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Something to consider as you head to the pool: That sunscreen in your bag may not protect your skin as much as you think. Read more about it in Health + Wellness.

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RRC short of funds to plug abandoned wells

Taxpayers shouldn't have to clean up oil industry's mess or its regulation

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

Lobbyists always have a good excuse for not charging more for the privilege of extracting Texas' oil and gas.

When oil prices go up, the industry says higher fees, bonds or taxes will kill the goose that lays the golden egg. When the inevitable bust comes, the industry demands concessions to stay in business and keep people employed. That's also when the golden goose leaves behind a different kind of dropping.

More inside

- Chevron approves $37 billion expansion of Kazakh oil project.
- World's top oil trader says prices won't rise much further.

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Since oil and gas prices began sliding in 2014, more than 60 oil and gas companies have declared bankruptcy. As a result, the number of abandoned, unplugged wells in Texas could soon reach 10,000, according to the Texas Railroad Commission, which regulates the industry.

Guess who could end up paying for plugging those wells and clearing away the old equipment? You, the taxpayer.

So far, no taxpayer money has been used to plug wells, but cash is running short. The Legislature decided in 2011 that the Railroad Commission should become self-funded by collecting fees from the industry, which worked well until drilling activity dropped, and so did revenues for the commission.

To help guarantee that oilfield operators plug their wells, the Legislature required them to post bonds of about $2,500. And the commission also collects a few pennies from the tax on every barrel of oil for the "Oil and Gas Regulation and Cleanup Fund."

In the idealized world in which Texas lobbyists live, those programs raise

Please see **RRC**/4A

Whatever the weather

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Luis Franco moves pipe at C and R Pipe Inspection on Tuesday on E. Taylor Avenue as the temperature peaked at 107 degrees, according to the National Weather Service.

Weather facts

- Tuesday's high: 107 degrees
- Typical average for July 5: 95 degrees
- Previous record for July 5: 104 degrees (1971)

A very hot stretch of days

Past three days

Sunday	105
Monday	108
Tuesday	107

NWS forecasted highs

Today	106
Thursday	105

Last time Midland had five or more consecutive days with high temperatures at or above 105 degrees: June 14-19, 2011.

Note: June 2011 was the hottest month on record at Midland International Air & Space Port.

Hottest days in Midland history

1. June 27, 1994	116
2. June 28, 1994	114
3. June 26, 1994	112
3. July 2, 1989	112

- Four dates tied for fifth (111 degrees)
- One date at 110 degrees
- Seven dates tied for 10th (109 degrees)

Source: National Weather Service

Proposed nightclub spurs debate in northwest Midland

By Mella McEwen
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A proposed nightclub at W. Loop 250 North and Crestfield Street in northwest Midland generated debate at Tuesday's meeting of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

The proposal from Midland Piano Partners drew statements of concern from residents on Crestfield — located to the east of Midland Drive — and questions from commissioners on how to mingle nightclubs and residences.

"There are restaurants that have homes behind them," pointed out commission member Josh Sparks. "I don't think there's any way around that."

The difference he saw was that those are restaurants, such as On The Border and Chili's, and this was a proposed nightclub.

In the end, the five commissioners in attendance voted to approve the request from Midland Piano Partners, which was for a zone change from planned district to LR-2, local retail district.

"This is a zone change only and does not facilitate the automatic development of a bar in that location," stressed Jane Wolf, commission chair. She said the developers will still have to go through the process of receiving a specific use permit for the night club. The commissioners were assured they could set conditions on approving the permit.

Questions were also raised about a proposed preliminary plat at Sinclair Avenue and Idlewilde Drive, where Wolf raised concerns about right-of-way on the plat.

Michael Pacelli, city traffic engineer, said Idlewilde is adjacent to a private drive and the commissioners were seeking clarification on right-of-way. The preliminary plat was approved pending that clarification.

Please see **NIGHTCLUB**/4A

MISD announces five new elementary principals

From staff reports

Five Midland ISD elementary schools will have new principals later this month.

MISD board members approved new leadership for Greathouse, Bush, Lamar, South elementaries and Bowie Fine Arts Academy.

Also approved was new leadership at Abell Junior High and Midland Freshman High School.

Melissa Horner has been named the new principal at Bowie Fine Arts Academy, which carried a rating of 7 (on a scale of 0-10) on the Greatschools.org ratings presented during the Educate Midland rollout.

Horner, according to the district, is a longtime Midlander and MISD team member. Most recently, she was the principal at Abell Junior High and currently is principal at Bush Elementary School. Her husband, Jeff Horner, is the district's executive director of Secondary Education.

Please see **MISD**/4A

Weather
Mostly sunny
106/81
Get your complete forecast on 5B

Energy prices

WTI Futures	$46.80	▼ $2.39
WTI Posted	$43.00	▼ $2.50
WTS Posted	$39.45	▼ $2.50
Natural Gas	$2.794	▼ $0.223
Gasoline	$2.187	▼ $0.011

The big number
Noah's ark attraction costing **$100 million** is ready to open in Kentucky this week. More on Page 6A.

Word of the Day: nimiety
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 2A.

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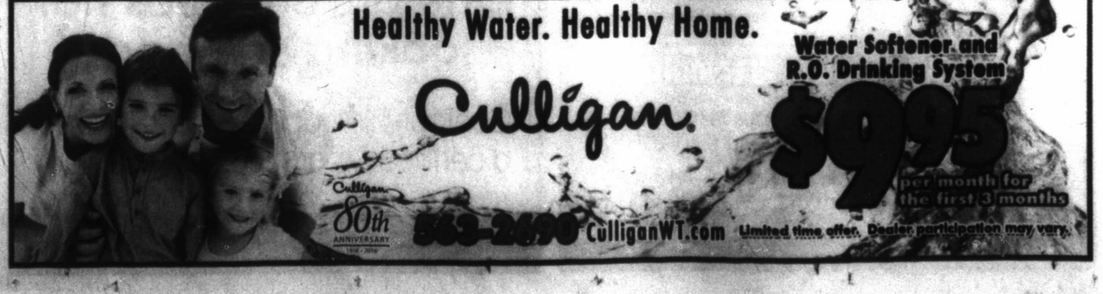

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[ni-mahy-i-tee]
noun
1. excess; overabundance: *nimiety of mere niceties in conversation.*
2. an instance of this.

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Friends send big checks for Paxton's legal bills

By Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AP file photo

Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton speaks July 29, 2015, during a hearing in Austin. State filings made public Tuesday show the amount of money Paxton has received from friends and donors to help pay his legal defense against criminal charges of securities fraud.

AUSTIN — Wealthy friends and donors of Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton have chipped in nearly $330,000 to cover his legal defense against criminal charges of securities fraud, according to state filings made public Tuesday.

The list reveals for the first time those paying Paxton's legal costs while the Republican fights two felony counts of defrauding wealthy investors in the tech startup Servergy Inc. If convicted, Paxton faces 5 to 99 years in prison.

Paxton, who has pleaded not guilty, is also being sued by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission in a separate court case over the same accusations: that he lured investors to Servergy, a data-storage company, without disclosing that he was being paid to recruit new backers.

Among those footing Paxton's legal bill are Preferred Medical CEO James Webb, who pitched in $100,000 and is a longtime donor to the state's top prosecutor. At least one is also a Servergy investor, Keresa Richardson, who gave $10,000 and told the Associated Press last year that Paxton was "the cleanest guy in the world" when asked about his name being linked to a federal investigation.

A Paxton spokesman said the attorney general followed the law in raising and disclosing the funds.

"The financial burdens of defending against politically motivated prosecutions can be significant and Attorney General Paxton is grateful for the support of his friends in fighting back against these false allegations," Paxton spokesman Matt Welch said in an email.

Paxton until now had not disclosed how he is paying for a team of high-powered attorneys — which at times included a former federal judge and former federal prosecutor — since being indicted last summer. Earlier this year, state ethics regulators denied giving Paxton their blessing to let him tap political donors to cover the cost.

But Paxton cited an exemption to Texas bribery laws when listing two dozen legal supporters in a filing with the Texas Ethics Commission. The exemption allows gifts to public servants when there exists a "personal, professional, or business relationship" that is independent of the officeholder.

Many of Paxton's legal supporters live in and around his hometown of McKinney, a conservative Dallas suburb where he was indicted. They include Kelly Shackelford, the president and CEO of the Liberty Institute, which takes on religious freedom lawsuits and had two of its top attorneys join Paxton's staff at the attorney general's office earlier this year. Shackelford gave $1,000 and was among the smallest contributors.

Paxton was indicted just six months into taking office in 2015 and is still a long way from any trial. He recently lost a second bid to have the case thrown out and could next seek a dismissal at the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals, which in February tossed a criminal indictment against former Gov. Rick Perry.

Perry was charged with abusing his power in office. Paxton's alleged misdeeds, on the other hand, are not linked to his state duties and instead happened in 2011 when he was a state legislator.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

HOUSTON

Teen loses part of leg when 180 sparklers explode

A Texas teenager who lit 180 sparklers that were taped together needed to have part of his leg amputated and suffered burns after the sparklers exploded.

The family of 15-year-old Rowdy Radford said he also may lose his vision because of Saturday's accident.

Matagorda County sheriff's Sgt. James Orr said Tuesday that the teen was at a home in the Gulf Coast community of Sargent when he wrapped the sparklers together.

The teen's aunt, Lorin Meadows, told KHOU-TV in Houston that the makeshift device exploded as soon as it was lit.

Orr says family members heard an explosion and rushed outside to find the injured boy with his left leg nearly severed.

Orr said Radford was transported by helicopter to a Houston hospital, where he remains hospitalized.

NEW BRAUNFELS

Man fires on Fort Hood soldiers who intervened in argument

Police say nearly two-dozen shots were fired at a group of soldiers from Fort Hood after they intervened in an argument at a New Braunfels park.

A police statement said the seven soldiers arrived at the park early Monday and saw a couple arguing.

They told investigators the situation had calmed, but the couple retrieved a gun from their car and the man fired at the soldiers, who found cover behind their vehicles.

One of the soldiers fired on the man and struck him in the elbow.

Everyone fled the scene, but the soldiers later returned to speak with police. The couple was found at a gas station.

The 24-year-old man and his 26-year-old girlfriend, both from San Antonio, were each charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

HOUSTON

Police: 3 killed, 2 hurt in shooting

Police say a third person has died in a shooting near downtown Houston that happened as people gathered in a street to watch an illegal fireworks display.

Investigators initially said two were killed and two were injured Monday night after an argument broke out between two groups of people. Police spokeswoman Jodi Silva said Tuesday that the third person who died was not one of those originally listed as injured.

Authorities say at least three males began shooting at one of the victims. Five people were struck by gunfire.

The three who were killed were all adult men.

Among the injured was a 10-year-old child, who KTRK-TV reports was shot in the abdomen and taken to a hospital with injuries that were not life-threatening.

TEMPLE

Sheriff's deputy drowns after falling from boat

A Central Texas sheriff's deputy has drowned after falling from a fishing boat at Belton Lake.

The body of 35-year-old Stephen Kay Foster was found Monday following an extensive search of the lake west of Temple.

The Temple Daily Telegram reported the Bell County deputy was with several family and friends in two boats early Sunday when he fell overboard.

A Texas Parks and Wildlife Department dive team helped in the search using sonar equipment.

Game wardens who were searching by helicopter later spotted Foster's body.

It was not clear how he fell overboard and why those in his group were unable to assist him.

Foster began working in Bell County as a jailer in 2013. He graduated from the police academy and was promoted to deputy last year.

New Mexico announces 'record-breaking' tourism

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — New Mexico saw record-breaking tourism for the fourth year in a row and created more than 2,500 related tourism jobs last year, New Mexico Gov. Susana Martinez announced Tuesday.

The governor and state tourism officials said 700,000 more trips were taken in New Mexico last year, bringing the total number of visitors to 33.4 million.

Those numbers, based on survey data from research firm Longwoods International, point to a steady increase of travel to New Mexico since Martinez took office in 2011.

"New Mexico True allows us to showcase adventures all around the Land of Enchantment that truly feed the soul like no other state is able to do," Martinez said. "As a result, we're breaking tourism records and sharing our unique culture, scenic vistas, unrivaled ski slopes and, of course, our green chile."

Last year, Martinez said half a million more people visited New Mexico in 2014 than in 2013 and credited the state's New Mexico True campaign. That campaign has featured the state's famous outdoor locations and New Mexico celebrities, such as mixed-martial arts fighter Carlos Condit.

New Mexico True advertisements have been spotted in airports around the country, including at John F. Kennedy International Airport in New York.

State Tourism Secretary Rebecca Latham said New Mexico has spent around $28 million on the New Mexico True campaign since its inception in 2012. The state spent $9.1 million last fiscal year after receiving an increase from state lawmakers, Latham said.

"We've learned so much through research since the campaign launched, and we keep finding new ways to put that data to use in all of our advertising and marketing efforts," Latham said.

Latham said numbers also showed the percentage of New Mexico traveling within state went down, and officials are trying to figure out how to keep some of those travel dollars in the state in the future.

Martinez is scheduled this month to visit Taos, Elephant Butte Lake State Park, and White Sands National Monument as part of her tour.

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Chevron approves $37 billion expansion of Kazakh oil project

By Rakteem Katakey
Bloomberg

Chevron Corp. will go ahead with the $36.8 billion expansion of the Tengiz oil project in Kazakhstan, one of the biggest new investments since crude's slump two years ago.

The company and its partners including Exxon Mobil will spend $27.1 billion on facilities, $3.5 billion on wells and $6.2 billion for contingency and escalation, Chevron said in a statement on Tuesday. First oil from the expanded project is planned for 2022.

The Tengiz expansion comes after oil explorers around the globe slashed more than $1 trillion in investments to weather a downturn that saw oil prices tumble 75 percent from June 2014 to a 12-year low in January. The slump has reduced prices of some services and rigs required for drilling and Chevron said it's taking advantage of that.

Tengiz "has undergone extensive engineering and construction planning reviews and is well-timed to take advantage of lower costs of oil industry goods and services," Jay Johnson, executive vice president for upstream at Chevron, said in the statement.

The expansion will increase crude production in the field by 260,000 barrels a day. The project's total hydrocarbon output will rise to about 1 million barrels of oil equivalent per day, according to the statement.

Exxon owns 25 percent of the venture, KazmunaiGaz National Co. 20 percent and Russia's Lukoil 5 percent.

Though the expansion of Tengiz was put on hold last year after cost estimates ballooned amid the plunging oil prices, it was the only major new project Chevron spared from the austerity budget the company imposed in 2016.

Courtesy photo

Chevron Corp. crude oil processing facilities are shown Nov. 10, 2011, in Kazakhstan.

Tengizchevroil, the venture that operates the project, probably will issue bonds or otherwise tap lenders to finance the expansion, Chief Executive Officer John Watson told analysts and investors at Chevron's annual strategy presentation in March.

Discovered in 1979, Tengiz was too technically challenging for Soviet engineers to develop. A blowout in a well called T-37 in June 1985 blazed for more than 400 days before it was extinguished by U.S. well-control experts, according to a history of the field published by Tengizchevroil.

Chevron won the rights to develop the field in 1993 after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

World's top oil trader says prices won't rise much further

By Javier Blas and Ryan Chilcote
Bloomberg

Oil prices won't rise much further over the next year and a half as demand growth slows and refiners comfortably meet gasoline consumption, according to the world's largest independent oil-trading house.

"I cannot see the market really roaring ahead," Vitol Group Chief Executive Officer Ian Taylor told Bloomberg Television in an interview. "We have a lot of oil in the system, and it will take us considerable time to work that off."

Since rallying from a 12-year low of $27.10 a barrel in January, Brent crude has been hovering around $50 a barrel for the last month. The international benchmark will probably end the year "not too far away from where we are today" and rise to about $60 by the end of 2017, Taylor said.

