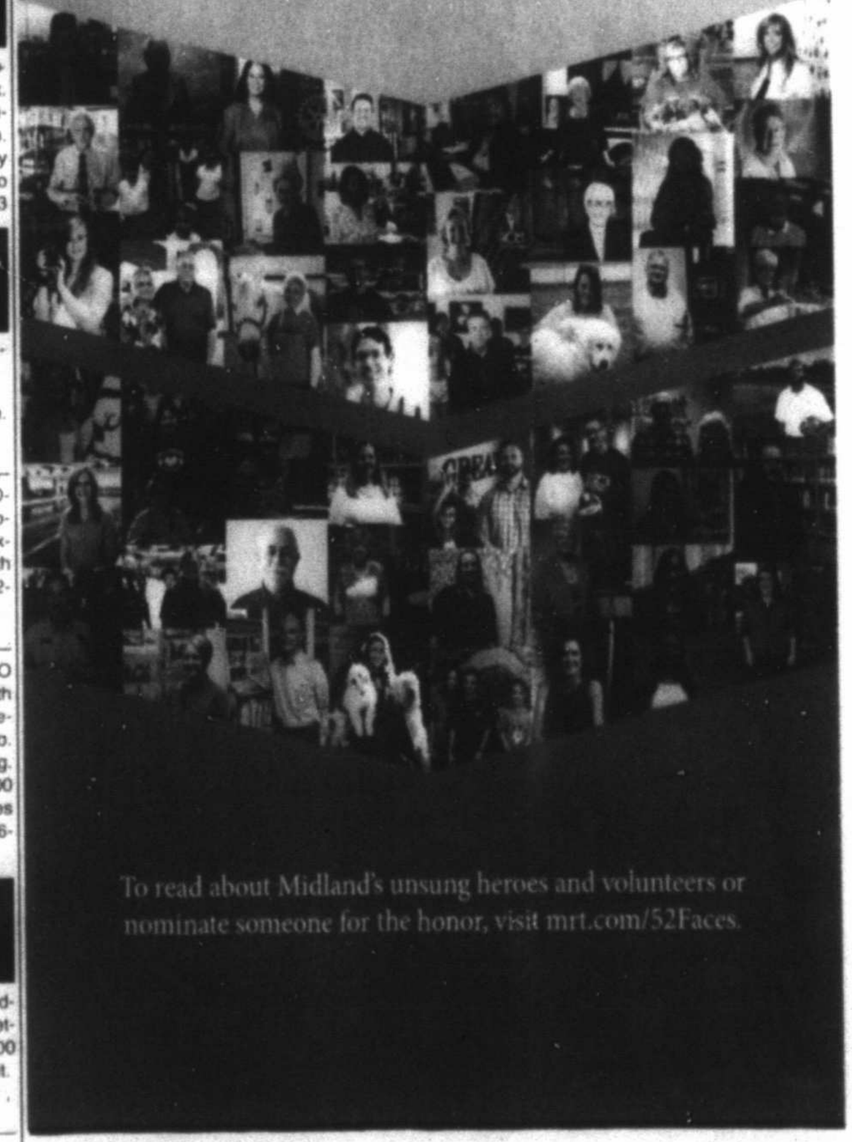
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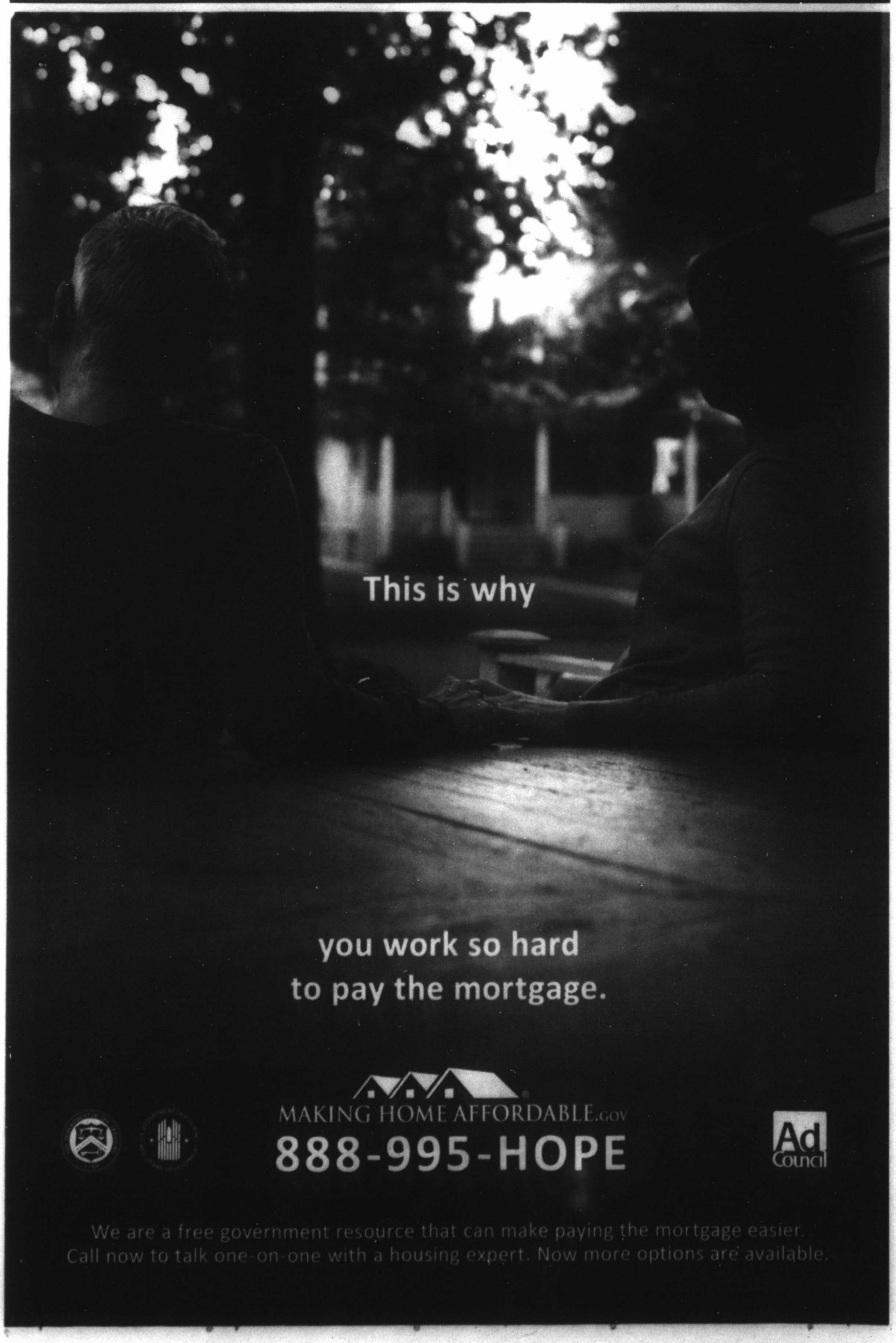
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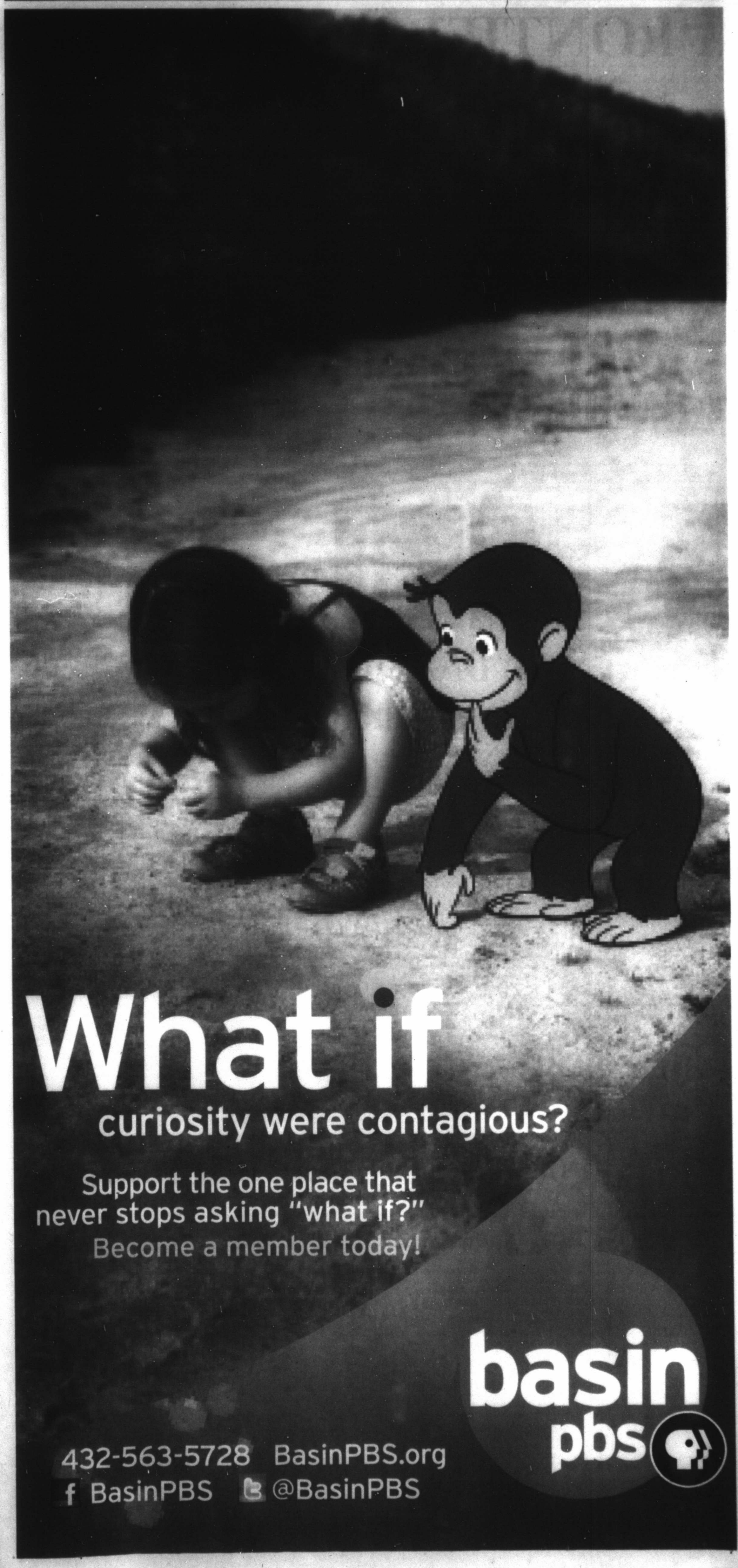
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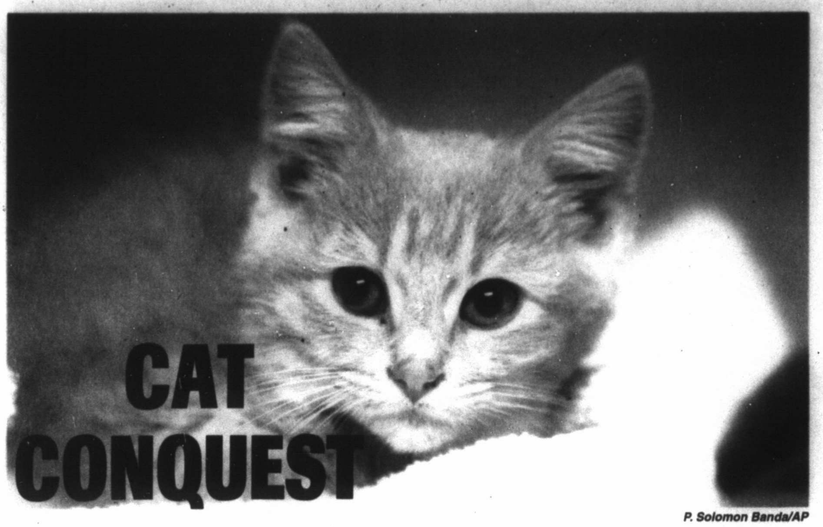
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Elsa, a kitten, recovers at the Denver Dumb Friends League animal shelter, in Denver. A DNA study reached back thousands of years to track the spread domesticated cats through the ancient human world and found evidence of two major dispersals from the Middle East, in which people evidently took cats with them. Genetic signatures the felines had on those journeys are still seen in most modern-day breeds. **BELOW LEFT:** The sarcophagus for Prince Thutmose's cat at an exhibit in Seattle. **BELOW RIGHT:** Researcher Eva-Maria Geigl works in her laboratory in Paris.





