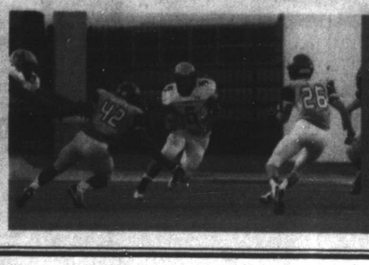
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Scout officials don't expect much to change

Troops are free to set own policies concerning accepting gay leaders

By Brandon Mulder
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Last week, the Boy Scouts of America national leaders showed the organization's intention to adapting to a modern social fabric. The BSA Executive Committee announced the approval of an amendment to end the organization's blanket ban on gay scout leaders.

Local Scout officials accept the decision as long as individual troops are free to set their own policy.

Issues of sexual orientation among local chapters never really come up, according to Buffalo Trail Council Scout Executive David Chapman. Topics on sex and sexual orientation are "off-limits for scouting discussions," Chapman said.

"We've always been an organization that's got focused on and doesn't include sex education in any of our programs. Sexual aspects of a person are not dealt with through Scouting. That's left up to the family or to the religious organization," he said. "There're many other factors that weigh in on how leaders are chosen, but they don't have anything to do with sexual orientation."

The BTC is comprised of 18 West Texas counties and serves more than 2,700 youths, and throughout the council's districts, none of the applications for scout leaders inquire about sexual orientation, Chapman said.

Members of the BSA National Executive Board will meet Monday and are expected to ratify the removal of the ban. Locally, some sponsoring churches or organizations may allow gay leaders to enter their leadership ranks, depending on the sponsor's doctrine, Chapman said.

Because sexual orientation of scouts or scout leaders was never considered, not much will change, he said.

"We don't ask, and we never had," he said. "We've never actually on any application said 'are you gay?' We've never asked people that."

During the Boy Scouts' annual national meeting in Atlanta in May, BSA President Robert Gates set the course for the upcoming decision.

"We must deal with the world as it is, not as we might wish it to be. The status quo in our movement's membership standards cannot be sustained," Gates said in a national address. "Between internal challenges and potential legal conflicts, the BSA finds itself in an unsustainable position, a position that makes us vulnerable to the possibility the courts will simply order us at some point to change our membership policy.

"We must all understand that this probably will happen sooner rather than later," he said.

Based on First Amendment protection of religious freedom, the BSA defends and dignifies the right of any religious chartered organization to choose its own adult leaders and set its own leadership standard.

"It's really not Scouting that has changed, as it is our culture," said Aaron Bedell, BTC's director of development. "The culture of West Texas is conservative and has values that are aligned with Scouting, and so you shouldn't expect much change. We're still the same program as we always have been."

PUBLIC DISCOURSE



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Residents gathered at Abell Junior High on Monday, July 20, 2015 to discuss a possible ban on texting while driving.

Public forum demonstrates distracted driving is a problem

By Stewart Doreen
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After the first public meeting regarding a texting-while-driving ordinance, one thing is for sure — distracted driving is an issue.

What to do about distracted driving, if anything at all, still creates division.

During the first of two public meetings before the crucial final Aug. 11 vote, residents offered their perspectives on texting while driving. A majority at Abell Junior High found favor with the creation of an ordinance. Doing nothing was not an option for most who gave the council their blessing to have Midland join the at-least 40 other cities that have texting-while-driving ordinances, according to the Texas Legislative Council.

The minority made up for their lack of numbers with intensity, calling out a council for wanting to create an ordinance while there already were reckless driving laws in place. They also had choice words about enforcement and government micromanaging residents.

The second forum will take place 6 p.m. Aug. 3 at the MLK Jr. Community Center.

Here were a few take-aways from the first of two public meetings regarding a

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Greenbelt community turns out against dense development

By Rye Druzin
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A crowd of more than 50 people packed the Planning and Zoning Commission meeting on Monday to voice their concerns about the integrity of "The Greenbelt."

Developers wanting to change the Agricultural Estate (AE) zoning for a 38-acre plot of land southwest of the intersection of Mockingbird Lane and Garfield Street — a tract that is part of the protected Greenbelt zone — met intense opposition from community members living south of the plot of land.

After hearing from residents, commission members sided with them and denied the developers' request.

The zone change would change the zoning from AE — which currently requires lot sizes of two acres or larger — to 1F-1, one- family dwelling district, which would drop the minimum lot size to 9,000 square feet, or one-fifth of an acre.

Teresa Wilkinson, the owner of part of the land, said that the current two- acre minimum restrictions for AE have turned off potential developers.

"With the few two-acre lots you would have, it really makes it economically unfeasible, so people have looked at it and said, we just can't do it." Wilkinson told the commission during the public hearing. "Now if anybody here thinks they can make it economically feasible, I would love to talk to them about selling the property."

The Greenbelt was annexed by the city of Midland in 1980 and was mainly an agricultural area, according to the city's Master Plan 2025 adopted in 2005. The area, located between Oriole Drive in the

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California bridge passed inspection, failed in flash flood

By Brian Skoloff and Justin Pritchard
Associated Press

DESERT CENTER, Calif. — The interstate bridge that washed out in the desert between Los Angeles and Phoenix easily withstood its daily load of thousands of cars and trucks, but the pounding of a powerful flash flood scoured away the land where the bridge was anchored, officials said Monday.

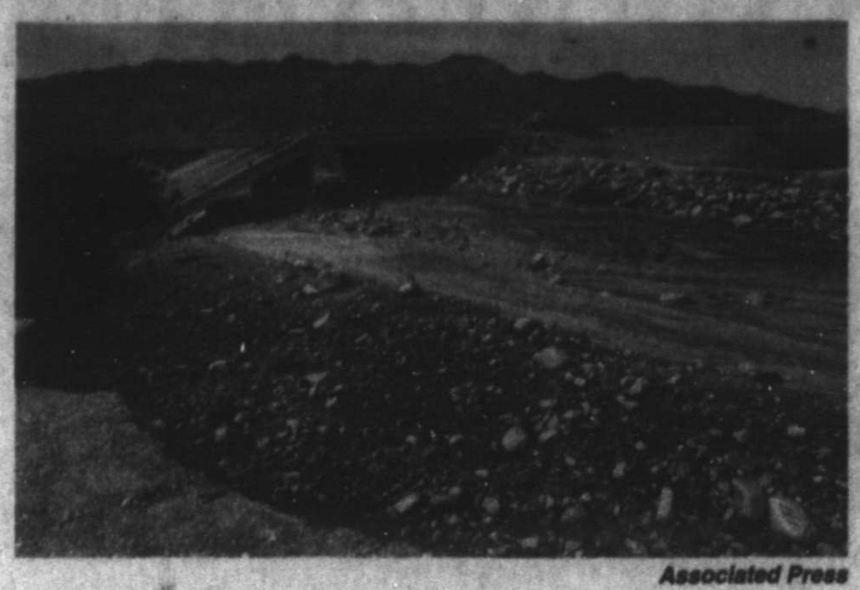
The flood severed a highway vital to the movement of people and commerce between two of the nation's largest cities. On an average day, the interstate carries about 27,000 vehicles in either direction.

Water rushing through a normally dry desert gully eroded the land around the Interstate 10 bridge, causing one side of the eastbound span to collapse and forcing the indefinite closure of the westbound span.

While the bridge should have been fine if the flood came straight down the gully, this time it swept down at an angle that pushed the water to one side, digging away the soil at the gully's edge where the bridge reconnected with the road bed, according to California Department of Transportation spokeswoman Vanessa Wiseman.

Caltrans was not yet sure why the flow was redirected, but such changes are not unusual in sandy desert soil, she said.

Nine inspectors fanned out Monday to check all 44 bridges along a 20-mile stretch of I-10 after a second bridge showed signs of damage following the storm Sunday, according to the Caltrans. They also planned to inspect bridges across the large swath of Southern California where the remnants of a tropical storm off Baja California dumped unusual July deluges.



Associated Press

Riverside County Supervisor John J. Benoit walks along a riverbed by a collapsed bridge that was washed out along Interstate 10 in Southern California on Monday. All traffic along I-10 one of the major highways connecting California and Arizona was blocked indefinitely when the bridge over a desert wash collapsed during a major storm, and the roadway in the opposite direction sustained severe damage.

No timeframe was given for when either direction of the interstate would reopen. One driver had to be rescued Sunday from a pickup that crashed in the collapse and was taken to a hospital with moderate injuries, the Riverside County Fire Department said.

When inspectors visited the bridge in March, they found no structural issues, according to Caltrans. The eastbound span was deemed "functionally obsolete," a label Caltrans spokeswoman Wiseman said reflected not its strength or durability but the fact that its 1967 construction style requires motorists to slow as they approach.

Many motorists speeding through the desert might cross the bridge without knowing. It spanned a shallow desert gully, perhaps just 60 feet wide. Such washes, as they are known, streak the desert floor and flash to life as rains are funneled into them much like tributaries can swell a river.

The bridge about 50 miles west of the Arizona state line washed out as rain was falling at a rate of 1.5 inches an hour. A total of 6.7 inches fell Sunday in Desert Center, said National Weather Service forecaster Ken Waters. Showers and thunderstorms in drought-stricken southern and central California set rainfall records in what is usually a dry month.

The rainfall was unlikely to offer much benefit for the drought-stricken state's water supply, most of which originates far from the desert, in the Sierra Nevada and Rocky mountains.

In a place of extremes — where it may not rain for months and then rain so much that walls of water change the landscape — the loss of a short bridge caused long lines of traffic and huge headaches.

Clarin Sepulveda, her husband and her 16-year-old daughter were on their way back to Los Angeles from a weeklong vacation in El Paso when the bridge collapsed a mile ahead of them.

They sat on the freeway for two hours before word about what had happened started spreading among drivers. There was no cellphone service along the remote stretch of road. Sepulveda said her family and many other cars began crossing over into the median to head back eastbound, some getting stuck in mud as rain poured down.

They spent the next three and a half hours trying to take two alternate state highways, only to be turned back because of flooding. They finally gave up and snagged one of the remaining motel rooms in Blythe, California, about 50 miles away on the border with Arizona.

"It was stressful and extremely inconvenient," Sepulveda said Monday as the family was back on Interstate 10 after having to detour around the closure.

The road's rupture means longer-term inconveniences for those who live in the region.

Diana Valenzuela, a clerk at the post office in Desert Center (population about 200), said she would typically drive 50 miles west to Indio to shop at grocery and department stores.

With detours along desert roads, a trip that normally takes 45 minutes "will now take 3 hours," she said.

Dates set to continue Joe Arpaio's contempt-of-court hearings

By Jacques Billeaud
Associated Press

PHOENIX — Contempt-of-court hearings against Maricopa County Sheriff Joe Arpaio are scheduled to resume in late September to examine the lawman's acknowledged violations of a judge's orders in a racial profiling case.

U.S. District Judge Murray Snow on Monday denied Arpaio's request to put the contempt case on hold while the sheriff's office asks an appeals court to disqualify the judge from the case.

Ten days ago, Snow rejected Arpaio's argument that he was biased because he posed questions about two secret investigations involving the judge that were done on the sheriff's behalf. The contempt hearings began in April, but Arpaio's disqualification request put the case on hold for two months.

"We need to move forward. We need to correct anything that's problematic and resolve this case," Snow said.

The contempt hearings are set to resume on Sept. 22 through 25 and Sept. 29 through Oct. 2.

The judge also approved a request from the U.S. Justice Department for documents that were given to Arpaio's office by a confidential informant hired by the agency in a secret investigations involving Snow.

Snow has said the investigation in question was intended to show an alleged conspiracy between him and federal authorities who are pressing a separate civil rights lawsuit against Arpaio. Arpaio, who in the past has been accused of retaliating against his critics, insists there were no investigations of Snow.

Some documents sought by the Justice Department have been publicly released and show that the sheriff's office was pushing the confidential informant for information to back up his claims about the conspiracy on the eve of the April contempt hearings. A sheriff's investigator said in emails that the informant was paid $120,000 for his work, but that none of his information proved useful in the secret investigation.

Arpaio was in court Monday, but didn't make any comments during the hearing.

Two years ago, in a case pushed by the American Civil Liberties Union, Snow dealt Arpaio one of his toughest legal blows by ruling the sheriff's officers had racially profiled Latinos.

Earlier this year, Snow launched a contempt case against Arpaio for the sheriff's acknowledged violations of court orders, including letting officers conduct immigration patrols for 18 months after being ordered to stop them.

Last week, the Justice Department and Arpaio agreed to settle the separate civil rights case.

The settlement resolves the Justice Department's allegations that Arpaio's office retaliated against the sheriff's critics, discriminated against Latinos in business raids targeting identity theft by immigrants and punishing Latino jail inmates with limited English skills for speaking Spanish.

After Monday's hearing, the Justice Department asked to become a party in the profiling case that's being pushed by the ACLU. The Justice Department says Snow is expected to order changes to sheriff's office as a result of the contempt case and that the federal agency has an interest in ensuring the constitutional violations by Arpaio's office are remedied.

Biggs disappointed with Dept. of Child Safety audit

Associated Press

PHOENIX — A comprehensive audit of Arizona's Department of Child Safety has found that new funding is necessary in order to address the problems facing the agency.

Senate President Andy Biggs, who called for an audit of the agency in 2014 and sponsored legislation appropriating $250,000 for the study, said he is disappointed with the report, which was conducted by the Chapin Hall Center for Children at the University of Chicago.

The Gilbert Republican has repeatedly declared that more money isn't the solution to the agency's problems. He wants officials to further examine what requires the state to initially intervene in families' lives, reported Arizona Capitol Times.

"They didn't really get at any of the stuff that I thought was important," Biggs said. "I could've gone out and asked all those local stakeholders what do you think, and they all would've told me we need to spend more money. And that's basically what Chapin Hall put together."

Biggs is working on tightening the state's definition of neglect, which he said is too broad, as well as other policy changes to help the agency.

Rep. Kate Brophy McGee, who serves on the Child Safety Oversight Committee, said she would be open to hearing a discussion on what the state deems as neglect. However, she recognizes that new funding is crucial in order to solve the issues facing DCS.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

AUSTIN

Police: More than 400 officers needed over 5 years

Police leaders in Austin want to add more than 400 officers to the force over the next five years, which is more than double what city officials anticipated adding just a year ago.

Assistant Police Chief Troy Gay told the Austin American-Statesman a goal is to double the amount of time officers spend on community policing. This would include meeting with business owners and walking through apartment complexes.

Initial plans call for next year's city budget to include funding for 82 additional officers.

It's estimated to cost $10.2 million in the first year to add these initial officers, an amount that includes salary, benefits and equipment such as vehicles and computers.

But the proposal could be modified, starting with the budget presented later this month by City Manager Marc Ott.

BEAUMONT

Texans pay millions on facility being leased for $1 a month

A vacant youth lockup in Southeast Texas is being leased to a private charter school company for $1 per month even as state taxpayers continue to pay off the nearly $16 million in bonds issued to build it two decades ago.

In fact, a legislative report last year revealed that almost half of the nearly $100 million the Texas Juvenile Justice Department owes on bond debt was for lockups the agency no longer operates.

The Houston Chronicle reports that despite the millions owed on the 50-acre youth facility in Beaumont, the General Land Office has valued it at just $2.6 million.

It opened in 1996 at a reported cost of $23 million and was closed in 2011 because of the declining number of teenage lawbreakers placed in state custody.

AUSTIN

Officials to vote on $1B for water projects

State officials will vote later this week on approving $1 billion in loans and financial help to fund future water projects across Texas.

Many of the 21 applicants are in the Dallas-Fort Worth and Houston areas, where the population is expected to grow. There are also projects in the Rio Grande Valley, Central Texas, the Gulf Coast and West Texas.

The Texas Water Development Board will vote on the projects Thursday in Austin.

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Threat of smaller catch looms as shrimp season begins

By Harvey Rice
Houston Chronicle

GALVESTON — Capt. Juan Ortiz and his mate, Frank Gonzales, scooped Friday's shrimp catch from the culling box into large plastic bins at the RK Seafood docks in San Leon.

They had taken the 50-foot Freewheeler into Galveston Bay at 4:30 a.m. instead of joining the fleet of shrimp boats that headed to deeper waters when brown shrimp season opened at sunset Wednesday.

The men didn't want to risk the longer trip after hearing a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration prediction that the record rain in May will mean a smaller shrimp harvest this season.

Shrimp boat captains in the Gulf whom Ortiz has spoken with are finding few shrimp and some are heading back to port in disappointment.

"I have friends out there," Ortiz told the Houston Chronicle (http://bit.ly/1CSvZsv). "They are coming back tomorrow afternoon."

NOAA is predicting a brown shrimp harvest of 42.8 million pounds, well below the 54-year average of 56.5 million pounds in the western Gulf of Mexico. The prediction comes after rain soaked the Texas Gulf Coast, pushing freshwater into saltwater estuaries and forcing shrimp from where they mature safe from deep-sea predators.

It's a prediction that worries many in an industry beset with both domestic and foreign challenges, including an influx of supply from overseas.

After several years of high prices, the price of shrimp dropped steeply this year, causing concern among shrimp boat owners about covering their costs.

"Our prices are way down this year," said David Aparicio, who with his brothers owns 15 shrimp boats based in Palacios. He said lower fuel costs are helping some.

The domestic catch brought in $518 million in 2011, a figure dwarfed by the $5.17 billion in imported shrimp, according to NOAA and the U.S. Agriculture Department.

White shrimp, which were unaffected by the spring rains, and brown shrimp captured in the Gulf make up 68 percent of the domestic harvest, according to NOAA, with most of the catch coming from Texas and Louisiana. White shrimp is less important in Texas, where 4 million pounds were captured in 2013, compared with 23 million pounds of brown shrimp.

NOAA predicts the Texas brown-shrimp catch will drop to 18 million pounds this season.

But there is hope because even the authors of the NOAA forecast say the timing of the rains make the prediction uncertain.

James Nance, director of the NOAA Fisheries Laboratory in Galveston, said that shrimp mature in the estuaries from March through April and begin moving into the Gulf in May. Because the heaviest rains fell in May, scientists don't know whether the rains drove the shrimp out before they were ready or they moved into the Gulf early and were unaffected by the fresh water.

"We just aren't sure whether we have a low shrimp population or they moved out of our sampling area," Nance said.

John Williams, director of the Southern Shrimp Alliance based in Tarpon Springs, Fla., said it could take as long as two weeks to get a good idea of the catch size. "Projecting shrimp seasons is very hard," Williams said. "Sometimes they are wrong."

Still, Gulf Coast shrimpers are worried.

"With all this fresh water we got, it may hurt us a little bit," Aparicio said.

Nello Cassarino, owner of Galveston Shrimp Co., said he was hearing mixed results from the 75 boats he buys from. "The truth is it's too early to tell," Cassarino said. "The Gulf is too big. It's hard to pinpoint off a couple of samplings what's really happening out there."

Andrea Hance, executive director of the Texas Shrimp Association based in Brownsville, said captains she has spoken with were reporting a good catch. "They have actually exceeded our expectations," Hance said.

With the lower prices, Hance is hoping shrimpers will encounter larger than normal shrimp, which can be sold at a premium. "The only way we can pay for fuel cost is if we can find large shrimp," she said.

Most of the imported shrimp is grown in ponds and harvested twice a year, so the shrimp are generally small, she said. But she admits that the rain makes the possibility of large shrimp less likely. "I'm thinking they are going to be smaller because they were prematurely swept off shore," she said. "Smaller shrimp don't survive as much."

Freewheeler's catch for the day, about 200 pounds of small shrimp, sold for $80. "That's not enough to pay for fuel," Gonzales complained.

The poor price and bad news from the Gulf convinced Ortiz to wait until Aug. 15, when the limits are removed from white shrimp. He is hoping to find larger shrimp on his next outing that will fetch fatter prices. "We hope so, but if too much water from the river floods the small shrimp out, they won't come," Ortiz said.

The industry challenges — lower prices, increasing fuel costs, regulations and the vagaries — have made shrimping an increasingly rare career choice.

"Over the last 20 years we've lost about two-thirds of shrimp boats that have had to close shop," Hance said.

Although shrimp as a species is not a declining, the dwindling shrimp harvest shows that the number of boats hunting them is. The annual Texas shrimp catch, brown and white, declined from about 50 million pounds in 1990 to about 28 million pounds in 2013.

Cassarino, 39, said few people younger than him are entering the business. "The bottom line is you don't have a bench," Cassarino said. "You don't have anybody being groomed to take over their father's boat."

Activists seek animal testing records from Texas A&M

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Animal rights activists are pushing to get records of the cats and dogs undergoing lab testing at Texas A&M University.

But the school, backed by a legal opinion from state Attorney General Ken Paxton, isn't releasing information that ranges from daily care logs to health records. University officials have declined to comment to the San Antonio Express-News (http://bit.ly/1VIBohX) on the testing or Paxton's opinion.

At least 40 people who requested documents received responses from the attorney general's office granting veterinarian-patient privilege and allowing the university to withhold the records.

Activist group Beagle Freedom Project said it has been able to obtain animal research records at other universities. But Paxton's opinion is a unique roadblock in Texas and sets a "terrible precedent" that other Texas schools may use, according to group member Jeremy Beckham.

The school reported last year using 428 dogs and 15 cats for research. In 2009, Texas A&M said three-fourths of tests done on 82 dogs produced some "pain or distress," according to the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Without the individual care and health logs of animals, activists say that it's impossible to know how invasive each test may be.

Paxton's opinion states that, "A veterinarian may not violate the confidential relationship between the veterinarian and the veterinarian's client" and that there must be written authorization from the client before such information can be released. The opinion notes that state law defines a "client" as "owner or other caretaker of the animal."

If Texas A&M owns the animals, then the law cited in the attorney general's opinion shouldn't apply because they work for the university, according to Houston-based open records lawyer Joseph Larsen. He said that the law only applies to veterinarians who see animals that are owned by someone else.

REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

Man pleads guilty to holdups in Colorado, New Mexico, Texas

ALBUQUERQUE — A 30-year-old man has pleaded guilty in federal court in New Mexico to robbing 16 businesses in Colorado, New Mexico and Texas in mid-2012.

Christopher Perea of Albuquerque pleaded guilty to robberies that included seven in Albuquerque, three each in Austin, Texas, and Denver, and one in each of Sunset Valley, Texas; Aurora, Colorado, and Colorado Springs, Colorado.

The U.S. Attorney's Office for New Mexico said Perea could be sentenced to up to 20 years in prison on each of 16 counts of violating a federal law that bars committing crimes that interfere with interstate commerce.

TEXAS

Official says North Texas epicenter of rose rosette disease

FORT WORTH — Officials say thousands of rosebushes in North Texas have been affected by a disease that leaves them with puckered leaves, deformed buds and thorn-covered stems.

Fort Worth Botanic Gardens senior horticulturist Steve Huddleston says rose rosette disease arrived in North Texas three years ago, but this year has been particularly difficult. The Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported the disease has no cure and is spread by mites.

Gardeners at the Botanic Gardens have ripped up and replaced hundreds of diseased rosebushes in the Rose Garden. More than 5,400 rosebushes in medians and parks in suburban Southlake have been removed and replaced.

Dallas Arboretum vice president Dave Forehand says that rose rosette is an "epidemic," and that "North Texas is the epicenter."

According to Huddleston, crews have to constantly keep an eye out because dealing with the disease has been an uphill battle. "You plant a bush and four months later have to rip it out. The disease is everywhere," Huddleston said.

TEXAS

2 barges collide near entrance to Houston Ship Channel

GALVESTON — Emergency personnel have extinguished a fire aboard a barge carrying petroleum after the vessel collided with another barge near the entrance to the Houston Ship Channel.

U.S. Coast Guard Petty Officer Andrew Kendrick says some nearby ship traffic was suspended but that traffic along the Houston Ship Channel was not affected.

He says two tugboats were pushing the barges early Monday morning near the Bolivar Peninsula when one of the tugboats lost power. The barge it was pushing then collided with the second barge.

State struggles to fine-tune naloxone regulations

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — At the same time as New Mexico promotes naloxone as a way to decrease overdose deaths, the state's Board of Pharmacy is working to increase regulation of the drug.

"Certain rules have to be applied," said pharmacy board executive director Ben Kesner. "You can't just pass (naloxone) out."

The state's overdose deaths increased by 20 percent last year, the Santa Fe New Mexican reported. Meanwhile, public health workers say naloxone — which can counter the effects of opioids — is becoming harder for people who are at risk of an overdose to access.

Current rules require a direct consultation with a nurse or physician for a naloxone prescription, according to public health workers.

That leaves a procedural gray area for organizations that treat people at risk of overdose, like Santa Fe's Interfaith Community Shelter, the Santa Fe Recovery Center and the public health outreach van that circulates through Northern New Mexico. They've all had to stop distributing the drug, at least temporarily.

The Department of Health says it is revising its guidelines to address the issue.

Department spokesman Kenny Vigil did not respond to specific requests for comment but reiterated previous statements that the state's goal is to increase naloxone's availability.

The director of Santa Fe County's Community Services Department said it is encouraging to see the health department passing out naloxone rescue kits at the county jail and sheriff's department.

"Given the fact that drug overdose deaths now exceed the number of people who are dying as the result of motor vehicle crashes, there needs to be a systematic response that includes local communities," said director Rachel O'Connor.

Politicians, athletes promoted underqualified students to UT

Associated Press

AUSTIN — State lawmakers, wealthy donors, university regents and even current and former athletes wrote letters to top campus officials, helping otherwise underqualified students win University of Texas admission, according to a newspaper report Monday.

The letters, obtained under state open records laws, were written outside the normal admissions process and sometimes went directly to then-university President Bill Powers, the Dallas Morning New reported. They surfaced as part of an outside investigation known as the Kroll report, which highlighted 73 students from 2009 to 2012 who entered the university system's flagship Austin campus despite relatively low high school grades and SAT scores.

The letters came from famous alumni including Ben Crenshaw and former U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison. They also came from state House Speaker Joe Straus, former UT regents Jess Hay and Tom Hicks, and former UT quarterback Randy McEachern. There is no information about the students involved.

State law dictates that UT automatically accept students who graduate in the top 7 percent of their high school class. Others have admissions officials consider their academic records, including high school grades, SAT scores, essays, socioeconomic status, racial or ethnic background and letters of recommendation.

More than 250 letters were written on behalf of the 73 students in the Kroll report. That investigation suggested that political or personal connections may have influenced the decision, but found that Powers didn't violate any laws or UT rules.

Straus wrote to the director of the admissions office in 2012 requesting consideration of the daughter of a close family friend. The San Antonio Republican wrote that he knew the student "well as our families are close friends."

Some letters were blunt, like one from Fort Worth oil millionaire W.A. "Tex" Moncrief, who wrote: "I do not know this young man or anything about his qualifications, but I do know (the student's) parents and I know his grandparents very well." Moncrief has given at least $25 million to UT-Austin.

Hicks, the Dallas multimillionaire and former owner of the Texas Rangers, wrote to the office of admissions in 2011 on behalf of an applicant whose grandparents "have been longtime generous supporters of UT-Austin." He is a former regent and his brother is current regent Steve Hicks.

Methane hot spot prompts delegation to ask for quick action

By Susan Montoya Bryan
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Members of New Mexico's congressional delegation on Monday pointed to a hot spot of the potent global-warming gas methane over part of the American Southwest, saying federal officials need to move quickly on reviewing new rules for curbing waste in oil and gas production.

The Democratic members of the delegation sent a letter to the federal Office of Management and Budget, asking for prompt consideration of rules being developed by the Bureau of Land Management and the Environmental Protection Agency.

Without the rules, they argue that natural gas resources are going to waste through venting, flaring and leaks — and that's leading to millions of dollars in lost revenues for states and the federal government.

Pollution is the other concern, they wrote.

"We recognized that oil and gas producers have an economic incentive to minimize methane loses and the industry is improving its practices," the letter states. "However, federal action is necessary to ensure that steps to limit methane releases are applied consistently across the industry."

The Bureau of Land Management, which oversees oil and gas development on federal and Indian lands, has indicated that various orders and a proposed rule to address the issue will be released later this year.

In May, a congressional investigation by the Government Accountability Office found that the bureau failed to conduct inspections for hundreds of high-priority oil and gas wells to ensure full payment of royalties to the U.S.

The GAO had been urging the bureau to update guidelines for the burning or venting of natural gas since at least 2010, when it found 40 percent of it could be captured economically and sold.

Some developers already have implemented emissions-reduction plans and are working to reduce venting and flaring.

ConocoPhillips, New Mexico's largest natural gas producer, is one of them.

Company officials said they reported a 48 percent reduction in greenhouse gases for operations in the San Juan Basin in 2014.

The New Mexico Oil and Gas Association said Monday that the industry wants to work with researchers and regulators to identify and quantify the sources of methane in the basin, whether it comes from oil and gas production, coal mining or naturally occurring releases.

A satellite image of atmospheric methane concentrations over the continental U.S. shows a bright red blip over the Four Corners area of New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona and Utah. The image used data from 2003 to 2009.

Within that hot spot, a European satellite found atmospheric methane concentrations equivalent to emissions of about 1.3 million pounds a year. That's about 80 percent more than the EPA had figured.

Aside from oil and gas, the region is home to coal-fired power plants and their associated mines.

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

Meeting

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

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, closed

■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 9 p.m.; Family night is from 7-9 p.m.

Suport groups, club meetings today

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

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

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group, noon, Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP , call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's; 685-7486.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 683-3648.

■ Classic Movie Club, 7 p.m., Tuesdays, Cigar Frog's, 216 N. Main St.; 687-1671.

■ Sons of Confederate Veterans, Dunn-Holt-Mid-kiff Camp No. 1441, 7 p.m., Fairmont Park Church of Christ Activities Annex; Tom Owens, tmowens44@juno.com or 697-6955.

■ National Active & Retired Federal Employees meet 6 p.m., Jack E. Brown Dining Hall at Midland College. For information, call 634-7826.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; 520-4343.

Veterans meeting

A meeting on the veterans health care initiative is set for 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. Making a presentation will be Patrick Shipley, regional director of Tri-West Health Care Alliance.

For more information, call Teresa at 202-2995.

Military support groups, club meetings

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, first, third and fifth Tuesdays at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.; Steve Cree, 770-7469.

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

■ American Legion Auxiliary Unit No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1303 E. Taylor, bingo games 7 p.m.

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

Know a member of the military coming home?

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

Honor those who served

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■ Honor Our Troops (889-0177), Reel Thanx (528-6633)
■ Centers for Children and Families (570-1084)
■ Midland College Veterans Affairs Office (685-4511)
■ Permian Basin Welcome Home Committee (366-3456)
■ Soldiers of Today and Yesterday (631-3429)

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Pick 3 evening: 8-4-3
Pick 3 night: 0-2-9
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Daily 4 day: 9-2-7-2
Daily 4 evening: 2-5-0-8
Daily 4 night: 1-9-9-3
Texas Two Step: 3-5-8-24 BB: 7
All or Nothing morning: 01-02-03-08-09-10-14-15-17-20-22-24
All or Nothing day: 01-02-03-10-12-13-14-15-17-19-20-21
All or Nothing evening: 03-06-08-11-14-15-16-17-19-20-23-24
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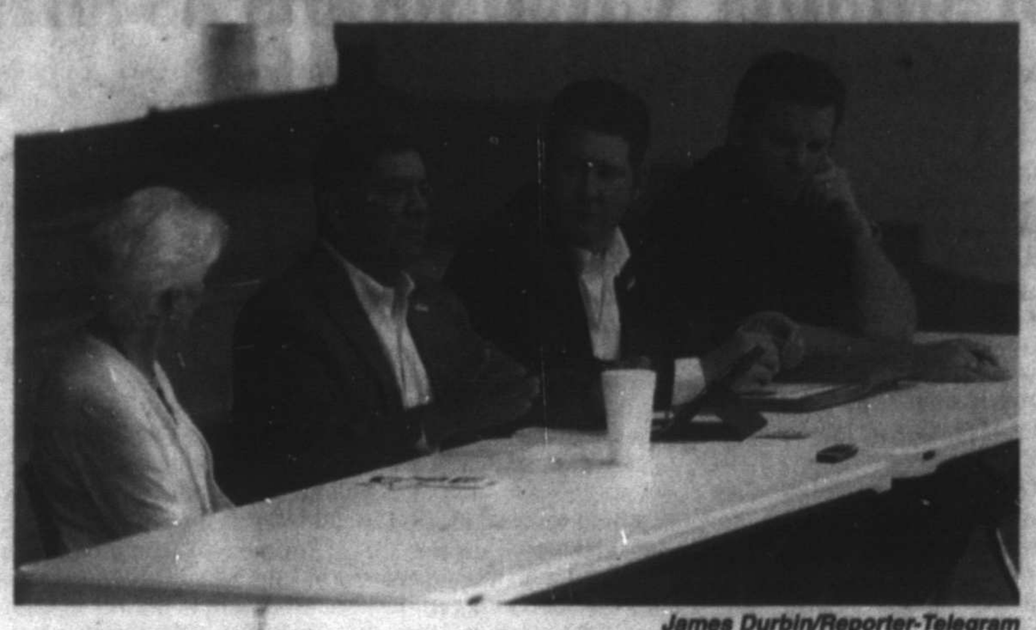
texting-while-driving ordinance.