The forecast, which coincides with a similar view from Goldman Sachs, would mean oil-rich countries and the energy industry face a prolonged period of low prices, more akin to the 1986 to 1999 downturn than the swift recovery after the 2008 financial crisis. Vitol trades more than 6 million barrels a day of crude and refined products — enough to cover the needs of Germany, France, Italy and Spain together — and its views are closely followed in the energy market.

Brent crude fell to $47.97 a barrel in London at 4:43 p.m. local time, down $2.13. In New York, West Texas Intermediate, the U.S. benchmark, fell 4.5 percent to $46.77 a barrel.

Taylor, who has traded oil for nearly four decades, said one-off factors, including supply disruptions and stronger-than-expected demand growth, helped to tighten the market in the first half, lifting prices.

"We probably expect demand growth to be slightly less in the second half of the year," he said. "There is a little less pull from the Far East" and basic Chinese refineries, known as teapots, seem well satisfied after having "overbought" crude in the first months of the year, he said.

Summer driving in the United States may not be so bullish for oil because "the refinery system of the world has clearly been able to make enough gasoline, and the gasoline stocks are healthy," Taylor said.

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>
> **Vitol Group Chief Executive Officer Ian Taylor**

U.S. wholesale gasoline futures for delivery in August — traditionally the peak of the driving season — traded at $1.44 a gallon in New York at 4:48 p.m. Tuesday, below the price for futures for delivery in September, suggesting current supplies are plentiful. "We don't see any shortages of gasoline," Taylor said.

At the same time, "most of the disruptions are beginning to correct themselves," such as wildfires that halted Canadian output, Taylor said.

The oil price outlook is unlikely to change significantly in 2017 as supply from new oilfields, including the super-giant Kashagan in Kazakhstan and others in the U.S. Gulf of Mexico, offset production drops elsewhere, Taylor said. The wild card for next year is U.S. shale supply, which appears to have reached a bottom, but it's too early to say whether growth will resume.

U.S. oil production was hit hard by the plunge in oil prices after the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries diverged from its traditional policy of adjusting supply to manage prices, announcing in late 2014 that it would maintain output to defend its position in the market. The nation pumped 8.6 million barrels a day last month, down from a peak of 9.6 million in June 2015.

Vitol, which celebrates its 50th anniversary this year and is owned by its employees, didn't make as much money in the first half of the year as in the same period in 2015, Taylor said. It earned $1.6 billion last year, the most since 2011, as it profited from price swings in the energy market.

OILBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Oil company to build new headquarters in New Mexico

HOBBS — A Texas-based oil company is constructing a $6 million headquarters in southeastern New Mexico's Permian Basin.

The Carlsbad Current-Argus reported that the Mewbourne Oil Company says it is building the 32,000-square-foot headquarters in Hobbs to provide more space for its 120 employees in the region.

Mewbourne operates about 2,000 total wells. It has added modular offices and trailers to accommodate its growth.

President Ken Waits says the private company was doing very well before the downturn in the oil and gas industry.

He says Mewbourne is working with Carlsbad-based NPSR Architects and Hobbs-based Lasco Construction. Construction began last month and is expected to take a year to complete.

Economic Development Corporation of Lea County President Steve Vierck says the project is a vote of confidence in southeastern New Mexico.

Italy's Eni says drilling off Cyprus to start next year

NICOSIA — The chief executive of Italian oil and gas company Eni says exploratory drilling off Cyprus' southern shore will begin next year.

Claudio Descalzi said after talks with Cypriot President Nicos Anastasiades Tuesday that drilling will "for sure" start in 2017.

Descalzi said the eastern Mediterranean's gas potential is "becoming more and more important" following the recent discovery of significant gas fields in Egyptian and Israeli waters.

Eni has the rights to drill off Cyprus in three blocks, or areas. Eni last year discovered a gas field off Egypt that it called the biggest find ever in the Mediterranean Sea.

Descalzi said he discussed with Anastasiades a third drilling licensing round whose deadline is July 22.

U.S. company Noble Energy and France's Total are also licensed to drill off Cyprus.

VERMONT

Burlington vigil to mark Quebec oil train wreck anniversary

BURLINGTON — Environmentalists in Vermont are planning a vigil to mark the third anniversary of the wreck of an oil train in Quebec that killed 47.

The group, 350-Vermont, says the July 6, 2013 accident in southeastern Quebec highlighted the dangers of the growing use of trains to ship crude oil.

The group is planned its event today from 6 to 9 p.m. at Burlington's Battery Park, from which it says you can see across Lake Champlain to tracks on the New York side where oil trains travel regularly.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Happy birthday, President Bush

Former President George W. Bush turns 70 today.

Things to do

■ Building Bots: Robotics Session 1 at the Petroleum Museum, 1500 W. Interstate 20. Pre-registration required. 9-11 a.m. for grades K-2; 1 - 4 p.m. for grades 3-6. Each session is identical and includes three classes. Members $70, non-members $80. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Storytime at the Library. 9:30 a.m. (babies to 2 years), 10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Magic Show with Harlin, 2-4 p.m., Midland County Public Library-Centennial, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment, 8 p.m., Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net

■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.— Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

■ Midland Quilters Guild, 1 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

Swimming pools schedule

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, located at 900 Midland Drive, is open from noon to 7 p.m. today. The lap pool will be closed from noon to 1 p.m. for lap swimming.

■ Washington Aquatic Center, located at 1601 E. Indiana Ave., is open from noon to 7 p.m.

The cost of entry at City of Midland pools is $3 per person, with free admission for children under the age of 2.

Source: City of Midland

Community calendar

■ Camp Fire West Texas will be offering after-school care for students on six Midland ISD elementary schools — Jones, Henderson, Emerson, Fannin, Bush, Yarbrough and Parker. Elementary school).

Registration will begin at 9 a.m. July 18 and will continue until all spots are filled. Registration is done online at www. campfirewtx.org. There is a $20 annuall fee and a $45 weekly fee for each child; financial assistance is available for those who qualify.

For more information, call 570-4144.

■ Midland Need to Read, 1709 W. Wall St., will be hosting an open house 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Aug. 4. Also, MN2R is holding a children's book drive Aug. 1-4. Donations may be dropped off at the Literacy House and at partnering community locations: Becky's Flowers, Midland County Public Libraries, Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Museum of the Southwest, Natural Grocers, and Region 18 Education Service Center.

For more information, call 682-9693.

June weather report

■ **Average high:** 93.4 degrees
■ **Average low:** 68.7 degrees
■ **Average temperature:** 81.05 degrees
■ **Typical average for June:** 80.4 degrees
■ **Rainfall in June:** 3.16 inches (10th most rain in a month of June in Midland)
■ **Average rainfall in June:** 1.8 inches

Source: National Weather Service

What's on the radio

News talk
KCRS (AM 550)
■ 6-9 a.m. The Morning Drive with Robert Hallmark & Kurt Verlei
■ 9-11 a.m. Lynn Woolley
■ 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Rush Limbaugh
■ 2-5 p.m. Dave Ramsey
■ 5-6 p.m. Local News with KOSA
■ 6-9 p.m. Lars Larson
■ 9-midnight Joe Pags
■ midnight-4 a.m. George Noory
■ 4-6 a.m. Gordon Deal
■ Web: http://www.newstalkkcrs.com/

KWEL (AM 1070, FM 107.1)
■ 6-10 a.m. The Morning Show with Craig Anderson
■ 10 a.m.-noon, Herman Cain
■ Noon-2 p.m. Glenn Beck
■ 2-5 p.m. Sean Hannity
■ 5-7 p.m. The West Texas Round-Up of News and Talk
■ Web: http://www.kwel.com

Sport talk
KMND (AM 1510)
■ 6-9 a.m. Mike and Mike in the Morning
■ 9 a.m.-noon Dan Le Batard Show
■ Noon-3 p.m. The Dan Patrick Show.

Other options
■ Contemporary Christian: KFRI (FM 88.7), KLVW (FM 90.5)
■ NPR: KOCV (FM 91.3)

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 9-8-1
Pick 3 day: 7-7-0
Pick 3 evening: 2-9-0
Pick 3 night: 6-5-0
Daily 4 morning: 9-7-8-7
Daily 4 day: 4-6-5-8
Daily 4 evening: 8-6-6-3
Daily 4 night: 9-8-8-7
Cash Five: 9-10-12-13-24
Texas Triple Chance: 6-8-12-28-34-35-37-43-52-55
Mega Millions: 29-46-53-64-73 MB: 10 Megaplier: 5
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-7-10-11-12-13-14-15-17-19-22
All or Nothing day: 1-2-5-8-12-13-16-17-18-20-21-22
All or Nothing evening: 2-6-10-11-14-15-16-18-19-20-21-24
All or Nothing night: 1-3-4-5-9-11-13-14-18-19-23-24

Mega Millions jackpot edges up to $454M

Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — The Mega Millions jackpot reached an estimated $454 million ahead of its Tuesday evening drawing, making it potentially the 7th largest lottery jackpot in U.S. history.

With slightly better odds than the Powerball game, it's rare that nearly four months passes without someone winning a Mega Millions jackpot. It is the longest the game's jackpot has rolled on without a top prize winner.

"This is our longest roll ever, by far," said Paula Otto, executive director of the Virginia Lottery and lead director for Mega Millions, which is managed by a consortium of lottery organizations.

Tuesday could mark the 34th time the jackpot has rolled without a winner. The previous record was 22 rolls in December 2013.

Otto said there are several factors for the lack of a winner, and it includes fewer players. The highest jackpot drawn in the country was a $1.6 billion Powerball jackpot won in January by players in three states.

"It takes much bigger jackpots to get players excited," she said. "It looks like the tipping point might be right about now."

The winning numbers Tuesday night were white balls 29-64-46-53-73 and yellow ball 10.

Otto said before the drawing that the lottery consortium may not know whether there is a winner until about midnight Central time.

Earlier Tuesday, Paul Jeanne came out of Sam's Lobby Shop in downtown Baltimore, Maryland waving a handful of Mega Millions tickets, jokingly claiming he was holding a fortune in his hands, the Baltimore Sun reported.

Jeanne said he knew his odds are slim to win the Mega Millions but "felt marginally better going in with about a dozen co-workers in an office pool.

"When it gets big like this, we all throw a few bucks in and hope for the best," the Homeland resident said. "You take your tiny odds, and tiny odds get multiplied by a tiny bit, and, hopefully, it comes in one of these times

Otto said if there's no winner, the jackpot is expected to grow by more than $50 million.

The prize increased slightly Tuesday morning from a $449 million prize that was reached after no winner was selected Friday night. The jackpot will be the largest since a $429.6 million Powerball prize won by a New Jersey family on May 7.

The odds of picking the correct numbers on five white balls and one yellow ball in the Mega Millions game are one in 259 million. For Powerball, it's one in about 292 million. Revamps to the country's two big lottery games in recent years decreased the odds of picking all the numbers needed for the top prize, though officials point out it's increased the number of winners who score smaller prizes that range from $1 million to $5 million, depending on the game.

PHOTO: An electronic billboard displays the current Mega Millions jackpot Tuesday in Springfield, Ill. With slightly better odds than Powerball, it's rare that nearly four months passes without someone winning a Mega Millions jackpot. ***Associated Press***

New York Lottery to offer new instant game using cellphones

ALBANY, N.Y. — The New York Lottery has created a new instant game allowing players to use mobile phones in conjunction with a traditional scratch game — something lottery officials say is a first in the nation.

The game announced Tuesday is called Gold Castle. It contains a bar code that can be scanned by a smartphone to create an image of a castle on the phone screen. Players then touch the castle to reveal prizes.

The $5 game is sold at traditional lottery retailers and can be played like a normal instant game. Users wishing to use their smartphones to unlock the new features must download a free Lottery app.

Associated Press

Texas announces hundreds of schools receiving pre-K grants

By Kiah Collier
Texas Tribune

Texas will divvy up $116 million among 578 school districts and charter schools to bolster high-quality pre-kindergarten programs, Education Commissioner Mike Morath announced Tuesday.

State lawmakers approved the grant program during last year's legislative session after Gov. Greg Abbott named early education as his top legislative priority, though some critics argued that the grants didn't go far enough.

The funding will reach nearly half of the state's more than 1,200 school districts and charters. Qualifying districts will receive up to $1,500 per student, meaning larger districts are getting bigger grant awards. The Houston school district, for example, will receive $9.2 million total while many smaller ones will receive just over $3,600. The awards will be paid out in two installments: the first one coming immediately to retroactively cover the 2015-16 school year, and another this fall for the upcoming school year.

"Implementation of this important grant program, which remains a priority of Gov. Abbott, provides important educational support to our youngest Texans," Morath said in a statement. "By working to ensure and expand high quality prekindergarten programs across our state, we take an important step toward ensuring every child is prepared for the classroom from the very first day."

The passage of House Bill 4 during last year's legislative session was uncertain at times amid criticism from staunch conservatives — including those on a panel that advises Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick — who saw it as an expansion of state-funded pre-K.

Early education advocates also initially lobbed criticisms at the legislation, hoping it would emerge stronger from the legislative meat grinder. They complained that it did not mandate full-day pre-K or fully restore a similar, $200 million grant program lawmakers gutted in 2011. (The state currently funds half-day pre-K programs for students who are needy, including those in foster care, or those from military families.)

At one point, the legislation set aside $130 million for the program. That later fell to $118 million before landing at $116 million.

But Abbott, and the lawmakers who championed the legislation on his behalf, stressed that the grant program would incentivize high-quality programs by allocating funding to districts that met certain standards including certified teachers and a parent engagement plan. It also would require districts to report pre-K enrollment and other indicators to the state for the first time, as they do for K-12, they noted.

By the numbers

ISD	Funding 2015-16	Funding 2016-17
Midland	$272,143	$275,515
Ector	$397,269	$402,191
Andrews	$48,156	$48,752

Source: TEA

MISD

From 1A

Brandy Copeland has been named principal at Greathouse Elementary, which has a rating of 4. Copeland began her teaching career at Goddard Junior High School. She has five years of administrative experience as an assistant principal, according to the district.

Stephanie Ramos will be the new principal at Bush Elementary, which has a rating of 3. Ramos comes to Midland from Manor ISD where she was an elementary assistant principal. In addition to her years of teaching, she has several years of experience as an instructional coach and district literacy specialist, according to Midland ISD.

Amy Clark has been named the new principal at Lamar Elementary, which has a 1 rating. Clark comes to Midland ISD from Snook Independent School District where she was the director of School Improvement, according to MISD. In addition to several years as a classroom teacher, she has more than 15 years of administrative experience serving as a campus principal, literacy specialist, dean of instruction, and assistant principal.

Tara Crockett will be the new principal at South Elementary, which had a 2 rating. Crockett was previously the assistant principal at South Elementary. Crockett has 15 years of classroom teaching experience and two years of administrative experience, according to the district.

Shannon Torres has been named the new principal at Midland Freshman High School, which posted a 5 rating. In addition to several years as a classroom teacher and department chairperson, Torres was a summer school principal and currently is the associate principal at Midland High School.

As previously reported, Jennifer Seybert will be the new principal at Abell Junior High School, which has a 4 rating.

Note: Greatschools.org considers average to be 3.5 to 7.5.

New principals

Bowie	Melissa Horner
Greathouse	Brandy Copeland
Bush	Stephanie Ramos
Lamar	Amy Clark
South	Tara Crockett
Midland Freshman	Shannon Torres
Abell	Jennifer Seybert

RRC

From 1A

enough cash to cover the commission's expenses to plug wells abandoned by bankrupt oil companies. But that's not the world we live in.

Last fiscal year, 94 oil companies abandoned 1,584 wells, thereby forfeiting about $4.3 million. That same year, the commission plugged 692 wells at a cost of $11.7 million.

"We need to have a serious conversation with the Legislature about how the Railroad Commission is going to be funded moving forward if we're going to continue to have the financial resources we need to do our job," David Porter, the commission's chairman, told a legislative committee in March.