Science Says: DNA shows early spread of cats in human world

By Malcolm Ritter
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Long before cats became the darlings of Facebook and YouTube, they spread through the ancient human world.

A DNA study reached back thousands of years to track that conquest and found evidence of two major dispersals from the Middle East, in which people evidently took cats with them. Genetic signatures the felines had on those journeys are still seen in most modern-day breeds.

Researchers analyzed DNA from 209 ancient cats as old as 9,000 years from Europe, Africa and Asia, including some ancient Egyptian cat mummies.

"They are direct witnesses of the situation in the past," said Eva-Maria Geigl of the Jacques Monod Institute in Paris. She and colleagues also looked at 28 modern feral cats from Bulgaria and east Africa.

It's the latest glimpse into the complicated story of domesticated cats. They are descendants of wild ancestors that learned to live with people and became relatively tame — though some cat owners would say that nowadays, they don't always seem enthusiastic about our company.

The domestication process may have begun around 10,000 years ago when people settled in the Fertile Crescent, the arch-shaped region that includes the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea and land around the Tigris and Euphrates rivers. They stored grain, which drew rodents, which in turn attracted wild cats. Animal remains in trash heaps might have attracted them, too. Over time, these wild felines adapted to this man-made environment and got used to hanging around people.

Previous study had found a cat buried alongside a human some 9,500 years ago in Cyprus, an island without any native population of felines. That indicates the cat was brought by boat and it had some special relationship to that person, researchers say.

Cats were clearly tame by about 3,500 years ago in Egypt, where paintings often placed them beneath chairs. That shows by that time, "the cat makes its way to the household," said Geigl.

But the overall domestication process has been hard for scientists to track, in part because fossils skeletons don't reveal whether a cat was wild or domesticated.

It's easier to distinguish dogs, our first domesticated animal, from their wolf ancestors. Dogs evolved from wolves that had begun to associate with people even before farming began, perhaps drawn by the food the humans left behind.

The new study tracked the spread of specific cat DNA markers over long distances through time, a sign that people had taken cats with them. Results were released Monday by the journal Nature Ecology & Evolution.

The study "strengthens and refines previous work," said Carlos Driscoll of the Wildlife Institute of India. The extensive sampling of cat DNA going back so far in time is unprecedented, he said.

Researchers also looked for a genetic variant that produces the blotchy coat pattern typical of modern-day domestic cats, rather than the tiger-like stripes seen in their wild cousins. It showed up more often in samples from after the year 1300 than earlier ones, which fits with other evidence that the tabby cat markings became common by the 1700s and that people started breeding cats for their appearance in the 1800s.

That's late in the domestication of cats, in contrast to horses, which were bred for their appearance early on, Geigl said.

Most of the study focused on the ancient dispersals of cats. In the DNA samples analyzed, one genetic signature found first in the Asian portion of Turkey — and perhaps once carried by some Fertile Crescent cats — showed up more than 6,000 years ago in Bulgaria.

That indicates cats had been taken there by boat with the first farmers colonizing Europe, Geigl said. It also appeared more than 5,000 years ago in Romania, as well as around 3,000 years ago in Greece.

A second genetic signature, first seen in Egypt, had reached Europe between the first and fifth centuries, as shown by a sample from Bulgaria. It was found in a seventh-century sample from a Viking trading port in northern Europe, and an eighth-century sample from Iran.

The dispersal of the cats across the Mediterranean was probably encouraged by their usefulness in controlling rodents and other pests on ships, the researchers said.

Kepler's final survey reveals 50 'goldilocks' planets

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MOFFETT FIELD, Calif. — What began as a trickle of new planet discoveries from the Kepler Space Telescope a decade ago has turned into a torrent: 2,337 verified sightings, with about 50 in the "goldilocks zone" — our size, shape and orbit around the warm glow of stars like our own sun, perhaps hosting life.

At a Monday morning news conference at NASA's Ames Research Center, scientists added 219 new planet candidates — 10 of them potentially habitable — to the final and most definitive tally from the prolific planet detector Kepler, which gazes into a slice of sky near the constellation Cygnus to find the subtle dimming that occurs every time a planet passes in front of — or "transits" — its sun.

"Are we alone? Maybe Kepler today has told us indirectly, although we need confirmation, that we are probably not alone," said Mario Perez, Kepler program scientist in the Astrophysics Division of NASA's Science Mission.

William Borucki, the now-retired scientist who devoted two decades to getting the Kepler project launched, said "most stars have planets. Many of these planets are Earth-like. A fair fraction are in the habitable zone."