Turnout

An estimated 22 residents were in attendance at Abell Junior High for the evening meeting. That compared with the estimated 16 city officials, members of the council and members of the media. Council members at the public meeting were Mayor Jerry Morales, At-large Councilman Spencer Robnett, District 2 Councilman John Love III, District 3 Councilwoman Sharla Hotchkiss and District 4 Councilman J.Ross Lacy.

For vs. against

Of those speaking for the first time in front of the council, nine supported the issue and three were against. If one includes those who spoke on the record at the council meeting on July 14, 13 residents have given their approval for an ordinance, while five are in opposition. Three people spoke Monday for the second time on the issue.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Citizens gathered at Abell Junior High on Monday to discuss a possible ban on texting while driving.

It's about deterrence

The fine, which can be up to $500, was mentioned by a few people in favor of the ordinance as a positive aspect of the proposal. Stop DWI CEO Charles Hodges said "a lot of cities don't charge that much" and the "pocketbook speaks."

Glenda Southerland followed, saying that with an ordinance in place, many will not want to text for fear of the fine. Southerland was passionate about the issue because her child was in a wreck that occurred because of the child's texting while driving.

Can't dictate morality

Steve Wilke was the most direct of those who opposed the ordinance. He said the council could not dictate its morals to the people. C.O. Salas added he didn't care how many other cities had ordinances in place and everyone is distracted at one time or another. Both said there are so many things in place that could be labeled a distraction and asked where government action ends.

When someone else's rights stop

Bill Burchard later in the evening made it a point to say someone else's right stops when it impacts him. "If someone runs into me, he has taken away from my rights," Burchard said.

Bill Bankston and John Lebowski joined in approving the creation of an ordinance. Bankston said those "typing while driving" or "doing desk work" need to be stopped. Lebowski said I don't think people should be doing anything except driving. A lot of things can happen in 75 feet or in one second."

"It may not be a perfect ordinance, but it is a start," Bankston said.

Satisfying the "microwave generation"

Nelson Spear spoke for the second time on the issue, saying the council shouldn't act for people who wanted that "instant reaction." Spear and Wilke led the opposition who again requested the police enforce laws on the books. That led to a discussion with council about what could be done — if anything — without an ordinance and what led the members of the council to come forward now with their own ordinance.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Man allegedly threatens police officer with knife

A Midland man was arrested Friday for allegedly assaulting a public servant.

Freddie Ribera, 55, was being held Monday on a $20,000 bond on a charge of aggravated assault against a public servant, a first-degree felony.



Ribera

A Midland police officer was working a hit and run at Main Street and Parker Avenue when he observed a man, later identified as Ribera, "staggering down the street with a beer in his hand," according tot he arrest affidavit. The officer believed Ribera may have been the driver in the hit-and-run and tried to intercept him.

Ribera pulled out a knife and called the officer expletives and threatened to kill him, according to the affidavit. The officer continually asked Ribera to drop the knife or he would shoot him. Ribera yelled back, "shoot me," and again called the police officer an expletive while stepping toward him, according to the affidavit. The police officer pointed his weapon at the man's chest and at this point Ribera, turned away, folded up the knife and started to walk away, according to the affidavit.

When the police officer ordered him to stop and lie on the ground, Ribera continued walking. The police officer then kicked Ribera in the right shoulder and chest area and he got to the ground, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of a first-degree felony, Ribera could face up to 99 years or life imprisonment.

MPD: Man rams woman's car

A 26-year-old Midland man was charged Friday morning after allegedly attempting to assault a woman by breaking her rear windshield window before attempting to ram his vehicle into hers.

Eduardo Saenz was being held Monday on a $100,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon and a third-degree felony charge of stalking, according to court records.



Saenz

The woman said that Saenz had assaulted her and broke the rear windshield when she arrived home and pulled into her driveway in the 5100 block of San Antonio Avenue, according to Saenz's arrest affidavit.

When she attempted to drive away, Saenz then attempted to ram his vehicle into hers at high speeds, though she took evasive action to avoid being struck, the arrest affidavit read.

If convicted of the second- and third-degree felonies, Saenz could face up to 20 years and 10 years in prison, respectively.

GREENBELT

From 1A

west and the Polo Club in the east with Mockingbird and Bluebird lanes containing it in the north and south, respectively, encompasses more than 1,000 acres. Master Plan 2025 reiterated the recommendation that "the low density residential character of the Greenbelt should continue to be protected." The recommendation adds that lots should be at least two acres in size, and requires any nonresidential developments on the edge of the Greenbelt be high-quality developments.

Multiple housing developments and apartment complexes have been built between Loop 250 and the Greenbelt, while more development is taking place north of the AE region.

Wilkinson previously co-developed a region in the Greenbelt, the 17-lot Texland Estates development, which is located off Garfield Street and to the southeast of the property being discussed. Tim Culp, president of the Texland Estates Homeowners Association, told the Reporter-Telegram after the meeting that the 17 members of his HOA were opposed to the proposal. He said that when he bought his home in 2005 the promise of the lot sizes was what drew him and his family to the area.

"We were told by both the developer and the realtor that we were buying in the Greenbelt area, an area that was protected with two-acre minimum lots, and that was a big selling point for us buying that lot, because we were going to have protection on all four sides … with two-acre minimum lots," he said.

More than a half dozen residents stepped to the podium to voice their opinions against the proposed zone change. The other two owners with property directly abutting the discussed property spoke against the proposal. The two men, along with Culp, represented all of the immediate neighbors to the land that was being discussed.

While members of the public voiced their opposition to the project, they were concerned with breaking the rule of two-acre lots, not with development itself. They acknowledged that they could not control development happening north and south of the Greenbelt, but they looked to the AE area as their rural sanctuary within the city.

The commission voted 5-1 to deny the zone change request, with Chase Gardaphe voting for the zone change and Josh Sparks abstaining.

Planning and Zoning chairman Kevin Wilton agreed with those in opposition, saying in discussions with other commissioners that he believed the public comments had merit. After the meeting he said that the crowd was one of the largest the commission had ever had, and he believed that what a developer would do after the zone was changed was too vague even for the commission.

"I can't tell you how many times people have come here, got their zone changed, and then did something completely different from what they told us," he said. "I thought if they had a better plan in place … and had come here more in sync, I think it would've gone better for them."

Wilton said that the landowners have the right to appeal to the City Council, and expected that they would.

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Lawyers might try to use Cosby's own words against him

By Geoff Mulvihill
Associated Press

Bill Cosby's lurid, decade-old testimony about his philandering could do more than damage what's left of his fatherly image — it could very well be used against him in court by some of the women who accuse him of sexual assault.

Rocco Cipparone, a defense lawyer in New Jersey who is not connected to any of the legal action surrounding Cosby, said Monday that what the comedian said under oath could wind up hurting him in civil or criminal cases if judges can be persuaded to rule the testimony admisaible.

For Cosby to avoid being damaged by his own words, Cipparone said, "you'd have to navigate a virtual minefield."

Dozens of women have accused Cosby of drugging and sexually assaulting them over four decades, though few of the accusations have begun to play out in court, largely because the statute of limitations for criminal charges has run out in most instances.

Authorities have said one accusation is under criminal investigation in California, and three others are part of a defamation lawsuit against Cosby in Massachusetts by women who say they were slandered by his representatives.

Cosby has denied committing any crimes.

Earlier this month, a judge sided with The Associated Press and released small excerpts from a deposition Cosby gave in Philadelphia in 2005-06 as part of a sexual-assault lawsuit against him that was later settled on confidential terms.

Over the weekend, The New York Times published a more detailed account of Cosby's testimony after obtaining all 1,000 or so pages of his deposition via a court reporting service. The AP then secured the same material.

Cosby recounted some of his womanizing in sexually explicit detail and said he gave women quaaludes in order to have sex with them. He denied giving the powerful sedatives to women without their knowledge.

He specifically said that was the case back in the 1970s with Therese Serignese, one of the women now suing him in Massachusetts. A judge is weighing a request from Cosby to dismiss the case.

"I think it's a treasure trove of admissions by Mr. Cosby that self-destructs his public moralist soapbox," said Joseph Cammarata, the lawyer for Serignese and the two other plaintiffs.

Cammarata said that he expects to use Cosby's deposition in his clients' case if it goes to trial — and that it's strong evidence. "It's the equivalent of testifying in court," he said.

Celebrity lawyer Gloria Allred, who represents several woman who say Cosby assaulted them, said the testimony "demonstrates how deceptive, manipulative and disgusting that he was."

"It is no wonder that he fought to keep this deposition, which reveals his revolting predatory conduct, hidden from public view," she said, "but the truth is out now, and it will never be hidden again."

US authorities allege Oregon imam assisted radicals

By Jonathan J. Cooper
Associated Press

PORTLAND, Ore. — U.S. authorities are seeking to revoke the citizenship of an Oregon imam who they say tried to conceal past associations with radical Islamic groups.

Mohamed Sheikh Abdirahman Kariye raised money, recruited fighters and provided training for insurgent groups battling Soviet forces in Afghanistan in the 1980s, the U.S. Department of Justice says in a complaint filed Monday in U.S. District Court in Portland.

Kariye was one of more than a dozen people who filed a lawsuit challenging the no-fly list, winning last year a court order saying the government must provide information about why people are on the list.

The immigration complaint does not include criminal charges. Government lawyers say Kariye for a time "dealt directly" with Osama bin Laden and Abdullah Azzam, the founders of al-Qaida, and he recruited sympathizers in the United States and Pakistan for an al-Qaida precursor known as Maktab Al-Khidamat.

Kariye is also accused of being a founding officer and director of the now-defunct Global Relief Foundation, which authorities say provided assistance to terror groups including al-Qaida and promoted radical jihad.

Federal authorities say Kariye failed to reveal those details in his application for citizenship, which was granted in 1998.

Attempts to reach Kariye through his Portland mosque and a former attorney were not immediately successful.

Police probing death in LA find 1,200 guns, two tons of ammo

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Police investigating the death of a Los Angeles man uncovered an arsenal inside his home and garage — more than 1,200 guns and about two tons of ammunition, authorities said Monday.

Los Angeles Police Department Cmdr. Andrew Smith called the number of rifles, pistols and shotguns staggering. Many had never been fired and some were still wrapped in boxes, with price tags still attached.

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By Paul Wiseman

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Rick Perry emerges as a responsible GOP voice

■ The former Texas governor's approach gives evidence of actual executive responsibility

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In the early days of the 2016 Republican campaign — an unusually important period, in which the viability of the GOP is being defended against a toxic form of populism — some of the clearest leadership has emerged from an unexpected source: former Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

Those Republican candidates and commentators who sought to accommodate and domesticate Donald Trump — praising his views on immigration or petting his followers — failed an important political and moral test. Trump is (unknowingly) attempting to revive the spirit of Know-Nothingism — a mid-19th-century political movement that stirred up resentment against immigrants (particularly Catholic immigrants) and fought to keep government in the hands of the native-born. In Trump's updated version, the enemies are China and a perfidious Mexico, which he claims is purposely sending its rejects and rapists to the U.S.

Perry has been blunt in describing the nature of Trump's candidacy: "What Mr. Trump is offering is not conservatism, it is Trumpism — a toxic mix of demagoguery and nonsense." Perry understood something early that many of his peers did not. While appeals to nationalism are a traditional Republican strength, xenophobia is a poison. Republican fortunes at the presidential level will not be restored with the political philosophy of Archie Bunker. For the GOP to succeed in this election — and for any viable form of conservative populism to be preserved — Trump must be discredited. Not just defeated, but discredited.

By denying John McCain's status as a war hero, Trump has done a good job of that himself. Perry has declared that Trump "is unfit to be commander in chief of the U.S. armed forces, and he should immediately withdraw from the race for president." The first part of that sentence is manifestly true. The second part would require a sense of shame, which makes it very unlikely.

But Perry has done more than expose Trump. Following last month's church shooting in South Carolina, he delivered the best and bravest Republican speech of the campaign so far. In remarks at the National Press Club, Perry confronted his state's history of racial violence in the story of Jesse Washington, tortured and lynched by a Waco mob in 1916. By vividly recalling the details of that case — by looking this evil of racism straight in the face — Perry took the American debate on race to a deeper level of honesty.

So, at two turning points of the presidential race — the rise of Trump and the Charleston massacre — Perry emerged as a responsible voice. How to explain it? Some of this is assuredly sound staffing choices, providing him good advice and good speeches. But there is a factor more intrinsic to Perry. He has a history of making gaffes that reveal his decency. During his spectacularly failed candidacy in 2012, Perry defended his state's extension of in-state college tuition benefits to the Texas version of "Dreamers" — illegal immigrants who had graduated from Texas high schools. If you want to deny them education, he said, "I don't think you have a heart."

Last time around, Perry also defended the vaccination of girls against human papillomavirus, a cause of cervical cancer, pushing back on Michele Bachmann's irresponsible, dangerous claim that vaccinations can cause "mental retardation." This issue is often a dividing line between political responsibility and the conspiratorial fringe. Both Trump and Rand Paul, it is worth noting, have fed baseless fears of vaccination.

Perry's approach to politics gives evidence of actual executive responsibility. Others can be emperors in ideological fantasy worlds of their own choosing. Perry was governor of Texas. And a good one.

The Republican recovery will require a series of Sister Souljah moments — small declarations of ideological independence — as Perry has done with Trump. The model is the first great Republican. "I am not a Know-Nothing," Abraham Lincoln wrote in 1855. "That is certain. How could I be? How can any one who abhors the oppression of negroes, be in favor of degrading classes of white people? Our progress in degeneracy appears to me to be pretty rapid. As a nation, we begin by declaring that 'all men are created equal.' We now practically read it 'all men are created equal, except negroes.' When the Know-Nothings get control, it will read 'all men are created equal, except negroes, and foreigners, and Catholics.' When it comes to this I should prefer emigrating to some country where they make no pretense of loving liberty."

The words still apply, and echo.

OUR VIEW

Lifting ban on oil exports is the right thing to do

It is time to put the oil export issue to bed. Washington, are you listening? Repeal the ban that prevents the exporting of oil produced in the United States. Congress should come up with the bill, and the president should do the right thing: set aside the ill-will he has for domestic producers and sign the bill into law.

It is like Chris Tomlinson of the Houston Chronicle wrote in a commentary this week: "When a nation that many lawmakers consider an enemy can sell crude more easily than Texas, there is something wrong in Washington."

Tomlinson's commentary ran in Monday's Reporter-Telegram. It was one of the best jobs of explaining the need to lift the bans that we have read. He separated fact from myth when it came to the price of gasoline (it won't rise; in fact, it might drop) and the concept of stopping the importing of oil. As Tomlinson wrote, "This survivalist view is strong in the more paranoid corners of the Republican Party. It's also out of touch with reality."

Tomlinson also wrote that the biggest winner of the status quo just might be U.S. refiners. "U.S. refiners are processing more barrels per day than at anytime since 1982, reaching near maximum capacity and registering the largest profit margins in more than a decade, according to Bloomberg News. Holding a monopoly on refining American oil has been a windfall for these companies, and they are leading the fight against exports."

We have heard from leaders such as Pioneer CEO Scott Sheffield, who said the clock is ticking on getting a deal done. He said if it doesn't happen in 2015, then Americans likely would have to wait until 2017 because the politics of the deal would sink it in a general election year.

That is Washington for you. The lack of leadership when it comes to domestic production has been disappointing. And on the oil export issue, some Republicans have joined Democrats as road blocks. We appreciate the work of lawmakers such as Rep. Joe Barton, Sen. Lisa Murkowski and even our representative, Congressman Mike Conaway, but they must do better to educate their colleagues that this bill is the right thing to do.

They must address the potential markets for American crude and the geopolitical impact of removing the ban. As Tomlinson wrote, it's time to put an end to 40 years of flawed thinking that "energy independence is the same thing as energy security."

"Markets are complex, and trying to manipulate them is foolish," he wrote. "That's why we must lift the export ban and let capitalism work. It will make our oil industry stronger and the global energy market more secure."

To our leaders in Washington: Put American producers on the same playing field as those from Iran. That is the right thing to do.

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Comedy is not for the faint of heart

■ Comedians like Amy Schumer need to be seen beyond one video clip

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Shame on me for falling into the trap of blindly agreeing with an Internet meme. Stand-up comedian Amy Schumer has been hot in the public spotlight. The "it" girl has a hit Comedy Central show "Inside Amy Schumer," a recently announced comedy tour with comedian Aziz Ansari and an upcoming Judd Apatow-directed movie, "Trainwreck."

The ubiquity of Schumer in my life started in late June after this passage appeared in an otherwise gushing profile in The Guardian:

"Schumer's stand-up repeatedly delves into racial territory tactlessly and with no apparent larger point. Her stand-up special features jokes like 'Nothing works 100 percent of the time, except Mexicans' and much of her character's dumb slut persona is predicated on the fact that the men she sleeps with are people of color."

The commentators were off to the races. There were reported stories and anguished think pieces about how other female comedians have handled allegations that they had "gone too far," about whether society holds funny women to far more stringent standards of propriety than funny men, and many others.

A piece on The Washington Post's website had this inflammatory headline: "Don't believe her defenders. Amy Schumer's jokes are racist." Guest contributors Stacey Patton and David J. Leonard passionately denounced Schumer in a way that, basically, threw all white people under the bus for enabling such comedy bits to gain traction in society:

"Racial jokes allow white America to claim that race no longer matters, even as there's talk whizzing in every direction about how blacks and Latinos are outbreeding whites, are criminals and welfare queens, are 'stealing jobs' and victimizing whites through affirmative action policies and denying them the right to use the N-word. Comedy allows these comforting ideas to be shared with a built-in defense mechanism that protects white innocence."

Give me a break. We're talking about comedy here.

Comedy is not for the faint of heart, and it sure as heck isn't for social-justice warriors. Great comedy and great comedians skewer, lampoon and mock their own every bit as much as they do others. Think of Richard Pryor, Jeff Foxworthy and so many others.

I should have just clicked away, but nooooooo, I fell for the 1-minute, 56-second accompanying video featuring a hit list of Schumer's most appalling racist bits.

Yes, they were offensive. And yes, I had some choice thoughts about her.

At that point, Schumer's response to The Guardian article — "Stick with me and trust me that I'm joking. I go in and out of playing an irreverent idiot. That includes making dumb jokes involving race. ... You can call it a 'blind spot for racism' or 'lazy,' but you are wrong. It is a joke and it is funny. ... I am not going to start joking about safe material" — had been overshadowed by one hall-of-shame video.

A few days later, I read a passionate defense by Angelo Falcon, the president of the National Institute for Latino Policy. Citing the now-famous Schumer line "I used to date Hispanic guys, but now I prefer consensual," Falcon wrote: "[Schumer] dutifully apologized for this racist joke about Hispanic men. However, as a fan of this creative and edgy performer, I was not offended at her by her joke since she regularly skewers everyone and exposes the ridiculousness of racial and sexual stereotypes. I am hoping that as Schumer becomes more and more famous that she does not become increasingly cautious and overly protective of her image. It would be a shame to lose such a vital and fresh comedic voice."

If a well-respected Hispanic leader can get past one dig at his kind because he knows and appreciates this comedian's full body of work, then bad on me for having been bamboozled into believing she's a blond, blue-eyed racist based on one aggregated, context-free video clip.

It's obviously a sin to be racist, but an even greater sin to be willfully uninformed. In comedy, as in life, context is everything.

If we want to know if Schumer is a racist or an equal-opportunity-offender, we must do what at least one of the authors of that salacious Washington Post blog post reportedly failed to: Watch a great deal of Schumer's stuff and then come to our own conclusions.

From the Left | Doonesbury



From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



Can Perry stand out in 2016 without his swagger?

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

ELLSTON, Iowa — Rick Perry still prides himself on being a Bubba.

The former Texas governor relishes laying on the country-boy charm, greeting voters with "Howdy," talking of growing up on a cotton farm that had an outhouse until he was 6 and boasting that he's spent more time atop a John Deere tractor than anyone else running for the Republican presidential nomination.

Unlike during his short-lived presidential bid four years ago, though, today's Perry is decidedly less cowboy — going for country humble instead of country strong. He's traded his brown ostrich boots, nicknamed "Freedom" and "Liberty," for sensible shoes, diluted his rugged persona with professorial glasses and tempered the shoot-from-the-hip style that made him something of a gunslinger governor.

Out among Iowa's summer fields of not-yet-high corn, Perry is hoping he can stand out without his signature swagger. Some wonder, though, if Perry hasn't lost his distinctiveness, becoming just another middle-aged candidate in casual business attire.



AP file photo

In this May 16 file photo, Republican presidential candidate Rick Perry speaks in Des Moines, Iowa. Unlike during his presidential bid four years ago, the 2015 version of Perry is decidedly less cowboy, going for country humble instead of country strong.

"He looks so different from four years ago," said Nancy Klein Dykstra, 58, who accepted Perry's firm handshake at a community center in rural Ellston, about 80 miles southeast of Des Moines. "I thought I remembered him being kind of a robust, big guy, big presence."

Perry admits that he's ditched much of the bravado of his first presidential run. He hopes a more down-to-earth approach will help him in Iowa, where he's spent more time than any presidential candidate so far. He says of Iowans: "I don't think they care whether it's someone who has any swagger or not."

Still, it's been a mega-makeover for Perry, once given a "Top Cowboy of Texas" award, and who used a laser-sighted pistol to shoot a coyote while jogging in a sparsely populated corner of Austin during his time as governor. On Saturday, Perry walked on stage at a conservative forum in black dress shoes; no fewer than four of his Republican rivals wore cowboy boots at the same event.

"He's gotta wear boots; he's from Texas," said Rocky Carroll, a Houston bootmaker who has been stitching together custom pairs for Perry since he became state agriculture commissioner in 2001.

Perry wears size 10 1/2 E, the same size Carroll's fitted to another client, George W. Bush. But Perry stopped wearing the boots last year, saying they hurt his back.

That's an especially sore subject since Perry had stem cell surgery in July 2011 to fuse his spine and said post-op painkillers were partly to blame for the collapse of his first presidential campaign.

Carroll said he lowered the heels on Perry's boots afterward to make them easier on his back.

"He said, 'They fit all right now,'" Carroll recalled.

But Perry hasn't gone back to boots, instead often lacing up dress Oxfords, like most of his GOP rivals. He frequently wears dark suits and squirms uncomfortably in them at times.

Also gone from 2012 is Perry's brash verbal style. In that campaign, he suggested Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke's economic policies were "treasonous" and Social Security was a Ponzi scheme. This time, Perry largely sticks to talking points and centers his message on his strong job-creation record in Texas.

His folksiness hasn't totally fallen away, however. Perry is fond of expressions like "the horse is out of the barn," and he likes to joke that the 2.5 million people added to Texas' population during his 14 years as governor meant "a lot of new pickup trucks."

In Ellston, where a Sunday evening crowd of about 80 sampled seven different varieties of homemade pie prepared for his visit, Perry asked 19-year-old Emily Green where the red, white and blue cowboy boots she was wearing were made. When she said Puerto Rico, he exclaimed: "Good lord, girl! We've got to get you some El Paso boots."

Don Kass, chairman of western Iowa's Plymouth County Republican Party, met Perry recently and said the two "had a long conversation about a cow herd."

To be sure, Texans Lyndon B. Johnson and George W. Bush governed with plenty of Texas swagger of their own — Bush is remembered for invoking the "dead or alive" poster of the Old West in the hunt for Osama bin Laden. But Dave Carney, top political strategist for Perry's 2012 campaign, said they toned down that brashness when campaigning in early primary states, and Texans who didn't — Perry in 2012 and Phil Gramm among them — saw their home-state style backfire.

"As a leader of a state like Texas, that is very effective, but it doesn't necessarily wear well in other states," Carney said. "You talk about swagger, but there's not a lot of success there."

AP exclusive: 'Breaking Bad' actor runs for Albuquerque seat

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Citing sprawl development and a need for more Mexican-American elected officials, "Breaking Bad" actor Steven Michael Quezada said he is jumping in a heated race for county commissioner in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

Quezada, who played DEA agent Steven Gomez in the hit AMC-TV series, told The Associated Press on Monday that he will make a formal announcement on today that he's seeking the Bernalillo County Commission seat.

The 52-year-old actor and comedian said he's joining in the race because he feels someone like him can make a difference in the district which includes the historic Hispanic South Valley and an area in Albuquerque's Westside where developers are seeking to build new homes.

"I think I bring a new face to the Democratic Party," said Quezada, a Democrat who is a member of the Albuquerque school board. "We need to reach out to our young people — the young Chicanos, the young Latinos — and get them involved in this process and let them know this is important."

At least three others are running for the open seat in 2016.

The Bernalillo County Commission recently voted to approve a planned community despite activists' fears the development would take water away from nearby communities. Concern of the development brought protests from South Valley farmers at commissioners' meetings.

The master plan for a nearly 22-square-mile development known as Santolina would rival some of the state's largest cities once completed in 50 years, and it comes during a period of heightened concerns over water following years of severe drought.

Quezada, who voted against the plan as a member of the Albuquerque Public Schools, said the plan lacked the needed schools at a time when the area is seeing school overcrowding.

Quezada is getting active in New Mexico Democratic Party politics just as the party is licking its wounds from a historic defeat in 2014 with the re-election of Republican Gov. Susana Martinez and the GOP takeover of the New Mexico House. Other Democrats have sought Quezada's support and he has lent his voice for commercials.

McConnell: 'Gender card' alone is not enough for Clinton

By Bruce Schreiner
Associated Press

SHEPHERDSVILLE, Ky. — The Senate's top Republican said Monday the "gender card alone" won't be enough to propel Democrat Hillary Rodham Clinton to the White House.

"I don't think arguing 'vote for me because I'm a woman' is enough," Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell said while sizing up next year's presidential race during a speech in his home state of Kentucky. "You may recall my election last year. The gender card alone is not enough."

In 2014, McConnell's Democratic challenger, Alison Lundergan Grimes, claimed the longtime Republican incumbent was insensitive on gender issues such as pay equity. McConnell trounced Grimes in the election, capitalizing on President Barack Obama's deep unpopularity in Kentucky.

McConnell said Monday there are millions of Americans who want a woman as president.

"The question is, a woman president to do what?" he said. "And I think inevitably, Hillary Clinton's campaign will be four more years of the last eight."

McConnell said Clinton, his former Senate colleague, is smart and capable but added there's "not a dime's worth of difference between Hillary Clinton and Barack Obama in terms of policy." He said he expects she will be the Democratic nominee.

"She's going to run straight left, just like the president did," McConnell said. "And their gamble is that the country is farther left than it used to be."

He called it a flawed strategy that the Republican presidential nominee can exploit.

"I think our nominee ought to say something like this: 'She's right, if you're happy with the last eight years, she's your candidate. But if you think America can do better by taking a different path, I'm your choice,'" McConnell said.

While McConnell discussed next year's presidential race during a speech in which he condemned Obama's record on an array of domestic and foreign policy issues, the senator was silent on this year's pivotal race for governor in his home state.

Later, McConnell told reporters the lack of comments about this year's top-of-the-ticket election in Kentucky wasn't a slight toward GOP nominee Matt Bevin, his one-time rival. Bevin, a Louisville businessman, last year tried but failed to wrest away McConnell's Senate seat in a bruising Republican primary.

"I certainly am enthusiastically supporting the nominee of our party," McConnell said. "I think we have an excellent chance of winning."

Bevin faces Democratic Attorney General Jack Conway in November.

Current Democratic Gov. Steve Beshear is in his second term and can't serve again because of term limits

Asked why he didn't talk more about Bevin, McConnell said his speech was focused largely on national issues and his new job as the Senate's top leader.

Trump's self-paid campaign means he is here for good

By Julie Bykowicz
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Donald Trump faced an avalanche of fresh criticism Monday for questioning Sen. John McCain's heroism. But he's getting no pressure at all from the one community that could push a candidate out of the 2016 presidential race: political donors.

The billionaire businessman is paying for his own campaign, and that means Republicans may have him around far longer than some party leaders would like.

"Nobody leaves a race because they get tired, or because they think they don't have the votes. They leave the race because they run out of money," said Frank Luntz, a GOP pollster. "Donald Trump will never run out of money, and that makes him incredibly powerful."

Indeed, Republican operatives suggest that Trump enjoys a rare freedom.

Because he doesn't need tens of millions of dollars from wealthy donors — a notoriously risk-averse crowd — the standard rules of politics simply don't apply. He can afford, literally, to continue dropping the verbal bombs that have defined his presidential campaign since the day he joined the 2016 contest in June.

At his formal announcement last month, Trump said illegal immigrants from Mexico are prisoners and rapists. Then, at a conservative summit in Iowa last weekend, he dismissed McCain's reputation as a war hero, saying of the Arizona senator who was once a prisoner in Vietnam, "I like people who weren't captured."

Critics began piling on Trump immediately, and new voices emerged on Monday, from veterans groups, Republican colleagues and President Barack Obama's spokesman, who defended McCain and called on Trump to apologize.

Paul Rieckhoff, founder of Iraq and Afghanistan Veterans of America, said Monday that Trump's "asinine comments" were "an insult to everyone who has ever worn the uniform — and to all Americans."

White House Press Secretary Josh Earnest said veterans "are entitled to an apology."

A candidate reliant on campaign contributions probably would be feeling the pain by now.

Yet the self-funded Trump has shown little sign of backing down. He leveled new criticism against the McCain on Monday, saying the senator had made America "less safe" through his votes in Congress. The real estate executive also lashed out at fellow GOP presidential aspirants who have criticized his remarks, calling them "failed politicians."

Trump said he did not need "to be lectured by any of them."

"If he were dependent on donors for his campaign, he would find the vast majority of donors would be looking for other candidates at this point," said Fred Malek, who has raised money for Republican presidential hopefuls for four decades.

Presidential competitors in both parties, and the outside groups supporting them, have already raised about $400 million for the 2016 White House contest, the majority of the money coming from donors who face no limits on their contributions.

Trump hasn't solicited a dime. Reports filed last week with federal regulators show he loaned his campaign $1.8 million. His campaign has never held a fundraising dinner where attendees pay the legal maximum of $2,700 to attend, and he has never sent email asking for others to chip in $25. Both are hallmarks of a traditional presidential candidate.

"I don't need anybody's money. It's nice," Trump proclaimed during his presidential announcement June 16 in New York City. "I'm using my own money. I'm not using the lobbyists. I'm not using donors. I don't care. I'm really rich."

Trump filed details of his personal wealth with federal regulators last week that declare a net worth in excess of $10 billion.

"Being a billionaire means you're the master of your own domain," Luntz said.

He would know: Luntz once worked for Texas businessman H. Ross Perot, perhaps the best-known presidential candidate who paid his own way. In 1992, Perot ran as an independent candidate, using almost $64 million of his fortune to get his name on ballots across the country.

This year, with Republican Party pressure building, Luntz wonders if Trump will break off and go the Perot third-party route.

"You may be able to look back on this day as the beginning" of that campaign, he said. "You make up your own rules."

On the other hand, a self-financed candidate can also be his or her own worst enemy, said Ed Rollins, Perot's onetime campaign manager.

Rollins predicted Trump would follow the same path as his former boss: off a cliff.

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Apple has cash cow in iPhone even as industry slows

By Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Smartphone sales may be slowing for some tech companies, but not for Apple.

Analysts expect another powerhouse performance from the California tech giant when it reports quarterly financial results today. Apple's signature iPhones remain popular, even as other smartphone makers are seeing demand slow down.

Wall Street analysts estimate Apple will report a hefty $10.3 billion in profit after selling $49 billion worth of iPhones, iPads, Mac computers and other products during the April-June quarter. That's an increase of more than 30 percent in both revenue and profit from the same period a year earlier.

Apple has said it won't release sales figures for the new Apple Watch, though some analysts believe demand has fallen since Apple introduced the wearable gadget three months ago. But it almost doesn't matter: As in other recent quarters, Apple will reap its biggest rewards from its smartphones, especially the new, big-screen iPhone 6 and 6 Plus models introduced last fall. Here's why:



AP file photo

Apple CEO Tim Cook, right, takes a photo with an Apple employee during the launch and sale of the new iPhone 6 at an Apple store in Palo Alto, California on Sept. 19, 2014. Analysts expect the California tech giant's quarterly financial report today will show another powerhouse performance. Apple's signature iPhones remain popular, even as other smartphone makers are seeing demand slow down.

Bigger screens are popular:

People use smartphones for social networking, playing games, looking at pictures — far more than they use them to make calls. And for those activities, many users prefer a bigger screen.