Landowners are understandably angry about unplugged wells that despoil their land. The wells are drilled through the fresh water table, where many communities obtain their drinking water, then go deeper, passing through mineral water saturated with sulfur and other noxious substances. Only then do they find the oil and gas reservoir.

The brackish water and residual oil and gas can work their way up the pipe to the surface if unplugged. The well's pipe and cement casings also degrade, allowing whatever is in the pipe to leak into the drinking water. Abandoned wells caused 30 cases of groundwater contamination in Texas between 1993 and 2008, according to the multistate Ground Water Protection Council.

In Pecos County, near Fort Stockton, brackish water mixed with oil and gas spew from old wellheads and have formed semipermanent ponds and lakes in the desert that reek of rotten eggs and kill everything within 30 feet.

Abandoned wells are a normal part of an oil bust, Christi Craddick, the second of three commissioners, told lawmakers earlier this year. State Rep. Rafael Anchia, D-Dallas, asked her whether she or the other commissioners had asked the Legislature to raise the bonding requirement in light of the rising number of abandoned wells and the growing cost of plugging them.

"That's not been a priority for us at this point," Craddick replied. But later she added, "If y'all want to give us $100 million, we'll plug a lot of wells."

Porter also had no problem asking the Legislature for cash. He now says the Legislature's decision to make the Railroad Commission self-funding was a mistake.

"I am familiar with agencies where self-funding makes sense, but I would argue that the Railroad Commission is not one," he said. "The funding for these kinds of activities is lacking based on the current revenue generated by fees paid by industry."

Railroad commissioners, by the way, are elected. They are politicians whom you'd think would care about taxpayers. But most of their campaign funds come from people in the oil and gas industry.

The Texas Sunset Commission, which reviews how well state agencies perform their duties, has recommended requiring larger bonds. Land owners want more wells plugged quicker. The industry, though, doesn't see a problem and opposes any change to the status quo.

"The Legislature's recommendation to plug 875 wells in 2016 is adequately funded," said Todd Staples, president of the Texas Oil & Gas Association.

One industry ally, Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, suggested that in light of low oil prices, the Legislature should actually cut taxes on oil producers, effectively shifting more of the tax burden onto ordinary Texans.

"The severance tax, at this juncture, is real problematic for small producers," he said. "We're going to have to start looking at suspension, or a tiering (of the tax)."

This would not sound so insane if the Legislature had raised taxes and fees during the boom, but it didn't.

What should also be obvious is the injustice of asking taxpayers to pay for cleaning up a for-profit company's mess or for its regulation.

Both proposals, though, demonstrate the oil and gas industry's confidence that they don't need to worry about right or wrong as long as they've got friends on the commission and in the Legislature.

NIGHTCLUB

From 1A

At that same site, commissioners approved a request from Manor Park to change the zoning from MF-1 (multiple family dwelling district), in part, TH, (townhouse dwelling) in part and MF-2 to a planned district. Manor Park plans to construct 75 housing units on the site.

Commissioners approved a specific use permit for Strategic Restaurant Concepts for alcohol beverage sales for consumption in a restaurant. Strategic Restaurant Concepts is beginning construction of Bubba's 33 restaurant at Midland Park Mall facing the Loop 250 frontage road. SRC will own the liquor permit while the business permit will be owned by Texas Roadhouse, which has a restaurant between Chick-fil-A and Wal-Mart at Loop 250 and Midland Drive. The restaurant is set to open by the end of the year and employ 180.

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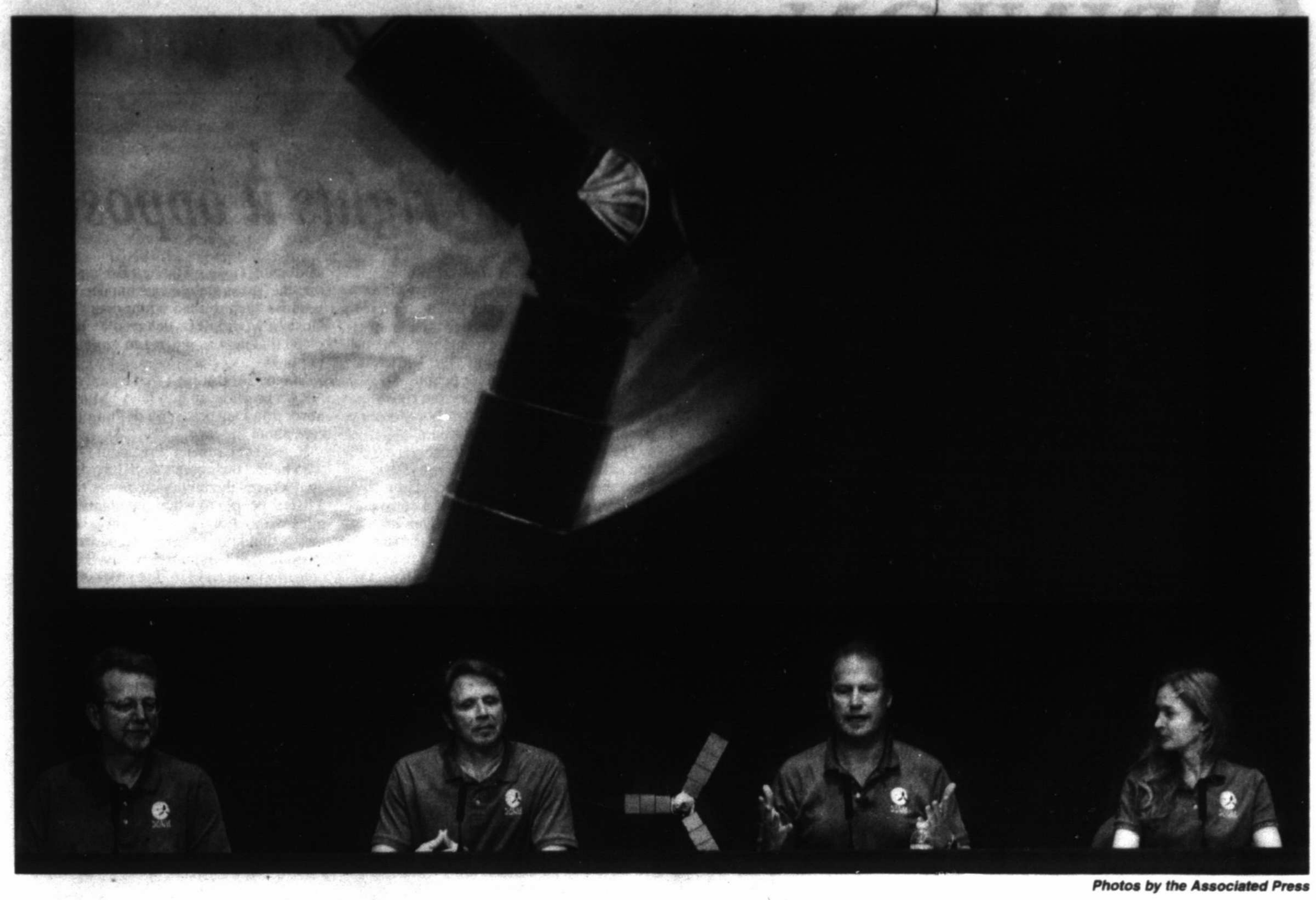

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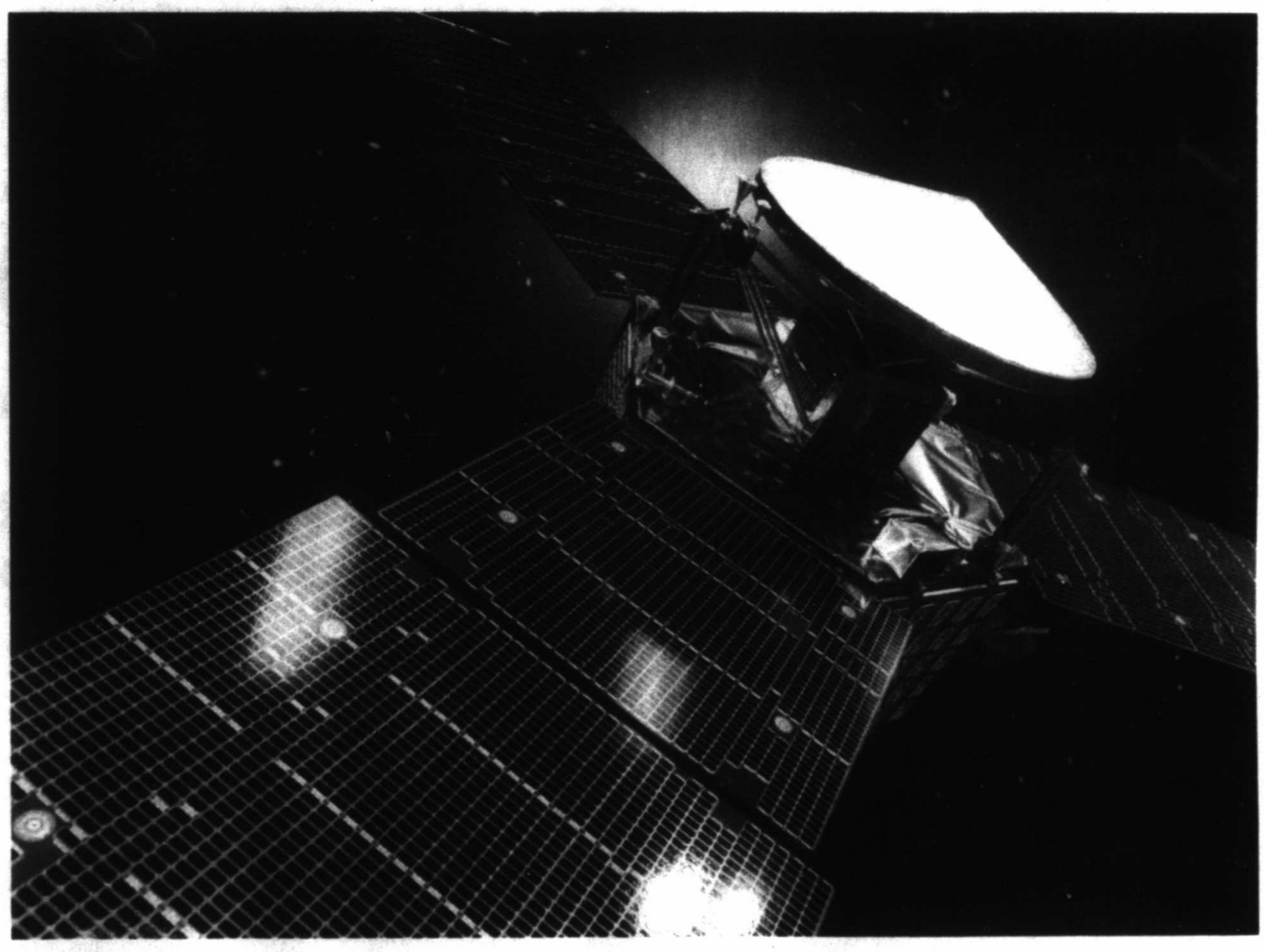
Jim Green, director, Planetary Science Division, NASA, left, talks during a media briefing joined by Scott Bolton, Juno principal investigator, second from left, Rick Nybakken, Juno project manager, second from right, and Heidi Becker, Juno radiation monitoring investigation Lead, at Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) in Pasadena, Calif., on Monday. The solar-powered spacecraft is spinning toward Jupiter for the closest encounter with the biggest planet in our solar system. NASA's Juno spacecraft will fire its main rocket engine late Monday to slow itself down from a speed of 150,000 mph and slip into orbit around Jupiter. **BELOW:** A 1/5 scale model size of NASA's solar-powered Juno spacecraft is displayed.

Destination Jupiter: What to expect during the Juno mission

By Alicia Chang
Associated Press



LOS ANGELES — Now that the Juno spacecraft is settled in orbit around Jupiter, the real work is about to begin.

Juno will fly closer to Jupiter than any other spacecraft, skipping over cloud tops and peering deep inside to uncover clues about the giant planet's formation. Scientists hope that understanding how Jupiter formed can help explain how Earth and the other planets evolved, as well.

"Now the fun begins — the science," mission chief scientist Scott Bolton said after Juno's arrival Monday at the end of a five-year journey.

A look at what's coming up during the $1.1 billion mission:

Post-trip checkup

Juno was bombarded with radiation as it neared Jupiter, the largest planet in the solar system. As a precaution, its camera and science instruments were turned off during the arrival. Engineers will flip them back on this week and perform a complete check of the spacecraft to make sure everything is ready to go for the next 20 months.

Changing course

To enter Jupiter's orbit, Juno fired its rocket motor, putting it on a long, looping path that takes 53 days to complete. In late August, the spacecraft swings back around Jupiter for its first close-in view. But Juno eventually needs to swoop in closer to do its job. The mission kicks into high gear in October when Juno fires its engine again to tighten its orbit. Then every two weeks, the spacecraft will skim Jupiter's clouds to peek into its stormy atmosphere.

Moon mystery

Juno made a discovery even before reaching its destination. As Juno zeroed in on Jupiter, its camera captured the massive planet appearing half-lit, surrounded by its four main moons. NASA stitched the images together and created a time-lapse video showing the moons in action.

There was a surprise: Jupiter's second-largest moon, Callisto, appeared dimmer than scientists imagined. "We don't know why," said Bolton of the Southwest Research Institute in Texas.

Closest look

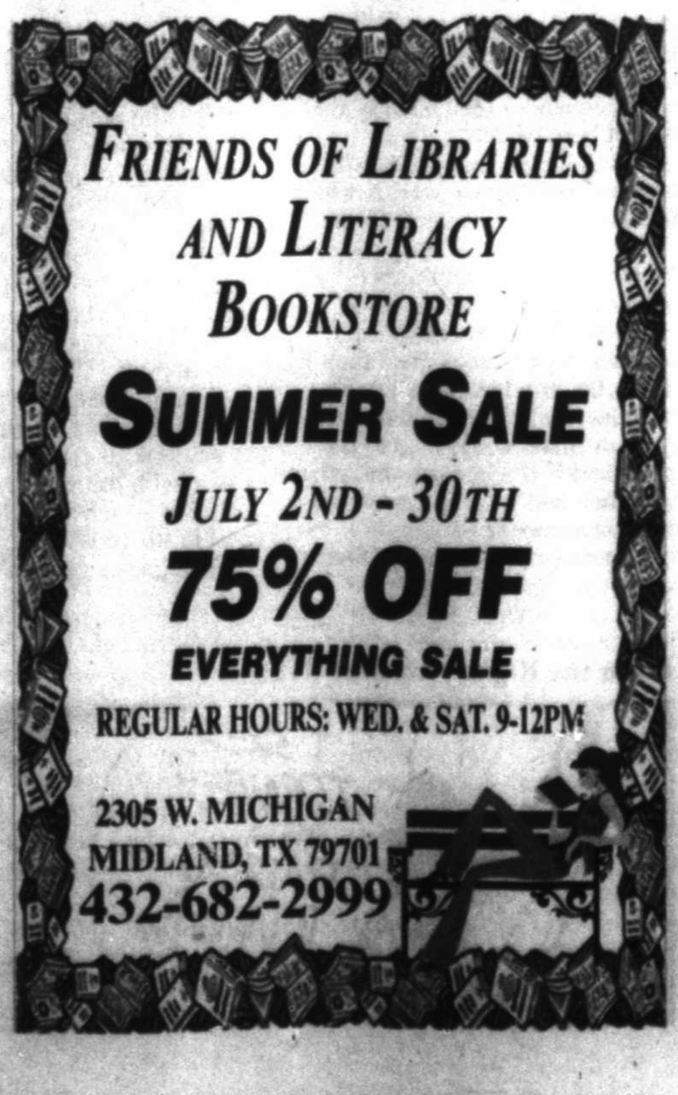
Previous missions to Jupiter have revealed stunning views of the planet's thick clouds and vivid auroras. Scientists are expecting the best photos and information yet from Juno.