Of particular interest in this newest batch is a planet called 7711, with a size, orbit and sunlike star similar to three planets in our solar system: Venus, Earth and Mars. "But we'd only want to live in one of them," cautioned Susan Thompson, Kepler research scientists at the SETI Institute in Mountain View.

After years of searching, the Kepler mission has fundamentally changed our understanding of the diverse planets in our galaxy. At the conference, scientists lumped planets into five categories: "Hot Jupiters," "Cold Gas Giants," "Lava Worlds," "Ice Giants" and — most promising — small "Rocky Planets."

New findings released Monday suggest two distinct size groupings of these small rocky planets, both of them with inhospitable environments. One group is so close to its host star that its surface has been blowtorched. The other group has a crushing atmosphere "so thick that it would not be a nice place to live," said Benjamin Fulton, doctoral candidate at the University of Hawaii in Manoa.

"Finding two distinct groups of exoplanets is like discovering mammals and lizards make up distinct branches of a family tree," he said.

Before Kepler, no one knew if our sun was the only star to support planets.

The spacecraft was launched in March 2009 to survey the Milky Way galaxy in search of potentially habitable planets around other stars like our sun.

Calling it "the little spacecraft that could," NASA Ames director Eugene L. Tu said Kepler "has rewritten the textbook on exoplanets."

Disaster struck in 2013, and it looked like Kepler's days might be over. Two broken wheels on its four-wheeled gyroscope meant that it could no longer maintain the fine precision pointing necessary to detect planets.

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Only sure way to avoid phishing scam is to not answer phone

Dear PropellerHeads: It seems phone and phishing scams are getting more devious. Fact or alternative fact?

A: I agree about the phishing attacks, but I think phone scams are actually getting simpler.

Case in point, the Are you there? scam. You receive a call and the first words you hear are Are you there? or Can you hear me? Some might embellish it a bit with a hello first, but the upshot is there is an immediate question that is trying provoke a response of yes.

The theory is the call is being recorded in the hopes you respond with yes, at which point fraudulent charges could be coming your way because, after all, you just agreed to whatever it is they are selling. Sneaky … if true.

Snopes has a good analysis of this scam (snopes.com/can-you-hear-me-scam). While the calls are clearly taking place (I myself have already received over a dozen!) it would seem that nobody has actually been scammed out of any money…yet. As Snopes points out, the scammer would also need to know some information about your financial accounts in order to charge you, but if they already have that then they wouldn't need to seek your permission to scam you. Maybe they are just polite scammers?

Another phone scam is the 473 Scam or One Ring Scam. Here, the scammers call you but then hang up after one ring. Variations on this will let you answer the call, at which time you will hear a prerecorded message of someone in distress or news you just won some lottery but are unexpectedly cut off. The idea for this scam is that you will call the number back.

However, the number you are calling back is akin to calling a 900 number. And what we all know from calling 900 numbers is that they are expensive; these in particular because although the 473 area code looks like it is a domestic call, it is actually for an island in the Caribbean. Within a minute, you could be out $30! More details on this scam can be found at bit.ly/1SPuNe6.

But it is pretty easy to thwart just about every telephone scam. Just don't answer the phone if you don't recognize the number. Done. Or, if you are more sadistic, look into the Jolly Rodger Telephone Company (bit.ly/2pjDrfc). Online phishing scams are bit harder to dismiss however, and they've evolved tremendously since the days of Prince Alyusi Islassis.

Just recently Google was the target of a high-profile phishing attack involving Gmail and Google Docs, the cloud competitor to Microsoft Office. Here you receive an email, most likely from a friend, with a link to what appears to be a Google Doc. The email is close enough to the real thing that most people wouldn't notice it is a counterfeit.

Clicking on the link brings you to an actual Google permission dialog that if you agree to, will allow a third party app to access some parts of your account; principally your contact list, which is then used to further spread the attack. Millions of accounts were affected before Google, I'd say rather swiftly, retaliated. I found CNBC had the most informative piece on the attack: http://cnb.cx/2q1CyYw

If you have a Google account (and unless you are my mom, you probably do) now might be a good time to check which applications have access to your account. Go to myaccount.google.com/permissions and see what is listed. I myself discovered a couple of apps I haven't used in years that were promptly removed.

To keep abreast of the latest wrongdoings going on right now, try one of these sites: consumer.ftc.gov/scam-alerts, clark.com/category/scams-rip-offs or scambusters.org.

Did you make it this far? Yes? Gotcha!

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