Several analysts say their studies confirm Apple CEO Tim Cook's claim that many recent iPhone buyers are people who switched from Android phones. Some consumers were drawn to Android devices in recent years because they had bigger screens, but Apple's decision to increase the iPhone's screen size is persuading Android owners to defect, said Ryan Reith, who tracks smartphone sales for the research firm IDC.

Apple likely sold about 47 million iPhones during the most recent quarter, or 34 percent more than a year earlier, according to analysts polled by FactSet.

iPhones are hugely profitable:

At an average selling price of more than $600, before carrier subsidies, Apple's phones are more expensive than many competing Android models, but they also provide more profit.

While Apple doesn't break out the numbers, Canaccord Genuity analyst Michael Walkley estimates that during the first three months of 2015, Apple reaped 92 percent of the $16.6 billion in operating profit generated from smartphones by companies around the world.

Samsung sold more phones than Apple during that period, but many of them were lower-priced models, giving Samsung only about 15 percent of the industry's operating profits, according to Walkley. He estimates other companies operated their smartphone business at a loss or broke even.

Apple's rivals face challenges:

Apple sold about 18.2 percent of all the smartphones worldwide in the first quarter of 2015, while Samsung had 24.5 percent of the market, according to IDC. But Samsung has said it expects a drop in profit for the April-June quarter, apparently because sales of its new Galaxy S6 models fell short of expectations.

HTC has also lowered its revenue forecast for the quarter, as it blamed weak sales in China and lower demand for high-end Android phones. Microsoft, meanwhile, is cutting 7,600 jobs and writing down the value of its Nokia phone division by $7.6 billion, essentially acknowledging that its effort to build a business selling Windows smartphones had failed. Microsoft also reports earnings today.

Although each company has its own issues, experts say smartphone sales are slowing in many developed countries because most people already own one. IDC is forecasting an 11 percent increase in global smartphone sales this year, but that's down from 28 percent in 2014.

Phone makers using Google's Android operating system will see even slower growth of about 8.5 percent. But IDC predicts iPhone sales will grow by 23 percent this year.

Demand for Apple's watch isn't clear:

Most experts say iPhone sales will get another bump when Apple releases new models this fall. Analysts say a majority of iPhone owners are still using older models, such as the iPhone 4 or 5. As a result, they say, those users are likely to buy new iPhones when their two-year wireless contracts expire.

The picture isn't quite as rosy for some other Apple products. Sales of the once-vaunted iPad tablet computer have been declining for several quarters. And while the company says demand for the Apple Watch is strong, analysts have produced estimates that range from bullish to lackluster.

Though Apple has often trumpeted sales results for new products, Cook has said he doesn't want to reveal Apple Watch figures for competitive reasons. Instead, Apple will lump revenue from the watch into its "Other Products" category, which includes the iPod media player, Apple TV streaming device and Beats headphones.

Report suggest US children left behind in economic recovery

By Kyle Potter
Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. — A new report on child welfare that found more U.S. children living in poverty than before the Great Recession belies the fanfare of the nation's economic turnaround.

Twenty-two percent of American children were living in poverty in 2013 compared with 18 percent in 2008, according to the latest Kids Count Data Book, with poverty rates nearly double among African-Americans and American Indians and problems most severe in South and Southwest.

The report, released Tuesday from the child advocacy group the Annie E. Casey Foundation, showed some signs of slight improvement, including high school graduation rates at an all-time high and a dipping percentage of uninsured children. But the bright spots weren't enough to offset a picture that many children have been left behind amid the nation's economic recovery.

Here are some things to know about the report:

DIFFERING CAUSES

The foundation's studies cover 16 different measures, delving into economic well-being, health care, education and family and community issues.

The problems extend beyond — and in some cases drive — increasing poverty rates. More children were raised in single-parent homes in 2013 than in 2008, and fewer lived with parents with secure employment.

Foundation President Patrick McCarthy said that particularly troubling is an increase in the share of kids living in poor communities, regardless of their own families' economic standing. The report says 1 in 7 children live in those areas, marked by poor schools and a lack of a safe place to play.

"They're more likely to fall down the economic ladder, less likely to be employed and more likely to get in trouble," McCarthy said.

A MIX OF FIXES

McCarthy likened child poverty to a "particularly pernicious form of cancer," and he prescribed a cocktail of economic policies and fixes to tackle it.

Tax credits and additional support such as food stamps could give low-income families a much-needed boost, and job training could provide help for struggling to get an economic foothold. Businesses should implement more family-friendly policies, and a massive infrastructure repair campaign could create countless jobs.

"None of them is a magic bullet. When you put them all together, you start to put the children on a path to success," he said.

STRUGGLING IN THE SOUTH

States in the South and Southwest continued a steady run at the bottom of the Kids Count rankings for overall child well-being, with issues including economic standing and education.

According to the report, 1 in 3 children from Mississippi live in poverty. Twelve percent of teens from Mississippi and Louisiana were neither in school nor working. Fifteen percent of Nevada children didn't have health insurance, compared with the nation-best 2 percent in Massachusetts.

MIDWEST ON TOP

Minnesota nabbed the report's top ranking, taking a spot generally reserved for a Northeast state and rounding out the Midwest's strong pattern of supporting children.

McCarthy said there's not much to make of one state usurping another for a top spot. Instead, he focused on the broader regional patterns: New England and Midwestern states generally occupy the top 10 while the South and Southwest struggle in the bottom rankings.

"That's where you see a difference in day-to-day lives," he said.

Jon Stewart heads into home stretch at 'Daily Show'

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Jon Stewart enters the home stretch of his 16 years on Comedy Central's "The Daily Show" on Monday, with 12 more nights of jokes at the expense of those who make and report the news before he signs off for good on Aug. 6.

Stewart's exit, the latest in a year of upheaval in late-night television, will be felt most acutely over the next 15 months as the U.S. approaches its first presidential election since 1996 without his comic take.

Attesting to Stewart's cultural import, President Barack Obama is booked for his seventh appearance on the show today.

Stewart, who started on "The Daily Show" in 1999, cited restlessness in announcing his exit last February. During a recent appearance on "The Daily Show," film director Judd Apatow said he sensed that feeling even before the announcement when he interviewed Stewart by phone for a just-released book.

"I think it was that one moment when you were saying, 'Oh, God, I'm out of gas. What am I going to do?'" Apatow said to Stewart's laughter.

When Seth MacFarlane mentioned that he was feeling burned out, Stewart told him, "Let me tell you my solution. Quit."

An audience member shouted out, "We love you!"

"That's not love," Stewart shot back. Love is taking soup to a sick friend. "Love is not saying, 'do more shows! Entertain me!'" he said.

Adam Lowitt, an executive producer on "The Daily Show," said he's had no sense his boss is second-guessing his decision.

"Even around the office, he seems to be relishing the place that he's in right now and taking in every aspect of the show and the people that work there," Lowitt said. "He's aware that time is winding down. Regret is not there."

Still, as Stewart stifled laughter before delivering a comic lecture directed at New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie on the show last month, he couldn't resist the aside, "I'm going to miss this a little bit."

Stewart was animated, almost gleeful, on the day Donald Trump announced his candidacy for president. The jokes poured out — sometimes a facial expression or exaggerated New Yawk accent was all that was needed — as Stewart said Trump was putting him in a comedy hospice with injections of straight morphine.

Something about Trump is irresistible, even for retired comics. David Letterman resurfaced at a Steve Martin appearance in Texas earlier this month just to deliver a Top Ten list about Trump.

The day of Trump's announcement was one of those special times in the office that Lowitt said he'll always remember.

"Every moment was just better than the rest," he said. "Everyone was just beaming with excitement. That is something that I will definitely miss — knowing that this material is out there and the greatest performer is about to deliver on that in six hours."

Stewart's value was evident for a different reason after the Charlestown church massacre. He opened the show by admitting he had no jokes, then delivered an impassioned monologue on his frustration about the lack of will in combatting mass shootings. With Letterman's retirement, Stewart was the only person in late-night TV with the gravitas to pull that off.





Library, MISD partner to bring El Paso artist to Midland

By Erin Stone
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Because of a chance meeting between an El Paso-based artist and a Midland educator in the sparsely populated town of Valentine, an art workshop and exhibit that showcases aspects of Mexican culture is coming to town.

When Edward McPherson, Education and Program coordinator for Midland County Public Libraries and El Paso-based artist Wayne Hilton ran into each other at the annual Valentine's in Valentine Festival in February, McPherson learned about Hilton's existing body of artwork called "Hermosos Huesos" or "Beautiful Bones." The work consists of 14 "La Catrina" figurines, the female skeleton most famous from Dia de Los Muertos celebrations.

All of Hilton's La Catrina pieces were created with clothing, textiles, jewelry and other "found objects." In other words, the figures were made of discarded and lost things that Hilton has given new life, reflecting the idea that there is life in death — like the traditions Dia de Los Muertos emphasizes in the celebrations of those who have died. These pieces, along with other works by Hilton, will be displayed at the Centennial branch starting Feb. 18.

However, the point of an exhibit is not to simply display something for observance from afar, but to inspire and involve the community. At least that's what McPherson believes. He was initially excited not only by the quality of Hilton's work, but also by Hilton's interest in education programs.

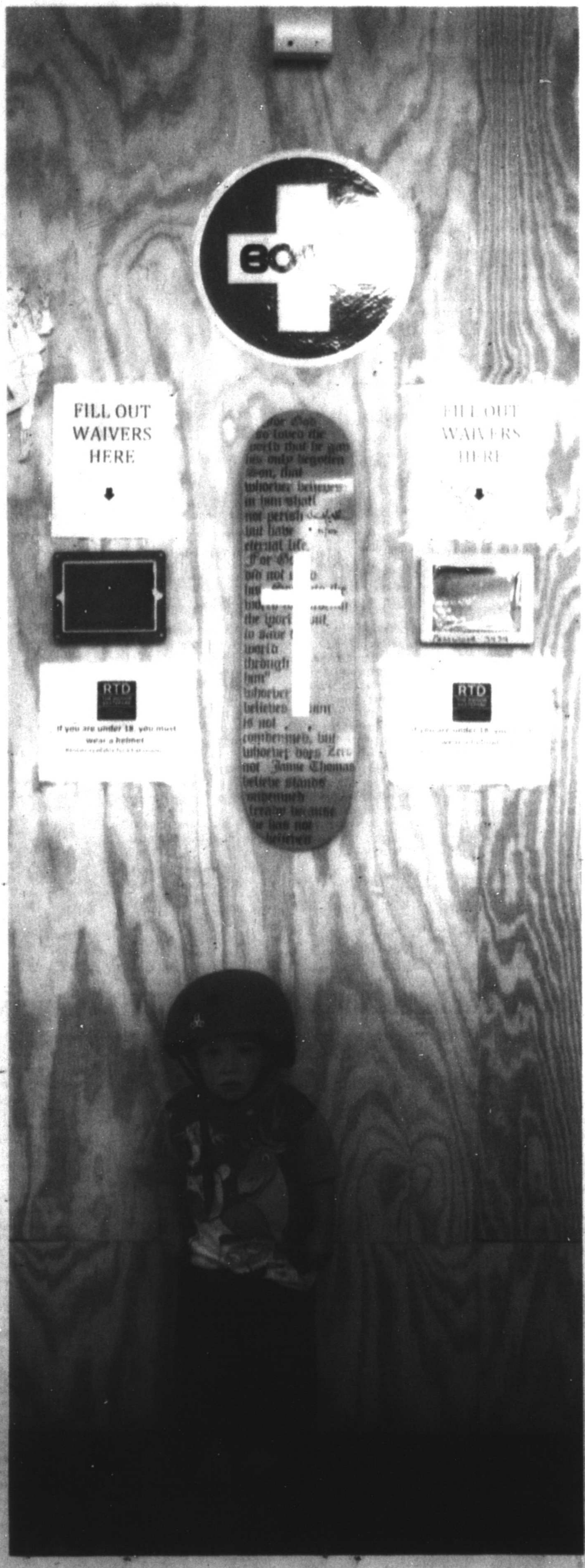
As a result, the library and Hilton have partnered with Midland ISD for a professional development day on Aug. 6. Hilton will give all art, Spanish and theater teachers in the area an opportunity to use tools from his style of art to create curriculum for their classrooms. Hilton and McPherson hope that this will give students a hands-on interest in seeing the exhibit and learning about the history associated with each part of it.

For example, a main goal of this workshop and exhibit

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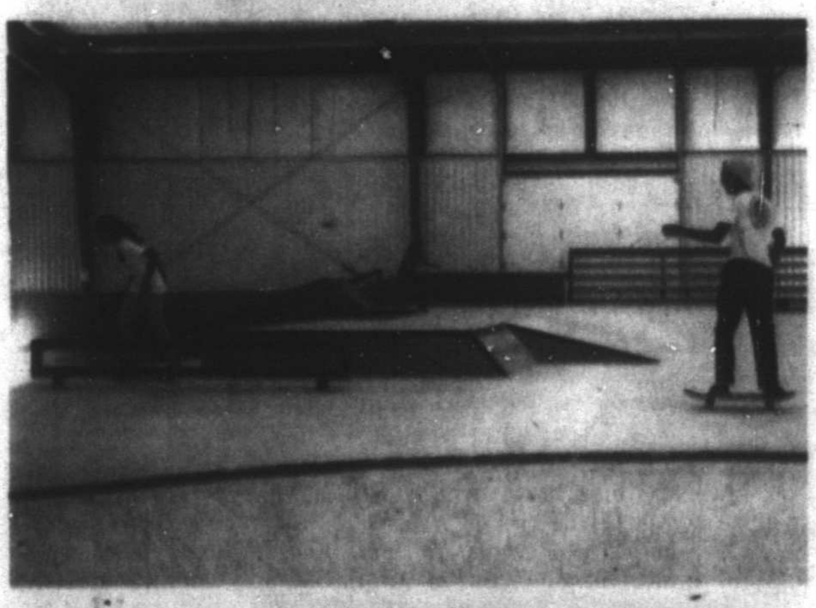
RIDIN' THE RAMPS AT RTD





Participants in the Rock The Desert skateboard camp made skateboards Friday. **ABOVE:** Ryan Arsiaga holds up a skateboard he made. **BELOW:** Tyson Hiner holds up a skateboard he made.







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Reporter-Telegram

ARTIST

From 1B

is to illuminate the influence on both the United States and Latin America of the man who invented the iconic La Catrina image — Mexican political activist and printmaker Jose Guadalupe Posada.

"Everyone knows (Posada) for that one illustration, so I always try to enlighten people into the broader significance of him and his work," Hilton said in a phone interview. "Posada, he was very much a rebel, a political and social activist and so a lot of his artwork reflected that. That's just an important aspect for people to remember."

McPherson and Hilton also look forward to presenting Midland with five original pieces inspired by the Mexican tradition of Lucha Libre and nine pieces inspired by piñatas. They believe the exhibit will appeal to all ages because of the colorful aesthetic of the art and, again, the history that comes with it.

"The luchadores came about a hundred years ago during the Mexican Revolution. When people say wrestling is fake, it's not fake' it's theatrical entertainment that's been created in the context of a wrestling match and it serves a really strong purpose in that people can go to these matches, and they can lose themselves in it," Hilton said. "It's like going to the theater. They can identify with the characters, they can get behind a character, forget about what was going on in their own world relative to the revolution and to the challenges of living during a fairly rough time in Mexico. And that was really significant."

As a final part of this partnership with the school district, Hilton will lead several workshops over spring break of next year. Though he and McPherson are still working out the details, they hope this will lead to a community project:

"Kids in the community will have the opportunity to bring objects from their family history and Wayne's going to take those and craft a community sculpture," McPherson said.

Students will also create their own art during the spring break workshops that may be displayed with Hilton's work.

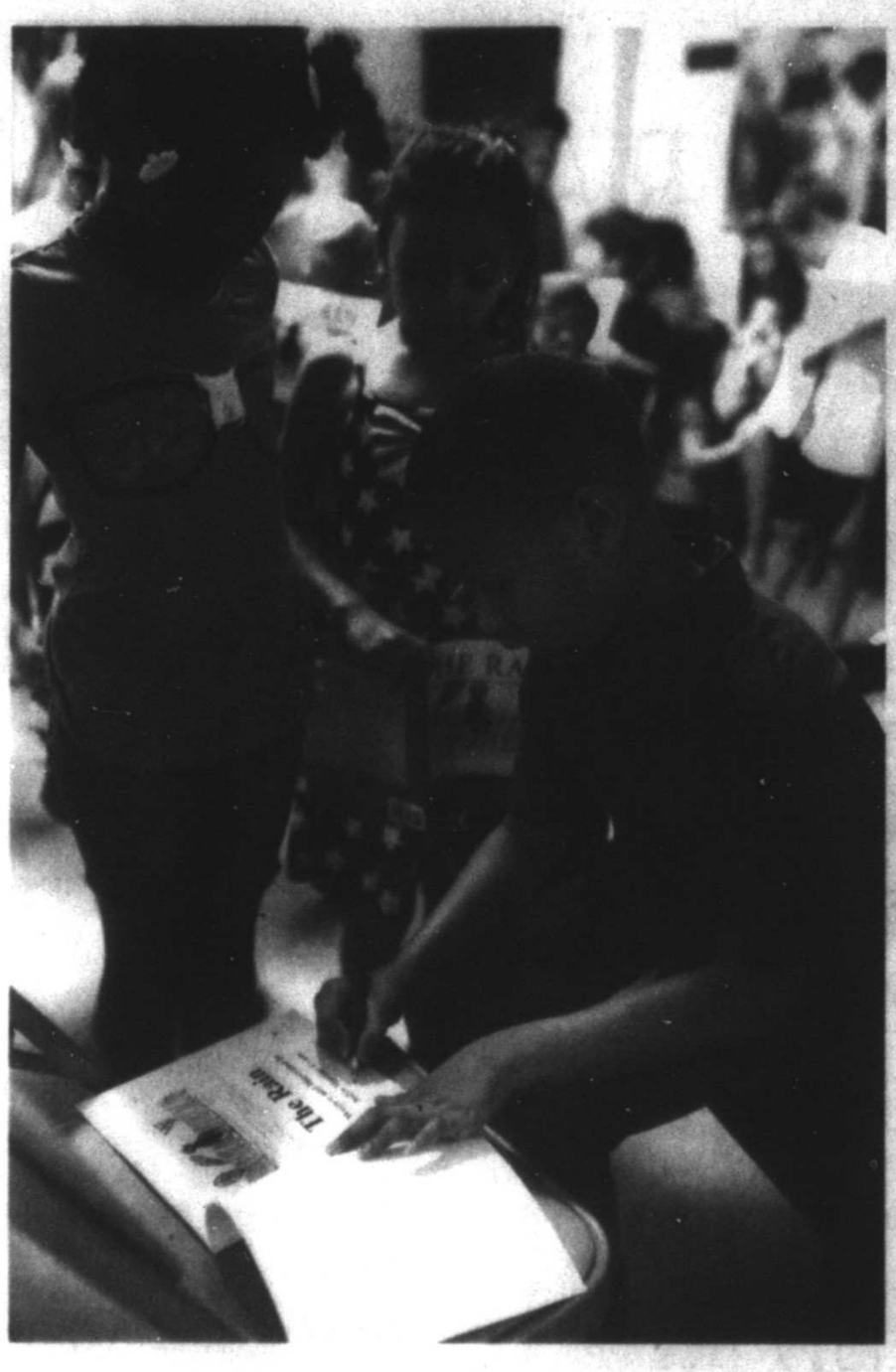
"It'll be like a three-day hands-on workshop where kids will just come and make stuff," Hilton said.

To see some of Wayne Hilton's work visit http://hermososhuesos.com.

JADEN'S BOOK TOUR

Ten-year-old Jaden Evans autographs copies of a book he wrote titled "The Rain" during a monthly reading event at the Bush Childhood Home on Thursday.

Photo by James Durbin
Reporter-Telegram



MAKINGTHEGRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland College is the area administrator for the Charles, Lela and Mary Slough Foundation Scholarship. This year, eight area students received scholarships — $5,000 a year for five years or the completion of a bachelor's degree, whichever comes first, according to a press release from MC.

Of those eight students, six are transferring to universities from Midland College; two graduated from high school in May.

The MC transfers are:

■ **Kelsey Chiolo,** who plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in human development and family studies.

■ **Lizbeth Contreras,** who plans to attend Texas Tech University and major in accounting.

■ **Jarid Larson,** who plans to attend University of Texas at Arlington and major in engineering.

■ **Bobbye Orona,** who plans to attend University of Texas of the Permian Basin and major in forensic science.

■ **Richard Taylor,** who plans to attend University of Texas of the Permian Basin and major in psychology.

■ **Lance Wagner,** who plans to attend Texas Tech University's physician's assistant program.

The recent high school graduates are:

■ **Alexander Jacobs-Montes,** Greenwood High School, who plans to attend University of Texas at San Antonio and major in physical therapy.

■ **Sarah Krisa,** Midland High School, who plans to attend Hardin-Simmons University and major in business administration.

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RUSSELLVILLE, Ark. — Midlander **Shelby Jones** recently graduated from Arkansas Tech University. She received a Bachelor of Science in nursing.

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Midland High School graduate **Helen Hinh** has received a $1,000 scholarship as part of a program sponsored by Church's Chicken. Church's Scholars Program is in its second year, according to a press release.

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Midland College has awarded the Bill Pace Cogdell Scholarship to 16 students: **Jose Aranda, Erica Barrios, Tina Ellis, Cristi Escamilla, Becca Garcia, Michael Garza, Valeria Goni, Jovany Guzman, Valeria Juarez, Samantha Melendez, Kodie Ochoa, Terisa Norris, Kassandra Ramirez, Draven Soto, Dively Vega** and **Jordan York.**

The scholarship funds tuition, fees and books during the fall and spring semesters.

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TROY, N.Y. — Midlander **Olivia Fryt** has been named to the Dean's List for the spring semester at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

To be eligible, students must maintain a GPA of at least 3.0.

Founder of large North American bird sanctuary dies

Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — Walter "Stormy" Crawford Jr., whose founding of one of North America's largest bird conservation and rehabilitation centers was fueled by a childhood spent in Venezuela fascinated by exotic jungle birds, has died in Missouri. He was 70.

Crawford, executive director of the World Bird Sanctuary in suburban St. Louis, died at a hospital Friday after complications from a recent hip surgery, said Jeff Meshach, the sanctuary's director. The sanctuary — spanning roughly 300 acres of hardwood forest — has rehabilitated and returned more than 800 raptors to the wild since Crawford founded it in the late 1970s.

"With his passing, it's unbelievable how many emails we get, phone calls, people showing up here. Everybody is in shock," Meshach told The Associated Press on Monday. "As overwhelming as it might be, it's just humbling and a good experience to know how many he touched around the country and world."



J.B. Forbes/St. Louis Post-Dispatch via AP

In this April 29 photo, Walter Crawford, rear left, looks on as Robert Crawford holds a barrel owl at the sanctuary in Valley Park, Mo.. Crawford, the founder of one of North America's largest bird sanctuaries whose passion was fueled by a fascination for exotic jungle birds cultivated during a childhood in Venezuela, died Friday.

Crawford spent his boyhood years in Venezuela, where his father worked as a field engineer for a petroleum company — an experience that influenced Crawford's eventual decision to make ornithology his career.

The affable Army veteran served in the Vietnam War and later attended colleges in Missouri and Mississippi before getting a job at the St. Louis Zoo.

Crawford — with support from legendary St. Louis Zoo director Marlin Perkins, the famed host of television's "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" — founded in 1977 the Raptor Rehabilitation and Propagation Project. The site eventually became the World Bird Sanctuary next to St. Louis County's Lone Elk Park, and Crawford left the zoo in 1982 to run the nonprofit sanctuary full-time.

The sanctuary's hundreds of rehabilitated birds have included peregrine falcons, bald eagles and the American common barn owl, one of the most endangered raptors native to Missouri.

The sanctuary takes in injured or sick birds — often brought in by federal wildlife or customs agents — and nurses them back to health. Those that cannot be returned to the wild are used in breeding or educational programs.

"Walter was a much-loved and respected public figure — acknowledged for his pioneering work in the field of raptor conservation and preservation," John Kemper, the World Bird Sanctuary's board president, said in a statement.

Kemper said the board, the sanctuary's full-time staff of 16, and dozens of volunteers "are committed to continuing Walter's legacy as one of the most innovative raptor centers in the world, and look forward to sharing this vision with our supporters in the next few weeks."

A funeral is scheduled for Thursday.

Obituaries



Charlie Wayne Rose

Charlie Wayne Rose, 68, passed away Saturday, July 18, 2015 in Graham.

Graveside services will be held Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. in Perrin Memorial Gardens, under the direction of Morrison Funeral Home.

Charlie was born January 1, 1947 in Roswell, New Mexico to J.T. and Mary Lee (Landfair) Rose. He married Loreta Rose February 6, 1980 in Mineral Wells and she preceded him in death June 20, 2011. He married Deva Gravlee December 31, 2012 in Graham. Charlie was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. He was a general contractor and recently helped build Graham VFW Post 8567.

Survivors include his wife, Deva Rose of Graham; mother, Mary Rose of Midland; step-daughters, Cali Smith and husband, Dusty of Flora Vista, New Mexico and Cami Rike and husband, Adam of Wylie; step sons, Jimmy Houser and wife, Rita of Bryson, Randy Houser and girlfriend, Diane of Strawn, Timmy Houser of Wichita Falls; sister, Madaline Cole and husband, Lanny of Midland; brothers, Bennie Rose and wife Fran of Midland, Jimmy Rose and wife, Bobbye of Blanket, Larry Rose of Midland, and Lester Rose and Carol of Midland; 11 grandchildren, several great grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his father, J.T. Rose.



Lurline Evans

Renvy Lurline (Floyd) Evans, 78, of Midland, passed from this life at Midland Memorial Hospital on Saturday, July 18, 2015. She was born in Fisher County, Texas on December 10, 1936 to the late William Otto and Lady Eulalia (Justiss) Floyd. Lurline married Bobbie Joe Evans at Greenwood Baptist Church in Midland County on May 29, 1958. They raised four children and two grandchildren and enjoyed 57 years together.

After both worked in Midland for several years as young adults at the same office building, they became reacquainted from school, dated, married, and began a family. They switched to farming in 1961 and built their rural home of 50 years in 1964. When the change was made from office work to farming, Bob asked Lurline what she thought and she replied, "Whatever you decide, I'll go with you." And they walked together side by side till her passing. Behind every successful man is a good woman, and it certainly held true for Lurline. She was a strong and capable partner and a loving mother to her children and grandchildren.

Lurline enjoyed working outside, growing native flowers, trees, and shrubs, and she was especially proud of her bluebonnets. She loved to travel with her longtime dearest friend, Nita Lea, and even got Bobbie to take her on some trips that weren't just for fishing.

Those left to cherish her love and memory are her husband Bob Evans of Midland; two sons, Joe Evans, and Rex Evans and wife Anne, of Midland; two daughters, Linda Rodriguez and husband Michael of Midland, and Renvy Smith and husband Chris of Waxahachie, Texas; and three grandchildren, Jacob Evans, James Evans, and Garrett Evans, all of Midland.

She was preceded in death by her parents and two brothers, Henry Floyd and Max Floyd, Sr.

Memorial services will be 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Belvue Baptist Church of Midland, officiated by Reverend Donita Lea. Arrangements are entrusted to Acres West and condolences to the family may be sent online at *acreswestfuneral.com*.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the charity of your choice would be appreciated.

Death Notices

James R. "Buddy" Martin

James R. "Buddy" Martin, 78, of Midland passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2015.

The family will be accepting guests from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Graveside services will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Martin; and his children, Garland Leon Martin, Barbara Armijo, Melinda Hankins, and Heather Davis.

Raul Torres

Raul Luis Torres, 60, of Midland, passed away Sunday, July 19, 2015.

Viewing will be Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m., followed by a rosary at 7:00 p.m., both at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral mass is set Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at San Miguel Arcangel Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Martha L. Torres; two sons, Raul Armando Torres and Jonathan Torres; a daughter, Stephanie Torres; and by three brothers and three sisters.

Edith Aycock

Edith Aycock, 91, of Midland, passed away on Saturday July 18, 2015.

The family will be accepting guests from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Funeral services will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park.

She is survived by her daughter, Judith "Puff" Anne Aycock; and by one sister.

Joe Vasquez

Joe Vasquez, 82, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Saturday, July 18, 2015.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Vasquez; three sons, Nick Vasquez, Tony Vasquez, and Larry Mize; one brother and four sisters.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home.

Grooveshark co-founder found dead at Florida home

Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — A co-founder of the defunct music streaming service Grooveshark has been found dead at his Florida home.

Gainesville police reported that 28-year-old Josh Greenberg appeared to have died sometime Sunday.

Greenberg's girlfriend had just returned from a trip to Orlando that evening when she reportedly found him deceased in bed. She said she had last seen him Saturday morning and spoke to him on the phone around 1:30 a.m. Sunday.

Police said the cause of death wasn't immediately apparent. Spokesman Ben Tobias said investigators have no evidence that Greenberg's death was the result of foul play or suicide.

Greenberg was an undergraduate student at the University of Florida in 2006 when he and two classmates founded Grooveshark.

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MSNBC		47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN		38	43				(5:30) NPGL Fitness		Cycling Tour de France		Rest Day			IndyCar	Adventure Racing		Cycling Tour de France	
NICK		55	-	39	34	37	WitchWay	Talia (N)	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Fresh P.	Fresh P.	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE		30	-	55	53	58	TUF "Betrayal" Pt. 2 of 3 cont'd next				TUF "Destiny" 3/3 (N)				TUF "Destiny" 3/3 from July 20			
SYFY		66	82	41	57	67	★★ Mega Shark vs. Kolossus				★★ Sharknado ('13, Hor) Tara Reid.				★ Bait ('11, Act) Richard Brancatisano.			
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TLC		51	61	32	38	52	My Giant Life "A Family of Giants"		Little People, Big World (N)		Little People "Making Marital Moves" (N)		My Giant Life (N)		Little People "Making Marital Moves"		My Giant Life	
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After head injury, man spends sleepless nights painting Bible verses

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller



When David Scott of Dublin was working for a school, he had an accident that caused a head injury. He became disabled and was spending time at home. He had trouble sleeping and would have bad dreams, visions and occasionally heard voices.

"A doctor told me I was having post concussion syndrome, which means you will have weird dreams and you might hear voices," he said.

He didn't say anything to his wife because he was afraid she would think he was having mental problems. During one of his sleepless nights, he got out of bed, went to his shop and put his head down on his table. His Bible was nearby. He opened it to Genesis 1:1 and something in his head told him he needed to paint that verse.

A couple of months earlier, he was looking around his shop and found 31 panes of glass in various sizes, most of them about 8 by 12 inches.

"They were covered with dust and dirt and I spent some time cleaning them. Then I put them in a box. They were about 1/16 of an inch thick, just some old glass that could have been 60 or 70 years old. During the time I was off work, I had bought some different types and colors of paints and some brushes, and so forth. I made me a rather crude easel, reached down, grabbed me a pane of glass, picked up a brush, got my paint ready and started painting. I would close my eyes when the picture in my mind would fade and after a little bit it would become clear and I would start painting again."

He said it took maybe three hours to paint the image that was in his mind. "I got through and looked at it and thought it didn't look too bad for a person who had never painted anything before."

For the next year, he would leave his bed during the night, go to his shop and consider what was happening. He decided to do a painting on a pane of glass for each verse of the first chapter of Genesis.

"Things would happen to me that would stay in my mind and give me some thoughts for my paintings. After about a year I got to verse 30. I painted it and set it aside. A couple of days later I had another of my crazy spells, I guess. Another image. I went out to my shop, reached into the box holding the panes of glass and realized there was only one more pane of glass. I set it up on my easel and opened the Bible and turned the page and there was verse 31, the last verse in the chapter. I said 'Wow.' Why did I only find 31 panes of glass and why were there just 31 verses of Genesis 1? I did that last painting and took a good look at it and liked it. I closed up my paints, went into the house, went to bed and never had another dream. I slept like a baby and didn't hear any more voices in my head."

David and I had agreed to meet at a drive-in restaurant in Dublin. He had the paintings in his pickup and I became one of just a few people who have seen them. He calls the entire collection "The Creation." I asked him what he had done with the paintings, which were done in 1995 and 1996.

"They're stored in my house," he said. "There's got to be some reason why I did these because there are three or four paintings I don't remember painting." David's email is gotimes39@yahoo.com.

Tumbleweed Smith has a curiosity that takes him to some of the most interesting people and places in Texas. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

Santa Fe school lowers tuition for community college grads

Associated Press

SANTA FE, N.M. — The Santa Fe University of Art and Design is allowing graduates of the local community college to enroll with a tuition discount.

The Santa Fe New Mexican reported that Santa Fe Community College grads can register at the university this fall and pay just above $10,000 annually.

That is a 66 percent drop for higher-tuition programs and 45 percent less for the school's lower-tuition programs.