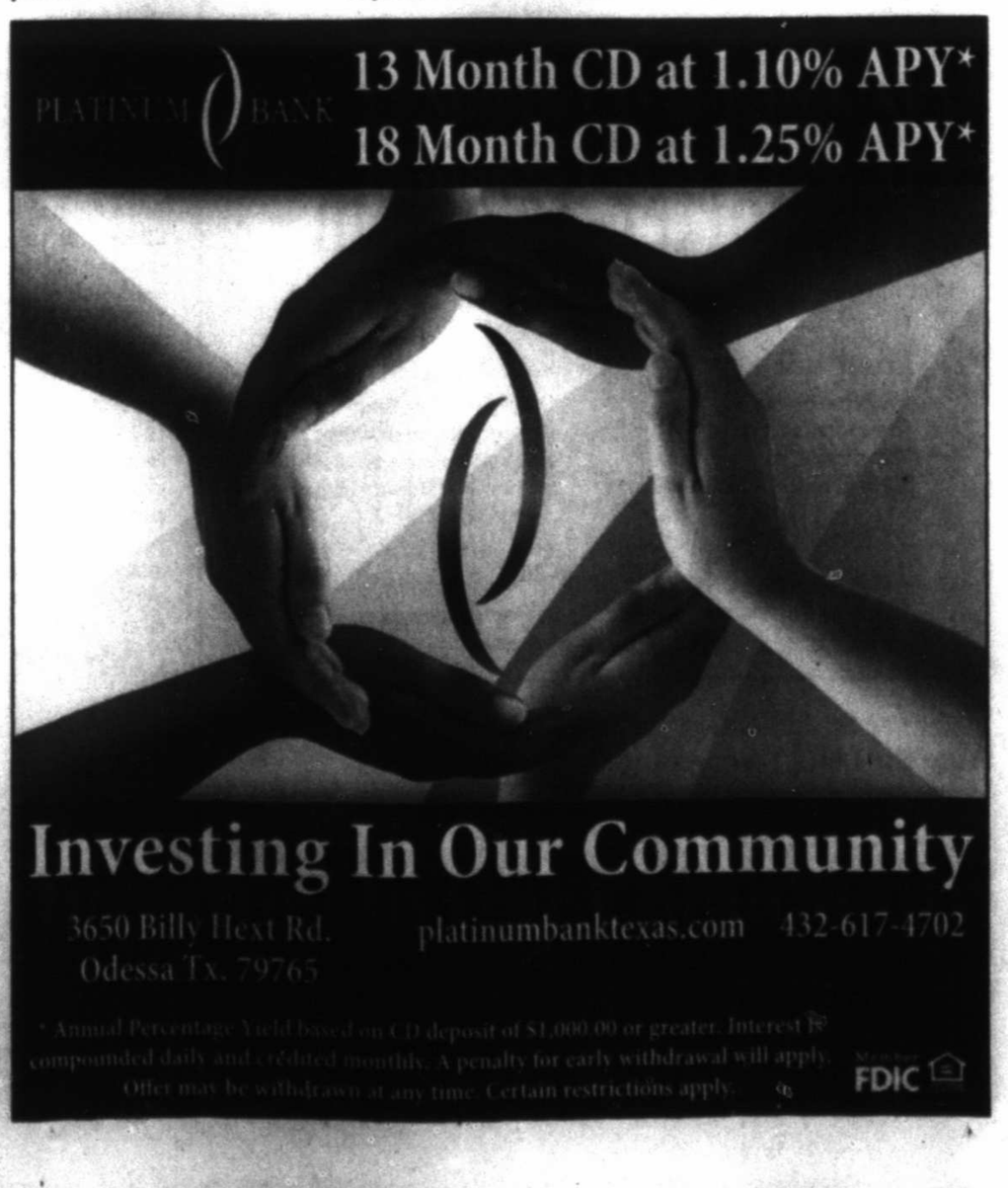
"We get our first up and close personal look at Jupiter with all our eyes and ears open" later this summer, Bolton said.

The spacecraft carries nine instruments to map the planet. It will measure how much water is in Jupiter's atmosphere. This will shed light on where in the solar system Jupiter formed. It will also probe Jupiter's gravity and magnetic fields to determine what kind of core it has and what makes the northern and southern lights so intense. Juno will also study how deep the trademark Great Red Spot goes and why the centuries-old storm has shrunk in recent years.

Finale

When Juno finishes its job, it will intentionally plunge into Jupiter's atmosphere and burn up. Galileo, the first spacecraft to orbit Jupiter, met the same fate after a 14-year mission. This fiery end expected in 2018 prevents any chance of accidentally crashing into Jupiter's moons, particularly Europa, considered a prime target in the hunt for microbial life in the solar system.





The left has different approach to rights it opposes

■ Anyone really believe those wanting abortions would be treated like gun owners?

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I have an idea.

The federal government needs to compile a list of women who shouldn't be allowed to get abortions. The criteria for getting on the list must be flexible. If an official at, say, the NIH or FBI think that a woman should be a mother for some reason or other, he or she can block an abortion. Maybe the woman has great genes or a high IQ or the sorts of financial resources we need in parents. Let's leave that decision where it belongs: in the hands of the government.

Heck, there's really no reason even to tell women if they're on the "no abort" list. Let them find out at the clinic. And if they go in for an abortion only to discover they are among the million or more people on the list, there will be no clear process for getting off it, even if it was a bureaucratic error or case of mistaken identity.

Sound like a good idea?

You probably don't think so, particularly if you took part in the celebratory riot of good feeling in the wake of the Supreme Court's recent decision striking down Texas abortion regulations. In the case of Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt, the court ruled that Texas could not raise the required health and safety standards of abortion clinics to match those of other "ambulatory surgical centers." The reforms were implemented in the wake of the Kermit Gosnell scandal in which the Philadelphia abortionist's abattoir was revealed to be more like the setting for a "Saw" movie than a decent medical clinic.

The court held that abortion is such a fundamental constitutional right that minimal health standards are an "undue burden" on women seeking an abortion, even if they might save women's lives.

There's a deep and perplexing contradiction here. If abortion is just another aspect of "women's health" — currently the preferred euphemism for the procedure — why have higher health and safety regulations for dentists than abortionists?

But that's just the first of many contradictions. The court allowed Whole Women's Health to sue in the first place, even though the company has no right to an abortion, and third parties aren't supposed to have standing to sue for someone else's constitutional rights. The left loves to say "corporations aren't people" — unless they're suing for abortion rights. Then the new mantra is: "Corporations are people, but human fetuses aren't."

The contradiction I find most glaring and galling is that the euphoric hysteria from the left over the court's decision occurred right in the middle of a conversation about guns and terrorist watch lists.

In that conversation, many of the same voices on the left argued that the federal government can — nay, must! — have the unilateral power to put American citizens on a secret list barring them from exercising two constitutional rights: the right to bear arms and the right to due process when the government denies you a right. (Both, unlike abortion, are rights spelled out in the Constitution). Congressional Democrats even staged a tawdry tantrum on the House floor about it.

Never mind that the Orlando slaughter — the event that set off the House sit-in — would not have been prevented if the Democrats had their way.

Writing for the majority in the Hellerstedt case, Justice Stephen Breyer argued that the Texas statute was unnecessary because "determined wrongdoers" like Gosnell wouldn't be deterred by new laws given that he was willing to violate existing laws.

Maybe so. But isn't that exactly the NRA's position on gun laws? Murderers, never mind terrorists, by definition don't care about the law.

It gets even crazier. President Obama, who hailed the court's decision, desperately craves the unilateral power to keep a list of people to whom he wants to deny guns without due process. But he also insists that known terrorists, particularly those held at Guantanamo Bay, have a constitutional right to due process (though presumably not to buy a gun).

Yes, there's a lot of deviltry in the details, but the basic truth is undeniable: Those on the left — in government, the media, and three branches of the federal government, along with their cheerleaders in the media — believe that the rights they like are sacred and the rights they dislike are negligible inconveniences at best and outrageous cancers on the body politic at worst. As Justice Clarence Thomas put it in his Hellerstedt dissent: "The Court employs a different approach to rights that it favors."

In this, the court is not alone.

OPINION EXTRA

Our country needs a reminder of who we are, leaders we need

On July 4, it is fitting to remember that American independence was won by brave, ordinary men and women and also leaders of remarkable courage, foresight and brilliance.

Without Patrick Henry and Sam Adams, the spirit of revolt might never have emerged. Without George Washington, the war for independence might never have succeeded. And without the pantheon of Founding Fathers, the Constitution, whose meaning we still debate, certainly would never have been written. Their feats are all the more amazing when we remember they had no primer for revolution against the world's greatest empire, let alone one for construction of a modern republican government. We laud, as we should, the common man and the worth of every individual, but without leadership the potential of ordinary men goes untapped.

It's easy to sell ourselves short in comparison to the country that fought for independence. Nevertheless, the bravery and resilience of today's all-volunteer military is not in doubt. Despite what Donald Trump tells you about us continually "losing," we remain the world's superpower. Our people are the most generous and inventive on the planet.

And yet informed citizenship and responsible leadership are in short supply. Popular frustration has manifested itself as nihilism and intolerance, a flight from reason and the comity a functioning democracy requires. Without leaders equal to the task, we descend into acrimony, meanness and dysfunction.

No one would expect a Washington or Jefferson to emerge in our time, but then we don't need men and women of that august stature. We simply need leaders unafraid of being hooted down by the mob; politicians who understand this is not just any election but also a test of our democratic values; and candor from respected conservatives. Simple declarations from esteemed Republicans of Trump's unfitness and of the obligation of convention delegates to vote their conscience could well set off a revolt in Cleveland, an effort to recapture the party's sanity and remain true to our democratic traditions.

Too much to ask? Let's hope today's leaders are inspired by Independence Day and are worthy custodians of what remains the world's greatest democracy.

— Jennifer Rubin, Washington Post

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Part of Obama's legacy shows flaws

■ The president shamelessly never missed an opportunity to use immigration to achieve his own political goals

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With just 6 1/2 months left in office, it's time to think about what President Obama's legacy will look like on one of his most difficult subjects: immigration.

What will history say about Obama's skill at the juggling act that will confront every U.S. president in the 21st century — securing our borders, providing a foreign workforce to do jobs that Americans won't do, and deciding the fate of millions of illegal immigrants living in the United States?

In truth, Obama has accomplished very little in pursuit of each of those goals. Where he excelled was in the politics. He is a master of convincing everyone — law-and-order conservatives, Latinos who want more immigration, working-class whites who want less, etc. — that he's on their side. We've never had a president who was this good at cynically manipulating the immigration issue to pretend to be something he's not.

And occasionally, Obama catches a major break when another branch of government steps in and prevents him from doing something that he never wanted to do anyway — like protecting undocumented immigrants from the 24/7 deportation machine that he helped create and used to expel nearly 3 million people.

The Supreme Court recently announced that it had deadlocked in a case challenging Obama's plan to use executive action to slow deportations and grant temporary work permits to millions of illegal immigrants. The 4-4 tie left in place an appeals court ruling that blocked the plan.

Obama is off the hook. His supporters will give him credit for trying, and he and the Democratic Party don't have to live with what could have been the negative consequences of achieving real change. It's the best of both worlds.

As usual, in dissecting these events, the partisans will retreat to their own fantasy worlds where they can close the blinds and keep reality from seeping in.

Democrats will be generous in saying that Obama tried to bring the undocumented out of the shadows through a series of executive actions aimed at curtailing deportations. But, they'll claim, he was unfairly thwarted by heartless Republicans at the state level who sued to block the program on the grounds that it could lead to the states having to provide driver's licenses and other services to the undocumented without compensation from the federal government.

Republicans will naturally be harder on Obama and repeat their favorite nonsensical talking point about how the president issued an "unlawful executive amnesty." The objective, they'll say, was to grow millions of future Democratic voters — completely oblivious to the irony that there is no more effective recruitment tool for Democrats with this population than the thickheadedness that is always on display whenever Republicans talk about immigration.

Neither of these narratives is 100 percent accurate. Obama's legacy on immigration is a mixed bag. And if there is any justice, when the story is finally told, it'll be centered around betrayals, contradictions and question marks.

Obama should be remembered as the president who first wooed over skeptical Latino voters in 2008 with promises that he would make immigration reform a top priority — only to bury it at the bottom of his agenda for four years.

He's the president who criticized his predecessor for raids in which "nursing mothers are torn from their babies" but then went on to separate record numbers of families through deportation and detain women and children from Central America indefinitely.

He's the president who spent three years arguing with supporters that he didn't have the executive power to stop deportations only to reverse course in election years and miraculously find the power he said he didn't have.

He's the president whose executive actions to limit deportations were so badly crafted and so likely to be struck down by the courts that we have to wonder whether that was the idea all along.

He's the president who ramped up the deportation apparatus and gave Immigration and Customs Enforcement so much power that future presidents will find it difficult to rein in the agency. Record numbers of deportations could well become the new normal.

Finally, Obama is the president who shamelessly never missed an opportunity to use immigration to achieve his own political goals. He now leaves office with the appearance that he tried to find a solution — when the hard truth is he was a big part of the problem.

As legacies go, that's a terrible one.

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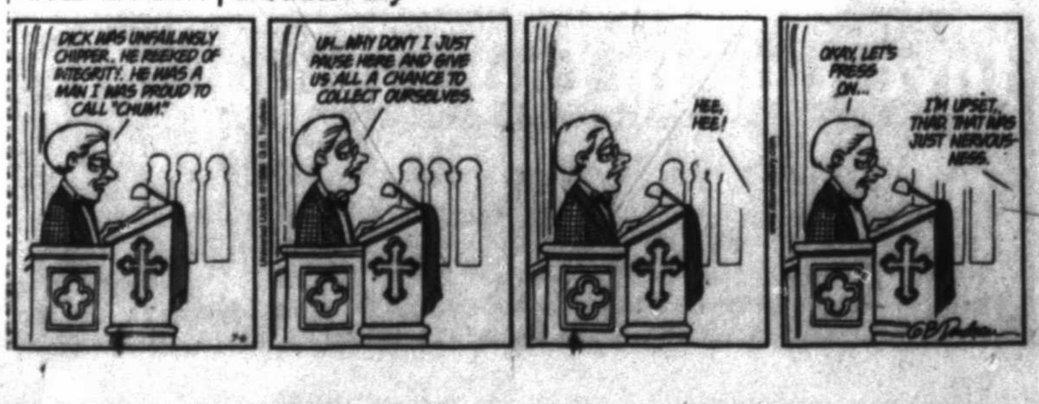

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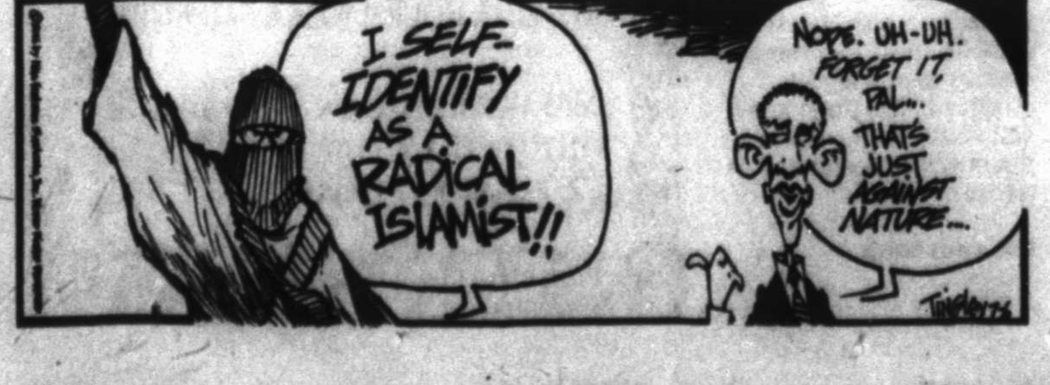

No charges for Clinton, FBI says — despite biting criticism

By Eric Tucker and Ken Thomas
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The FBI lifted a major legal threat to Hillary Clinton's presidential campaign Tuesday, recommending no criminal charges for her handling of highly classified material in a private email account. But Director James Comey's scathing criticism of her "extremely careless" behavior revitalized Republican attacks and guaranteed the issue will continue to dog her.

Comey's announcement effectively removed any possibility of criminal prosecution arising from Clinton's email practices as President Barack Obama's secretary of state. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said last week she intended to accept the recommendations of the FBI and of career prosecutors.

But the FBI director's blistering televised statement excoriated her handling of national secrets, contradicted her past explanations about her emails and ensured she will remain on the defensive about voters' views of her trustworthiness and judgment.

GOP presidential candidate Donald Trump said the statement provided more evidence against "Crooked Hillary" and showed anew that "the system is rigged." Republican House Speaker Paul Ryan said the decision not to prosecute simply defied explanation.

The findings concluded a yearlong FBI investigation into whether Clinton mishandled classified information, either intentionally or through gross negligence.

Investigators who pored over tens of thousands of emails found no proof that Clinton or her aides intended to break laws governing the handling of classified information, Comey said. But he said, "There is evidence that they were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information."

The statement was extraordinary, with Comey revealing his recommendation on live television from FBI headquarters rather than privately to Justice Department prosecutors, as is normally the case. Comey said he'd shared the FBI's findings with no one before his announcement, which came just hours before Clinton traveled to North Carolina with Obama on Air Force One to campaign with him for the first time this year.

Comey directly contradicted many of Clinton's past explanations in the case, including her assertion that she'd turned over all her emails and that she had never sent or received any that were classified at the time. The FBI chief said that in the course of the investigation, 113 emails were determined to contain classified information at the time they were sent or received.

He also found that "several thousand work-related emails" were not among the group of 30,000 Clinton turned over in 2014. And he raised the possibility that people hostile to the U.S. had gained access to her personal email account.

Yet, after criticizing Clinton, her aides and the State Department for their actions, he said that after looking at similar circumstances in past inquiries, the FBI believed that "no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case."

"No charges are appropriate in this case," said Comey, who began a 10-year term as FBI director in 2013, meaning he would remain if she is elected president.

Comey's announcement came three days after the FBI interviewed Clinton in a final step of its yearlong investigation.

"There is evidence to support a conclusion that any reasonable person in Secretary Clinton's position ... should have known that an unclassified system was no place" for sensitive conversations, Comey said.

Nor will the recommendation stop Trump, who has called for criminal charges, from continuing to make her private email server a campaign issue. After Comey's announcement, Trump tweeted, "The system is rigged ... Very very unfair! As usual, bad judgment."

House Speaker Ryan of Wisconsin said the decision defied explanation, adding: "No one should be above the law."

Clinton campaign spokesman Brian Fallon voiced approval for the decision but reiterated that it had been a "mistake" for Clinton to use personal email.

Clinton's personal email server, which she relied on exclusively for government and personal business, has shadowed her campaign since The Associated Press revealed its existence in March 2015.

She has repeatedly said that no email she sent or received was marked classified, but the Justice Department began investigating last summer following a referral from the inspectors general for the State Department and the intelligence community.

The scrutiny was compounded by a critical audit in May from the State Department's inspector general, the agency's internal watchdog, that said that Clinton and her team ignored clear warnings from department officials that her email setup violated federal standards and could leave sensitive material vulnerable to hackers. Clinton declined to talk to the inspector general, but the audit said that she had feared "the personal being accessible" if she used a government email account.

The Clinton campaign said agents interviewed her last Saturday for three and one-half hours at FBI headquarters. Agents had earlier interviewed top aides including her former State Department chief of staff, Cheryl Mills, and Huma Abedin, a longtime aide who now is the vice chairwoman of Clinton's campaign.

The staff member who set up the server, Bryan Pagliano, was granted limited immunity from prosecution by the Justice Department last fall in exchange for his cooperation.

Lynch said Friday that she would accept whatever findings and recommendations were presented to her. Though she said she had already settled on that process, her statement came days after an impromptu meeting with former President Bill Clinton on her airplane in Phoenix that she acknowledged had led to questions about the neutrality of the investigation.

Comey on Clinton email: The highlights

WASHINGTON — In announcing that the FBI would not recommend criminal charges against former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton, Director James Comey nevertheless strongly criticized the presumptive Democratic presidential nominee's use of a private email server. Highlights of his statement:

'Extremely careless'

Though Comey said his agents did not find clear evidence that Clinton or her aides intended to violate laws governing the handling of classified information, he said there was evidence that they were "extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information." Of the roughly 30,000 emails Clinton turned over to the State Department in 2014, he said 110 contained classified information at the time they were sent or received. Another 2,000 emails were "up-classified," or reclassified to a higher level of secrecy, after they were later reviewed, but were not classified at the time they were sent.

Emails not turned over

The FBI also discovered several thousand work-related emails that were not among those Clinton turned over. Some were recovered from data remaining on Clinton's old servers, while others were found by reviewing the archived government email accounts of people who traded emails with Clinton. Three of those were classified at the time they were sent or received. Clinton has repeatedly said her lawyers reviewed and deleted only emails that were clearly personal, such as wedding plans and birthday-party invitations. Comey said the FBI found no evidence that any of the additional work-related emails were intentionally deleted in an effort to conceal them.

High hacking risk

Comey said the FBI did not find direct evidence that Clinton's personal email was successfully hacked. But if sophisticated hackers, such as those working for a foreign intelligence agency, had breached Clinton's server, Comey said they would likely have left no trace. At least one person with whom Clinton regularly communicated was hacked, and the FBI director said Clinton's use of a personal email was "both known by a large number of people and readily apparent." Clinton also used her personal email extensively while outside the United States, including sending and receiving work-related emails, in "the territory of sophisticated adversaries." Comey said it was therefore possible that "hostile actors" gained access to Clinton's email account.

No criminal case

Although Comey said there is evidence of potential violations regarding Clinton's handling of classified information, he said "no reasonable prosecutor" would bring a criminal case based on that evidence. Comey said the FBI's probe turned up no evidence that Clinton intentionally and willfully mishandled classified information or attempted to obstruct justice. It will be up to career prosecutors at the Justice Department to make a final determination on whether to pursue criminal charges. Attorney General Loretta Lynch said last week that she would follow the recommendations of the FBI and of her senior staff.

By Michael Biesecker
Associated Press

"No one should be above the law."

House Speaker Paul Ryan

Fact check: Clinton email claims collapse under FBI probe

By Stephen Braun and Jack Gillum
Associated Press

A look at Clinton's claims since questions about her email practices as secretary of state surfaced and how they compare with facts established in the FBI probe:

CLINTON: "I did not email any classified material to anyone on my email. There is no classified material." News conference, March 2015.

THE FACTS: Actually, the FBI identified at least 113 emails that passed through Clinton's server and contained materials that were classified at the time they were sent, including some that were Top Secret and referred to a highly classified special access program, Comey said.

Most of those emails — 110 of them — were included among 30,000 emails that Clinton returned to the State Department around the time her use of a private email server was discovered. The three others were recovered from a forensic analysis of Clinton's server.

"Any reasonable person in Secretary Clinton's position or in the position of those with whom she was corresponding about the matters should have known that an unclassified system was no place for that conversation," Comey said. Clinton and her aides "were extremely careless in their handling of very sensitive, highly classified information," he said.

CLINTON: "I never received nor sent any material that was marked classified." NBC interview, July 2016.

THE FACTS: Clinton has separately clung to her rationale that there were no classification markings on her emails that would have warned her and others not to transmit the sensitive material. But the private system did, in fact, handle emails that bore markings indicating they contained classified information, Comey said.

He said the marked emails were "a very small number." But that's not the only standard for judging how officials handle sensitive material, he added. "Even if information is not marked classified in an email, participants who know, or should know, that the subject matter is classified are still obligated to protect it."

CLINTON: "I responded right away and provided all my emails that could possibly be work related" to the State Department. News conference, March 2015.

THE FACTS: Not so, the FBI found.

Comey said that when his forensic team examined Clinton's server it found there were "several thousand work-related emails that were not in the group of 30,000" that had been returned by Clinton to the State Department.

CLINTON: "I thought it would be easier to carry just one device for my work and for personal emails instead of two." News conference, March 2015.

THE FACTS: This reasoning for using private email both for public business and private correspondence didn't hold up in the investigation. Clinton "used numerous mobile devices to view and send email" using her personal account, Comey said. He also said Clinton had used different servers.

CLINTON: "It was on property guarded by the Secret Service, and there were no security breaches. ... The use of that server, which started with my husband, certainly proved to be effective and secure." News conference, March 2015.

CLINTON campaign website: "There is no evidence there was ever a breach."

THE FACTS: The campaign website claimed "no evidence" of a breach, a less categorical statement than Clinton herself made last year, when she said there was no breach. The FBI did not uncover a breach but made clear that that possibility cannot be ruled out.

"We assess it is possible that hostile actors gained access to Secretary Clinton's personal email account," Comey said.

He said evidence would be hard to find because hackers are sophisticated and can cover their tracks. Comey said his investigators learned that Clinton's security lapses included using "her personal email extensively while outside the United States, including sending and receiving work-related emails in the territory of sophisticated adversaries." Comey also noted that hackers breached the email accounts of several outsiders who messaged with Clinton.

Comey did not mention names, but a Romanian hacker who called himself Guccifer accessed and later leaked emails from Sidney Blumenthal, an outside adviser to Clinton who regularly communicated with her.

CLINTON: "I opted for convenience to use my personal email account, which was allowed by the State Department." News conference, March 2015.

THE FACTS: Comey did not address Clinton's reason for using a private server instead of a government one, but he highlighted the perils in routing sensitive information through a home server.

The FBI found that Clinton's personal server was "not even supported by full-time security staff like those found at agencies and departments of the United States government or even with a commercial email service like Gmail," the director said.

A May 2016 audit by the State Department inspector general found there was no evidence Clinton sought or received approval to operate a private server, and that she "had an obligation to discuss using her personal email account to conduct official business with their offices." Courts have frowned on such a practice.

In an unrelated case, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia Circuit ruled Tuesday that the purpose of public records law is "hardly served" when a department head "can deprive the citizens of their right to know what his department is up to" by maintaining emails on a private system.

Clinton can thank Obama for neutral FBI

By Francis Wilkinson
Bloomberg

■ COMMENTARY

FBI Director James Comey said Tuesday that there will be no indictments stemming from Hillary Clinton's use of a private e-mail account while she was secretary of State. Clinton, campaigning with President Barack Obama in North Carolina, has Obama in part to thank.

Specifically, she can thank both Obama's high ethics and his broad disregard for his critics. During his administration, Republicans have accused Obama of all manner of corruption. Yet, Obama felt so little to fear from legitimate investigation that in 2013 he appointed a Republican, Comey, to head the FBI. Comey delivered a bracing rebuke to Clinton today, calling her conduct "extremely careless." But he also ended Republican dreams of a Clinton indictment.

"Although there is evidence of potential violations of the statutes regarding the handling of classified information," he said, "our judgment is that no reasonable prosecutor would bring such a case."

There will be plenty of political recriminations for Clinton. House Majority Leader Kevin McCarthy called the outcome "very troubling." So perhaps Republicans will soon crank up the scandal machinery, which appears to be the only congressional machine they know how to operate.

Republican National Committee chairman Reince Priebus issued a statement echoing Donald Trump that the decision was rigged:

"This is grossly negligent conduct on the part of Hillary Clinton and her aides, but as the Obama Administration has repeatedly shown throughout this process, they were never going to prosecute Clinton's criminal behavior because they are counting on her to deliver their failed agenda a third term. Between the Attorney General's private meeting with Bill Clinton last week, to President Obama's active support for Hillary Clinton's candidacy, the American people will rightly be left second guessing whether justice was really served."

Accusations of corruption have become a first resort for Trump's Republican Party. But imagine how loud the barking would be if the FBI director were a Democrat.

Comey contributed to Mitt Romney in 2012 and John McCain in 2008. He served as deputy special counsel to the Senate Whitewater Committee that dogged the Clintons during Bill Clinton's presidency. Republicans will have a difficult time claiming he's an Obama lackey covering up for Clinton." Only facts matter and the FBI found them here in an entirely apolitical and professional way," Comey said.

If only facts mattered in Washington, we wouldn't have been treated to perpetual hearings on Benghazi and the Internal Revenue Service. Clinton will still have to campaign under a cloud. But the FBI director's own partisan identity should help to blunt the worst Republican gamesmanship. Obama's confidence in his own integrity and that of his administration has spared us some noise.

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Visitors pass outside the front of a replica Noah's Ark at the Ark Encounter theme park during a media preview day Tuesday in Williamstown, Ky. The long-awaited theme park based on the story of a man who got a warning from God about a worldwide flood will debut in central Kentucky this Thursday. The Christian group behind the 510 foot-long wooden ark says it will demonstrate that the stories of the Bible are true. Its construction has rankled opponents who say the attraction will be detrimental to science education. **BELOW:** A visitor, right, smiles as foot traffic moves inside a replica Noah's Ark.

Noah's ark of biblical proportions is ready to open in Kentucky

By Dylan Lovan
Associated Press

WILLIAMSTOWN, Ky. — A 510-foot-long, $100 million Noah's ark attraction built by Christians who say the biblical story really happened is ready to open in Kentucky this week.

Since its announcement in 2010, the ark project has rankled opponents who say the attraction will be detrimental to science education and shouldn't have won state tax incentives.

"I believe this is going to be one of the greatest Christian outreaches of this era in history," said Ken Ham, president of Answers in Genesis, the ministry that built the ark.

Ham said the massive ark, based on the tale of a man who got an end-of-the-world warning from God about a massive flood, will stand as proof that the stories of the Bible are true. The group invited media and thousands of supporters for a preview Tuesday, the first glimpse inside the giant, mostly wood structure.

"People are going to come from all over the world," Ham said to thousands of people in front of the ark.

The ark will open to the public Thursday and Ham's group has estimated it will draw 2 million visitors in its first year, putting it on par with some of the big-ticket attractions in nearby Cincinnati.

The group says the ark is built based on dimensions in the Bible. Inside are museum-style exhibits: displays of Noah's family along with rows of cages containing animal replicas, including dinosaurs.

The group believes that God created everything about 6,000 years ago — man, dinosaur and everything else — so dinosaurs still would've been around at the time of Noah's flood. Scientists say dinosaurs died out about 65 million years before man appeared.

An ark opponent who leads an atheist group called the Tri-State Freethinkers said the religious theme park will be unlike any other in the nation because of its rejection of science.

"Basically, this boat is a church raising scientifically illiterate children and lying to them about science," said Jim Helton, who lives about a half-hour from the ark.

Ham said the total cost of the ark surpassed $100 million, a far cry from a few years ago, when fundraising for the boat was sluggish and much larger theme park plans had to be scaled back.

> *"People are going to come from all over the world."*
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> **Ken Ham,** president of Answers in Genesis

Millions of people first learned about plans for the ark during a debate on evolution between TV's Bill Nye "the Science Guy" and Ham in early 2014.

A few weeks later, a local bond issuance infused tens of millions of dollars into struggling fundraising efforts. And earlier this year, a federal judge ruled the ark could receive a Kentucky sales tax incentive worth up to $18 million while giving a strict religious test to its employees.

Months later, the tax incentive ruling still has some opponents of the boat scratching their heads.

"It's a clear violation of separation of church and state. What they're doing is utterly ridiculous and anywhere else, I don't think it would be allowed," Helton said.

The court ruled in January that Kentucky officials could not impose requirements on the ark that were not applied to other applicants for the tax incentive, which rebates a portion of the sales tax collected by the ark. That cleared the way for the group to seek out only Christians to fill its labor force. New applicants will be required to sign a statement saying they're Christian and "profess Christ as their savior."