The rate applies to the Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Fine Arts programs.

University President Larry Hinz said the collaboration will help put the community college students who want to get an arts degree stay on an affordable path without having to move out of Santa Fe.

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. We've given you the first letter as a hint.

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Yesterday's Answer: LYNX, LILY, LINK, KILN, HILL, ENVY, LEVY, YELL, VINE, VEIN, NINE, VEIL, VILE, LIVE, EVIL, LINE, LIKE, HIKE, EVEN, KEEN, KEEL, HEEL, BILL, BILE

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VISITING MIDLAND



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Susie Hitchcock-Hall, owner of Susie's South Forty, poses for a picture with Downtown Lion's Club exchange students, from left, Sanni Saarelainen of Finland, Alessia Martini of Italy and Luana Gasperotto of Brazil during a visit to Susie's South Forty on July 10.



Gasperotto takes a photo during the tour.



Martini, from left, Saarelainen Gasperotto of Brazil watch the candy-making process.

Midland Downtown Lions Club hosts exchange students

The Downtown Lion's Club is hosting three foreign students — Luana Gasperotto, Alessia Martini and Sanni Saarelainen — for a tour of West Texas. The students arrived in Midland on July 3 and are leaving Saturday. The teens' itinerary included tours of Susie's South Forty Confections, Commemorative Air Force museum, Petroleum Museum, Museum of the Southwest and Sibley Nature Center; a Midland RockHounds game; Summer Mummers; Abilene Zoo; Monahans Sandhills; and Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico.

Luana Gasperotto

Age: 15
Home country: Brazil
Grade in school: Second year of high school
Favorite food: Pizza
Hobbies, or what you do in your free time: I enjoy dancing ballet, watching movies and listening to music.
What you've most enjoyed about your visit to the U.S.: I went to a rodeo in Fort Worth, and I had a great time. I also played pickleball, went to the pool and to a baseball game, and I had fun.
Something that surprised you about the U.S.: I love the way that Americans take care of the U.S. While I was here, I did not see any litter on the streets, and this is something I am going to take home as an example for my country.
What you would like readers to know about you: I am glad to be here. During my stay, I had the opportunity to live the American culture and also improve my English. I would like to thank Mark and Violet Singh for hosting me and the Lions Clubs for the opportunity. I am having the best experience of my life.

Alessia Martini

Age: 17
Home country: Italy
Grade in school: Fourth year of high school
Favorite food: Pizza and ice cream
Hobbies, or what you do in your free time: I play volleyball and I love stay with my friend and make a trip with my family.
What you've most enjoyed about your visit to the U.S.: I most enjoyed the visit to the cavern in New Mexico and also the trip in Dallas, we stayed there for the weekend and we slept together and we saw the rodeo and I really love that and also the Singhs' party because I me new people and the member of Lions Club. It was a humid day but I enjoyed also the pickle ball.
Something that surprised you about the U.S.: I was surprised about the street and the guys that can drive (at) 16, the cars are very big, a lot of fast food and prices are much lower than in Italy.
What you would like readers to know about you: ... (T)hat I'm a very sociable person and I love meet new people, my English is not fluent, my father is a (member) of the Lions Club in the District tb108 in Italy and I want to thank my family and also the Lions Club for this experience.
(B)efore my departure I was very scared because is my first time in USA and also in Texas and I was afraid about that was my fist trip alone with the flight, the distance and the hour of different and also the time in a new place and new country, but when I arrived in the airport of Midland I met my new family and it's a great and warm family, is like my second family now. I really like this experience

Sanni Saarelainen

Age: 18
Home country: Finland
Grade in school: Just finished high school
Favorite food: Chicken tortillas, avocados
Hobbies, or what do you do in your free time: Running, drawing and listening to music
What you've most enjoyed about your visit to the U.S.: Friendly people.
Something that surprised you about the U.S.: People go everywhere by their cars — even short distances.
What you would like readers to know about you: I'm a little bit shy, but because everyone has been so friendly and welcoming, I've really enjoyed my time here in the U.S.

DAYCAMPS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Various organizations and agencies in Midland are offering day camps during the summer to keep youth occupied. This list will run in the Reporter-Telegram throughout the summer as space is available. To add a camp to this list, email mbuck@mrt.com.

Bush Tennis Center | 620-8180 | bushtenniscenter.com
Last session begins Aug. 11
Day camp | 7:30-9:30 a.m. Monday through Thurday | all ages | $48
Balloon tennis | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 3-4 | $48
Quick start | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 5-8 | $80
Orange ball | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 9-10 | $80
Green ball | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 9-14 | $80
Yellow ball | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 11-18 | $80
Road to College Academy | 1-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday | $120

Camp Fire West Texas | 570-4114 | www.campfirewtx.org
Summer day camp.
Ages 5-12. Camp times are 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. $70. Snacks provided. Children need to bring lunch.

Casa de Amigos | www.casadeamigosmidland.org. | 682-9701
Summer Literacy Camp
Four two-week sessions for students entering second through seventh grades. $10 per child per session. Lunch included.
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | July 27-Aug. 7.

Double Diamond Equestrian Center | 692-0255 | doublediamondequestriancenter.com.
The equestrian center offers summer riding camps for ages 7-15 for $250 per session.
Aug. 3-7 | full-day camp - junior rider level 3 and senior rider

Ellen Noel Art Museum | 550-9226 | noelartmuseum.org
Summer Art Camp
Each session is divided into two classes — one for ages 6-8 and one for ages 9-12.
July 27-31 | $80 | Creatures!: Create papier-mache creatures and Textiles: Make things with yarn and fabric.

Girl Scout Day Camp | gsdsw.org | 570-9188
Fairy Tales and Dragons: Midland Girl Scout Camp for girls in kindergarten through seventh grade.
Aug. 11-13 | 5 p.m.-9 p.m. and 5 p.m.-10 p.m. | $35

MC sports camps | www.gochaps.com | 685-4650, 685-6747
Girls volleyball. $80. Contact Tammie Jimenez, 685-4650 or Holli Reyna, 685-6747
July 27-29 | seventh- and eighth-graders, 9 a.m.-noon; ninth- through 12th-graders, 1-4 p.m.

Petroleum Museum | 683-4403 | petroleum-museum.org
The museum hosts Summer Movie Camps for children age 5 and older and Summer Science Classes for specific ages throughout the summer.
Summer Movie Camps
9:30 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays. Popcorn and lemonade provided..$5 per movie.
July 21 | "101 Dalmations"
July 28 | "Mr. Peebody and Sherman"
Aug. 4 | "Penguins of Madagascar"

Summer Science Classes
Classes are 9 a.m.-noon and $20 for museum members, $25 for non-members.
July 24 | "Dig Into Science" for students in third through sixth grades.
Aug. 7 | "Life Size Science" for students in third through sixth grades.
Aug. 14 | "Splash into Science" for students in second through fourth grades.

Sibley Nature Center | 684-6827, 685-3396 | www.sibleynaturecenter.org
Mini Day Camp
9 a.m.- noon for ages 5-8 and 2-5 p.m. for ages 9-12. $9 for members, $11 for non-members.
July 24 | Magnificent Birds of Prey: Learn about the birds and go on bird-watching hike.
July 31 | Wonderful World of Wildlife: Get a close look at nature and go on a hike to discover signs of animals.
Aug. 7 | Rock-O-Rama: Learn about rocks and minerals with experiments and dig for gold.
Aug. 14 | Our Amazing Planet: How Earth functions and how people's impact on it. Experiments on water and soil samples, composting and eco-solutions.

Bug Camp
Introduction to entomology and anthropod biology: Insect anatomy and physiology, behavior, ecology, metamorphosis, classification. For students entering fourth through sixth grades.
$60 for members; $80 for non-members
Aug. 17-21 | 9 a.m.-noon Monday through Thursday and 8-10 p.m. Friday

Tiki Island Water Park | 360-3337 | tikiislandwaterpark.com
Camp Tiki offers camps for children who have completed kindergarten through age 8 and for children ages 9-12. $125.
July 27-30 | Amazon Jungle Safari
Aug. 3-6 | Back to the Future
Aug. 17-20 | Finding Tiki: Into the Depths of the Ocean

YMCA | www.midlandymca.org | 682-2551
Weekly swimming lessons | Various times. $18 for members; $36 for non-members.
All sports camp. $35 for members; $75 for non-members
Indoor soccer, volleyball, basketball, tennis and water safety.
July 27-31 | Boys and girls ages 5-12, 1-4 p.m.

Hitchhiking robot embarks on coast-to-coast tour across US

By Collin Binkley
Associated Press



Stephan Savoia/AP

A car drives by HitchBOT, a hitchhiking robot, Friday in Marblehead, Mass. HitchBOT is beginning its first cross-country hitchhiking trip of the U.S., in Marblehead with a final destination goal of reaching San Francisco.

BOSTON — With its thumb raised skyward and a grin on its digital face, the robotic creation of two researchers in Canada embarked on a hitchhiking journey across the U.S. on Friday.

The humanoid robot named hitchBOT has already caught rides across Canada and in Europe, relying on the kindness and curiosity of strangers. But this is its first U.S. tour, setting out from Massachusetts with dreams of San Francisco ahead.

Along the way, it hopes to see some quintessential American sites, including Times Square, Mount Rushmore and the Grand Canyon.

To start the journey, its creators set it alongside a road in Marblehead with tape wrapped around its cylindrical head that read "San Francisco or bust." Not long after, a group of German tourists picked it up and strapped it into their SUV with plans to take it to Boston or New York.

The kid-size robot is immobile on its own, so it gets from place to place by being schlepped around by strangers. Travelers can pass it off to others they meet, or leave it at a gas station or shop. They just leave it seated on its kickstand with its thumb raised.

Ideally, the creators hope, drivers won't leave the bot along busy roads and will charge the battery when it runs low. Otherwise, there are no rules.

"We want to see what people do with this kind of technology when we leave it up to them," said Frauke Zeller, one of the creators and an assistant professor in professional communication at Toronto's Ryerson University. "It's an art project in the wild — it invites people to participate."

On the outside, hitchBOT looks like it's built for play rather than performance. It has a bucket for a body and bendy foam limbs capped by yellow gardening gloves and matching rubber boots. The whimsical attire is intentional, its makers said, to make it approachable and to deter potential thieves.

"It has a really low-tech look to it, something we dubbed the 'yard-sale aesthetic,'" said David Harris Smith, the other creator and an assistant professor in communication studies at McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario. "The head is actually an acrylic cake-saver."

Designed to be a talking travel companion, the robot can toss out factoids and carry limited conversation. It can be charming and cheeky, its makers said.

So far, there are no signs of anything nefarious done to the robot, but there's also no proof. Its creators intentionally cast their gaze aside.

"We want to be very careful to avoid surveillance technologies with this; that's not what we're trying to do here," Smith said.

A GPS in the robot can track its location, and a camera randomly snaps photos about every 20 minutes to document its travels. But the team behind the robot seeks permission from people in the photos before posting them to social media, where hitchBOT has built a devoted fan base.

More than 30,000 people follow the robot on Twitter, and dozens have posted their own selfies with it. Researchers are culling data from social media to study how people interact with a robot that needs their help, unlike traditional robots designed to help them.

Among the chief questions researchers are asking, Zeller said, is whether robots can trust humans.

During past travels, the robot has attended a comic convention and a wedding, and it had its portrait painted in the Netherlands. It once spent a week with a heavy metal band.

The cross-country tour of Canada took 26 days, spanning more than 6,000 miles. As for the U.S. trip, researchers don't know how long it will take or what will happen along the way.

"We want to create something that has a bit of narrative to it, a sense of adventure," Smith said. "We don't really know what's going to happen."

TODAY: Sunny	WEDNESDAY: Sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
High: 101 Low: 75	High: 102 Low: 75	High: 100 Low: 75	High: 100 Low: 75	High: 100 Low: 75	High: 100 Low: 75

Local forecast

Triple-digit high temperatures and dry conditions are in the forecast for the rest of the week, according to the National Weather Service.

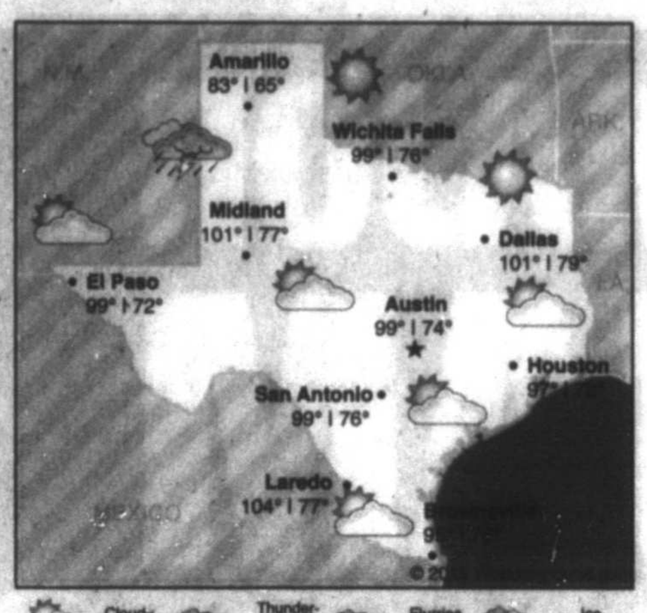
The high on Monday reached 101, while the low dropped to 78. The record high for July 20 is 104 set in 1936. The record low is 62 set in 1988 and 1959. On July 20 of last year, the high was 100 and the low was 75.

Weather why

Q: How many livestock are killed each year by lightning strikes?

No one knows for sure because record keeping tends to be very limited in many parts of the country, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. But there is no doubt that hundreds of cattle, horses and sheep are killed every year by lightning in the United States. "The Department of Agriculture says lightning causes about 80 percent of all accidental livestock deaths," McRoberts said. "What usually happens is that livestock often huddle together under a large tree during a thunderstorm, which we know is one of the worst places to be."

Weather Whys is a service of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences at Texas A&M University.



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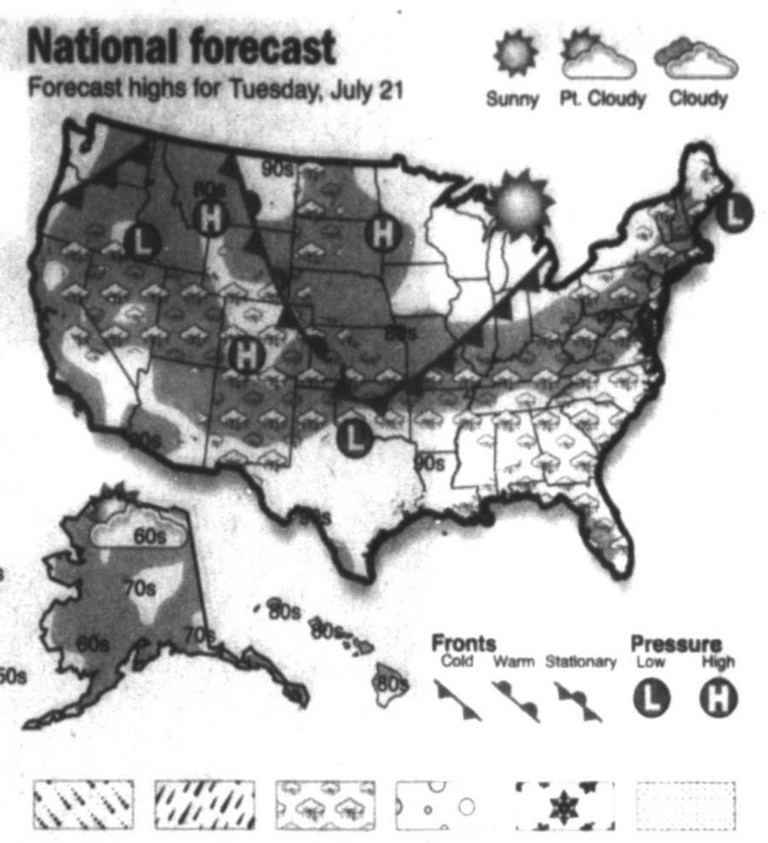
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.02 in.
Year total	12.55 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.24 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	101
Low	78
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:57 a.m.
Sunset	8:55 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 21



Hospital worker violated law by reading husband's records

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.



DEAR ABBY: "Concerned in Massachusetts" (Feb. 20) used her status as a hospital employee to access her husband's medical records and found a history of STDs. I'm a registered nurse with 40 years experience. Every health care organization I know of teaches all their employees about HIPAA violations and that accessing private patient medical information is a criminal offense. It is essential that patients know they can trust us to protect their privacy. We have specific policies against using one's employee status to access a relative's medical information.

"Concerned" is lucky she still has a job. At my institution, she would be terminated for violating organizational policy and federal law. She wouldn't have to worry about how to broach the subject with her husband; she'd be explaining why she was fired. He may not be a saint, but neither is she. Her actions were unacceptable and reflect a clear lack of integrity and honesty. — SAFEGUARDING THE RIGHT TO PRIVACY

DEAR SAFEGUARDING: Thank you for your informed response. You are not the only reader who was appalled at what "Concerned" had done. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: Like "Concerned's" husband, I, too, am labeled as high risk for STDs based on a medical survey I completed, although I have had a monogamous 30-year marriage and do not do drugs of any kind. In that survey, they asked how many partners I had in my lifetime. Those few other partners were before I met my wife.

"Concerned" indicated that her husband had been treated twice for STDs "some years back." What does that mean? Were they married then? If not, is he labeled high risk because of his previous behavior? Perhaps there is something deeper in the relationship that needs addressing — such as why there are weeks between sexual contact with her husband.

It's ironic that she's bent out of shape over infidelity concerns, but thinks it acceptable to betray the privacy and ethics rules governing medical professionals. — VINCENT IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR ABBY: "Young at Heart in Texas" (Feb. 9) could have written my story. I am also a 70-year-old man who is sexually dysfunctional. I, too, was lonely, having outlived two of my brides. However, I did find someone who appreciates holding hands and whispering sweet words without more physical contact.

Abby, you said: "Not only do I think you can (find companionship), I suspect you may need police protection to control the crowd of applicants. Years ago, my aunt, the late Ann Landers, polled her female readers asking if they would prefer 'holding and cuddling' to actually doing 'the deed.' The majority of them answered in the affirmative."

My first wife died of a heart attack after 30 years of marriage. My second wife died after eight years of marriage, of kidney cancer. At 71, I married my third wife, a wonderful woman just as you both describe. She was my next-door neighbor. We have been married three years and nine months. (The Bible says, "Love thy neighbor," so I married her!) We also enjoy cuddling, even without doing "the deed."

So I say to "Young at Heart in Texas": YES, you can find a woman such as you and Abby describe. And when you do, I suggest you rub her back often. Women love it! — YOUNG AT HEART IN COLORADO

DEAR YOUNG AT HEART: I'm glad your story had a happy ending, and I'm crossing my fingers that "Young at Heart's" will, too. Thanks for writing to encourage him.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 21, 2015:

This year you can be detail-oriented and quite effective when dealing with various matters that are close to your heart. You can be critical at times, yet the same situation on a different day could draw a totally different response from you. You often have to charm your way out of a bad situation. If you are single, after August you will attract someone who could change your life in many ways. This person will be intrigued by your changeability. If you are attached, the two of you see life much differently from how you have in the past. Open up to each other more. LIBRA is impressed by your domestic nature.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You will understand what is happening if you step back and let others reveal their thoughts. You could be taken aback by a change of pace. Honor what is happening around you, and if you can't go along with it, head in a new direction. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Your creativity remains high. The issue seems to be applying your unique ability to what is happening right now. Lighten up about a situation, and know what lies ahead. Someone close to you seems detached and cold. Understand that this is just a phase. Tonight: Make it merry.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might feel as if you are finally justified in a choice you have made. Be careful here, as you could burn some bridges. Lighten up about a personal matter that is close to your heart, and watch as new possibilities appear. Tonight: Act as if there were no tomorrow.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to make a call first thing in the morning, especially if it is important. Your ability to move forward and come to terms with a personal matter could change. You know what you need to do. Handle a domestic issue before the day ends. Tonight: The party begins now.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ It would be smart to get over your fussiness quickly, as you will be dealing with a lot of people at once. It seems as if all you are seeing is what you want to see, and nothing more. Be careful, as it might be your distortions that upset the apple cart. Tonight: Hang out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You might have a sense that a problem has gone too far. How you handle a personal matter could change this situation. Listen to your instincts, and you will land well. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Your energy soars. What could possibly stop you at this point? You seem to be much more together right now, and you'll make a strong impression no matter what you do. If you have an important situation pending, push it forward. Tonight: Don't stop now.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ Say little, and concentrate on a project or your work. The less involved you are, the more successful the outcome will be. You also might need some personal time to rethink a decision or maybe just snooze. Don't allow anyone to slow you down. Tonight: Take a walk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Open up a discussion in the most positive way possible. Loosen up; a friendship could play a significant role in what happens. Remain sure of yourself, and don't lessen the importance of your needs. Don't back down on a matter that's important to you. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ You might feel pressured by someone in a position of authority. You know your limits, but does this person recognize them? You could feel burdened by a set of commitments and responsibilities. Let others know that you have had enough. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ You have a way about you that implies that you can handle anything. Your plate is full, but you'll have an opportunity to take a short trip or switch gears. You are full of energy and open to possibilities. As a result, doors will open. Tonight: Know what you want.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might be in the mood for a close encounter. You would like to see life from a more logical point of view. A discussion with a key person in your life will help you bottom-line what is happening. Understanding will evolve as a result. Tonight: Have a one-on-one chat.

BORN TODAY

Actor Robin Williams (1951), author Ernest Hemingway (1899), actor Josh Hartnett (1978)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Opportunity knocks

North-South vulnerable. West deals.

NORTH
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♡ A 6
◇ K 8 7 6 2
♣ A J 10 5

WEST
♠ 9
♡ K J 10 9 7 5 4 3
◇ Q J
♣ 9 8

EAST
♠ J 10 6
♡ Q 2
◇ A 10 9 3
♣ Q 6 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q 7 4 3 2
♡ 8
◇ 5 4
♣ K 7 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
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Pass	4NT	5♡	5♠
All pass			

Opening lead: Queen of ♡

South's four-spade bid in the pass-out seat is a wide-ranging bid, and it's easy to say that North should have given his partner some "room" and just passed. Still, South would have made the same bid with the ace-4 of diamonds rather than the five-four, and then North-South would have good play for seven spades!

Over the four no-trump Blackwood bid, East saw an opportunity and he took it. He wanted a diamond lead against a high spade contract so he bid five diamonds for that lead. Should that contract be doubled, he planned to retreat to the relative safety of five hearts — a well-judged plan.

South would have made his contract had he covered the opening diamond lead, but he reasoned that the lead was more likely to be from a singleton rather than a doubleton. This was a reasonable decision, and he would have prevailed against many defenders. West continued with the jack of diamonds and South again refused to cover with dummy's king, focusing the spotlight on East.

Had East allowed the jack of diamonds to hold the trick, declarer would have probably made his contract by finessing East for the queen of clubs. Advanced readers will also see the possible minor-suit squeeze against East. South never had a chance as East overtook the jack of diamonds with the ace and led a third diamond. West's nine of trumps provided the uppercut that East needed for his trumps to become the setting trick. Well done.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Barroom fisticuffs
6 Triangular pelvic bones
11 Soldier under Stonewall Jackson
14 YouTube upload
15 Code of conduct
16 Hustle and bustle
17 Betrayal
19 Spiky plant part that sticks to your clothes
20 Pilfers
21 Pen filler
22 Clock front
23 Mailroom device
26 "Yay!"
28 Beaver's structure
29 Old Opry network
30 Minimum-range tide
33 Uses lidocaine on
37 Sandstone, for one
41 Damaged layer
42 Dreamcast game console developer
43 Questionnaire choice, in Bordeaux
44 Swiss landscape feature
46 B-flat equivalent
49 Old West reward seeker
54 Frosty coating
55 Back-row bowling pin
56 Nome home
60 Mass vestment
61 Enthusiastic smorgasbord words ... and hint to this puzzle's circled letters
63 Neckline shape
64 Driver's invitation
65 Canada's official tree
66 Be human, so they say
67 Initial appearance
68 Plural diminutive suffix

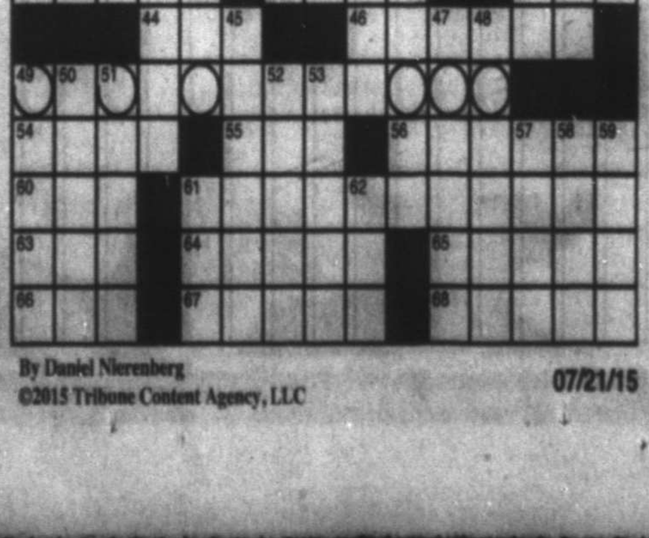
DOWN

1 Brand of skivvies
2 Civil uprising
3 Both players in unison, musically
4 Program running in a browser, informally
5 Lounge about, in British dialect
6 "Be with you in a __"
7 Sun-brightened lobbies
8 Cheech's buddy
9 Took a chance on
10 Bldg. coolers
11 Capital of Morocco
12 Bring out
13 Hole-making insect
18 Reputed Dead Sea Scrolls writer
22 Longest human bone
24 Cold temperatures
25 Loads of
26 Santa __ Valley: wine region in which "Sideways" was set
27 Prefix with European
29 Chinese menu general
31 Had breakfast
32 Missionary's concern
34 Keep from floating away
35 Bra size
36 Glide on snow
38 Foolish
39 Soften, as sorbet
40 Dreadlocks wearers
45 "Monty __ and the Holy Grail"
47 "I need another pair of hands, please"
48 Where Noah landed
49 Gutsy
50 Petroleum transporter
51 "Raw" pigment
52 Jalopies
53 Set free
57 Pennant race mo.
58 Leafy green
59 Fruity drinks
61 Investigator's pronoun
62 Tiny tunneler

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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NOTEWORTHY
Music in the news

TENNESSEE

Blake Shelton, Miranda Lambert divorce after 4 years

NASHVILLE — After years of tabloid gossip claiming marital troubles, country music's top couple, Blake Shelton and Miranda Lambert, announced their divorce after four years of marriage.

The news was confirmed in a statement by the couple to The Associated Press, issued by their representatives Monday.

"This is not the future we envisioned," the former couple said in the statement.

"And it is with heavy hearts that we move forward separately. We are real people, with real lives, with real families, friends and colleagues. Therefore, we kindly ask for privacy and compassion concerning this very personal matter."

The two multiplatinum stars came together just as their careers were hitting their peak, but the couple had to constantly deny rumors that their superstar careers were taking a toll on their marriage. Although sometimes they joked about competing against each other for awards, publicly they were constantly championing each other's successes and there were no obvious signs of trouble when the couple appeared at the Academy of Country Music Awards together in April.

Grammy-winning native Texan Lambert, 31, is one of country's most lauded female singers with her fiery brand of sass and sincerity on songs like "Gunpowder & Lead" and "The House That Built Me."

"Boys 'Round Here" singer Shelton, with his cheeky humor and easy likability, became a ubiquitous star as he juggled his musical and television career, as a judge on "The Voice" and a co-host of the ACMs. The 39-year-old Shelton first marriage of three years ended in divorce.

"We're a really normal couple," Lambert told The Associated Press in 2010. "We like to back road and hunt and fish. When we're home, we're not in that mode. We're not in work mode, but it's so great to have success together. Our careers have both taken a really good step in a good direction at the same time. I just think we have a really good relationship. It's really strong. We're best friends, and I can't see myself with anybody else."

Associated Press



Bon Iver's Justin Vernon throws a music festival in his backyard

By Jake O'Connell
Associated Press

Bon Iver's Justin Vernon threw a major jam last weekend in his hometown of Eau Claire, Wisconsin.

Located near the western middle of the state on Foster Farms, his Eaux Claires music festival (named after the French spelling) hosted indie titans like Sufjan Stevens and acts as diverse as rustic troubadours Hiss Golden Messenger and the visceral psych-blues of Retribution Gospel Choir.

In all, 41 bands played when the two-day festival kicked off Friday.

"I've always just wanted to put something together in my hometown and have friends and family and inspiring artists all in one place. It's just an idea that I've had for a long time," Vernon said in a recent interview.

Part of the appeal of choosing his town was the challenge it set.

"It's not the obvious place to have a music festival of this ilk, a music and arts festival, we're not really poised for that here on paper, but culturally we are extremely poised for it," he said. "We're really hungry people out here that don't get to see everything out there in the world."

The Grammy-winning artist hasn't released a Bon Iver album since 2011 but is involved with other groups like Volcano Choir and has lately been focused on Eaux Claires. He talked about his music festival and more with The Associated Press.

AP: Are you trying to emphasize collaboration between the lineup?

Vernon: Yeah. We're going to try to have a lot of different options for people, not just to come in and play and get up kind of thing, encouraging artists to collaborate, having people come up and play on everybody's sets, doing interesting things, doing additional performances, not just their normal on-the-day-of-their-show stage music festival set but also smaller shows. Additional performance spaces we're curating and stuff like this.

AP: And there will be visual art and film, too?

Vernon: Yes. There will be bands that made their own documentaries about themselves. There is other film scoring. weird things happening. a lot of visual arts. a lot of performance artists from around the world, as well, doing a lot of things.

AP: How did you go about choosing the performers?

Vernon: Picking my favorites I guess. We just went with the people who are the coolest ones to us. We didn't go by really anything. We were just like, "Hey, who's our favorite?" and we asked them.

AP: Who are some of the people playing?

Vernon: I got my favorite band of all-time, the Indigo Girls, to play my favorite album. It's just kind of dream-worthy stuff. Melt Banana is playing. They're one of my favorite bands from Japan, super intense stuff. Liturgy is reuniting this summer. We got them. I don't know, man. Marijuana Deathsquads' set is going to be a pretty full-live, late-night-action bananas situation.

AP: Will there be a different approach with how the performers and audience interact?

Vernon: Yes. But to answer that question correctly, we are going to have the normal stage. We are going to have the best PA that you can get in the world. But it is still going to be a stage like you see at any other music festival. I just think, in general, our thesis is to continually challenge what that normal circuitry of an audience and performer is. And that is sort of what our other performance spaces are that we are putting on the grounds that are very non-traditional, kind of circular places, tents and other things.

AP: What have you been up to musically?

Vernon: I'm just kind of at the studio tinkering on whatever. I got friends working here, friends coming in and out, coming through on tour. We just kind of jam.

AP: And Eau Claire is where you still live?

Vernon: Yeah. I live at the studio.



LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JULY

21 **Black Gold** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
23 **Jason Boland & The Stragglers, The Judsin Cole Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
23 **The Differentials** @ Blue Max
23 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
23 **Lowdown** @ The Wine Rack
23 **Forgotten Road** @ Lone Star Bar
24 **Kevin Fowler** @ Graham Central Station
24 **Eddie Irving & The Classic Swing** @ Noel Heritage Park
24 **Blues Plate Review, Soré** @ Music City Mall
24 **Tyler Gregory, Skye Smeed** @ Blue Max
24 **Hybrid Child** @ The Detour
24 **Bri Bagwell and The Banned** @ Ranchland Hills
24 **Aaron Einhouse** @ Lone Star Bar
24 **Remedy** @ Redneck's
24-25 **Bobby Champion and The New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
24-25 **The Darren Welch Group** @ The Bar
25 **Richard Acuna, All Stars, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Samuel Zachary, Marissa Reschman** @ Music City Mall
25 **Jenni Dale Lord** @ Abuelo's
25 **Gears, I Exist** @ Blue Max
25 **Texas Travelers** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
25 **Last Call Coalistion** @ Lone Star Bar
25 **Mister Happy** @ Green Tree Country Club
25 **Ernesto Calderon** @ The Wine Rack
26 **Defeated Sanity, Adipocere** @ Kamiposi
26 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
26 **JazzBird** @ Museum of the Southwest
25 **Marzi Montazeri's Heavy As Texas** @ Blue Max
28 **Dusty Crpek** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
28 **Brit Floyd** @ Wagner Noel
29 **Jill Kinsey, Brigitte London & Brook Faulk** @ Blue Max
30 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
30 **3-OG** @ Cafe at Alldredge Gardens
30 **Texas Renegade** @ Rockin Rodeo
30 **Two Tons of Steel** @ Basin Burger House
30 **Mobile Deathcamp, Carnivora, Neffarious** @ Blue Max
30 **The O's** @ Lone Star Bar
31 **Shotgun Josephine** @ Your Place
31 **Kathy Lollar, Soré** @ Music City Mall
31 **Lone Star Attitude** @ Noel Heritage Park
31 **Forgotten Road** @ The Detour
31 **Bad Seed Rising** @ Blue Max
31 **Zane Williams, Aaron Watson, Ali Dee** @ Graham Central Station
31 **Noel Olivas** @ Lone Star Bar
31 **CB Trickery** @ The Bar

AUGUST

1 **Charlie Robison, Thieving Birds** @ Kd's Bar-B-Q
1 **Shotgun Josephine** @ Your Place
1 **CB Trickery** @ The Bar
1 **The Statesboro Revue** @ Basin Burger House
2 **Mariachi Santa Cruz** @ Museim of the Southwest
2 **Gary Nix and West Texas** @ The Detour
4 **Fifth Harmony, Debby Ryan** @ Wagner Noel
5 **Emperors & Elephants, Era 9, Sawyer Family, Ellsium** @ Blue Max
5 **AWA (AsWeAre)** @ Calvary Midland
6 **Dalton Domino** @ Basin Burger House
7 **Michael Graves** @ Blue Max
7-8 **The Unsweet Ts** @ Your Place
7-8 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
8 **Thunderosa** @ Blue Max
8 **Eric Samuel Timm** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
8 **Kayla Ray** @ Basin Burger House
9 **Blind Pete** @ Blue Max
11 **Saving Abel** @ Blue Max
11 **Whitesnake, Bridge to Grace, The Dead Daisies** @ Wagner Noel
13 **Bri Bagwell** @ Basin Burger House

LUBBOCK

AUGUST

12 **Trapt, Sons Of Texas, Poynte** @ Jake's Sports Cafe & Backroom

SEPTEMBER

24 **Jason Aldean, Cole Swindell, Tyler Farr** @ United Supermarkets Arena

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JULY

21 **Pat Benatar & Neil Giraldo** @ House Of Blues
23 **Kid Rock, Foreigner, Packway Handle Band** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
24 **Chicago, Earth, Wind & Fire** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
25 **Alejandra Guzman** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
25 **Fall Out Boy, Wiz Khalifa, Hoodie Allen** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
25 **Miguel, Dorothy** @ South Side Ballroom
25 **Smash Mouth, Toad The Wet Sprocket, Tonic** @ House Of Blues
27 **Faith No More** @ South Side Ballroom



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Bowlsby doesn't believe Big 12 disadvantaged with 10 teams

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby believes the conference has to be constantly improving after getting left out of the first College Football Playoff.

That doesn't necessarily mean making the 10-team league bigger through expansion.

"We have to recruit better. We have to develop better. We have to play better," Bowlsby said Monday in his annual address to open football media days. "We have to win the big games when we have a chance to win the big games."

But Bowlsby doesn't see the league at any real disadvantage with only 10 teams, despite Oklahoma President David Boren suggesting in the last month that the Big 12 is "psychologically disadvantaged" as the smallest of the five power conferences and should strive to again have 12 teams.

It would be the presidents and chancellors — not Bowlsby or the athletic directors — who would make any ultimate decisions on possible expansion.

"My belief is at this point, the majority of them feel like we ought to be at 10 and stay there," Bowlsby said.

"At the present time, I don't think there's critical mass for expansion. It will continue to be a topic about which we spend at least a little time at every meeting talking about it," he said. "But until that majority shifts, it's a purely academic conversation."

The Big 12, going into its fifth season since reducing from 12 to 10 teams, is the only one of the five power conferences with a full round-robin schedule and no championship game.

While Bowlsby expects future deregulation to allow the possibility of a championship game, he believes the round-robin schedule is still the best way to determine the league

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Associated Press

Commissioner Bob Bowlsby addresses attendees to Big 12 Conference Football Media Days on Monday in Dallas.

CLARET JUG JUBILATION



Associated Press

Zach Johnson kisses the trophy as he poses for photographers after winning a playoff after the final round at the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland, on Monday.

Johnson wins British Open after three-way playoff

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Zach Johnson cradled the silver claret jug in his arms. Jordan Spieth let it slip through his fingers.

Spieth was right where he wanted to be in his spirited bid for the Grand Slam — tied for the lead with two holes to go in the British Open, right after making a 50-foot birdie putt that made it feel as though he were destined to win at St. Andrews for his third straight major.

And he was still there at the very end Monday, but only as a spectator.

The slam gone, Spieth graciously returned to the steps of the Royal & Ancient clubhouse to watch Johnson finish off a sterling performance of his own. Johnson rolled in a 30-foot birdie putt on the 18th hole that got him into a three-man playoff, and he outlasted Louis Oosthuizen and Marc Leishman to win the British Open.

Johnson described himself as a "normal guy" from Cedar Rapids, Iowa, when he won the Masters in 2007.

And now?

"I'm a normal guy from Cedar Rapids ... with a green jacket that has something that most guys don't get to drink out of right now," Johnson said, smiling as he looked at golf's oldest trophy with his name etched alongside most of the game's greatest players.

Spieth was close to having his name on that jug. No one ever came closer to the third leg of the Grand Slam.

He fought back from taking four putts for a double bogey on No. 8 with back-to-back birdies. He rolled in that long birdie putt on the 16th for a share of the lead. After missing an 8-foot par putt on the tough 17th hole, Spieth needed a birdie on the closing hole to join the playoff.

"Up and down for a playoff," was the last thing Spieth said to caddie Michael Greller from about 90 yards away. It was too far right and quite hard enough, and it rolled to the edge of the Valley of Sin short of the green. His birdie attempt up the slope stayed inches left of the cup, and he tapped in for a 69.

"We gave it a great effort," Spieth said.

At least he was in elite company. Arnold Palmer, Jack Nicklaus and Tiger Woods — the three biggest names in golf over the last 50 years — were the only other players to capture the Masters and U.S. Open in a bid to sweep the four professional majors in the same year. All came up short in the British Open. Spieth was the only one who had a share of the lead so deep in the final round.

"I'm going to go home and reflect," Spieth said. "It won't hurt too bad. It's not like I really lost it on the last hole, and 17 was brutally challenging. I just didn't hit a great putt there, and I just picked the wrong wedge out of the bag on 18. I made a lot of the right decisions down the stretch and certainly closed plenty of tournaments out. And this just wasn't one of those. It's hard to do that every single time.

"I won't beat myself up too bad, because I do understand that."

It took a superlative effort from Johnson, who now has two majors among his 12 PGA Tour victories, an astounding record and a reminder that a good wedge game and a putter can still go a long way in this era of power.

Johnson was in tears when he was interviewed off the green.

Please see **OPEN**/4C

Spieth no loser despite coming up short at British Open

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — When it was over, Jordan Spieth stood off the 18th green and applauded the fans who had spent much of their day applauding him.

They came by the thousands on a wet and chilly day, lured by cheap tickets and the chance to see history. Packed into huge grandstands and jammed 10 deep against each other on the finishing fairways, they waited in the rain, urging the young American to deliver for them once again.

A 50-footer that curled from left to right before dropping gently in the hole for birdie on No. 16 set the stage. Surely there would be more magic to come and Spieth would enter the record books as the first player to win his first three majors of the year since Ben Hogan did it 62 years ago.

On the 17th tee, Spieth was thinking much the same thing. A par on the brutal Road Hole and a birdie on the short 18th would give him the British Open trophy to add to those won in the Masters and U.S. Open.

It would also put him on the brink of golf immortality, just one win from the Grand Slam no modern player has ever won.

"Par-birdie is a perfect way to finish here," Spieth said. "And that would get the job done."

The Road Hole was playing so long into the rain and wind that Spieth couldn't reach the green in two. No matter, because he plopped his pitch just 8 feet from the hole.

"If I stood on 17th tee box and you told me I had that putt for par on the hole," Spieth said later, "I would have certainly taken it."

Almost shockingly, he missed it right. The best putter in the game didn't make the one that mattered the most.

There would be no claret jug for Spieth, no Grand Slam for golf. A misplaced drive on the 18th left him a final putt from the Valley of Sin that barely missed, ending Spieth's chances of getting in what would have been a

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Associated Press

Jordan Spieth, left, and his caddie Michael Greller after finishing the final round at the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland, on Monday.

Scheduling conflict moves UIL football championships to Houston

■ NRG Stadium to host Class 2A to 6A games; change made because of televised Jets vs. Cowboys contest

From staff reports

AUSTIN — The University Interscholastic League announced today that the 2015 UIL Football State Championship games from Class 2A to 6A will be played at NRG Stadium in Houston in December.

All 11-man UIL Football Championship Games will be played Dec. 17-19 at NRG Stadium. Houston last hosted the UIL state title games for the largest conference in 2008 at the formerly named Reliant Stadium.

"The UIL Football State Championships are truly a marquee event with a legion of fans dedicated to the best football in Texas," said UIL Executive Director Charles Breithaupt in a press release. "The league looks forward to bringing the football finals to Houston's NRG Stadium for a great championship experience."

The UIL was forced to move the games from Arlington's AT&T Stadium after it was announced in May that the NFL had scheduled a night game Dec. 19 between the Dallas Cowboys and New York Jets that will be televised on the NFL Network. The date wasn't blocked on the calendar the Cowboys sent to the NFL.

The state championship games had been held at AT&T Stadium for the previous four years, and there is a good possibility it could return there next year.

Sites for the Class 1A (six-man) Division I and Division II state championship games have not been finalized but the UIL said that they will not be held at NRG Stadium.

The 2015 football state championships will mark the fifth year all 11-man championship football games will be played at one pre-determined location. AT&T Stadium began hosting all 11-man games in 2011. The UIL has determined the site for the largest conference football state championship games since 2006.

"We all know that high school football is big in Texas, and it's something we're also well-versed in hosting at NRG Stadium," said Kevin Hoffman, executive director of Harris County Sports & Convention Corp. "This will be our first time hosting the UIL High School Football Championship games in NRG Stadium, and we hope to secure even more in the years to come. These 10 championship games will bring football fans from all over Texas to NRG Stadium in celebration of our youth and athletic achievement."

San Antonio's Alamodome was also considered as the site for the games, according to several media reports. The Alamodome was the host of the state basketball tournament this past season and will do so again for the next two years.

Last year, the 12 championship games at AT&T Stadium drew a total 260,654 fans, according to reports.

The last 11-man team from the Permian Basin to play for a UIL state championship was McCamey in the Class 1A Division I state title game in 2006.

Calendar

UIL Football State Championship Schedule
NRG Stadium, Houston

Dec. 17
Conference 2A Division I: 10 a.m.
Conference 2A Division II: 1 p.m.
Conference 3A Division I: 5 p.m.
Conference 3A Division II: 8 p.m.

Dec. 18
Conference 4A Division I: Noon
Conference 4A Division II: 4 p.m.
Conference 5A Division I: 8 p.m.

Dec. 19
Conference 5A Division II: Noon
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International Champions Cup, AS Roma (Serie A) vs. Manchester City (Premier League), at Melbourne, Australia, 5 a.m.
International Champions Cup, Fiorentina (Serie A) vs. Paris (Ligue 1), at Harrison, N.J., 7:30 p.m.
International Champions Cup, Los Angeles (MLS) vs. Barcelona (Primera Division), at Pasadena, Calif., 10 p.m., FS1

WNBA
Phoenix at Los Angeles, 10 p.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Signed INF Gui Yuan Xu to a 2016 minor league contract.
BOSTON RED SOX — Activated C Blake Swihart from the 15-day DL. Designated C Sandy Leon for assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Reinstated RHP Kris Medlen from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Yohan Pino to Omaha (PCL).
SEATTLE MARINERS — Recalled LHP J.A. Happ from Bakersfield (Cal). Optioned 1b-OH Jesus Montero to Tacoma (PCL).
TEXAS RANGERS — Recalled RHP Nick Martinez from Round Rock (PCL). Optioned RHP Anthony Ranaudo to Round Rock (PCL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Reinstated LHP Andrew McKirahan from his 80-game suspension. Optioned RHP Ryan Kelly to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Selected the contract of RHP Rafael Soriano from Iowa (PCL). Designated RHP Edwin Jackson for assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Placed LHP Manny Parra on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Dylan Axelrod from Louisville (IL).
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled C Austin Barnes from Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed C A.J. Ellis on the 15-day DL.
PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed INF Jordy Mercer on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of INF Brent Morel from Indianapolis (IL). Transferred 1B/OF Corey Hart from the 15- to 60-day DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Selected the contract of RHP Abel de Los Santos from Harrisburg (EL). Optioned RHP Blake Treinen to Syracuse (IL). Transferred OF Jayson Werth to the 60-day DL. Released RHP Evan Meek in order to join Kia (KBO).
Eastern League
TRENTON THUNDER — Announced RHP Eric Ruth was transferred to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).
American Association
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released LHP Dan Meyer.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released OF Eric Tavarone.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released OF Matt Talleron.
Can-Am League
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Released C Chad Bunting.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Claimed INF Michael Wing off waivers from Sioux Falls.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Traded OF Steve Tinoco to Lincoln for RHP Luis Chirinos and a player to be named.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Dan Child. Released OF Carlton Sellers.
SIOUX FALLS CANARIES — Released INF Vickash Ramjit.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Released LHP Jake Raffaele.
FLORENCE FREEDOM — Released OF Cody Bishop.
FRONTIER GREYS — Signed RHP Steven Wehr.
ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Released RHP Cory LaPeze

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Named Juan Uro executive vice president, league finance & global strategy.
DENVER NUGGETS — Traded G Ty Lawson and a 2017 second-round draft pick to Houston for a protected 2016 first-round draft pick, G Nick Johnson, F Kostas Papanikolaou, G Pablo Prigioni and F-C Joey Dorsey and cash considerations.
DETROIT PISTONS — Re-signed C Joel Anthony and G Reggie Jackson to a multiyear contract. Signed G Damun Hilliard.
NEW ORLEANS PELICANS — Re-signed F Luke Babbitt.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Re-signed G Manu Ginobili.
RUNNING
New York Road Runners
NYRR — Promoted Linda Franken to senior vice president, finance; James Gromos to senior vice president, legal & general counsel; Jim Heim to senior vice president & event development & production and technical director of the TCS New York City Marathon; and Bari Greenfield to vice president, strategy, planning & organization operations. Named Michael Schnall vice president of community engagement initiatives.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed D Klas Dahlbeck to a one-year contract and F Jordan Martinook to a two-year contract.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Signed F Craig Smith to a five-year contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Named Steve Briere goaltending coach.
SOCCER
Major League Soccer
PORTLAND TIMBERS — Waived F Schillo Tshuma.
SPORTING KANSAS CITY — Acquired D Amobi Okugo from Orlando City for MF Servando Carrasco.
United State League
LA GALAXY II — Signed MF Adrian Vera and G Bennett Sneddon.
COLLEGE
BROWN — Named Jim Pyrch diving coach.
CUMBERLAND (TENN.) — Named Solomon Campbell athletic trainer.
EMORY & HENRY — Named Jaclyn Dickens women's assistant basketball coach.
LEES-MCRAE — Named Rick Wall men's soccer coach.
MINNESOTA STATE (MANKATO) — Named Jamie Suappah assistant volleyball coach and Alli Rice graduate assistant volleyball coach.
NEW MEXICO — Promoted Matt Ensor to associate communications director.
PENN — Named Roger Reina senior associate athletic director for external affairs, Sherryta Freeman senior associate athletic director for student development and Michelle Dolce senior associate athletic director for finance and internal operations.
SHAW — Named Jolisa Williams sports information directo
WASHINGTON (MD.) — Named Nick Sparacino men's assistant basketball coach.
WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH — Announced the resignation of men-s and women's tennis coach Daniel Bickett.

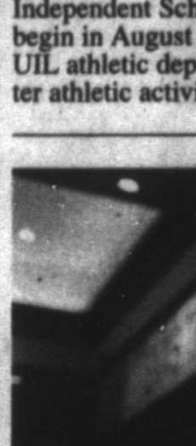
PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through July 19
All-around
1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $138,552
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas $75,712
3. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $72,409
4. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $64,297
5. Clayton Hass, Terrell, Texas $56,791
6. JoJo Lelliond, Andrews, Texas $55,782
7. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $53,468
8. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $51,729
9. Jordan Ketscher, Squaw Valley, Calif. $50,492
10. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore $49,842
11. Doyle Hoskins, Chuster, Calif. $47,805
12. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $40,951
16. Trenten Montero, Winnemucca, Nev. $36,277
14. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $37,176
15. Garrett Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $35,895
16. Bart Brunson, Terry, Miss. $34,501
17. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $30,086
18. Billy Bob Brown, Stephenville, Texas $28,883
19. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $26,062
20. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. 25,289
Team Roping (header)
1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $79,718
2. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz. $58,613
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $53,951
4. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $52,688
5. Aaron Tsingine, Tuba City, Ariz. $52,140
6. Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. $51,889
7. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $49,113
8. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, Texas $46,523
9. Jake Cooper, Monument, N.M. $45,858
10. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $44,142
11. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $41,379
12. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $40,340
13. Bubba Buckaloo, Caddo, Okla. $39,400
14. Matt Sherwood, Pima, Ariz. $38,715
15. Levi Simpson, Ponoka, Alberta $38,075
16. Joel Bach, San Augustine, Texas $37,728
17. Doyle Hoskins, Chuster, Calif. $36,305
18. JoJo LeBlond, Andrews, Texas $35,003
19. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont. $32,575
20. Luke Brown, Stephenville, Texas $31,471
Steer Roping
1. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $47,815**
2. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $42,630
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $41,570
4. Rocky Patterson, Pratt, Kan. $39,623
5. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $36,789
6. Neal Wood, Reedsville, Texas $36,071
7. Cody Lee, Gatesville, Texas $31,262
8. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, Texas $27,007
9. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $26,101
10. J.P.Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $23,834
11. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $22,593
12. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas $21,767
13. JoJo LeBlond, Andrews, Texas $21,188
14. Brodie Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla. $21,190
15. Shiley Good, Midland, Texas $20,487
16. Jason Evans, Huntsville, Texas $19,189
17. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, Texas $15,702
18. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, Texas $15,366
19. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz. $15,340
20. J.B. Whatley, Gardendale, Texas $14,330
Bareback Riding
1. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $69,924
2. Bobby Mote, Stephenville, Texas $64,907
3. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $59,249
4. Austin Foss, Tombstone, Ore. $56,899
5. Caleb Bennett, Tremonton, Utah $56,532
6. Wren Ratliff, Leesville, La. $53,013
7. Seth Hardrick, Laramie, Wyo. $51,057
8. Jake Brown, Hillsboro, Texas $50,822
9. Luke Creasy, Lovington, N.M. $50,227
10. Clint Cannon, Weiser, Texas $48,129
11. Will Lowe, Canyon, Texas $48,095
12. Ryan Gray, Cheney, Wash. $47,856
13. Kanoa Feld, Spanish Fork, Utah $47,829
14. Clint Laye, Cadogan, Alberta $44,929
15. David Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $43,938
16. R.C. Landingham, Puyallup, Ore. $43,180
17. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. $43,153
18. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $41,814
19. Tanner Aus, Granite Falls, Minn. $39,162
20. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $38,607
Team Roping (heeler)
1. Jade Corkill, Pelton, Nev. $79,719
2. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $64,053
3. Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas $53,951
4. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $52,666
5. Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz. $51,292
6. Travis Wooddell, Stockton, Calif. $49,366
7. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $46,073
8. Ryan Motes, Weatherford, Texas $44,874
9. Kory Koontz, Stephenville, Texas $44,400
10. Jake Long, Coffeeville, Miss. $44,142
11. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas $40,340
12. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $40,050
13. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $38,582
14. Quinn Kesler, Holden, Utah $38,550
15. Jeremy Buhler, Abbotsford, British Columbia $36,075
16. Tyler McKnight, Wells, Texas $37,220
17. Dugan Kelly, Paso Robles, Calif. $32,830
18. Shay Carrol, Prineville, Ore. $32,596
19. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $31,471
20. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, Texas $29,482
Bull Riding
1. Sage Kimzey, Stoney City, Okla. $80,401
2. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $75,576
3. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah $69,581
4. Parker Breding, Edgar, Mont. $64,564
5. Cody Teel, Kountze, Texas $50,643
6. Shane Proctor, Grand Coulee, Wash. $50,189
7. Chandler Bownds, Lubbock, Texas $48,038
8. Reid Barker, Comfort, Texas $46,816
9. Tanner Learmont, Cleburne, Texas $46,104
10. Brett Stell, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $45,764
11. Trevor Kastner, Ardmore, Okla. $42,902
12. Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo. $42,096
13. Caleb Sanderson, Hallettsville, Texas $39,266
14. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $38,879
15. Cody Rostockyj, Lorena, Texas $36,885
16. Dustin Bowen, Waller, Texas $36,332
17. Kody DeShon, Helena, Mont. $36,296
18. Andie Meier, Timber Lake, S.D. $34,333
19. Clayton Foltyn, Winnie, Texas $33,355
20. Scottie Knapp, Albuquerque, N.M- $33,072
Barrel Racing
1. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $135,645
2. Callie Duperier, Boerne, Texas $124,435
3. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga. $98,208
4. Fallon Taylor, Collinsville, Texas $86,828
5. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah $74,231
6. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $72,783
7. Mary Walker, Ennis, Texas $63,204
8. Cassidy Kruse, Gillette, Wyo. $57,774
9. Carley Richardson, Pampa, Texas $52,881
10. Taylor Jacob, Carmine, Texas $51,366
11. Layna Kight, Ocala, Fla. $47,281
12. Jill Welsh, Parker, Ariz. $47,014
13. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas $45,685
14. Meghan Johnson, Deming, N.M. $44,539
15. Alexa Lake, Richmond, Texas $42,573
16. Shelby Herrmann, Stephenville, Texas $40,465
17. Katelyn McLeod, Whitesboro, Texas $39,581
18. Britany Diaz, Solen, N.D. $37,667
19. Britney Paige Wills, Goshen, Ala. $37,423
20. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. $36,323
Saddle Bronc Riding
1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $96,663
2. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $73,028
3. Chuck Schmidt, Keldron, S.D. $63,502
4. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $61,799
5. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $59,099
6. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $53,743
7. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $53,325
8. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, Texas $49,417
9. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $48,249
10. Wade Sundell, Colman, Okla. $46,473
11. Clay Elliott, Hanton, Alberta $41,041
12. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $40,261
13. Bradley Harter, Lorangor, La. $39,552
14. Zeke Thurston, Big Valley, Alberta $39,473
15. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, Texas $39,237
16. Allen Boore, Axtell, Utah $38,108
17. Tyrel Larson, Ingli, Manitoba $37,654
18. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $33,728
19. Joe Lufkin, Sallisaw, Okla. $31,789
20. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $30,306

Elza named UIL's new director of athletics

From staff reports

AUSTIN— The University Interscholastic League, the governing body of public high school extracurricular activities in Texas, announced Monday that Susan Elza has been hired as its director of athletics.

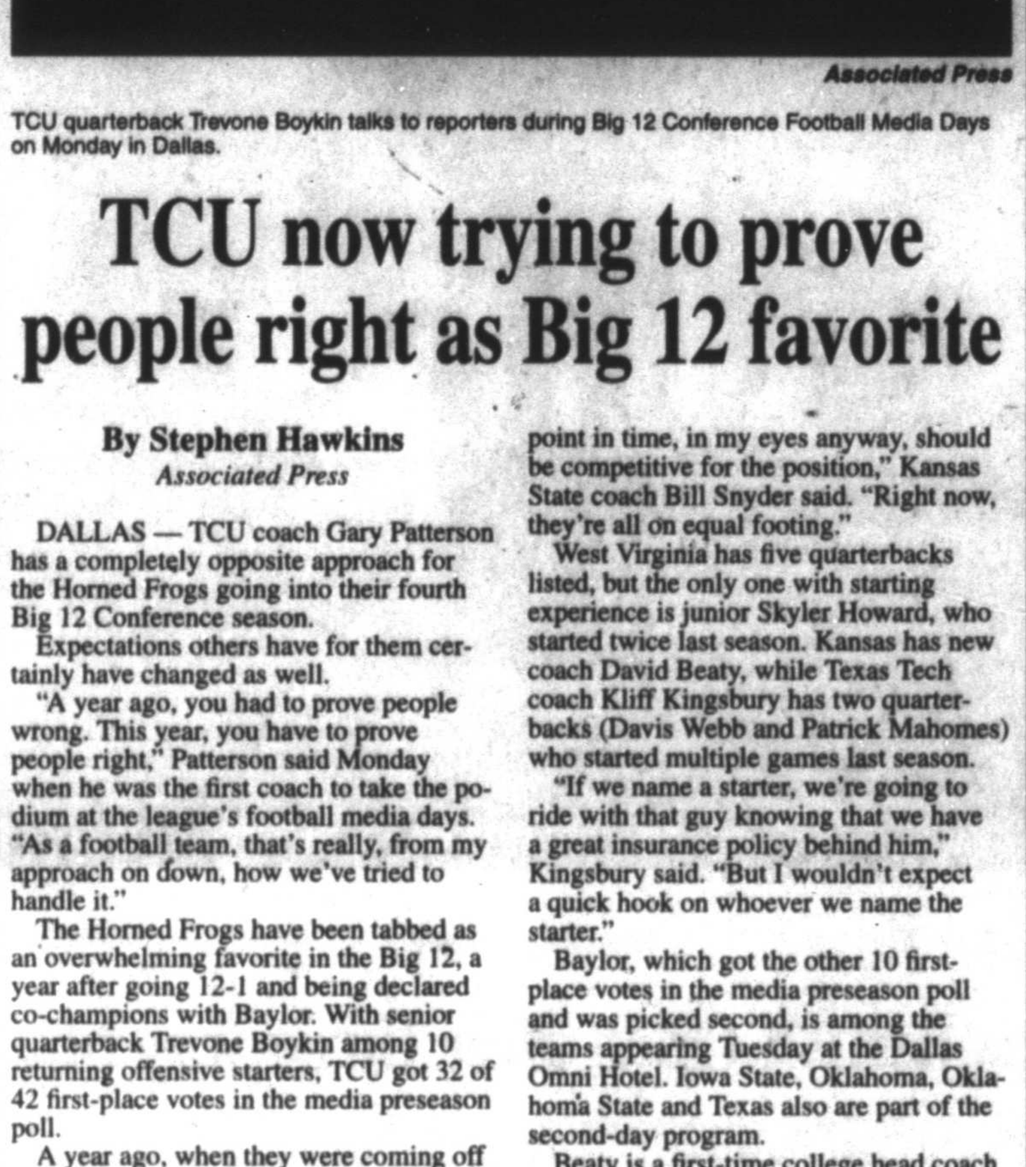

Elza

Elza, who was previously executive director of athletics at Northwest Independent School District, will begin in August and will oversee the UIL athletic department and administer athletic activities for UIL member schools. Elza fills the position recently vacated by Mark Cousins, who moved into a new role as UIL director of compliance, eligibility and education on July 1.

"It is a tremendous honor to be hired as the director of athletics of the University Interscholastic League," Elza said. "I am grateful for the vote of confidence to lead an athletic program that is known as one of the best in the nation. I am dedicated to contributing to help shape the future of this organization so that we can better serve the schools and athletes of the state of Texas."

Previous to her role at Northwest ISD, Elza served as assistant athletic director of Allen Independent School District. She was also a head softball coach in Garland and Allen. Elza holds a bachelor's degree in exercise and sports science from Southwest Texas State, now known as Texas State University, a masters of education administration from Texas A&M Commerce and a doctorate of educational leadership from Lamar University. Elza is a graduate of Waco Midway High School, where she participated in basketball, track and softball.

"Dr. Susan Elza has been dedicated to UIL athletics for many years and brings to the league extensive knowledge and a commitment to continued excellence," said Charles Breithaupt, UIL executive director. "Her experience and leadership will be an invaluable asset to the UIL and extracurricular athletics in Texas."


Associated Press

TCU quarterback Trevone Boykin talks to reporters during Big 12 Conference Football Media Days on Monday in Dallas.

TCU now trying to prove people right as Big 12 favorite

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — TCU coach Gary Patterson has a completely opposite approach for the Horned Frogs going into their fourth Big 12 Conference season.

Expectations others have for them certainly have changed as well.

"A year ago, you had to prove people wrong. This year, you have to prove people right," Patterson said Monday when he was the first coach to take the podium at the league's football media days. "As a football team, that's really, from my approach on down, how we've tried to handle it."

The Horned Frogs have been tabbed as an overwhelming favorite in the Big 12, a year after going 12-1 and being declared co-champions with Baylor. With senior quarterback Trevone Boykin among 10 returning offensive starters, TCU got 32 of 42 first-place votes in the media preseason poll.

A year ago, when they were coming off a 4-8 season in 2013, the Horned Frogs were picked to finish seventh.

"It's a nice feeling, but the bottom line is I've been in this business too long to get caught up in it," said Patterson, going into his 15th season as the Frogs head coach. "If I stay (on an) even keel with how we need to do things, then my team will because it just kind of all reverberates down."

Of the five Big 12 teams that appeared at the first day of media days, TCU was the only program already completely settled on a starting quarterback for this season.

Boykin, the preseason Big 12 offensive player of the year, finished fourth in the Heisman Trophy voting last season. He threw for 3,901 yards and 33 touchdowns to set school records in both categories and was named the league's top offensive player.

Kansas State, whose only Big 12 losses last season were to co-champs TCU and Baylor, has seven quarterbacks on its roster. Three of those quarterbacks competed for the job in spring drills following the departure of two-year starter Jake Waters. Contra Costa College transfer Jonathan Banks signed with the Wildcats in June and will join the competition.

"Probably four of them at this particular point in time, in my eyes anyway, should be competitive for the position," Kansas State coach Bill Snyder said. "Right now, they're all on equal footing."

West Virginia has five quarterbacks listed, but the only one with starting experience is junior Skyler Howard, who started twice last season. Kansas has new coach David Beaty, while Texas Tech coach Kliff Kingsbury has two quarterbacks (Davis Webb and Patrick Mahomes) who started multiple games last season.

"If we name a starter, we're going to ride with that guy knowing that we have a great insurance policy behind him," Kingsbury said. "But I wouldn't expect a quick hook on whoever we name the starter."

Baylor, which got the other 10 first-place votes in the media preseason poll and was picked second, is among the teams appearing Tuesday at the Dallas Omni Hotel. Iowa State, Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and Texas also are part of the second-day program.

Beaty is a first-time college head coach who twice previously was an assistant for the Jayhawks. He spent the past three seasons as a receivers coach at Texas A&M, and his head coaching experience before now was at high schools in Texas.

The Jayhawks have gone 17-55 overall and 4-48 in the Big 12 over the last six seasons. But Beaty knows he can point out to his team how Baylor and TCU have succeeded in the power conference.

"What two great examples are there out there for a program like us," Beaty said. "Art Briles, former Texas high school football coach, one of my coaching heroes coming up. ... Gary Patterson, one of the finest defensive minds in the country, one of the best head coaches in the country, cares truly about kids."

West Virginia, like TCU, is going into its fourth Big 12 season.

Mountaineers coach Dana Holgorsen has nine returning starters on offense and nine more on defense, and he feels confident and comfortable with his team. There are 40 juniors and seniors on the two-deep list, and more than 50 guys who have played in Big 12 games.

"So a lot of the guys that are on our team right now are guys that have been there and done that, understand what the Big 12 is all about," Holgorsen said.

BOWLSBY —

From 1C

champion.

Plus, a new tiebreaker procedure has been put in place after Baylor and TCU were declared co-champions last season — and both one-loss teams got left out of the playoffs.

"We've put in place a tiebreaker that will ensure that not only do all of our schools play each other, but the title isn't going to be decided by who you didn't play," Bowlsby said.

The departures of Nebraska, Colorado, Missouri and Texas A&M, along with the additions of TCU and West Virginia, got the Big 12 to its current configuration.

Asked if the conference keeps tabs of possible expansion candidates, Bowlsby said the league doesn't have to since it gets "stuff all the time" from schools inquiring about the Big 12. He didn't reveal any names.

"I think it's because we are different. At the present time, we're sort of the target relative to expansion," he said. "I haven't asked the other (conference) commissioners, but my guess is they are not getting frequent overtures."

A few other topics that Bowlsby addressed Monday, during more than 45 minutes on the podium and then another 30-plus minutes in the hallway after that:

■ The Big 12 is taking a different approach than some leagues relative to fans storming the field in celebration at the end of games.

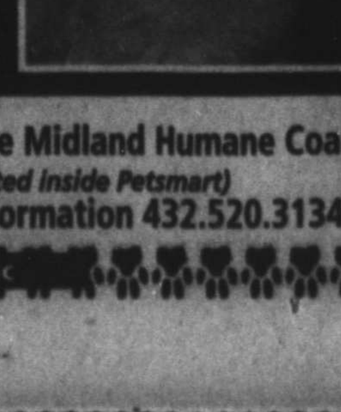
"We are choosing to manage it rather than prohibit it," he said. "We think that, properly managed, those kinds of celebrations can be a lot of fun."