Philip Steele, one of the thousands who got an early preview of the ark Tuesday, echoed Ham's often repeated comment that the sales tax generated by the ark wouldn't exist if the ark was never built.

"I just don't think they understand it," Steele said of the ark's critics. "They'll be able to keep a portion of (the sales tax) to further their ministry, but so be it."

When Ham was asked about the tax incentive at the Tuesday event, he drew loud cheers when he proclaimed no taxpayer money was used to the build the ark.

As much of a boon as the $18 million tax break would be, Bill Nye's agreeing to debate Ham may have helped turn the tide of years of sluggish fundraising.

Nye, a high-profile science advocate and former TV personality, debated Ham on evolution and drew a huge online audience. Nye later said he didn't realize the attention it would draw and said he was "heartbroken and sickened for the Commonwealth of Kentucky."

The video of the debate posted by Answers in Genesis on YouTube has 5.4 million views.

About three weeks after the debate, Ham announced that a bond offering from the city of Williamstown had raised $62 million for the project, and a few months later Answers in Genesis was breaking ground at the site of the ark.

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Congress debates GMO labeling bill

By Mary Clare Jalonick
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — It's a food fight in Congress over genetically modified foods.

The Senate is moving ahead on bipartisan legislation that would for the first time require food packages to carry labels listing genetically modified ingredients. Vermont's senators — Bernie Sanders and Patrick Leahy — argue that the measure falls short, especially compared to the tougher labeling in their state that kicked in last Friday.

They argue that the federal government shouldn't run roughshod over a state's rules, pre-empting Vermont's law, and the federal requirements would not be consumer-friendly.

The Senate is set to begin voting today.

The legislation would require any foods that include genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, to carry a text label, a symbol or an electronic label accessed by smartphone.

Both advocates for labeling and the food industry, which has fought mandatory labeling, have wanted to find a national solution to avoid a state-by-state patchwork of GMO labeling laws. The food industry supports the Senate deal, but many of the advocates do not.

Even if the Senate passes the compromise, it will still have to get through the House. That chamber voted to make labeling voluntary last year, a measure that went nowhere in the Senate.

A look at the GMO labeling bill, and what it means for consumers:

What's a GMO, anyway?

Genetically modified foods are plants or animals that have had genes copied from other plants or animals inserted into their DNA. While farmers have been selectively breeding plants for centuries, this manipulation is done in a lab, speeding up the process by transferring a gene from one plant or animal to another. The engineering is done to create certain traits, like resistance to herbicides.

The bulk of the nation's genetically engineered crops are corn and soybeans that are eaten by livestock or made into popular processed food ingredients like corn starch, soybean oil or high fructose corn syrup. Only a handful of genetically engineered fruits and vegetables are available in the produce aisle — Hawaiian papaya, some zucchini and squash and a small percentage of the sweet corn we eat, for example.

The FDA has approved for consumption a genetically engineered salmon that would grow faster than traditional

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THE SKIN GAMBLE

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Cristian Adams (left) and Ben Lewis (right) go up for the frisbee during the Midland Ultimate Frisbee Club game on June 11 at Lee High School.

Sunscreen provides less protection than advertised, tests show

By Linda A. Johnson
Associated Press

TRENTON, N.J. — Something to consider as you head to the pool: That sunscreen in your bag might not protect your skin as much as you think.

Even after regulators updated standards for labeling sunscreen four years ago, tests have shown many provide far less protection than advertised.

That's a worry because too much exposure to the ultraviolet rays produced by the sun can lead to skin cancer, including melanoma, the deadliest type.

The American Cancer Society forecasts about 76,380 new melanoma cases and about 10,130 patient deaths this year — good reasons for diligence.

"Even a single exposure increases risk of melanoma," said Dr. Len Lichtenfeld, deputy chief medical officer at the American Cancer Society.

Here are some tips on how to protect yourself:

Want to know more?

For more information, visit www.aad.org/public/spot-skin-cancer

Choosing a sunscreen

While sunscreen protects your skin, take claims on the tube with a grain of salt.

Back in 2012, the FDA did a major update of sunscreen standards, including banning the inaccurate, misleading terms "sunblock" and "waterproof." Now manufacturers can only label products "water resistant" and must state how soon they break down from swimming or sweating, either 40 or 80 minutes. That's helped. More changes, such as allowing some additional ingredients long used in Europe, are being considered.

In the meantime, use sunscreen that protects against both harmful types of ultraviolet rays, UVA and UVB. Both can cause skin cancer, disfiguring lesions and premature wrinkling.

The level of protection against UVB rays is measured by something called SPF, or sun protection factor. For UVA rays, which penetrate skin more deeply, sunscreens are rated as passing or failing government standards.

Pick sunscreen rated at least SPF 30, considered the minimum needed. Consumer Reports' recent testing of 65 sunscreens found more than 40 percent didn't meet their SPF claims, so the magazine advises using SPF 40 or 50 to increase chances you're getting at least SPF 30.

Avoid sunscreens labeled higher than SPF 50, which protects against 98 percent of UVB rays. Higher SPF numbers falsely imply much greater protection,

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Millennials shouldn't gamble their wealth on their health

Millennials are increasingly making traditional "adult" purchases. In 2015, Americans in their 20s and 30s bought 4 million vehicles — more than any generation other than the baby boomers — and over a third of millennials now own homes.

Unfortunately, nearly 8 million millennials are putting such assets at risk by forgoing a far more important purchase — health insurance. Viewing health coverage as a needless expense, these so-called "young invincibles" roll the dice that they will avoid serious accidents or illness.

Gambling with one's financial health by remaining uninsured is almost always a losing bet. An unexpected, uninsured trip to the hospital can result in financial ruin.

Some of those uninsured millennials may desire coverage but legitimately cannot afford it. There are, however, at least 1.5 million high-income young Americans who simply decline to buy policies. This behavior persists in spite of estimates that the average American under the age of 65 has a one-in-10 chance of incurring over $30,000 in medical bills in any given year.

As health care grows more expensive, so does health insurance. The average premium for a mid-level "silver" plan through the Affordable Care Act's insurance exchanges for a 30-year-old individual is $312 a month, or roughly $3,700 a year.

With premiums so high, many millennials neglect to buy policies. The average uninsured American under the age of 65 will face total health care bills in any given year of $2,700. So, these gamblers reckon that they're better off paying bills out-of-pocket and saving thousands by avoiding premiums.

That line of thinking, however, is dangerously shortsighted.

Purchasing health insurance is not about seeing a return at the end of the year. Rather, obtaining coverage helps reduce the risk of financial hardship resulting from unanticipated medical catastrophes.

Insurance plans have out-of-pocket maximums, which cap the amount consumers have to spend on health care in a single year. Typical silver plans, for instance, ensure that individuals will not spend much more than $6,000 and families will not spend more than $12,000.

Without those caps, medical bills can be ruinous. Treating a particularly bad urinary tract infection — the second-most common type of infection — in the emergency room could cost up to $73,000.

With prices like those, it is no surprise that medical bills are the number one cause of bankruptcy in the United States.

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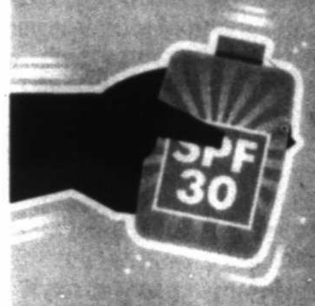
Sunscreen myths

Dermatologists say that some common myths about sun protection sometimes thwart their advice to patients about using sunscreen.

Myth: **SPF over 15 is overkill**
SPF 30 and higher sunscreen protects skin significantly better than SPF 15; high SPF compensates for sweating, water washing off lotion and using too little



Myth: **Sunscreens deteriorate in a year**
Unless sunscreen lotion turns rancid, it keeps for several years; shake up an older sunscreen before use

Myth: **Cloudy days and being in the water make sunscreen unnecessary**
Up to 80 percent of ultraviolet light penetrates clouds; up to 50 percent penetrates water

Myth: **Clothing or hats are as good as sunscreen**
Loose fabrics transmit up to 30 percent of UV, and wet fabrics even more; baseball cap brims are too small to protect well

Myth: **Sunscreen causes overheating during exercise**
In an experiment, 22 men exercised vigorously wearing heavy sunscreen; their skin was ***cooler*** than when exercising without sunscreen

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Sunscreen

From 1B

leading some sun worshippers to stay outside longer.

Consumer Reports recommends as "Best Buys" four sunscreens that met their claimed SPF of 50 and cost about $6 to $10: Pure Sun Defense Disney Frozen, Coppertone Water Babies, Equate Ultra Protection and No-Ad Sport. It also recommends Up & Up Kids Stick and a few sprays, including Equate Sport Continuous Spray SPF 30.

Putting it on

"Use sunscreen every day, every time you poke your nose outside," said Dr. Theresa M. Michele, who oversees the Food and Drug Administration's evaluation of nonprescription drug products.

While that might be unrealistic for most people, you should use sunscreen whenever outside for a while, even if it's cloudy, experts said.

You also have to use it correctly: Most people using sunscreen don't realize they're applying too little, too late and too infrequently, said Dr. Darrell Rigel of the American Academy of Dermatology's sunscreen regulations task force.

An average-sized person should apply roughly an ounce, or about two tablespoons, on all exposed skin. That's about twice what most people use.

Apply it 15 to 30 minutes before going outside, then reapply at least every two hours, more frequently if swimming or sweating a lot. With spray-on sunscreen, apply two coats, then rub it in to ensure even coverage.

Rigel, a New York University School of Medicine dermatology professor, recommended products that don't feel greasy, so you'll use them frequently.

Seek shade

Of course, the best way to prevent sunburn and skin cancer is as clear as day: Avoid the sun.

Experts recommend staying indoors or finding some shade, especially from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., when the sun's rays are strongest. Wear clothing that covers your arms and legs, and a broad-brimmed hat to protect your face, ears and neck.

The FDA's Michele said that ultraviolet rays are stronger, and therefore more dangerous, at high altitudes and in southern states, so people there should be extra careful. Ditto for those spending time around water or sand, which reflect UV rays.

Experts also say people should avoid tanning beds, which have been linked to a rise in melanoma in young women.

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Even if steep medical bills do not result in financial ruin, individuals and families could have to deplete their savings if they skip out on health insurance.

It may be tempting for young people to assume that they can ward off chronic diseases like heart disease or diabetes with proper diet and exercise, but nobody can eliminate the possibility of massive unexpected bills stemming from a car accident or cancer.

Buying insurance is a smart bet. And it does not need to be a hassle. Consumers can outsource much of the legwork of researching and comparing policies to insurance agents and brokers. About three-quarters of agents spend their time explaining coverage options to clients. That expert guidance is why consumers who sought assistance when signing up for exchange plans rated agents and brokers as more helpful than any other source of coverage information.

Young Americans are increasingly purchasing homes and vehicles. Health insurance policies can help these millennials protect their new assets and avoid financial disaster.

Scott Wham is a member of the Principals Council at the National Association of Health Underwriters, as well as the director of Compliance Services at Kistler Tiffany Benefits, which provides employee benefits consulting for companies in Delaware, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

Noel Neill, first actress to play Lois Lane, dies at 95

Associated Press

TUCSON, Ariz. — The actress who was the first to play Superman's love interest, Lois Lane, on screen has died. Noel Neill was 95.

Neill's biographer Larry Ward told The Associated Press that she died Sunday at her home in Tucson, Arizona, following a long illness.

Neill first took on the role as the Daily Planet reporter in the 1948 Columbia movie serial, "Superman." She would reprise the part alongside George Reeves as the Man of Steel in the 1950's TV series, "The Adventures of Superman."

Neill's involvement with the series continued through the years. She played Lois Lane's mother in 1978's "Superman" and had a bit part in "Superman Returns" in 2006.

In 2010, the city of Metropolis, Illinois, unveiled a statue of Lois Lane modeled after Neill.

Obituaries

Lonnie Richardson

Lonnie Richardson, 89, of De Leon, Texas, went home to his Lord and Savior Monday, July 4, 2016. He was born January 8, 1927, in De Leon, to John J. Richardson and Lillie Mae Waters Richardson. Lonnie married his loving wife of 70 years, Geraldine Adams, July 14, 1945 in Dublin.

Lonnie was a long-time member of First Baptist Church of De Leon and attended the Loyalty Sunday School Class. He proudly served in the United States Army during World War II and was deployed to Japan. He loved his country very much and was, extremely proud to be an American Veteran.

In his civilian life, Lonnie retired as a Lieutenant Police Officer from the Midland Police Department after 30 years of dedicated service to his community. Lonnie and Geraldine returned home to De Leon in

1987 to enjoy their retirement. He enjoyed spending time outdoors, camping, fishing, hunting, and in his later years, farming. Lonnie loved his family and many friends.

He is survived by his devoted wife, Geraldine Richardson; son, Charles Richardson and wife, Beverly, of Midland; grandchildren, Melisa Potter and husband, Noland, of Midland, and Jerry Richardson and wife, Rebecca, of Midland; great-grandchildren, Kyle Richardson, Chaselyn Richardson, Shelby Potter, Taylor Richardson and Jaden Richardson, all of Midland; brother, J.D. Richardson of De Leon; numerous nieces and nephews; and other extended family.

Lonnie was preceded in death by his son, Jerry Ray Richardson; parents, John and Lillie Richardson; brothers, Edgar Fann, Ted Fann, James "Bobby" Richardson and Leroy Richardson; and sisters, Zelma Carroll and Edith Willie Page.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday, July 6, 2016, at 1:00 p.m. at Nowlin Anders Funeral Home with Brother Daniel Harper officiating.

Graveside services will follow in De Leon Cemetery.

Condolences may be offered online at *www.nowlinandersfh.com* .

Death Notices

Charles E. "Eddy" Gee, Jr.

Charles E. "Eddy" Gee, Jr., age 68, of Odessa, TX, passed away on July 3, 2016 in Odessa.

Funeral Services will be at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 8, 2016 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Larry Hood officiating. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Daniel King

Daniel King, 90 of Midland, passed away on Sunday, July 3.

There will be a visitation from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 6, 2016 at Ellis Funeral Home. A graveside service will be held at Resthaven Memorial Park at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 5, 2016. Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*

Federico "Fred" Garcia

Federico "Fred" Garcia, 65 of Midland, passed away Monday, July 4, 2016.

Viewing will be Wednesday, July 6th from 5:00 - 9:00 p.m. at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. A funeral service is set for Thursday, July 7th at 10:00 a.m. at Heavenly Gate Chapel.

He is survived by his wife, Anita Garcia; his son, Chris Garcia; two daughters, Anna Martinez and Amy Esquivel; his father, Margarito Garcia; one brother, one sister, 10 grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; and numerous nephews, nieces, and cousins.

Fran Britton Rose

Fran Britton Rose, 73, of Midland, passed away on Tuesday, July 5, 2016. The family will receive friends on Thursday, July 7, 2016 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Memorial services will be held on Friday, July 8, 2016 at 11:00AM at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

She is survived by her husband, Bennie N. Rose; children, Bradley Robert Avery, Lauri Avery Barber, Melissa Avery Thompson, Robin Hill Burk, Norman Will Rose, Sheila Sue Scott, Melinda Ann Beggs, and Mary Lynn Rose.

George Tope

George Tope, 90, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, July 2, 2016.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 9, 2016 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

George is survived by his wife, Martha Tope; daughters, Lindy Fox and Janie Stewart.

Linda Bowen Horton

Linda Bowen Horton, 69, passed away on June 25, 2016.

Linda is survived by husband, Steve Horton; her children, Dr. Christopher Horton, Joshua Horton, First Lieutenant Derek Horton, and Jordan Horton; and by one sister.

A memorial service will be held July 9, 2016 at 11:00 a.m. at Westside Church of Christ in Midland.

Robert Lee Prescott Jr.

Robert Lee Prescott Jr., age 70, of Midland, TX, passed away on July 5, 2016 in Midland. Arrangements are pending with Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

Challenges ahead for latest ACA effort to enroll young adults

By Michelle Andrews
Kaiser Health News

The Obama administration is making a renewed push to get young adults covered on health insurance marketplaces, both for their own good and for the stability of marketplaces that have attracted sicker, costlier customers than expected under the Affordable Care Act.

Experts applaud the plans for beefed-up outreach before the health-care law's 2017 sign-up begins on Nov. 1. But such efforts will face a number of challenges, they note.

To start with, the transition from children's Medicaid to adult coverage can be bumpy. Nineteen is the age at which lower-income Americans are generally no longer eligible to be covered as children by Medicaid or the Children's Health Insurance Program. Options for such youths include moving to adult Medicaid in the 31 states that have expanded coverage to 138 percent of the federal poverty level (about $16,000) or buying a subsidized plan on an ACA marketplace.

"I'm sure there are states that do transitions really well, but I can't point to one," said Shelby Gonzales, a senior health-policy analyst who focuses on enrollment and eligibility issues for the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities. "In general, a lot of states are struggling when (young adults are) being terminated from Medicaid."

Clunky computer systems and uninformative coverage notices may contribute to young people dropping coverage at age 19. Young adults sometimes receive a notice explaining that they are no longer eligible for Medicaid under a particular section of that law but do not get information about other options. Some states don't have a routine process to check whether a 19-year-old is eligible for another category of Medicaid after aging out of child coverage.

In other cases, young adults may get sent to the marketplace for coverage but wind up filling out all the application details from scratch even though their Medicaid files already have the information.

And when applying for a marketplace plan, young people also may run into another snag: difficulty proving their identity, the first step in the enrollment process. With little or no credit history, they may have to verify their identity by phone or submit documentation that proves they are who they say they are. Such frustrations can prompt them to drop out of the process.

"Any of these are points where you might lose someone," Gonzales said.

Since the ACA's passage, the uninsured rate among Americans ages 19 to 25 has fallen by more than 50 percent, according to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. But young adults are still more likely than other adults to be without health insurance.

The Obama administration has acknowledged the difficulty in moving them from Medicaid or their parents' policies to other coverage. In 2014, the uninsured rate for those age 19 jumped nearly seven percentage points, according to census data, while the rate for 26-year-olds increased 4 percentage points as they aged off their parents' plans.

New restrictions on special enrollment periods — for individuals who have experienced certain life events outside the regular enrollment window — may also pose a particular problem for young people, experts say.

Insurers complained that people were using a special enrollment period to sign up for coverage just to receive medical treatment, then dropping coverage after they got that care. Tightened rules now will require that people document that they really did experience one of the qualifying events, potentially affecting young adults disproportionately . In addition to marriage and childbirth, individuals in their 20s relocate at twice the rate of older adults, according to the advocacy organization Young Invincibles.

"I think the new documentation requirements regarding (special enrollment periods) could really backfire, and the result could be different than the administration intends," said Sabrina Corlette, research professor at the Georgetown University Center on Health Insurance Reforms.

One of the challenges of insuring young adults is convincing them that they need coverage. Many young adults are relatively healthy, and when money is tight, insurance may seem like a luxury they can forgo. Young Invincibles is trying to get the word out that marketplace coverage can be affordable given premium subsidies, said Erin Hemlin, its national director of training and consumer education.

The group also highlights the preventive-care benefits that are available in all marketplace plans at no charge — with savings in the monthly cost of birth-control pills being a particular sign-up plus for young women, according to Corlette. Health-insurance counselors have seen birth control be "the No. 1 selling point," she said.

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HEALTHBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Total Joint Center receives recognition

The Total Joint Center at Midland Memorial Hospital recently received recognition from the Det Norske' Veritas Hip and Knee Replacement Certification, becoming fourth in the nation to receive this recognition.

This recognition comes four months after the center received designation from Blue Cross Blue Shield for being a Blue Distinction Center for hip and knee replacements.

The Total Joint Center focuses on a wellness approach to treat joint pain and understands that people who seek treatment for joint pain often do so in order to be able to resume activities they once enjoyed and increase their quality of life, according to a press release.

For more information, contact Rachelle Campos, Total Joint Center coordinator, at 221-2407 or rachelle.campos@midland-memorial.com.

MMH events

■ Advance Care Planning Training, 1:30-3:30 p.m. today at MMH Main Campus, collette.underwood@midland-memorial.com, 221-1166. In part one of a two-part class, participants will receive a packet of information needed to complete an informed advance directive. (Second class is July 20.)

■ Weigh to Success Support Group, 6-7 p.m. Thursday, MMH West Campus, sundae.adkins@midland-memorial.com, 638-8081.

Support groups this week

■ New Beginnings cancer support group, 8:30 a.m. Thursday, Texas Oncology - Allison Cancer Center, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Suite 100, 218-8714, fatima@giftsofhopemidland.org.

■ Midland Memorial Hospital's Better Breathing Club meets 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at Midland Memorial Hospital Scharbauer Tower meeting room. Don at 221-4864 or Joanna at 682-4229.

Weekly support groups & hotlines

■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m. Thursdays, Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.

■ Overeaters Anonymous; 7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and 3-4 p.m. Sundays; B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

■ 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.

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

■ PDAP meetings:
7-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays: Parents group and younger group (12-17), 1208 W. Wall St.; college group (18-26), 2503 W. Ohio Ave.; older group (27 and over), First Presbyterian Church
11:30-1:30 p.m. Wednesdays: older group, 1208 W. Wall St., includes lunch

■ Alcoholics Anonymous — hotline 580-7868.

■ Serenity Group, 8 p.m. daily, 3101 N. "A" St., Building C; 685-3100.

■ 710 Group, 7 a.m., noon and 8 p.m. Wednesdays, 710 Ohio Ave.; 682-8162.

■ Alpha Omega, 8 p.m Tuesdays and 11 a.m. Saturdays and Sundays, 311 S. Pecos St.

■ 12-Step Group of Alcoholics Anonymous, 7:30 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays, 10 a.m. Saturdays; 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ Narcotics Anonymous — hotline 582-2926.

■ Laundry Group, 8 p.m. daily and noon Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 104 N. Marshall St.

■ Xodus Group, 5:30 p.m. Sundays, Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays, 7 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. Wednesdays and 8:30 p.m. Saturdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road.

■ CODA Group, 12-step program for relationships, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

■ La Hacienda Alumni, support group for former patients, 7 p.m. Thursdays, 206 N. Midkiff Road; 697-0272.

MMH payment options

Midland Memorial Hospital recognizes that our community is facing challenging financial times. Resources are tight and families are having to make important decisions about what to spend money on now and what has to wait.

Realizing health care can be expensive and the increasing deductibles make it hard to manage, the hospital has adjusted its payment procedures. We want to make sure you receive the care you need, when you need it. To find out about the new options now offered to better accommodate your payment needs, call 221-4705.

Source: Midland Memorial Hospital

How sick are you?

Midland Memorial Hospital offers a a nurse triage program "68-NURSE."

The program is designed to help people determine whether their health situation warrants a trip to the emergency room. Midland residents can call the line by dialing 686-8773.

The program is free and available 24 hours a day-365 days a year. Local nurses are available to help you determine the best place to receive care for your situation. 68-NURSE can help you save time and money by directing you to the most appropriate healthcare option, whether it's a neighborhood clinic, urgent care center, emergency room … or just staying home.

State offers services for the disabled or long-term care

The Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services has a toll-free number residents can call to obtain information on services for the disabled or long-term care.

For more information, call 855-937-2372.

Contact your Hospital District representative

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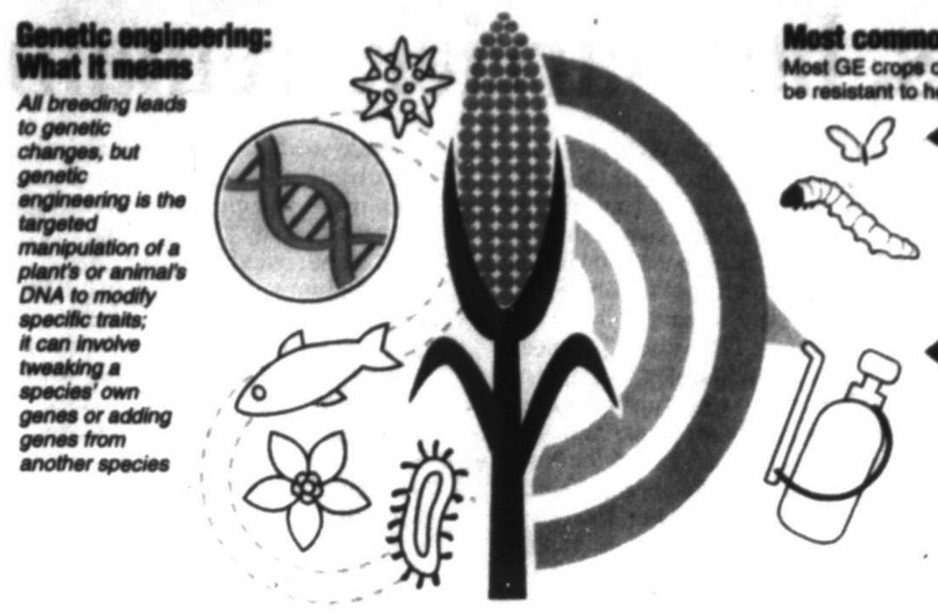
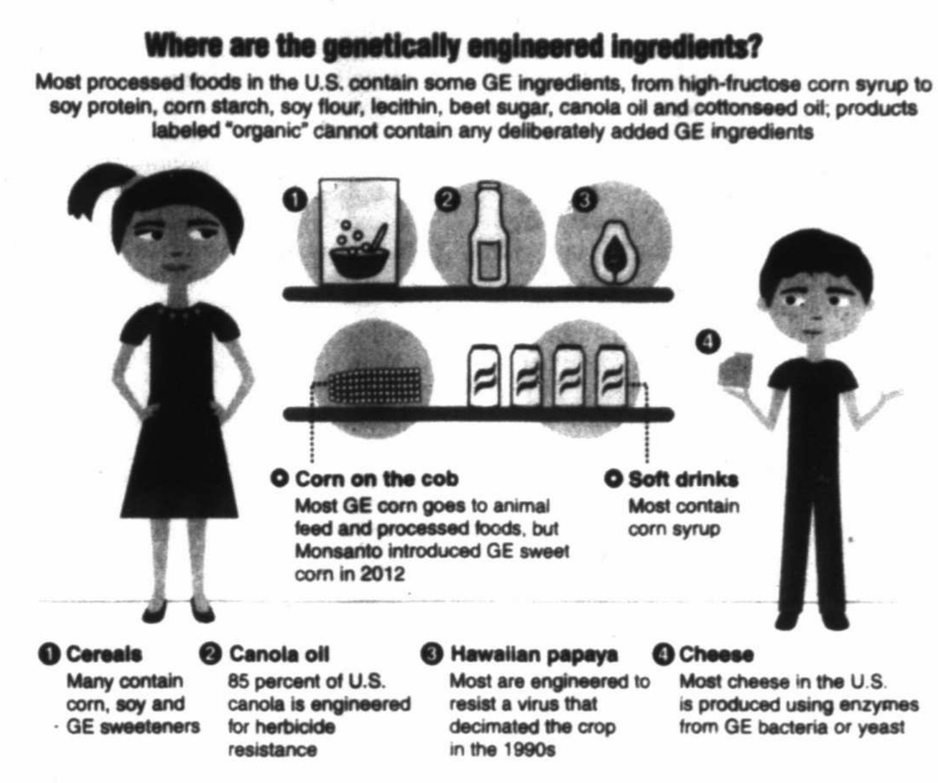
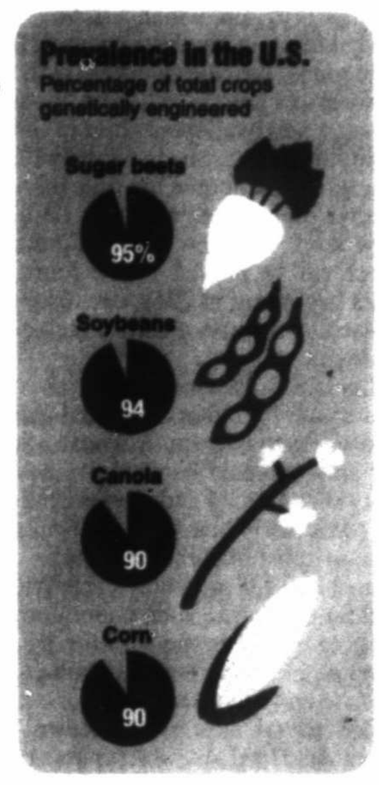
The ABCs of GMOs

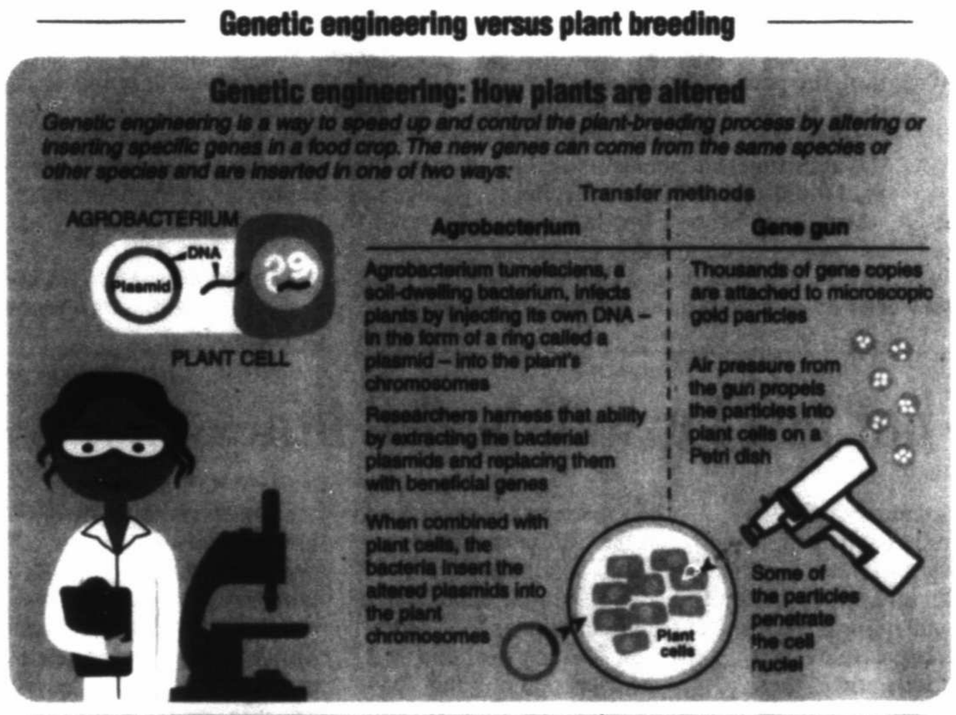
GMOs, or genetically modified organisms, are genetically engineered foods. Here's a primer on how the technology works, how it differs from conventional breeding and the prevalence of GE foods in American fields and markets.