■ Big 12 athletic directors have adopted a rule to limit teams to only two days per week of full contact, including games. That is one less than the NCAA rule of three a week.

"There is some evidence that there is concern not just on that concussion that you get during the game or during practice, but the cumulative effect of helmet-to-helmet contact over a long period of time," Bowlsby said.

■ The SEC has passed a rule barring its schools from signing any athlete disciplined at another college stop for serious offenses such as sexual assault, domestic violence or other forms of sexual violence.

"I think it's a really good conversation to have, but it's not one we've had yet," said Bowlsby, who just became aware of that SEC rule.

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Women's baseball makes history with debut at Pan Am

By Stephen Wade
Associated Press

TORONTO — Women's baseball made history Monday at the Pan Am Games, the first time it's been played in a large, multi-sport event.

There was no live television coverage at the debut, and perhaps only 200 fans saw the first pitch as American left hander Sarah Hudek threw a ball just off the plate to open the game against leadoff hitter Astrid Rodriguez of Venezuela.

"To be here, this is awesome. This is it," said American player Malaika Underwood. "It doesn't matter that we're not on TV. I mean the fact we are out here is the point. When we look back at this, I think we'll appreciate the magnitude."

For the record, the United States defeated Venezuela 10-6 in a regulation seven innings.

Pardon a joke the women have heard many times, but none of the players threw like a girl, and none wore a skirt, which was the uniform in the 1992 film "A League of their own," a depiction of women's professional baseball in the United States in the 1940s starring Tom Hanks, Geena Davis and Madonna.

"I'm glad we don't wear skirts," said Underwood a 34-year-old infielder and a veteran on a team ranging in age from 16 to 41. "I'm not sure I would feel comfortable playing in a skirt. Sliding, it would be tough."

The field and the distances are identical in the men's and women's games. The only difference is seven innings for the women, and nine for the men.

The first three innings took more than an hour to play, so the speed also resembled some men's games.

Hudek said her father, former major-league reliever John Hudek, probably couldn't hit her heat.

"He wasn't the best hitter," she said.

In the second inning, Venezuela nearly pulled off a triple play.

The United States had runners on first and second, and American Anna Kimbrell hit a sharp hopper to third. Venezuela's Daily Gimenez touched third, got the force and second, but Kimbrell beat the relay to first by a step.

The Americans are represented by a firefighter, a nurse, two high-school students and a wide mix of players, most of whom grew up playing baseball. Some also played softball, but Underwood guessed about two-thirds played only baseball — on women's teams, or men's teams.

The United States has no professional league for women, although Japan and several other countries do.

"I just want to get women's baseball more out there and open the doors for younger women knowing they don't have to convert to softball if they don't want to," Hudek, adding the response is always the same when she says she plays baseball.

"They try to correct me. They say: 'Oh, you mean softball'."

She replies: "No, baseball. I hope one day we can get to where people don't correct us."



Associated Press

Pitcher Sarah Hudek, of the United States, throws during a women's baseball game against Venezuela at the Pan Am Games on Monday in Ajax, Ontario. Women's baseball made history on Monday at the Pan Am Games, the first time it has been played in a large, multi-sport event.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

**ROCKHOUNDS 9
HOOKS 5
At Whataburger Field,
Corpus Christi**

TOP HITTERS: Midland first baseman Renato Nunez and third baseman Ryon Healy each went 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored. ... Rock-Hounds catcher Bruce Maxwell finished his night 2-for-4 with a team-high three RBI. ... Hooks third baseman Colin Moran finished 3-for-5 with an RBI and two runs scored to lead Corpus Christi.

TOP PITCHERS: Rock-Hounds left-handed starter Dillon Overton gave up three runs, all earned, on seven hits in five innings of work. He struck out four and walked one on the way to picking up his second win of the season with Midland. ...Hooks reliever Juan Minaya came into pitch in the top of the fifth. He allowed just one hit in 2 1/3 innings of scoreless ball while fanning four and walking one.

HIGHLIGHTS: With Midland trailing 1-0 in the top of the second, Nunez smacked his 13th home run of the year to left field to tie the game at 1-1. ... The Hooks took a 2-1 lead in the bottom of the inning when Brett Phillips singled home Jack Mayfield. ... Midland responded with a four-run third inning, capped off by Matt Olson's two-run double to right field. ... In the top of the eighth, Maxwell knocked in a bases-clearing double to left field to stretch the RockHounds' lead to 8-2. ... With the RockHounds leading 8-4 in the top of the ninth, Healy homered to left field. ... The Hooks added a run in the bottom of the ninth on Moran's long ball to right center to make it 9-5.

NOTES: With his RBI single in the top of the third inning, Midland shortstop Chad Pinder extended his hitting streak to 14 games. Pinder his hitting .350 (21-for-60) with 13 runs driven in over that span. ... Pinder is also second in the Texas League in RBI in with 55, two behind TL leader Brian Hernandez of Arkansas.

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	13	11	.542	—
Arkansas	12	12	.500	1
Springfield	12	12	.500	1
x-Northwest Arkansas	7	16	.304	5½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	15	9	.625	—
Frisco	14	9	.609	½
x-Corpus Christi	12	12	.500	3
San Antonio	10	14	.417	5

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
Midland 9, Corpus Christi 5
Tulsa 6, Northwest Arkansas 0
Frisco 4, San Antonio 3
Springfield 5, Arkansas 2

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

... Nunez, who leads Midland in home runs and is tied for second most in the TL, has raised his batting average 54 points since June 1. ... Frisco's 4-3 comeback win against San Antonio on Monday kept the RoughRiders within a half of a game of first place in the TL South's second half standings.

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
Midland — RHP Chris Jensen (5-9, 5.61); Corpus Christi — RHP Chris Devenski (7-2, 1.92)

ROCKHOUNDS 9, HOOKS 5

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Corpus Christi	ab	r	h	bi
Obercker cf	5	1	2	1	Phillips cf	5	0	1	1
Walsh 2b	4	1	2	0	Hernandez rf	4	2	1	1
Pinder ss	5	1	1	1	Moran 3b	5	2	3	1
Nunez 1b	5	2	3	1	Reed dh	5	0	2	0
Olson rf	4	0	1	2	Gregor 1b	3	0	0	1
R. Healy 3b	5	2	3	1	Mayfield 2b	5	1	2	1
Brugman lf	4	1	0	0	Kemmer lf	4	0	0	0
Whitaker dh	5	1	1	0	Mier ss	4	0	2	0
Maxwell c	4	0	2	3	Booth c	4	0	1	0
Totals	41	9	15	9	Totals	39	5	13	5

Midland	014	030	001	—9
Corpus Christi	110	010	101	—5

E—Obercker (2), Walsh (8). DP—Midland 1. Corpus Christi 1. LOB—Midland 8, Corpus Christi 10. 2B—Whitaker (19), Obercker (20), Olson (23), Maxwell (8), Reed (3), Booth (1), Moran (16). HR—Nunez (13), R. Healy (6), Hernandez (9), Moran (2). SB—Obert (3).

Midland	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Overton W, 2-1	5.0	7	3	3	1	4
Avila	2.0	3	1	1	1	1
Frankoff	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Dull	1.0	2	1	1	1	1
Corpus Christi						
Musgrove	2.0	2	1	1	0	1
Alaniz	2.2	10	7	7	2	2
Minaya	2.1	1	0	0	1	4
Ballew	2.0	2	1	1	0	1

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The Detroit Tigers' Ian Kinsler hits a two-run home run to take the lead over the Seattle Mariners during the eighth inning Monday, July 20, 2015 in Detroit. The Tigers defeated the Mariners 5-4, and Kinsler hit two homers in the contest.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

**ANGELS 11
RED SOX 1
1ST GAME**

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Kole Calhoun and Albert Pujols homered during Los Angeles' seven-run second inning, and the Angels opened their first home doubleheader since 2003 with a win over the Boston Red Sox.

David Freese also hit a three-run homer in the AL West-leading Angels' fourth straight win and their 14th in 17 games overall. All-Star Hector Santiago (7-4) matched his career high with 10 strikeouts despite laboring into the sixth inning.

Mike Napoli drove in Boston's only run of the series' first three games in the fourth inning. Eduardo Rodriguez (5-3) left after 1 2/3 innings, and the Red Sox lost their fourth straight.

**TIGERS 5
MARINERS 4**

DETROIT — Ian Kinsler homered twice, including a go-ahead two-run shot in the eighth inning, and the Detroit Tigers beat the Seattle Mariners.

Kinsler, who came in with three homer this season, hit one off Seattle starter J.A. Happ in the first, and then drove a fastball from Mark Lowe over the Tigers' bullpen with two out in the eighth. It was his first multi-homer game since Sept. 7, 2011.

Lowe (0-1) hadn't allowed an earned run in his last 12 outings, dating to June 14, but Jose Iglesias doubled with one out, took third on a grounder and scored on Kinsler's homer.

Al Alburquerque (1-0) picked up his first decision in 60 outings, pitching a scoreless eighth inning. Joakim Soria got three outs for his 21st save.

National League

**NATIONALS 7
METS 2**

WASHINGTON — Clint Robinson's two-run double to deep center was the biggest blow as the Nationals jumped on Mets starter Matt Harvey for five runs in the first three innings Monday night, and NL East-leading Washington beat second-place New York 7-2.

A day after leaving 25 men on base and going 1 for 26 with runners in scoring position in an 18-inning victory at St. Louis, the Mets' troubled offense left 10 men on and went 1 for 10 with runners in scoring position.

Indeed, it was Harvey (8-7) who drove in both of New York's runs with a bases-loaded single in the fourth off Gio Gonzalez (7-4). Harvey went seven innings, and was charged with five runs — four earned — and five hits.

Gonzalez allowed two runs and six hits in six innings. Ian Desmond tacked on a two-run homer off Mets reliever Alex Torres in the eighth.

**REDS 5
CUBS 4**

CINCINNATI — Todd Frazier connected for the first time since he won the All-Star Home Run Derby, and Jay Bruce hit a key two-run shot in the sixth inning, powering the Cincinnati Reds past the Chicago Cubs.

The Reds hit three homers in all, including Marlon Byrd's solo shot, and beat the Cubs at Great American Ball Park for the first time this season. Bruce's drive off Justin Grimm (1-3) put Cincinnati up 5-4 with two outs in the sixth.

Ryan Mattheus (1-1) pitched a hitless inning in relief of Michael Lorenzen. Aroldis Chapman pitched the ninth — a day after he threw a career-high 44 pitches — and retired the side on 13 pitches for his 19th save.

**BRAVES 7
DODGERS 5**

ATLANTA — Nick Markakis hit his first homer of 2015 and scored the go-ahead run on Juan Uribe's fifth-inning single, leading the Atlanta Braves past former teammate Brandon Beachy and the Los Angeles Dodgers.

Markakis hit a two-run homer to center field off Beachy in the first inning. It was his first homer since Sept. 25, 2014, for the Orioles at the Yankees. Braves rookie Matt Wisler (4-1) allowed four runs and eight hits in six innings.

Adrian Gonzalez hit a two-run shot and Howie Kendrick doubled in two runs for the Dodgers in the fifth. Beachy, making his second start for the Dodgers following his second Tommy John surgery, allowed four runs and five hits in four innings. Adam Liberatore (2-2) took the loss in relief.

Interleague

**PHILLIES 5
RAYS 3**

PHILADELPHIA — Cesar Hernandez doubled, tripled and drove in two runs, and David Buchanan earned his first win in almost a year, leading the Philadelphia Phillies over the Tampa Bay Rays.

Maikel Franco had a pair of hits with an RBI and Jeff Francoeur contributed two hits for the Phillies, who have won four straight after setting the franchise record with 62 losses before the All-Star break.

Buchanan (1-5) snapped his winless skid at 15 starts by allowing three runs and six hits in 6 1/3 innings.

Logan Forsythe doubled and had two RBIs for the Rays, who have lost 10 of their last 12 road games. Matt Moore (1-1) gave up four runs on five hits in 4 2/3 innings in his third start since coming back from Tommy John surgery.

Tulsa Shock owner plans to move team to DFW

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — Amid 100-degree heat and energy-sapping humidity, a small group of volunteers stood on a corner across from the BOK Center and handed out "Save Our Shock" T-shirts before their team's WNBA showdown with the Minnesota Lynx over the weekend.

It could be all for naught: Shock majority owner Bill Cameron announced plans Monday to move the franchise to the Dallas-Fort Worth market as early as next season.

Cameron said in a statement emailed to The Associated Press that he hoped the WNBA Board of Governors would vote as soon as possible on the relocation, though the team will finish this season in Tulsa. He said he was proud of the effort by the community since the team moved from Detroit before the 2010 season.

"This is a very difficult decision, and I know it is particularly difficult for the Tulsa investors," Cameron said. "From a business perspective, it was necessary to evaluate options to place the team and the organization in the best position to achieve financial success. After a thorough review, I believe the Dallas-Fort Worth area holds the greatest potential to achieve our long-term business objectives."

In a letter to the other board members, Cameron said though revenues from the league have increased and a sponsorship from Osage Casino has been helpful, he has "willingly paid $6.2 million to ensure we covered the losses and kept the team and the organization viable."

There is still hope for Tulsa; the league's 12-member board needs to approve the request by majority vote.

And not all the team's owners want to leave. Cameron holds a majority stake, as does David Box, and there are 11 minority owners as well.

"The minority owners want to keep this franchise in Tulsa because we invested in our community," Pat Chernicky, a member of the ownership group, said Sunday. "It's added a lot to the community, and we want to keep it here."

One of the minority owners, Stuart Price, filed a lawsuit against Cameron on Monday in Tulsa County District Court in hopes that the team will be forced to stay.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	50	41	.549	—
Baltimore	46	45	.505	4
Toronto	47	47	.500	4½
Tampa Bay	47	48	.495	5
Boston	42	50	.457	8½
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	55	36	.604	—
Minnesota	50	42	.543	5½
Detroit	46	46	.500	9½
Cleveland	44	47	.484	11
Chicago	42	48	.467	12½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	51	40	.560	—
Houston	51	43	.543	1½
Texas	43	48	.473	8
Oakland	43	51	.457	9½
Seattle	42	51	.452	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	50	41	.549	—
New York	48	45	.516	3
Atlanta	44	49	.473	7
Miami	38	54	.413	12½
Philadelphia	37	52	.347	19
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	58	34	.630	—
Pittsburgh	54	38	.587	4
Chicago	49	42	.538	8½
Cincinnati	41	49	.456	16
Milwaukee	41	52	.441	17½
West Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	53	41	.564	—
San Francisco	49	43	.533	3
San Diego	43	49	.467	9
Arizona	42	48	.467	9
Colorado	39	51	.433	12

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
L.A. Angels 11, Boston 1, 1st game
Detroit 5, Seattle 4
Boston at L.A. Angels, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Washington 7, N.Y. Mets 2
Cincinnati 5, Chicago Cubs 4
Atlanta 7, L.A. Dodgers 5
Miami at Arizona, late
San Francisco at San Diego, late

INTERLEAGUE
Philadelphia 5, Tampa Bay 3
Pittsburgh 10, Kansas City 7
Texas at Colorado, late

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore (W.Chen 4-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Eovaldi 9-5), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (T.Walker 7-7) at Detroit (Greene 4-7), 6:08 p.m.
Boston (B.Johnson 0-0) at Houston (Velasquez 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (G.Cole 13-3) at Kansas City (J.Vargas 5-3), 7:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 8-6) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-7), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Buehrle 10-5) at Oakland (Graveman 6-5), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 9-6) at Washington (J.Ross 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-4) at Cincinnati (R.Iglesias 1-2), 6:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (B.Anderson 5-5) at Atlanta (A.Wood 6-6), 6:10 p.m.
Miami (Latos 3-8) at Arizona (Hellickson 6-5), 8:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Hreston 9-5) at San Diego (Despaigne 3-6), 9:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Tampa Bay (Karns 4-5) at Philadelphia (Nola 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 8-4) at Milwaukee (Garza 4-10), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 10-3) at Chicago White Sox (Rodon 3-2), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (M.Harrison 0-1) at Colorado (K.Kendrick 3-10), 7:40 p.m.

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ANGELS 11, RED SOX 1
First Game

Boston	000	100	000	—1	9	1
Los Angeles	070	400	00x	—11	9	0

E.Rodriguez, Ne.Ramirez (2), Ross Jr. (5), Breslow (6) and Hanigan; Santiago, Morin (6), C.Rasmus (8) and Iannetta. W—Santiago 7-4. L—E.Rodriguez 5-3. HRs—Los Angeles, Calhoun (13), Pujols (27), Freese (11).

TIGERS 5, MARINERS 4

Seattle	000	011	000	—4	8	0
Detroit	120	000	02x	—5	6	0

Happ, Lowe (8) and Zunino; Simon, B.Hardy (6), Alburquerque (8), Soria (9) and J.McCann. Avila. W—Alburquerque 1-0. L—Lowe 0-1. Sv—Soria (21). HRs—Seattle, Cano (9). Detroit, Kinsler 2 (5).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
NATIONALS 7, METS 2

New York	000	200	000	—2	9	2
Washington	203	000	02x	—7	7	0

Harvey, A.Torres (8) and Recker; G.Gonzalez, Thornton (7), Janssen (8), Storen (9) and Lobaton. W—G.Gonzalez 7-4. L—Harvey 8-7. HRs—Washington, Desmond (8).

REDS 5, CUBS 4

Chicago	100	030	000	—4	8	0
Cincinnati	100	202	00x	—5	8	0

Richard, Grimm (6), Ne.Ramirez (7), T.Wood (7), Soriano (8) and Schwerber; Lorenzen, Mattheus (6), Badenhop (7), Hoover (8), A.Chapman (9) and Barnhart. W—Mattheus 1-1. L—Grimm 1-3. Sv—A.Chapman (19). HRs—Cincinnati, Frazier (26), Byrd (16), Bruce (15).

BRAVES 7, DODGERS 5

Los Angeles	000	040	001	—514	0
Atlanta	200	212	00x	—711	0

Beachy, Liberatore (5), Ja.Peralta (6), Nicasio (7) and A.Barnes; Wisler, Frazier (7), McKinney (8), Vizcaino (8), J.Johnson (9) and Pierzynski. W—Wisler 4-1. L—Liberatore 2-2. Sv—J.Johnson (7). HRs—Los Angeles, A.Gonzalez (21). Atlanta, Markakis (1).

INTERLEAGUE
PHILLIES 5, RAYS 3

Tampa Bay	030	000	100	—3	6	2
Philadelphia	000	005	00x	—5	9	1

M.Moore, Colome (5), Cedeno (7), Geltz (8) and Casali; D.Buchanan, Diekman (7), L.Garcia (7), J.Gomez (8), Papelbon (9) and Rupp. W—D.Buchanan 1-5. L—M.Moore 1-1. Sv—Papelbon (16).

PIRATES 10, ROYALS 7

Pittsburgh	040	120	130	—1017	0
Kansas City	100	120	300	—714	1

Burnett, Bastardo (7), J.Hughes (7), Watson (8), Melancon (9) and Cervelli; Stewart, Ventura, Madden (5), Hochevar (8) and S.Perez. W—Burnett 8-3. L—Ventura 4-7. Sv—Melancon (30). HRs—Pittsburgh, Ishikawa (1), Kansas City, K.Morales (12), Moustakas (9).

OPEN

From 1C

"I'm grateful. I'm humbled. I'm honored," Johnson said. "This is the birthplace of the game, and that jug means so much in sports."

On a tense afternoon of shadows and showers on the Old Course, Johnson closed with a 6-under 66. He was the first in at 15-under 273.

Leishman, who considered giving up golf in April when his wife nearly died of a rare respiratory illness, fell out of the lead with a bogey on the 16th hole. He had a birdie putt for the win on the 18th that was wide left and gave him a 66. Oosthuizen made a 10-foot par putt on No. 17 to stay one shot behind, and he delivered a clutch moment of his own with a wedge to 5 feet for birdie and a 69 to join the playoff.

It was the first British Open playoff since Stewart Cink beat Tom Watson at Turnberry in 2009, and the first involving more than two players since 2002 at Muirfield, the year Woods failed in his bid for the third leg of the slam.

Johnson matched Oosthuizen's birdie on the first hole and pulled ahead with another birdie on No. 2. Both made bogey on the 17th — Oosthuizen by missing a 5-foot putt to tie Johnson — and the South African had one last chance. Oosthuizen, who won the British Open when it last was at St. Andrews in 2010, had a 12-foot birdie putt to force sudden death. It touched the left side of the cup and kept going, and Johnson was introduced as the "champion golfer of the year."

GOLF GLANCE

British Open Scores
Monday
At St. Andrews (Old Course)
St. Andrews, Scotland
Purse: $9.29 million
Yardage: 7,297; Par: 72
Final
(a-amateur)

Four-hole Playoff: Johnston 15 (-1), Oosthuizen 16 (E), Leishman 18 (+2).

Zach Johnson (800), $1,794,690	66-71-70-66—273
Marc Leishman (270), $837,262	70-73-64-66—273
Louis Oosthuizen (270), $837,262	67-70-67-69—273
Jason Day (135), $460,377	66-71-67-70—274
Jordan Spieth (135), $460,377	67-72-66-69—274
Sergio Garcia (96), $305,878	70-69-68-68—275
Justin Rose (96), $305,878	71-68-68-70—277
Danny Willett, $305,878	68-69-72-70—277
a-Jordan Niebrugge	67-73-67-70—277
Brooks Koepka (80), $216,143	71-70-69-68—278
Adam Scott (80), $216,143	70-67-70-71—278
Luke Donald (64), $162,107	68-70-73-68—279
Martin Kaymer (64), $162,107	71-70-70-68—279
Brendon Todd (64), $162,107	71-73-69-66—279
Anthony Wall, $162,107	70-71-68-70—279
a-Ashley Chesters	71-72-67-69—279
a-Ollie Schniederjans	70-72-70-67—279
Hideki Matsuyama (54), $129,140	72-66-71-71—280
Robert Streb (54), $129,140	66-71-70-73—280
Stewart Cink (47), $95,938	70-71-68-72—281
Marcus Fraser, $95,938	74-69-68-70—281
Rafael Gooseri (47), $95,938	66-72-69-74—281
Branden Grace, $95,938	69-72-73-67—281
Padraig Harrington (47), $95,938	72-69-65-75—281
Russell Henley (47), $95,938	74-66-72-69—281
Phil Mickelson (47), $95,938	70-72-70-69—281
James Morrison, $95,938	71-71-70-69—281
Greg Owen (47), $95,938	68-73-71-69—281
Patrick Reed (47), $95,938	72-70-67-72—281
Steven Bowditch (37), $63,075	70-69-69-74—282
Rickie Fowler (37), $63,075	72-71-66-73—282
Jim Furyk (37), $63,075	73-71-66-72—282
Billy Horschel (37), $63,075	73-71-71-67—282
Matt Jones (37), $63,075	68-73-69-72—282
Anirban Lahiri, $63,075	69-70-71-72—282
Ryan Palmer (37), $63,075	71-71-67-73—282
Andy Sullivan, $63,075	72-71-68-71—282
Jimmy Walker (37), $63,075	72-68-71-71—282
a-Paul Dunne	69-69-66-78—282
Scott Arnold, $43,480	71-73-73-66—283
Rafa Cabrera Bello, $43,480	71-73-68-71—283
Paul Lawrie, $43,480	66-70-74-73—283
Francesco Molinari (27), $43,480	72-71-73-67—283
Geoff Ogilvy (27), $43,480	71-69-72-72—283
John Senden (27), $43,480	72-72-68-71—283
Webb Simpson (27), $43,480	70-70-71-72—283
Henrik Stenson (27), $43,480	73-70-71-69—283
Marc Warren, $43,480	68-69-73-73—283
Jamie Donaldson (18), $29,227	72-71-71-70—284
David Duval (18), $29,227	72-73-67-73—284
Ryan Fox, $29,227	72-69-76-67—284
David Howell, $29,227	68-73-73-70—284
Dustin Johnson (18), $29,227	65-69-75-75—284
Hunter Mahan (18), $29,227	72-72-67-73—284
Graeme McDowell (18), $29,227	72-72-70-70—284
Eddie Pepperell, $29,227	72-70-66-76—284
Lee Westwood (18), $29,227	71-73-69-71—284
Greg Chalmers (10), $24,824	70-71-69-75—285
Jason Dufner (10), $24,824	73-71-67-74—285
Matt Kuchar (10), $24,824	71-73-70-71—285
David Lipsky, $24,824	73-69-70-73—285
Kevin Na (10), $24,824	67-75-70-73—285
Cameron Tringale (10), $24,824	71-71-73-70—285
Gary Woodland (10), $24,824	72-70-71-72—285
Ernie Els (5), $23,955	71-73-69-73—286
Thongchai Jaidee, $23,955	72-71-70-73—286
a-Romain Langasque	69-72-71-74—286
Graham DeLaet (1), $23,331	71-73-68-74—286
Harris English (1), $23,331	71-72-69-75—287
Ross Fisher, $23,331	71-73-72-71—287
Richie Ramsay, $23,331	72-71-70-74—287
Charl Schwartzel (1), $23,331	67-72-69-79—287
Bernd Wiesberger, $23,331	72-70-71-72—287
Paul Casey (1), $22,551	70-71-75-72—288
David Lingmerth (1), $22,551	69-72-70-77—288
Ben Martin (1), $22,551	74-70-67-77—288
Brett Rumford, $22,551	71-71-71-75—288
Bernhard Langer (1), $22,062	74-70-73-72—289
Mark O'Meara (1), $22,062	72-72-71-74—289
Thomas Aiken, $21,848	75-69-72-74—290



Associated Press

South Africa' Louis Oosthuizen plays from the rough on the 16th hole during the third round of the British Open Golf Championship at the Old Course in St. Andrews, Scotland, on Sunday.

Oosthuizen closes in on runner-up Grand Slam

By Paul Newberry
Associated Press

ST. ANDREWS, Scotland — Louis Oosthuizen is closing in on a career Grand Slam of sorts.

One he'd rather not have.

For the third time in his career — and second time in a month — the South African was runner-up in a major championship. This time, it was the British Open, where he lost to Zach Johnson in a playoff Monday evening.

Marc Leishman, an Australia with only one PGA Tour win, also got in the four-hole playoff. A bogey at No. 1 essentially ended his chances.

Oosthuizen took it right to the end, misreading putts on the final two holes — one from 5 feet on the 17th hole, the other from 12 feet at the 18th — that could have forced sudden death with Johnson.

"It's never nice to lose a playoff," Oosthuizen moaned. "He left the door open on 17 (where Johnson made a bogey), and I didn't take advantage of it."

Oosthuizen lost a playoff at the Masters three years ago, when Bubba Watson pulled off a ridiculous hook from the pine straw on the second extra hole.

Almost a month ago to the day, Oosthuizen was beaten in regulation by Jordan Spieth at the U.S. Open, a tournament best remembered for Dustin Johnson's three-putt on the 72nd hole when he had a chance to win.

That sent Spieth to the home of golf with two straight major titles and the Grand Slam still in play.

The young Texan missed out on the playoff by a single stroke, ending his bid to become the first player to sweep all four majors in a year.

Instead, it's Oosthuizen who heads to Whistling Straits next month with his own little bit of history on the line — the PGA Championship is the only major in which he has not finished second.

"I'll take a lot out of this week," he insisted, looking for a bright side. "It's not first, but I'll take it."

At least Oosthuizen has a major title. He won the British Open in 2010, the last time it was held at St. Andrews.

He's shown more than enough game to win another.

At Chambers Bay, Oosthuizen rallied brilliantly from an opening 77, posting three straight rounds in the 60s but coming up short again, one stroke behind. In his return to St. Andrews, he was right there again for the claret jug.

Just a little short again.

On a leaderboard dominated by Spieth and a bunch of major winners, Leishman was the definite outsider. He had the tournament in his grasp, going to the 16th hole with a one-stroke lead only to miss a 4-foot putt, ending a streak of 34 straight holes without a bogey going back to the second round.

Leishman managed to par the last two holes for a 6-under 66 and a spot the playoff, but another short putt lipped out on No. 1, a hole that Johnson and Oosthuizen birdied for a two-shot swing. The Aussie was essentially out of it after that, his hopes completely dashed with another bogey at No. 17 — the third extra hole.

"I was definitely happy with the way I played and gave it my best shot," said Leishman, who also turned in the best round of the week, a third-round 64. "Zach just played really well in the playoff, and I didn't have my best stuff."

Leishman won't fret over the loss for long, not after what he went through earlier this year. His wife, Audrey, was stricken with a life-threatening illness, forcing him to drop out of the Masters. She's better now, and her husband has a new perspective.

"Yeah, mate, I'm happy," he said. "I can go home tomorrow and hug Audrey and (their two young) boys and celebrate a little bit. It would have been nice to have the claret jug to drink out of to celebrate, but I'll find something else."

British Open note

Niebrugge wins silver medal for amateurs

Jordan Niebrugge had an outside shot at the silver claret jug. He was more than happy to leave St. Andrews with a silver medal.

At a British Open where amateurs held their own on the biggest stage in golf, Niebrugge pulled within three shots of the lead on the back nine until he could no longer keep up. He closed with a 2-under 70 to tie for sixth, four shots behind the playoff won by Zach Johnson.

Not only was he low amateur, he became the first amateur since Chris Woods at Royal Birkdale in 2008 to finish in the top 10. Along with getting the silver medal, the top 10 means he gets to return to the Open next year at Royal Troon.

"The top accomplishment I've had so far," said Niebrugge, a senior-to-be at Oklahoma State. "Just the silver medal in a major championship, especially at St. Andrews. It's definitely a dream come true."

Paul Dunne of Ireland, the first amateur in 88 years to be a leader going into the final round of the Open, wasn't so fortunate. He was gobbled up by nerves on the first two holes, hitting short of the Swilcan burn on his approach, and hitting his tee shot on the second hole so far right that it wound up on the putting green by the practice range.

Dunne started bogey-bogey and closed with a 78.

Oliver Schniederjans of Georgia Tech, in his final tournament as an amateur, got within two shots of the lead about two hours before the leaders started the final round. He shot a 67 and tied for 12th. Schniederjans is turning pro and will play the Canadian Open later this week.

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four-man playoff.

Zach Johnson would go on to win, giving the Open a fine champion. But the sense that something bigger was lost wasn't just felt by the fans who bought tickets for 10 pounds to sit in the rain on what was looking to be a magical day.

Not since Tiger Woods' chances evaporated in a rain-blown 81 in the third round at Muirfield in 2002 had a player had a shot at three straight majors. They're so hard to win that British bookies would probably make the odds long that any player will have a chance again in the next 13 years.

Spieth had said a day earlier that he would be playing to win, not to finish third. He understood the magnitude of the moment and instead of being overwhelmed by it, he choose to embrace it.

On another day, the 3-under 69 he shot might have been enough. But this was a day where Johnson shot a 66, and Marc Leishman matched him shot for shot. Louis Oosthuizen had a 69 of his own to make it a three-way playoff that Johnson would eventually win.

As it turned out, this wasn't a tournament Spieth lost. It was one that someone else won.

"I'm very pleased with the way I played," Spieth said. "I think the way that I played this week and especially today would have won the U.S. Open by more than just a shot. I didn't play as well there. It's just that's the kind of golf that was played by the field this week, it just took some special golf. Whoever comes out the champion, that's a hell of a major."

Spieth will go to the PGA Championship in Wisconsin in a few weeks, where he'll be the favorite. Golf has a new superstar in the 21-year-old, and nothing that happened in what became the longest Open championship ever changes that.

"I made a lot of the right decisions down the stretch and certainly closed plenty of tournaments out, and this just wasn't one of those," he said. "It's hard to do that every single time. I won't beat myself up too bad because I do understand that."

There's a lot to like about that attitude, a lot to like about a guy who made a point of staying around for the playoff. Spieth sat on the steps of the Royal & Ancient clubhouse behind the 18th green watching as Oosthuizen missed his final putt to give Johnson the championship.

He then waited for the right moment before heading over the giving Johnson a congratulatory hug for winning the second major of his career.

No, Spieth didn't win his third straight major. He won't win the Grand Slam this year.

But he sure didn't look much like a loser to those lucky enough to be watching on a rainy day in Scotland.

Thrills, spills and a telephone pole define Stage 16

By John Leicester
Associated Press

GAP, France — Two bright-yellow Tour de France arrows attached to a telephone pole were telling Geraint Thomas to veer sharp right.

He rode straight into them.

Roadside spectators on the hairpin bend both froze and scattered as the burly Welshman barreled toward them. Braking frantically, one shoe unclipped from his pedals, the right-hand man for race leader Chris Froome tried to shave off speed.

A spectator's folded plastic chair flew as the racer for Team Sky careened into the pole, shoulder and helmeted-head first. Thomas bounced off it like a tossed rag doll and disappeared over a drop-off into a dark thicket of woods.

"I was all tangled up in the bushes," he said. "A nice Frenchman pulled me out."

At least he finished Stage 16 with his sense of humor intact. Asked if he still remembered his name, Thomas jokingly replied: "Chris Froome."

Had it really been race leader Froome, not Thomas, who crashed on the stage's hair-raising final descent in the foothills of the Alps, their Team Sky bosses wouldn't have seen the funny side.

Surviving the tortuous downhill bends raced at speeds 45 mph or more with his body and race lead still in one piece means that Froome now only has four days of climbing to get through before the British rider sips a flute of champagne Sunday on the Champs-Elysees.

Outwitting Peter Sagan, who took heart-in-the-mouth risks on the descent, Spanish rider Ruben Plaza Molina rode triumphantly into the finish at Gap as the solo winner. Crossing the line, Plaza sucked his right thumb as a wink to his young son.

The Lampre-Merida rider reached the top of the stage's last climb with about a minute's lead on Sagan, who rides for Tinkoff-Saxo. As they both sped down, with Sagan gaining, Plaza's team kept him updated on the time-gap via his earpiece radio.

"That allowed me to go down quickly, but still carefully," Plaza said. "The descent is very, very dangerous."

Plaza and Sagan are not challengers for the podium in Paris, which is why Froome let them get away. They were part of a group of two dozen riders who rode off from the main pack, hunting for the stage win before Froome and his challengers do battle in the Alps after a rest day on Tuesday.

Sagan beat his heart several times as he crossed the line 30 seconds behind Plaza. Sagan said he copied the chest-thump from the Leonardo DiCaprio movie "The Wolf of Wall Street." The Slovak has been a wolf on the road, constantly hunting for wins — so far without success. This was his fifth second place at this Tour.

Thomas's crash wasn't his fault. French rider Warren Barguil tried cutting the bend and collided with the Welshman, sending him on to his close encounter with the telephone pole.

TOUR DE FRANCE GLANCE

Top 20 results

GAP, France — Results Monday from the 201-kilometer (125-mile) Stage 16 from Bourg-de-Peage to Gap of the Tour de France:

1. Ruben Plaza Molina, Spain, Lampre-Merida, 4 hours, 30 minutes, 10 seconds.
2. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:30:40.
3. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cyling, 4:30:46.
4. Simon Geschke, Germany, Team Giant Alpecin, 4:30:50.
5. Bob Jungels, Luxembourg, Trek Factory Racing, 4:30:50.
6. Christophe Riblon, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:30:50.
7. Daniel Teklehaimanot, Eritrea, MTN-Qhubecka, 4:31:03.
8. Thomas De Gendt, Belgium, Lotto Soudal, 4:31:10.
9. Luis Angel Mate Mardones, Spain, Colnda, Solutions Credits, 4:31:32.
10. Thomas Voeckler, France, Team Europcar, 4:31:32.
11. Pierrick Fedrigo, France, Bretagne-Seche Environment, 4:32:04.
12. Andriy Grivko, Ukraine, Astana Pro Team, 4:32:04.
13. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, MTN-Qhubecka, 4:32:04.
14. Michal Golas, Poland, Etixx-Quick Step, 4:32:05.
15. Imanol Erviti Ollo, Spain, Movistar Team, 4:32:29.
16. Marco Haller, Austria, Katusha Team, 4:32:50.
17. Daniel Navarro Garcia, Spain, Colnda, Solutions Credits, 4:33:37.
18. Adam Hansen, Australia, Lotto Soudal, 4:34:17.
19. Edvald Hagen, Norway, MTN-Qhubecka, 4:34:24.
20. Nelson Oliveira, Portugal, Lampre-Merida, 4:34:24.

Top 20 standings

1. Christopher Froome, England, Team Sky, 64 hours, 47 minutes, 16 seconds.
2. Nairo Alexander Quintana Rojas, Colombia, Movistar Team, 64:50:25.
3. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing Team, 64:52:48.
4. Alejandro Valverde Belmonte, Spain, Movistar Team, 64:51:18.
5. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff-Saxo, 64:51:39.
6. Geraint Thomas, Scotland, Team Sky, 64:52:48.
7. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 64:53:39.
8. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 64:55:08.
9. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek Factory Racing, 64:56:09.
10. Warren Barguil, France, Team Giant Alpecin, 64:58:18.
11. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, 64:59:18.
12. Romain Bardet, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 65:0:28.
13. Mathias Frank, Switzerland, IAM Cyling, 65:1:39.
14. Samuel Sanchez Gonzalez, Spain, BMC Racing Team, 65:2:34.
15. Pierre Rolland, France, Team Europcar, 65:3:11.
16. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cyling, 65:4:20.
17. Andrew Talansky, United States, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 65:10:31.
18. Serge Pauwels, Belgium, MTN-Qhubecka, 65:11:34.
19. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ.fr, 65:19:10.
20. Alexis Vuillermoz, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 65:23:45.

Heavy rains and sprint car race give Eldora tight turnaround

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

ROSSBURG, Ohio — As the sun came up over Eldora Speedway, track general manager Roger Slack carefully debated a contract with the head of the World Racing Group.

Heavy rains had wreaked havoc on the schedule for the 32nd running of the Kings Royal, and the prestigious sprint car race didn't end until 4:30 a.m. Sunday. But at least 15,000 fans had waited out a pair of thunderous storms, and the historic dirt track was packed when the feature finally began some five hours after its scheduled start.

When track owner Tony Stewart attempted to weave his way through the post-race crowd, he was stopped dozens of times by fans thanking him for ensuring they saw the show to its completion.

But there was zero time for Stewart's staff to rest. Slack needed to finalize any lingering business with the World of Outlaws, clear the campgrounds and begin prepping for NASCAR's arrival. Eldora hosts the Truck Series on Wednesday night in what's become a marquee event on the NASCAR schedule. This year's field includes Brad Keselowski, Ty Dillon and Austin Dillon, winner of the inaugural 2013 race.

This year marks the third running of the "Mud Summer Classic" — the only NASCAR event run on dirt — and the preparation time this year is brutal. A change in NASCAR's scheduling put the event five days after the Kings Royal, Eldora's second-biggest event of the year that draws 33,000 people.

So when Fox Sports said it needed to begin building its television compound on track property late last week to prepare for the truck race, Slack had to explain the network's designated compound area was in use as a campground and vending area for Kings Royal.



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The wet dirt at Eldora Speedway is shown Monday in Rossburg, Ohio. Persistent rains and the tightest turnaround in the history of the track has the Eldora staff in an all-out grind before Wednesday night's Truck Series race, one of the marquee events on the NASCAR schedule.

Add in the headaches created by a month of almost daily rain and Stewart's staff hasn't been able to catch a break.

"A lot of this would have worked perfectly if not for the wettest July since 1875," Slack said Monday. We're proud to be considered one of the cleanest speedways anyone ever visits. The paint is always crisp and the grass is always freshly cut and you never see any weeds, and we've hardly had time to do that."

It's also been a bear of a task to prep the dirt on the half-mile oval. The task is headed by Chad Schmitmeyer, the grandson of track founder Earl Baltes. Sweating under a bright sun Monday, the track caretaker didn't mind the heat.

"Mother Nature has been testy for us," Schmitmeyer. "All this rain, and back-to-back big races has been a challenge for our crew."

But they wouldn't change anything as everyone at Eldora wants to continue the legacy of excellence that began in 1954 when the track was opened by Baltes, who died in March at age 93. Stewart, the three-time NASCAR champion, purchased the track from Baltes in 2005 and has made it the crown jewel of his business empire. Eldora is his baby, and persuading NASCAR to give him a national series race has widened the track's exposure.

"That's huge for us to get non-traditional fans to come to the track and have a good experience," said Stewart, who hopes NASCAR fans who make the pilgrimage to his track will be pleased enough to return for some of the regular events.

He stays involved with what's going on at Eldora, and as he pulled into the track early Monday following the Sprint Cup race in New Hampshire, he immediately tried to inspect the grounds to gauge how damp it was for the campers.

He feels a sense of responsibility to honor Baltes, who personally called Stewart a decade ago and told him he and his wife believed Stewart was the right person to take over the track.

"When you get an endorsement like that, it's like, 'I need to figure this out, I need to figure out how to do it,'" Stewart said.

Stewart has pumped at least $1.5 million into the facility in the last year to build a 9,000-square-foot building that will serve as the new infield media center.

That portion will open Tuesday, a day before the truck race. But a state-of-the-art infield care center, rooftop viewing area and concession stand all in the building were functioning for the Kings Royal.

The upgrades also include an HD system that broadcasts the races on a video board — a luxury not found at many dirt tracks — and occasional pay-per-view events. The track staff is also able to produce its own highlight packages to feed to web sites and local television.

Because it's just one piece of Stewart's portfolio, he relies on Slack and his staff to keep the wheels turning. When he arrives, he knows everything will be just as he likes.

"When it comes to the day-to-day side, it's fun for me to pull in (to the track). I can pull in and drive through the campground and see people having a good time," he said. "I'm a race fan, too. If I go there and the show runs smooth, watch a good race, then you see people when they're leaving, they're smiling, they're talking about what they saw, you know, that makes all that worthwhile.

"You've got to be passionate about it. You've got to love what you're doing. I love dirt track racing. Always have, always will. I love Eldora Speedway. That's what I'm meant to do, that's what I do on the side, that's what my energy goes to."

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

Through July 19
Points Leaders

1. Kevin Harvick, 734. 2. Joey Logano, 665. 3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 655. 4. Jimmie Johnson, 646. 5. Martin Truex Jr., 628. 6. Brad Keselowski, 603. 7. Matt Kenseth, 578. 8. Kurt Busch, 576. 9. Jamie McMurray, 574. 10. Jeff Gordon, 573.
11, Denny Hamlin, 562. 12. Kasey Kahne, 538. 13, Ryan Newman, 530. 14, Paul Menard, 528. 15, Aric Almirola, 502. 16, Clint Bowyer, 500. 17, Carl Edwards, 487. 18, Greg Biffle, 437. 19, Austin Dillon, 434. 20, Casey Mears, 427.

Money Leaders

1, Kevin Harvick, $5,547,451. 2, Joey Logano, $4,652,127. 3, Jimmie Johnson, $4,397,470. 4, Denny Hamlin, $3,960,502. 5, Dale Earnhardt Jr., $3,821,995. 6, Brad Keselowski, $3,427,894. 7, Jeff Gordon, $3,417,509. 8, Matt Kenseth, $3,391,234. 9, Martin Truex Jr., $3,101,121. 10, Clint Bowyer, $3,033,287.
11, Ryan Newman, $3,012,793. 12, Greg Biffle, $2,984,706. 13, Jamie McMurray, $2,931,404. 14, Aric Almirola, $2,865,304. 15, Austin Dillon, $2,768,732. 16, Trevor Bayne, $2,742,350. 17, AJ Allmendinger, $2,611,974. 18, Kasey Kahne, $2,605,334. 19, David Ragan, $2,603,962. 20, Casey Mears, $2,574,965.

Schedule
(Winners in parentheses)

Feb. 14 — x-Sprint Unlimited (Matt Kenseth)
Feb. 19 — x-Budweiser Duel 1 (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
Feb. 19 — x-Budweiser Duel 2 (Jimmie Johnson)
Feb. 22 — Daytona 500 (Joey Logano)
March 1 — Folds of Honor QuikTrip 500 (Jimmie Johnson)
March 8 — Kobalt 400 (Kevin Harvick)
March 15 — CampingWorld.com 500 (Kevin Harvick)
March 22 — Auto Club 400 (Brad Keselowski)
March 29 — STP 500 (Denny Hamlin)
April 11 — Duck Commander 500 (Jimmie Johnson)
April 19 — Food City 500 (Matt Kenseth)
April 26 — Toyota Owners 400 (Kurt Busch)
May 3 — GEICO 500 (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
May 9 — SpongeBob SquarePants 400 (Jimmie Johnson)
May 15 — x-Sprint Showdown (Greg Biffle)
May 15 — x-Sprint Showdown (Clint Bowyer)
May 16 — x-NASCAR Sprint All-Star Race (Denny Hamlin)
May 24 — Coca-Cola 600 (Carl Edwards)
May 31 — FedEx 400 (Jimmie Johnson)
June 7 — Axalta We Paint Winners 400 (Martin Truex Jr.)
June 14 — Quicken Loans 400 (Kurt Busch)
June 28 — Toyota/Save Mart 350 (Kyle Busch)
July 5 — Coke Zero 400 (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
July 11 — Quaker State 400 (Kyle Busch)
July 19 — 5-hour ENERGY 301 (Kyle Busch)
July 26 — The Jeff Kyle 400 at The Brickyard, Indianapolis
Aug. 2 — Pennsylvania 400, Long Pond, Pa.
Aug. 9 — Cheez-It 355 at The Glen, Watkins Glen, N.Y.
Aug. 16 — Pure Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 22 — Irwin Tools Night Race, Bristol, Tenn.
Sept. 6 — Bojangles' Southern 500, Darlington, S.C.
Sept. 12 — Federated Auto Parts 400, Richmond, Va.
Sept. 20 — Chicagoland 400, Joliet, Ill.
Sept. 27 — Sylvania 300, Loudon, N.H.
Oct. 4 — AAA 400, Dover, Del.
Oct. 10 — Bank of America500, Concord, N.C.
Oct. 18 — Hollywood Casino 400, Kansas City, Kan.
Oct. 25 — Alabama 500, Talladega, Ala.
Nov. 1 — Goody's Headache Relief Shot 500, Ridgeway, Va.
Nov. 8 — AAA Texas 500, Fort Worth, Texas
Nov. 15 — Quicken Loans Race for Heroes 500, Avondale, Ariz.
Nov. 22 — Ford EcoBoost 400, Homestead, Fla.
x-non-points race

Xfinity series

Points leaders
Through July 18

1. Chris Buescher, 623.
2. Chase Elliott, 592.
3. Ty Dillon, 585.
4. Regan Smith, 564.
5. Elliott Sadler, 555.
6. Darrell Wallace Jr., 547.
7. Daniel Suarez, 516.
8. Brendan Gaughan, 506.
9. Ryan Reed, 502.
10. Brian Scott, 494.
11. Jeremy Clements, 425.
12. Dakoda Armstrong, 412.
13. David Starr, 402.
14. J.J. Yeley, 399.
15. Ross Chastain, 379.
16. Ryan Sieg, 356.
17. Landon Cassill, 341.
18. Blake Koch, 333.
19. Brennan Poole, 304.
20. Cale Conley, 304.
21. Eric McClure, 300.
22. Joey Gase, 282.
23. Harrison Rhodes, 254.
24. Peyton Sellers, 219.
25. Ryan Blaney, 170.
26. Mike Harmon, 161.
27. Derrike Cope, 143.
28. Mike Bliss, 141.
29. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 128.
30. Mario Gosselin, 117.
31. Ben Rhodes, 92.
32. Derek White, 91.
33. Dylan Lupton, 72.
34. Jimmy Weller, 69.
35. Jamie Dick, 68.
36. Josh Reaume, 66.
37. Carl Long, 61.
38. Martin Roy, 53.
39. Jeff Green, 52.
40. Morgan Shepherd, 48.
41. Boris Said, 47.
42. Todd Bodine, 40.
43. Benny Gordon, 39.
44. Ross Kenseth, 39.
45. Chris Cockrum, 38.
46. Brandon Gdovic, 32.
47. Bobby Gerhart, 30.
48. Kenny Wallace, 27.
49. C.J. Faison, 25.
50. Charles Lewandoski, 23.

IndyCar

Points Leaders
Through July 18

1. Juan Pablo Montoya, 445.
2. Graham Rahal, 403.
3. Scott Dixon, 397.
4. Helio Castroneves, 391.
5. Will Power, 390.
6. Sebastien Bourdais, 366.
7. Marco Andretti, 358.
8. Josef Newgarden, 352.
9. Tony Kanaan, 324.
10. Simon Pagenaud, 294
11. Carlos Munoz, 281
12. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 278
13. Charlie Kimball, 275
14. Takuma Sato, 240
15. James Jakes, 213
16. Gabby Chaves, 211
17. Jack Hawksworth, 202
18. Sage Karam, 172.
19. Luca Filippi, 161.
20. Stefano Coletti, 160.
21. James Hinchcliffe, 129
22. Tristan Vautier, 123.
23. Ryan Briscoe, 108.
24. Conor Daly, 81.
25. Ed Carpenter, 75.
26. Simona de Silvestro, 66.
27. Sebastian Saavedra, 61
28. Pippa Mann, 59.
29. J.R. Hildebrand, 57
30. Justin Wilson, 51.
31. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 40.
32. Francesco Dracone, 38
33. Townsend Bell, 32.
34. Carlos Huertas, 31.
35. Alex Tagliani, 27.
36. James Davison, 10.
37. Orio Servia, 10.
38. Bryan Clauson, 10.

Formula 1

Points Leaders
Through July 5

1. Lewis Hamilton, 194.
2. Nico Rosberg, 177.
3. Sebastian Vettel, 135.
4. Valtteri Bottas, 77.
5. Kimi Raikkonen, 76.
6. Felipe Massa, 74.
7. Daniel Ricciardo, 36.
8. Daniil Kvyat, 27.
9. Nico Hulkenberg, 24.
10. Romain Grosjean, 17.
11. Felipe Nasr, 16.
12. Sergio Perez, 15.
13. Pastor Maldonado, 12.
14. Max Verstappen, 10.
15. Carlos Sainz Jr., 9.
16. Marcus Ericsson, 5.
17. Jenson Button, 4.
18. Fernando Alonso, 1.

NHRA

Through July 12
Top Fuel

1, Tony Schumacher, 1,028. 2, Antron Brown, 1,008. 3, Larry Dixon, 848. 4, Doug Kalitta, 844. 5, Richie Crampton, 796. 6, Spencer Massey, 752. 7, Shawn Langdon, 696. 8, Brittany Force, 681. 9, J.R. Todd, 651. 10, Steve Torrence, 609.

Funny Car

1, Matt Hagan, 1,024. 2, Ron Capps, 846. 3, (tie), Jack Beckman and Del Worsham, 835. 5, John Force, 801. 6, Tommy Johnson Jr., 798. 7, Cruz Pedregon, 728. 8, Tim Wilkerson, 722. 9, Robert Hight, 667. 10, Alexis DeJoria, 658.

Pro Stock

1, Greg Anderson, 1,148. 2, Erica Enders, 1,082. 3, Jason Line, 934. 4, Chris McGaha, 891. 5, Allen Johnson, 736. 6, Drew Skillman, 727. 7, Larry Morgan, 723. 8, Vincent Nobile, 649. 9, Shane Gray, 648. 10, Rodger Brogdon, 632.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1, Eddie Krawiec, 452. 2, Hector Arana Jr., 436. 3, Andrew Hines, 404. 4, Karen Stoffer, 382. 5, Angelle Sampey, 336. 6, Hector Arana, 324. 7, Jim Underdahl, 311. 8, Matt Smith, 305. 9, LE Tonglet, 302. 10, Jerry Savoie, 295.

Nuggets trade PG Lawson to Houston

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Rockets general manager Daryl Morey knows adding Ty Lawson is a risky move. He believes the possible reward is worth that risk.

Lawson was acquired in a trade with the Denver Nuggets on Monday, giving the Rockets needed depth at point guard, though he is currently dealing with off-court issues. He entered a 30-day residential treatment program last week after his second DUI arrest.

Morey noted there are always risks with players, whether it's concerns like Lawson's or with injuries or other issues.

"When you're trying to be the best team out of 30 you've got to risk all over the place," he said.

Morey vowed that the team will help him stay on track after he leaves the treatment program.

"Through our conversations with him we feel confident that he's getting the help he needs," Morey said.

The Nuggets receive a lottery protected first-round pick in 2016 and cash considerations along with Nick Johnson, Kostas Papanikolaou, Pablo Prigioni and Joey Dorsey in the deal that also sends a 2017 second-round pick to Houston.

Lawson was a first-round pick by the Timberwolves in 2009 before being traded to the Nuggets that day. He averaged 14.2 points and 6.6 assists in his six-year career with Denver. The 27-year-old started a career-high 75 games last season and averaged 15.2 points and a career-best 9.6 assists.



AP file photo

Denver Nuggets guard Ty Lawson (3) is fouled by Detroit Pistons forward Jonas Jerebko during a game Feb. 6 in Auburn Hills, Mich. A person with direct knowledge of the deal said Monday that the Denver Nuggets have agreed to send point guard Lawson to the Houston Rockets.

Morey believes Lawson's threat as a scorer will help take some pressure off superstar James Harden, who finished second in MVP voting in 2015.

"He's one of the best playmakers in the league," Morey said of Lawson. "We struggled against teams that would really load up on James and we feel like that will be a lot more difficult for teams to do that now."

Lawson is friendly with Harden, Corey Brewer and Trevor Ariza and indicated to the Nuggets that Houston was a place he would like to play.

None of the four players the Rockets gave up were key members of last year's squad that reached the Western Conference finals before being eliminated by Golden State. Papanikolaou averaged 4.2 points in 43 games in the regular season last year, but played just 21 minutes in the postseason, and Johnson, another rookie, averaged only 1.3 points in the playoffs.

The 38-year-old Prigioni backed up Jason Terry late in the season after Beverley suffered a season-ending injury, but his contribution was minimal and he averaged only 3.1 points in the playoffs. Denver waived him just after the trade was announced.

Dorsey appeared in 69 games in the regular season and helped fill in when Dwight Howard was out by starting 17 games. But he fell out of favor with the team late in the season and played just 13 minutes in the playoffs as the Rockets gave rookie Clint Capela his spot in the rotation.

The deal was first reported by Yahoo Sports.

SPORTSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

BALTIMORE

Beasley back with US at 33, hopes for 5th Gold Cup title

DaMarcus Beasley was content with his December decision to retire from the U.S. national team.

"I have a 16-month-old daughter now, Lia, and I wanted to watch her grow," the 33-year-old defender said. "If I had went to that January camp, if I wouldn't have retired, I would have missed her first steps. And those are things that I didn't want to miss."

Now he's back with the Americans, who play Jamaica on Wednesday in Atlanta for a berth in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final. U.S. coach Jurgen Klinsmann called him last month, when the U.S. was in Europe for exhibitions at the Netherlands and Germany.

"He left me voice mail. I figured it was just about, how you doing? What's going on?" Beasley said one afternoon at the team hotel in Baltimore. "I didn't think I would ever receive that call, but it's a call that definitely was exciting."

In his second season with Major League Soccer's Houston Dynamo, he had hoped to get away for a day to visit one of the Beasley National Soccer School's camps in Indiana, Ohio or Michigan. Instead, he reported for the knockout rounds after Klinsmann added him to the roster along with forward Alan Gordon and midfielder Joe Corona. Beasley used FaceTime on the bus back from the practice field Friday to keep in touch with some of his campers.

"I asked them who they wanted to see that was on the bus," he explained. "Obviously, Michael Bradley. They want to see Clint Dempsey. They want to see Kyle Beckerman. They love the Rasta hair. They got on FaceTime and talked to the kids."

Born in Fort Wayne, Indiana, Beasley won the Silver Ball as the U.S. finished fourth at the 1999 FIFA Under-17 World Championship, where Landon Donovan was selected top player. He made his national team debut and went on to score 17 goals in 121 international appearances and become the first American to play in four World Cups.

ZURICH

FIFA vote to be held Feb 26; Blatter defies calls to go now

Sepp Blatter had a good day at the office on Monday, even if a prankster tried to spoil it by showering the FIFA president with fake dollar bills at a news conference.

Nothing could spoil Blatter's day after he outwitted some of his FIFA opponents to earn precious extra time as their president and enjoy more such days in 2016.

Mastering FIFA politics yet again, amid calls to step down immediately, Blatter is set to stay atop world soccer for seven more months after FIFA agreed Monday on a Feb. 26 election to replace him.

Blatter was in such a good and defiant mood that he quickly shrugged off a chaotic start to his first major public appearance since a stunning resignation statement last month.

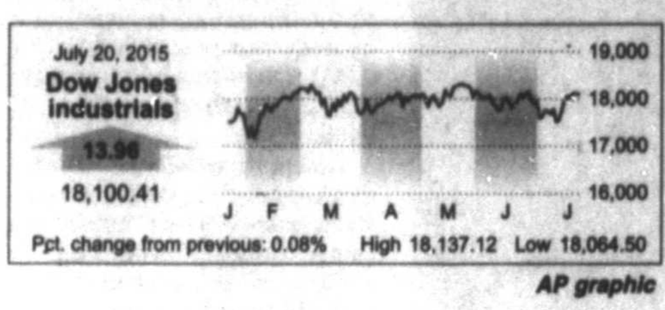
A British comedian who gatecrashed the news conference at FIFA's headquarters threw the fake bills in the air after making a spoof statement about supporting North Korea to host the 2026 World Cup.

The image of Blatter cowering under a spray of money was powerful amid ongoing American and Swiss federal investigations of FIFA corruption, yet he regained his poise.

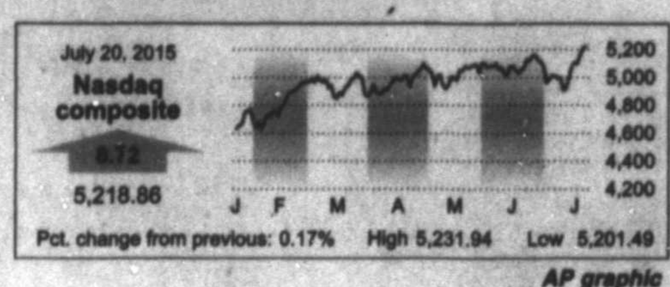
"I just called my late mother," he quipped on returning to the room minutes later, "and she said, 'Don't worry, it's just a lack of education.'"

Still, it made for an uneasy start with international networks and FIFA's own YouTube channel broadcasting the news conference live.

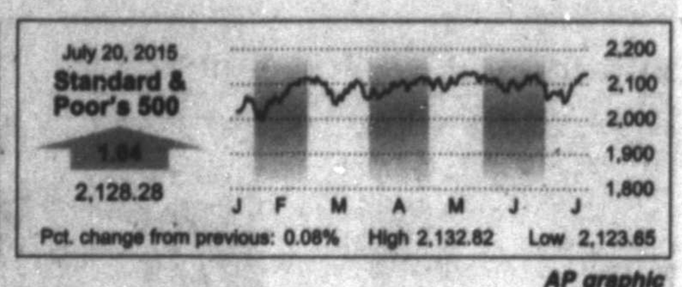
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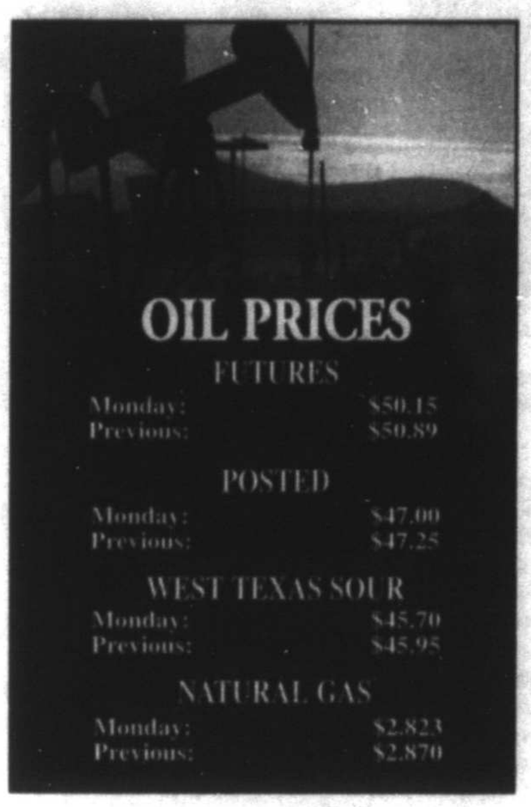
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Fed directs 8 biggest US banks to hold extra capital

By Marcy Dunn
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal regulators are directing the eight biggest U.S. banks to hold capital at levels above industry requirements to cushion against unexpected losses and reduce the chances of future taxpayer bailouts.

The Federal Reserve's action Monday means the eight banks together will be required to shore up their financial bases with about $200 billion in additional capital. The requirements also are aimed at encouraging the Wall Street mega-banks to shrink so they pose less risk to the financial system. The banks include JPMorgan Chase, Citigroup and Bank of America.

Most of the banks have already put away the additional capital. JPMorgan is the only one that doesn't already meet the requirements, which will be phased in from 2016 through 2018 and take full effect on Jan. 1, 2019.

The Fed governors led by Chair Janet Yellen voted 5-0 at a public meeting to impose the so-called "capital surcharges" on the eight banks.

The extra capital requirements will increase in proportion to how risky the regulators deem a bank to be. A key risk factor will be how much a bank relies on short-term funding markets to borrow from other banks.

The government stepped in during the crisis with hundreds of billions of dollars in bailouts of the big Wall Street banks as well as hundreds of smaller U.S. banks.

In recent years, the Fed and other regulators have put into effect a series of rules for banks to increase their capital buffers, as required by the 2010 financial overhaul law. The new additional layer of requirements for the biggest banks also exceeds the levels mandated by international regulators.

Banking industry groups say the Fed requirements could limit access to loans for businesses and consumers, by reducing the amounts that banks would have available to lend.

The Fed governors also unanimously adopted standards for new supervision by the Fed of General Electric Co.'s finance arm, which will be subject to rules similar to those governing big banks. Most of the rules wouldn't take effect until Jan. 1, 2018. GE Capital Corp. was labeled two years ago as a potential threat to the financial system by a special council of regulators.

The government guaranteed up to $139 billion of GE Capital's debt during the crisis. GE Capital issued about $51 billion in long-term debt and $17 billion in short-term debt with government backing. The company, based in Norwalk, Connecticut, issues a range of loans for consumers and companies. It had struggled during the crisis due to mounting defaults and losses on loans in areas like credit cards, commercial real estate and heavy equipment.

The new Fed standards for supervision may not actually take effect or may be temporary because parent General Electric, one of the world's biggest companies, has been selling off GE Capital's businesses. That could lead to the "systemically important" designation being removed as the financial company shrinks. GE has announced a plan to divest about $200 billion in GE Capital assets by 2018, pulling the parent company closer to its industrial roots and away from finance.

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MktVGold	1197709	13.76	-1.66
DxGldBull	739834	3.60	-1.61
BkofAm	657218	18.12	+.02
S&P500ETF	595853	212.59	+.11
CSVLgCrde	539685	1.87	-.10

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VivintSol n	15.75	+4.87	+44.8
Cellcom	5.87	+.87	+17.4
InstlkdBPd	27.83	+2.38	+9.4
Frontline	2.73	+.21	+8.3
Lennox	116.39	+8.80	+8.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DrGlMrBll rs	7.96	-4.20	-34.5
DxGldBull	3.60	-1.61	-30.9
PrSULrMin	9.00	-2.60	-22.4
EKodk wtA	2.50	-.70	-21.9
GoodrP pfC	4.90	-1.27	-20.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,010
Declined	2,117
Unchanged	116
Total issues	3,243
New Highs	112
New Lows	297
Volume	3,164,965,034

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NovaGld g	34442	2.68	-.31
NwGold g	34301	2.17	-.31
SynthBiol	32968	3.17	-.14
Globalstar	32563	2.34	-.02
SynergyRs	29108	9.84	-.66

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ImpacMtg	21.25	+1.52	+7.7
AmpioPhm	2.65	+.18	+7.3
MilestnSci	3.47	+.19	+5.9
Espey	27.77	+1.37	+5.2
Reeds	6.33	+.26	+4.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CorMedix	3.24	-1.01	-23.8
EmerldO rs	2.00	-.50	-20.0
MexcoEn	3.10	-.55	-15.1
NwGold g	2.17	-.31	-12.5
SandstG g	2.65	-.31	-10.5

DIARY

Advanced	105
Declined	290
Unchanged	19
Total issues	414
New Highs	2
New Lows	37
Volume	93,759,619

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Exelixis	677515	5.88	+1.97
Apple Inc	528155	132.07	+2.45
Facebook	474665	97.91	+2.94
MicronT	415480	18.89	-1.23
eBay s	365388	28.57	+.67

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Exelixis	5.88	+1.97	+50.4
PDI Inc	2.40	+.44	+22.4
ValueLine	13.02	+1.71	+15.1
AntheraP h	10.26	+1.18	+13.0
PrtnrCm	4.16	+.47	+12.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Voltari	7.56	-2.33	-23.6
HMS Hldgs	12.50	-3.46	-21.7
Affimed n	18.18	-3.75	-17.1
LinnCo	6.15	-1.15	-15.8
Axion wt rs	2.10	-.34	-13.9

DIARY

Advanced	885
Declined	1,928
Unchanged	131
Total issues	2,944
New Highs	126
New Lows	154
Volume	1,734,745,041

Shares of PayPal rise on 1st day of trading

By Mae Anderson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — PayPal shares jumped in its first day as a separate and publicly traded company as the firm outlined plans to capitalize on the rise of mobile payments and the growing digitization of money.

The payments system company officially split with eBay Inc. on Friday, 10 months after they announced that they were going their separate ways.

PayPal processed $235 billion in total payment volume last year and logged revenue of about $8 billion. It plans to grow market share in mobile and online payments as well as expanding in areas like in-store payments.

Trading on the Nasdaq Stock Exchange under the stock ticker "PYPL," shares jumped $2.08, or 5.4 percent, to $40.47 on Monday.

PayPal CEO Dan Schulman and employees rung in the opening bell on the Nasdaq, while the company gave out food via food trucks in Times Square and posted passersby's photos on Nadsaq's seven-story digital billboard to commemorate the listing.

In an interview with The Associated Press on Monday, Schulman said that being an independent company gives PayPal the ability to work with companies that might have hesitated before the split due to its association with eBay.

"One of the big advantages for us is truly we now are world's leading neutral third-party payments provider and that will allow us the opportunity to partner with a number of companies across the world who before the separation either directly competed with eBay or had a perceived potential conflict with eBay," he said. "And now we are free to work with any of them."

Stocks end higher

U.S. stocks ended slightly higher on Monday after a mostly listless day of trading. The Nasdaq composite managed to eke out its second straight record high.

Investors had their eye on company earnings news after weeks of fretting over Greece's debt crisis and a steep slide in China's stock market.

"We're focused on earnings and they're coming in better," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential Financial.

The Dow Jones industrial average gained 13.96 points, or 0.1 percent, to 18,100.41. The Standard & Poor's 500 index added 1.64 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,128.28. The Nasdaq rose 8.72, or 0.2 percent, to 5,218.86, eclipsing its previous record set last Friday.

The three major indexes are up for the year. The S&P is up 3.4 percent, while the Dow is up 1.6 percent. The Nasdaq has gained 10.2 percent this year.

Metals end lower

Precious and industrial metals futures ended lower. Gold slumped $25.10 to $1,106.80 an ounce. Gold is trading at a five-year low as its appeal as a safe haven asset and a hedge against inflation have waned. Silver lost 8 cents to $14.75 an ounce. Copper fell two cents to $2.48 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $41.41 Down 3.03

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $102.65 Down 2.39

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.39 Down 0.12

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $64.83 Down 1.44

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $8.29 Down 0.14

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.10 Down 0.55

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $20.08 Down 0.66

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $23.89 Down 1.02

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $9.29 Down 0.53

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.54 Down 0.27

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	34.90	-.11	+3.9
Abraxas	...	4	2.16	-.13	-26.5
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.28	+.04	+4.4
AMD			1.80	+.01	-32.6
Alcoa	.12	15	10.20	-.29	-35.4
AlonUSA	.60f	21	19.47	-.19	+53.7
Ambev	.24e	...	6.14	-.02	-.5
Amgen	3.16	22	164.34	+1.07	+3.2
Anadarko	1.08	...	72.62	-1.26	-12.0
Annaly	1.20	...	9.81	+.03	-9.3
Apache	1.00	...	48.62	-1.77	-22.4
Apple Inc	2.08f	16	132.07	+2.45	+19.7
ApldMatl	.40	17	17.77	...	-28.7
ATMOS	1.56	18	53.98	-.18	-3.2
AutoData	1.96	28	82.17	-.22	-1.4
BP PLC	2.40	43	38.75	-.37	+1.7
BabsCClrv	1.20	...	16.24	+.20	+2.2
BakrHu	.68	29	59.46	+1.14	+6.0
BkofAm	.20	19	18.12	+.02	+1.3
B iPVixST	...	...	16.33	-.07	-48.2
BarrickG	.20	46	7.41	-1.38	-31.1
BasicEnSv	...	...	6.09	+.02	-13.1
BerkHa A	...	17216480.00	+520.00		-4.2
BlkHillsCp	1.82	15	61.80	-1.56	-21.2
BrMySq	1.48	52	69.97	+.58	+8.5
BrownFA	1.26	36	112.98	+.82	+28.7
BrownFB	1.26	32	102.20	+.46	+16.3
CVS Health	1.40	27	110.98	+.84	+15.2
Cameco	...	11	19.19	...	-1.5
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	82.25	-.91	-10.1
Celestic g	...	14	11.47	+.11	-2.3
CntryLink	2.16	23	30.50	-.44	-22.9
ChesEng	.35	...	10.27	-.67	-47.5
Chevron	4.28	10	92.94	-.21	-17.2
Chicos	.31	36	15.64	-.12	-3.5
Cimarex	.64	...	101.57	-1.96	-4.2
Cisco	.84	16	26.03	-.15	+1.5
Citigroup	.20	15	58.85	+.10	+6.8
CleyEng	...	35	41.41	-3.69	-35.1
ConocoCnls	1.32	29	61.36	+.13	-2.0
ConlgPalm	1.62	27	67.60	+.30	-2.0
ConAgra	1.00	30	44.29	-.16	+22.1
ConchoRes	...	26	102.65	-2.39	+2.9
ConocoPhil	2.96f	14	56.57	-.83	-18.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConsolEngy	.25	31	16.66	-.55	-50.7
CrackerB	4.40f	23	150.13	-.97	+6.7
CSVInvNG	...	...	5.51	+.26	-31.5
CSVLgNGs	...	...	2.11	-.12	-47.0
CSVLgCrde	...	...	1.87	-.10	-51.8
CrosTim	2.15e	6	15.51	-.24	-10.5
DCP Mid	3.12	12	30.81	-1.00	-32.2
DTE	2.92f	16	77.41	-.10	-10.4
Dataram	...	...	2.04	-.02	+20.0
DenburyR	.25	2	4.23	-.34	-48.0
DevonE	.96	...	51.83	-1.81	-15.3
DxGldBull	...	...	3.60	-1.61	-67.7
DirDGldBr	...	...	35.42	+8.66	+43.6
Disney	1.32f	26	119.58	+.72	+27.0
DowChm	1.68	15	50.52	-.85	+10.8
eBay s	...	15	28.57	+.67	+22.5
EOG Resrc	.87	15	77.99	-2.57	-15.4
EmpDist	1.04	16	22.22	-.56	-25.3
Energen	.08	34	57.59	-1.58	-9.7
EngyTsfr	4.06f	66	51.09	-1.59	-21.4
EnPro	.80	74	53.74	-.47	-14.4
EntPrdPt s	1.52f	21	28.45	-.70	-21.2
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.95	+.15	-9.5
Exelixis	...	...	5.88	+1.97	+308.3
ExterranH	.60	21	29.07	-1.29	-10.8
ExxonMbl	2.92f	12	81.76	-.85	-11.8
Facebook	...	95	97.91	+2.94	+25.5
Fitbit n	...	...	44.47	-2.70	+49.8
FordM	.60	19	14.57	-.12	-6.0
FrptMcM	.20a	...	15.05	-.83	-35.6
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.01	-.13	-24.9
GATX	1.52	11	52.83	-.23	-8.2
GabMulTT	1.08e	...	9.34	-.02	-7.7
GAInv	3.50e	...	35.10	-.04	+.8
GenElec	.92	...	27.14	-.10	+7.4
GenMotors	1.44f	14	30.50	-.15	-12.6
Goldcrp g	.60	...	12.80	-1.80	-30.4
GoPro	...	53	60.80	+4.16	-3.8
GrPrisInEn	.96	16	25.25	-.20	-11.0
HalconRes	...	...	.99	-.05	-44.4
Halliburtn	.72	19	49.72	+.73	+3.8
Hertz	...	...	18.02	-.99	-27.7
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.96	...	+15.5
iShChinaLC	.70e	...	42.57	-.27	+2.3

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iShEMkts	.84e	...	38.51	-.25	-2.0
iShR2K	1.66e	...	125.06	-.68	+4.6
Intel	.96	12	29.10	-.37	-19.8
IrNrDig	.80	...	56.69	.50	+7.2
JohnJn	3.00	18	100.37	+.29	+4.0
KimbClk	3.52	28	112.94	+.64	-2.3
KindMorg	1.96f	47	36.30	-.59	-14.2
Kinross g	...	...	1.66	-.24	-41.1
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	8.29	-.14	-27.5
Lubys	...	...	5.04	-.06	+10.8
MVJrGold	...	...	18.66	-2.44	-22.0
MktVGold	.12a	...	13.76	-1.66	-25.1
McDnlds	3.40	21	97.49	-.01	+4.0
Merck	1.80	15	59.00	+.18	+3.9
MerltMed	...	37	21.91	+.14	+26.4
MexcoEn	...	...	3.10	-.55	-42.9
MicronT	...	6	18.89	-1.23	-46.0
Microsoft	1.24	19	48.92	+.30	+1.0
MorgStan	.60	12	40.04	-.16	+3.2
Nabors	.24	8	12.23	-.22	-5.8
NPGreece	...	...	.91	-.09	-49.2
NatGrid	3.35e	...	67.05	+.02	-5.1
NOilVarco	1.84	8	43.13	+.12	-34.2
Netflix s	...	...	110.55	-4.22	+125.5
NewmtM	.10	16	18.16	-2.53	-3.9
NiMtAd	.70e	...	13.05	-.04	-4.5
NvPtM	.82a	...	12.95	-.02	-7.3
NuvPI	.82a	...	13.09	-.03	-5.6
NSTPB	.98a	...	13.66	+.06	-2.7
NTXQI	.88e	...	13.88	...	-5.8
OcciC*et	3.00	18	70.26	-1.66	-12.8
OfficeDpt	...	...	8.11	-.19	-5.4
Oracle	.60	18	39.93	-.47	-11.2
ParTech	...	...	4.77	+.12	-22.4
ParkDrl	...	9	2.76	+.12	-10.1
PattUTI	.40	18	16.51	-.15	-.5
PayPal n	...	...	40.47	+2.08	+10.2
PeabdyE	.01	...	1.13	-.16	-85.4
PenneaRE	.84	...	22.57	-.07	-2.4
Pmrian	.56e	8	7.25	-.16	-24.1
PetrbrasA	...	...	6.79	-.39	-10.4
Petrobras	...	...	7.49	-.46	+2.8
Pfizer	1.12	24	35.24	+.17	+13.1
PioNrl	.08	25	124.56	-3.60	-16.3
PlainsAAP	2.76f	18	40.13	-1.14	-21.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	113.98	+.39	+10.4
PrasaIr	2.86	21	116.71	-.30	-9.9
PrmEgy	...	...	54.61	-1.54	-24.9
ProctGam	2.65	25	82.19	-.06	-9.8
RangeRs	.16	17	40.75	-2.37	-23.8
RegionsFn	.24	14	10.20	+.08	-3.4
RosettaR	...	4	19.98	-.77	-10.4
Rowan	.40	...	17.19	-.09	-26.3
RoyDShlA	3.76	12	56.68	-.34	+15.3
SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	180.69	+.15	+1.5
SpdrGold	...	...	105.70	-2.95	-6.9
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	212.59	+.11	+3.4
SpdrOGEx	.71e	...	40.31	-1.47	-15.8
SabnR	3.68e	8	34.35	-1.52	-4.0
SanderFm	.88e	5	67.90	-1.24	-19.2
SandRidge	...	...	.56	-.06	-88.2
Schlmbrg	2.00	23	83.52	-.19	-2.2
SeadrillLtd	...	3	8.86	-.16	-25.8
SilgmsAld	.92	34	139.65	+.06	+1.7
SiriusXM	...	43	3.83	-.03	+9.4
Smucker	2.68f	30	108.07	-.39	+7.0
Sprint	...	...	3.81	-.03	-8.2
SP Engy	1.99e	...	71.48	-.96	-9.7
SPDR Fncl	.43e	...	25.42	+.03	+2.8
SunEdison	...	...	31.86	+.10	+62.3
SunocoLog	1.68f	...	35.89	-.34	-14.1

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TalwSemi	.73e	...	22.90	-.13	+2.3
TeleflEsp	1.03e	...	15.13	+.13	+6.5
Tesoro	1.70	14	99.59	-2.55	+33.9
SM Co	4.10	21	157.12	+.43	-4.4
Torchmark	.54	15	60.38	+.06	+11.5
Transocn	.60m	...	13.35	-.13	-27.2
TriCont	.80e	...	21.49	-.04	+.4
TylerTech	...	74	142.46	-.41	+30.2
UBWV	1.28	22	42.72	+.27	+14.1
US OilFd	...	...	16.69	-.30	-18.0
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.41	-.05	-33.9
ValeroE	1.60	9	66.57	-1.37	+34.5
VerizonCm	2.20	21	48.10	+.51	+2.8
VivintSol n	...	...	15.75	+4.87	+70.8
VulcanM	.40	90	94.03	+2.36	+43.1
WEC Engy	1.69	18	47.60	-.26	-9.7
WPX Engy	...	...	9.55	-.16	-17.9
WalgBoots	1.44f	32	95.65	-.10	+25.5
WstnRefin	1.36	8	47.44	-.94	+25.6
WhitngPet	...	10	25.06	-1.41	-24.1
WmsCos	2.36f	...	55.94	-1.73	+24.5
XcelEngy	1.28	18	33.48	-.22	-6.8
Xerox	.28	14	10.91	+.08	-21.3
Yahoo	...	6	39.54	-.14	-21.7
Yamana g	.06	...	2.12	-.27	-47.3

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18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	18,100.41	+13.96	+.08	+1.56	+6.15
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,282.27	-31.34	-.38	-0.80	-1.18
667.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	573.17	-2.25	-.39	-7.27	+2.56
11,254.87	9,888.08	NYSE Composite	10,899.49	-17.88	-.16	+1.20	+.11
5,210.16	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,218.86	+8.72	+.17	+10.19	+17.85
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,128.28	+1.64	+.08	+3.37	+7.84
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,507.49	-.33	-.02	+3.79	+7.12
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,413.11	-7.56	-.03	+3.43	+7.44
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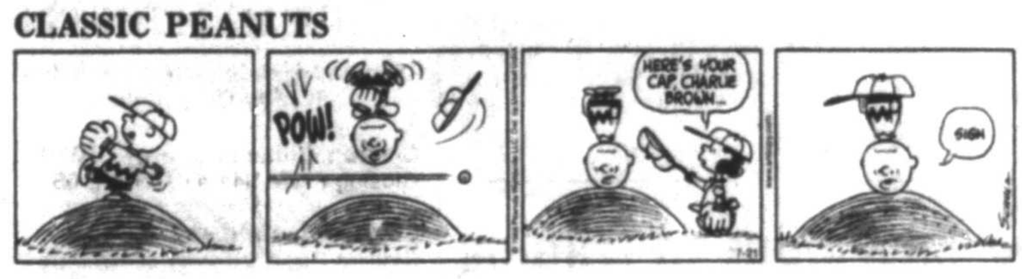
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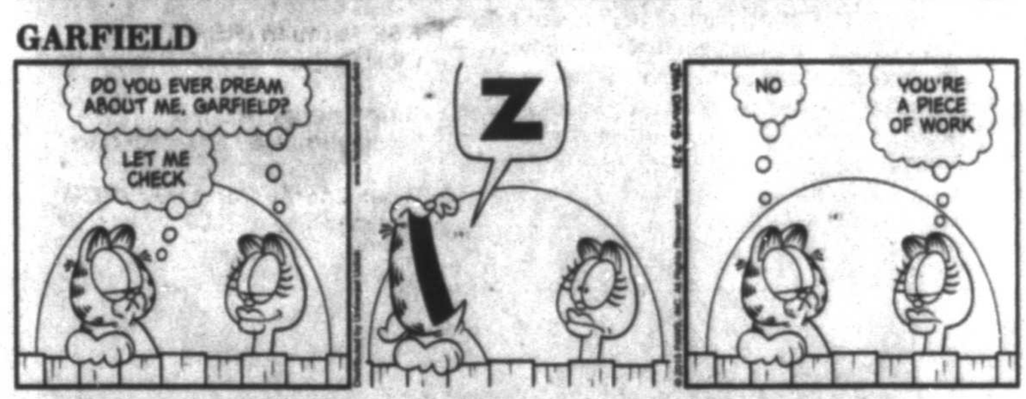
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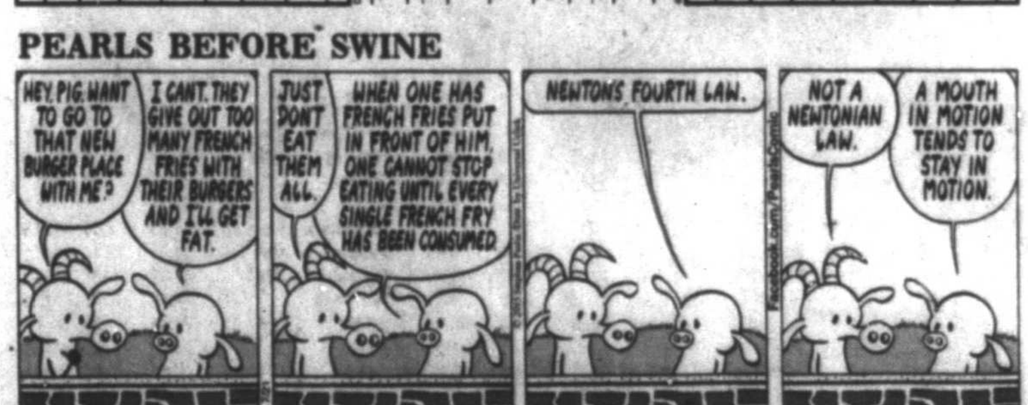
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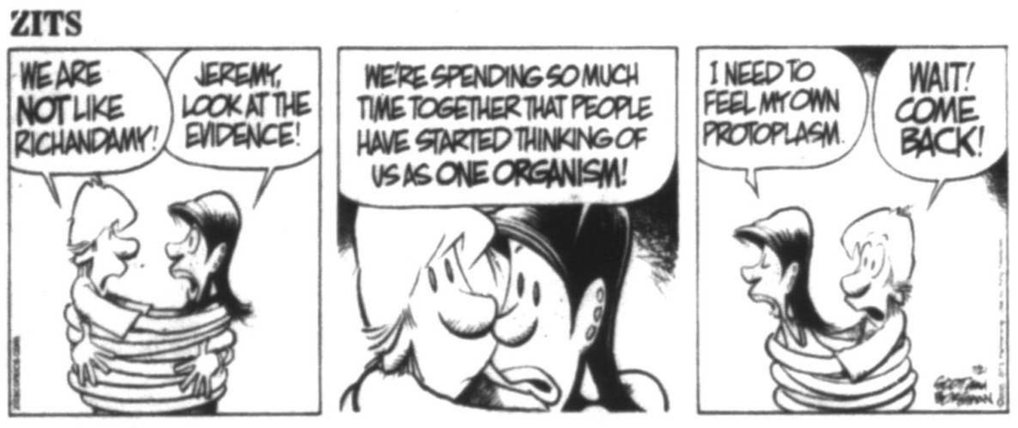
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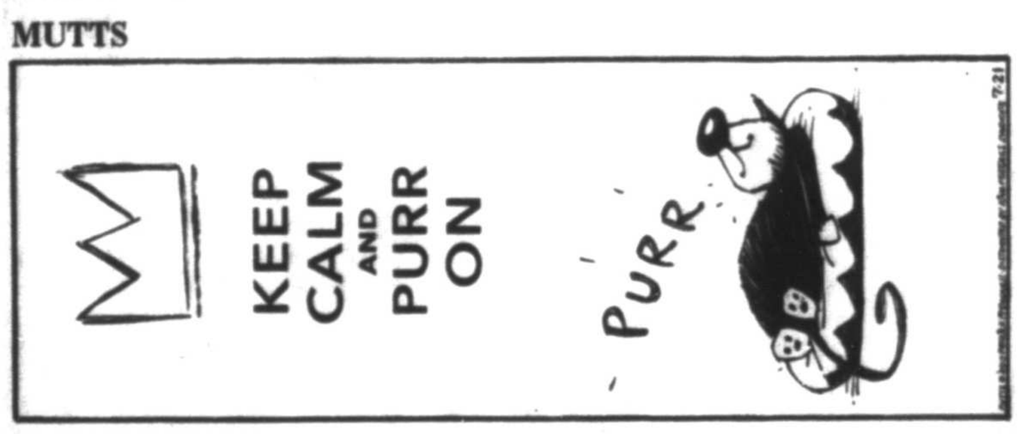
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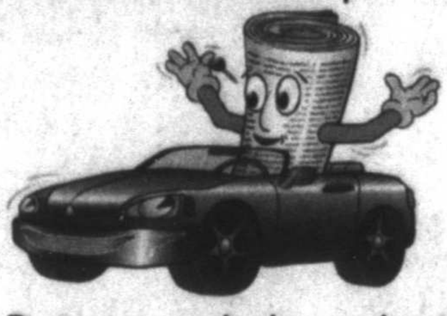
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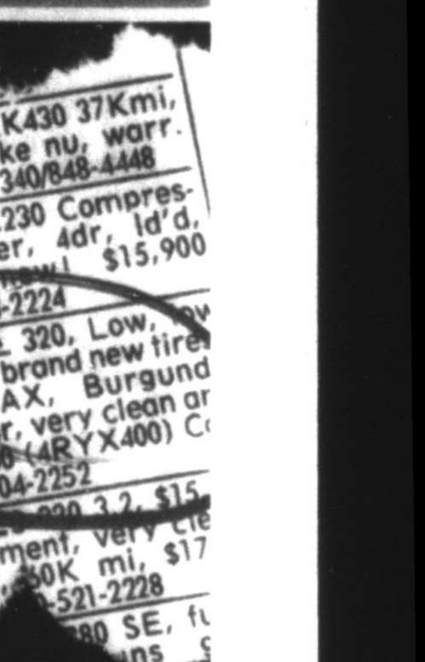
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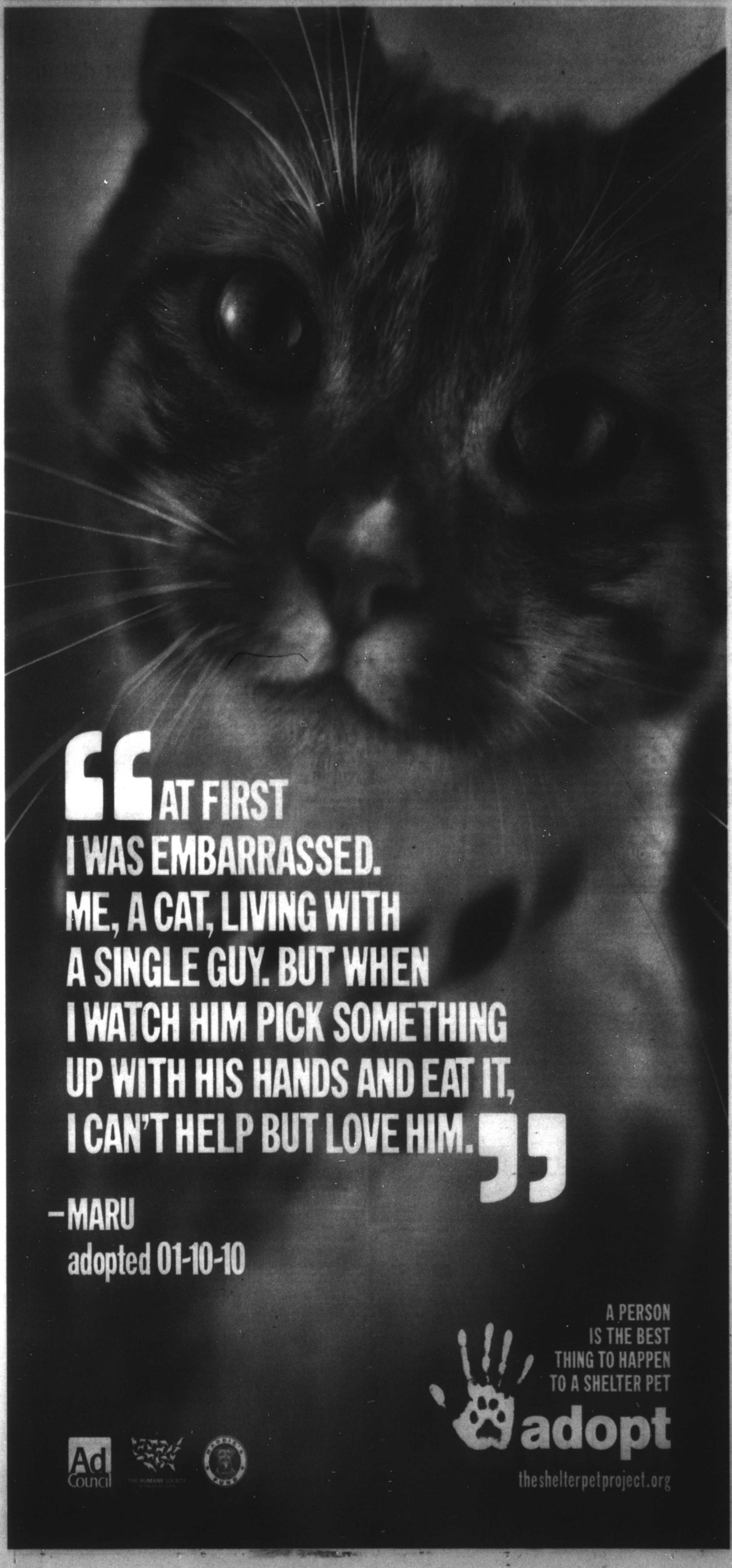
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In this June 29 file photo, children play as they cool down in a fountain beside the Manzanares river in Madrid, Spain. June was warm nearly all over, with exceptional heat in Spain, Austria, parts of Asia, Australia and South America. Pakistan reported a June heat wave that killed more than 1,200 people, which according to an international database would be the 8th deadliest in the world since 1900.

Another month, another global heat record broken — by far

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Earth dialed the heat up in June, smashing warm temperature records for both the month and the first half of the year.

Off-the-charts heat is "getting to be a monthly thing," said Jessica Blunden, a climate scientist for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. June was the fourth month of 2015 that set a record, she said.

"There is almost no way that 2015 isn't going to be the warmest on record," she added.

NOAA calculated that the world's average temperature in June hit 61.48 degrees Fahrenheit, breaking the old record set last year by 0.22 degrees. Usually temperature records are broken by one or two one-hundredths of a degree, not nearly a quarter of a degree, Blunden said.

And the picture is even more dramatic when the half-year is considered.

The first six months of 2015 were one-sixth of a degree warmer than the old record, set in 2010, averaging 57.83 degrees.

The old record for the first half of the year was set in 2010, the last time there was an El Nino — a warming of the central Pacific Ocean that changes weather worldwide. But in 2010, the El Nino petered out. This year, forecasters are predicting this El Nino will get stronger, not weaker.

"If that happens, it's just going to go off the charts," Blunden said.

June was warm nearly all over the world, with exceptional heat in Spain, Austria, parts of Asia, Australia and South America. Southern Pakistan had a June heat wave that killed more than 1,200 people — which, according to an international database, would be the eighth deadliest in the world since 1900. In May, a heat wave in India claimed more than 2,000 lives and ranked as the fifth deadliest on record.

May and March also broke monthly heat records, which go back 136 years. Initially NOAA figured February 2015 was only the second hottest February on record, but new data came in that made it too the hottest, Blunden said. Earth has broken monthly heat records 25 times since the year 2000, but hasn't broken a monthly cold record since 1916.

"This is what anthropogenic global warming looks like, just hotter and hotter," said Jonathan Overpeck, co-director of the Institute of the Environment at the University of Arizona.

Rethinking exercise as a source of immediate rewards

By Jane E. Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

I was going to skip my daily swim the other morning. I had walked 3 miles with a friend and taken my dog to the park for his exercise. I was really tired, my back was sore, I had a column to write and lots to do around the house.

But I knew from experience that I would feel much better after 40 minutes of swimming laps. So in I went. And, yes, I did feel better — not just refreshed, but more energetic, clearheaded and better prepared than I would have been otherwise to tackle the day's essentials.

Michelle Segar, who directs the Sport, Health and Activity Research and Policy Center at the University of Michigan, would say I had reframed my exercise experience, making it ever more likely that I would continue to swim — even on days when I didn't feel like doing it — because I viewed it as a positive, restorative activity. Indeed, exercise is something I do not because I have to or was told to, but because I know it makes me feel better.

Segar, a psychologist who specializes in helping people adopt and maintain regular exercise habits, is the author of "No Sweat: How the Simple Science of Motivation Can Bring You a Lifetime of Fitness." Her research has shown that even people who say they hate to exercise or have repeatedly fallen off the exercise wagon can learn to enjoy it and stick with it.

Three years ago, I wrote about research by Segar and others showing that promoting physical activity to prevent or control disease, lose weight or sculpt one's body, and prescribing doses as if exercise were medicine, wouldn't get most people to do it and keep doing it.

"Health is not an optimal way to make physical activity relevant and compelling enough for most people to prioritize in their hectic lives," Segar said in an interview.

Though it seems counterintuitive, studies have shown that people whose goals are weight loss and better health tend to spend the least amount of time exercising. That is true even for older adults, a study of 335 men and women ages 60 to 95 showed.

Rather, immediate rewards that enhance daily life — more energy, a better mood, less stress and more opportunity to connect with friends and family — offer far more motivation, Segar and others have found.

"I like to think of physical activity as a way to revitalize and renew ourselves, as fuel to better enjoy and succeed at what matters most," she said.

In her new book, she describes strategies to get even the most sedentary people off their duffs, starting with ways to overcome past failures and negative feelings about exercise that make it feel more like punishment than pleasure.

Instead of the recommended half-hour a day or 10-minute doses of moderate exercise three times a day on most days, Segar suggests focusing on the idea that "everything counts" — taking the stairs instead of the elevator, weeding the garden, dancing, even walking to the water cooler.

"We should count any and every opportunity to move that exists in the space of our lives as valid movement worth doing," she wrote. She advocates adopting a food marketer's approach to workouts: Enjoy "snacks" of exercise that can entice gradual increases in how much is "consumed." And like the calories in food snacks, it all adds up.

Segar likens the choices to Baskin-Robbins' 31 flavors: "There are so many options — 'What do I feel like doing today?' — then picking the 'flavor' of physical activity that feels right for that day and moment."

Also important is giving oneself permission to make self-care through physical activity a priority. Segar wrote: "When we do not prioritize our own self-care because we are busy serving others, our energy is not replenished. Instead, we are exhausted, and our ability to be there for anyone or anything else is compromised."

People who make physical activity a priority don't necessarily have more time than others. Rather, they make sure to schedule time for it because they know it enhances their performance and the quality of their daily lives. It has been shown, for example, that schoolchildren who are given exercise breaks are better able to to pay attention and learn.

Finding a ride should be easy thanks to abundance of apps

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Enter your ride-finding and car service apps. Services like Uber (uber.com), Lyft (lyft.com), and Hailo (hailoapp.com) are probably old hat for many of us now. Download the app, save your credit card information, and you can quickly choose your driver, ride, and style of car, and then have the entire transaction (tip too!) done in a few clicks.

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You will want to beware of "surge" pricing when using these types of apps, where the fares increase based on peak travel times or conditions, like rush hour and bad weather.

The newer players in the game are trying to tap into some of the things the big guys aren't experts in yet. They are trying to cut costs, stabilize rates by avoiding surge pricing, and cut our carbon footprint with ride-sharing. You may not see some of these guys in your city, unless you're in a big one, but I would guess it won't take long for some of these ideas to spread.

Summon (instantcab.com) has cheaper overall pricing than Uber and Lyft, with no surge pricing, and has a FareBack program where you get 10 percent of your last fare applied to future Summon rides, and this is good for the first 10 rides every month. Currently this service is only offered in the San Francisco Bay area.

If you are in Manhattan, you can try Gett (gett.com). With flat-rate pricing, at $10 a ride for black car service, you never have to estimate the cost of your route.

Also, NYC-based Via (ridewithvia.com) has rides for $5 plus tax, but it's set up mostly as a ride share. You may not have to make a stop to pick up others on your route, but even if you do it shouldn't delay your arrival to your destination. Via's algorithm will arrange pick-ups a few block walk for additional passengers and the driver will wait no longer than two minutes for a passenger along the way.

Sidecar (side.cr) is trying to offer a more personalized experience. Choose your favorite cars, route, drivers, and it's the only player in the game that lets you chose your fare before you ride, and sort by fare price. They are also in the ride-share game and have branched out into same-day deliveries, targeting businesses with this type of service, as opposed to just passengers.

Feel like being in control of your own destiny? Pick up a Zipcar (zipcar.com) and drive yourself to your destination.

Want to get some fresh air? Use a bike-share app like Spotcycle (spotcycle.net) or Spinlister (spinlister.com) and find bike share stations in your city, or rent a bike from people like you, who are willing to lend you some wheels for a nominal fee.

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