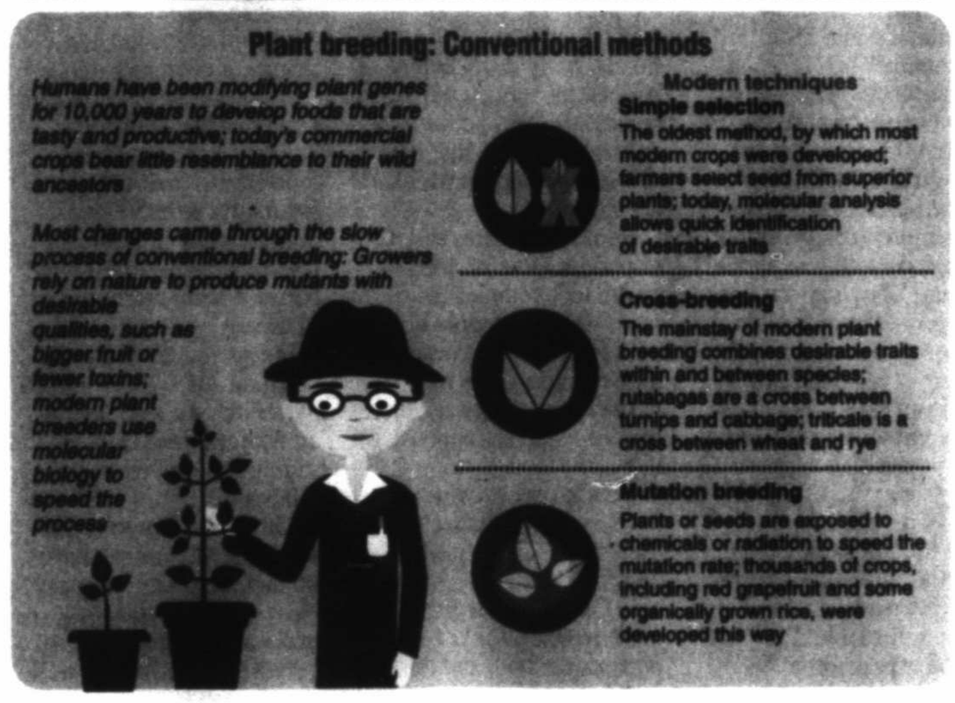


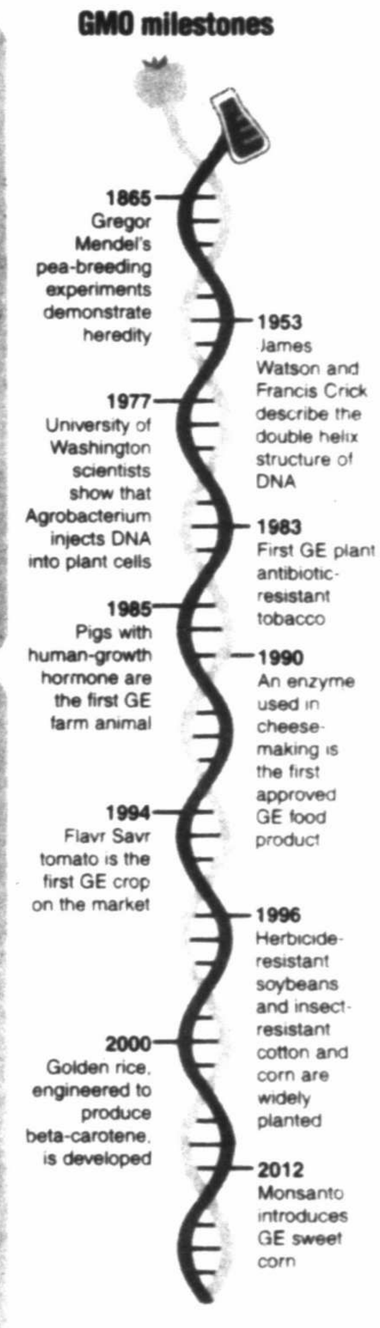




Genetic engineering versus plant breeding







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GMO

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salmon, but it's not yet available in grocery stores.

The food industry says about 75 percent to 80 percent of foods contain genetically modified ingredients — most of those corn and soy-based. The Food and Drug Administration says they are safe to eat.

Senate deal vs. Vermont law

The Senate deal is more lenient than Vermont's law, allowing food makers the three options for labeling. Vermont's law would require items with genetically modified ingredients to be labeled "produced with genetic engineering."

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., and the panel's top Democrat, Sen. Debbie Stabenow of Michigan, brokered the compromise after the House bill was blocked in the Senate.

The Agriculture Department would have two years to write the rules. The legislation encompasses some foods that were exempted from the Vermont law, but it also allows USDA to determine how much of a "bioengineered substance" must be present to determine the food should be labeled GMO. Labeling advocates say many foods wouldn't be labeled if the department sets a high threshold.

The same advocates have frowned on digital labels, saying they discriminate against people who don't have smartphones, computers or the know-how to use them.

"It is not the business of Congress to overstep what the states have done," Vermont's Sanders says.

Why label?

While there is little scientific concern about the safety of those GMOs on the market, advocates for labeling argue that not enough is known about their risks and people want to know what's in their food. Among supporters of labeling are many organic companies that are barred by law from using modified ingredients in their foods.

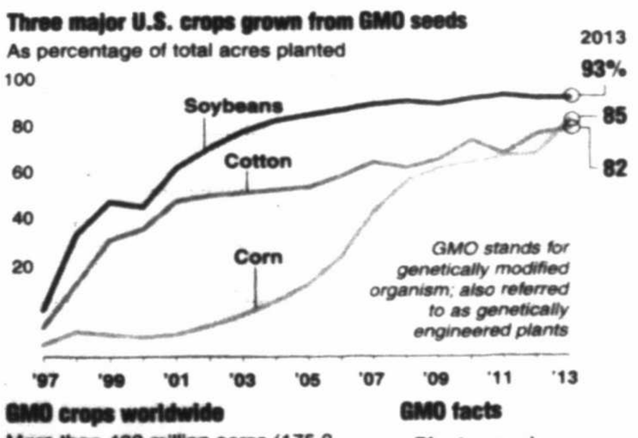
The food industry says GMOs are safe and the labels could mislead people into thinking they aren't. But several companies have already started to use the labels anyway, and the industry's main lobbying group, the Grocery Manufacturers Association, said it is backing the senators' deal. While opposing Vermont's law, the group had advocated for electronic labels in negotiations.

"This is the commonsense solution for consumers, farmers and businesses," said Pamela Bailey, the group's president and CEO.

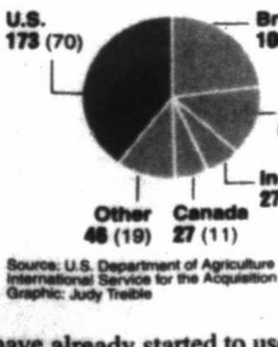
Genetically modified plants

Farmers worldwide are growing genetically-modified (GMO) plants; many are crops altered to withstand herbicide use. A look at the trend domestically and globally.

Three major U.S. crops grown from GMO seeds
As percentage of total acres planted



GMO crops worldwide
More than 433 million acres (175.2 hectares) of GMO crops were grown by 27 countries in 2013; in millions of acres (hectares)



GMO facts
- **Plants** are also genetically modified to increase nutrition, resist pathogens, tolerate stresses such as drought
- **Critics** of GMO plants say regulatory, health and environmental concerns have not been addressed
- **$15.6 billion** global value of GMO seeds in 2013

Source: U.S. Department of Agriculture Economic Research Service, International Service for the Acquisition of Agri-Biotech Applications
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More states consider family leave laws, but barriers remain

By Teresa Wiltz
Stateline.org

WASHINGTON — Early this year, in his State of the State address, New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo got personal: He confessed that he "kicked" himself every day for not spending more time with his father when he was on his deathbed. And then Cuomo made his pitch: "We should have a paid leave program."

A few months later, the Democratic governor signed a budget deal that included the most expansive paid family leave law in the country. The program, which will be funded through employee payroll tax deductions, provides workers with 12 weeks of paid time to care for an infant, a newly adopted child or a family member who is seriously ill. That's at least double the time offered in other states with paid family leave laws. The New York program, which will be phased in over four years beginning in 2018, can also be used by military families facing deployment.

The U.S. is the only industrialized country without a national paid family leave program. Advocates say that although paid family leave laws apply to both men and women, they are particularly beneficial to women, who are most likely to bear the responsibility for providing care. With paid family leave, women are more likely to remain in the workforce and thus less likely to resort to public assistance and food stamps.

The federal Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA), which passed in 1993, only guarantees workers up to 12 weeks of leave each year, but without pay. The law applies to less than 60 percent of workers. And many employees who qualify can't afford to take time off without pay.

A federal paid family leave proposal is stalled in Congress. And though many states are exploring the idea, only three states besides New York have enacted paid leave laws: California (2002), New Jersey (2008) and Rhode Island (2013).

These states have one thing in common: Except for Hawaii, they are the only ones that have Temporary Disability Insurance (TDI) programs, through which paid family leave benefits may be paid.

Having a TDI system in place makes it much easier — and less expensive — to set up and administer family leave plans, said Vicki Shabo, vice president of the National Partnership for Women & Families, an advocacy group that focuses on workplace fairness issues. Without a TDI program, even states that end up approving paid leave legislation may have a hard time implementing it.

For example, legislators in Washington passed a law in 2007 that granted parents with a new child a weekly stipend of $250 for up to five weeks. Then the recession hit, and state revenue plummeted. In the years since, the state has twice delayed implementing the law, citing funding and administration issues.

"You need to create computer systems, you need a way to make payroll deductions and calculate benefits for employees," Shabo said. This can cost states "tens of millions."

Still, there was a flurry of activity on the issue in multiple states during the legislative session. Minnesota, Connecticut and the District of Columbia all have family leave measures that are advancing, and legislation was introduced in a half-dozen states.

Originally, the D.C. law, introduced last year, would have been the most generous law in the country, offering D.C. residents employed in the District up to 16 weeks of paid leave. But as City Council members have worked on a draft of the legislation, the proposed leave has been cut to 12 weeks. The program would be funded by an employee payroll tax.

The Minnesota Senate passed a paid family leave bill in May, but it won't likely become law this year as there is no companion bill in the House. The measure, which was passed as part of a tax bill, would provide workers with up to 12 weeks of partial replacement wages. Both employees and employers would support the fund by a payroll tax.

In Connecticut, a Senate committee approved a paid leave bill in March. Under that proposal, employees would pay into a trust fund through a payroll tax. Eligible workers would receive up to 12 weeks of compensation and would receive 100 percent of their average weekly earnings from the previous year, up to $1,000.

In other states, the debate is in a more preliminary stage: Though legislators in Hawaii, Illinois, Indiana, Missouri, Oklahoma and Vermont introduced paid family leave bills, none advanced out of committee.

In Hawaii, Illinois, Oklahoma and Vermont, the plans would be paid for by employee contributions. Under the Indiana proposal, both employers and employees would pay into the system. In Missouri, a Senate bill relies on contributions from employees, but a House bill would have employers pay.

With the exception of Hawaii, which already has TDI, the states would need to build a system to administer the leave.

In May, Arizona legislators introduced a bill creating a family leave pilot program for state workers. And in April, California Gov. Jerry Brown, a Democrat, signed a law boosting existing paid family leave benefits for low-income workers.

The California law increases the level of benefits from 55 percent of the worker's salary to 60 to 70 percent, depending on their income level. The law also removed a seven-day waiting period before which employees were eligible for the paid leave. California workers get up to six weeks of paid leave.

Meanwhile, a bill introduced in the Utah Legislature requiring state agencies to provide paid maternity leave for workers failed to pass.

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'Digital health' not just for well-heeled fitness fiends

By Barbara Feder Ostrov
Kaiser Health News

When we hear the phrase "digital health," we might think about our Fitbit, the healthy eating app on our smartphone, or maybe a new way to email our doctor.

But Fitbits aren't particularly useful if you're homeless, and the nutrition app won't mean much to someone who struggles to pay for groceries. Same for emailing your doctor if you don't have a doctor or reliable internet access.

"There is a disconnect between the problems of those who need the most help and the tech solutions they are being offered," said Veenu Aulakh, executive director of the Center for Care Innovations, an Oakland, California-based nonprofit that works to improve health care for underserved patients.

At most digital health "pitchfests," it's pretty much white millennials hawking their technology to potential investors.

"It's about the shiny new object that really is targeted at solving problems for wealthy individuals, the 'quantified-self' people who already track their health," Aulakh said. "Yet ... what if we could harness the energy of the larger innovation sector for some of these really critical issues facing vulnerable populations in this country?"

A small but growing effort is underway to do just that. It's aimed at using digital technologies — particularly cellphones — to improve the health of Americans who live on the margins. They may be poor, homeless or have trouble getting or paying for medical care even when they have insurance.

The initiatives are gaining traction partly because of the growing use of mobile phones, particularly by lower-income people who may have little other access to the internet.

The Affordable Care Act and the expansion of Medicaid have added millions of previously uninsured people to the nation's health care system, including community health clinics that serve poor and largely minority populations, according to a California Health Care Foundation report. (California Healthline is an editorially independent publication of the California Health Care Foundation).

In California alone, the number of people on Medi-Cal, the state's version of the Medicaid program for the poor, rose from 7.5 million in 2010 to 12.4 million by early 2015. Many Americans remain uninsured, however, because they live in states that have declined to expand Medicaid eligibility.

Health advocates say it's important to tailor digital health technologies to lower-income people not only to be fair, but because they're more likely to have chronic illnesses, like diabetes, that are expensive to treat.

Health-care providers have incentives as well. They are being rewarded financially under the Affordable Care Act, Medicare and Medicaid for keeping patients healthy, and this goes beyond simply performing medical procedures and prescribing drugs.

For now, experiments targeting low-income people are a tiny part of the digital health industry, which racked up an estimated $4.5 billion in venture funding in 2015 alone. Entrepreneurs are still trying to figure out how they're going to get paid by serving this population, and government health programs like Medicaid and Medicare are taking a while to figure out how they're going to pay providers for approaches that don't involve a doctor visit.

But Jane Sarasohn-Kahn, author of the California Health Care Foundation report, says investors are getting more interested in digital health initiatives for low-income patients simply because there are so many of them.

Investors are eyeing the "fortune at the bottom of the pyramid," she said, much as Walmart profits from selling low-priced items to millions.

"It's now sexy to scale," she says. "If you can have impact (on many people), inexpensively, you can make a lot of money. If we get it right, we can do well and do good."

Some initiatives are simple and cheap, like Text4Baby. The free text-messaging service for pregnant women and new moms offers English- and Spanish-language information about

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Active listening can improve relationship with children

The No. 1 complaint I hear from children and teenagers is that their parents don't listen to them. Many parents would agree that their children don't listen to them, either.

The skill of active listening indicates that what is being and who is saying it are important. By listening to others, the message we are giving is that we support them. Really listening also entails focusing on the speaker while suspending judgments and emotional reactions.

Following are some steps to active listening.

Get ready to listen

This means stop what you are doing and make eye contact with the person who is talking. Making eye contact lets the other person know you are paying attention. This may mean sitting or eyen kneeling down to get at eye level if you are listening to a child. Suspend your desire to teach in order to create an open atmosphere and try to suspend judgment about the content and just listen to what is being said.

Hear the message behind the words

This includes being aware of non-verbal cues, body language and tone of voice. Often, children don't have the words to express their feelings, and non-verbal communication can be more expressive for them than verbal language. You may have to deal with some anger, resentment or reluctance to open up, especially if there has been a problem with communication in the past.

Understand what is being said

This means try to put yourself in your child's place and understand their perspective. This doesn't mean you have to agree; it means you have to try to understand it. As parents, we often lose sight of what it was like to be a child or teenager and forget that the problems we may think are insignificant can be overwhelming to them.

Respond to what is being said

Try to let the child know you understand by paraphrasing or rephrasing, by reflecting back what you think you are hearing. If you are not getting what is being said, they will probably correct you and this can lead to further dialogue. Ask questions that will help you to understand. The main thing you are trying to accomplish is to let the child know that you are really listening and are interested in what they have to say.

Active listening is not easy and requires patience. However, it is a strategy for supporting and understanding your children. It is not always convenient to drop what we are doing and listen to our children. Parents often are distracted with their own thoughts, preoccupied with problems or busy with chores.

If you can learn this skill it can greatly improve communication and ultimately the relationship with your children. Because active listening needs to be practiced, you might try practicing with a friend or co-worker first until you feel comfortable with your new skill. Remember, practice, practice, practice and you will be successful.

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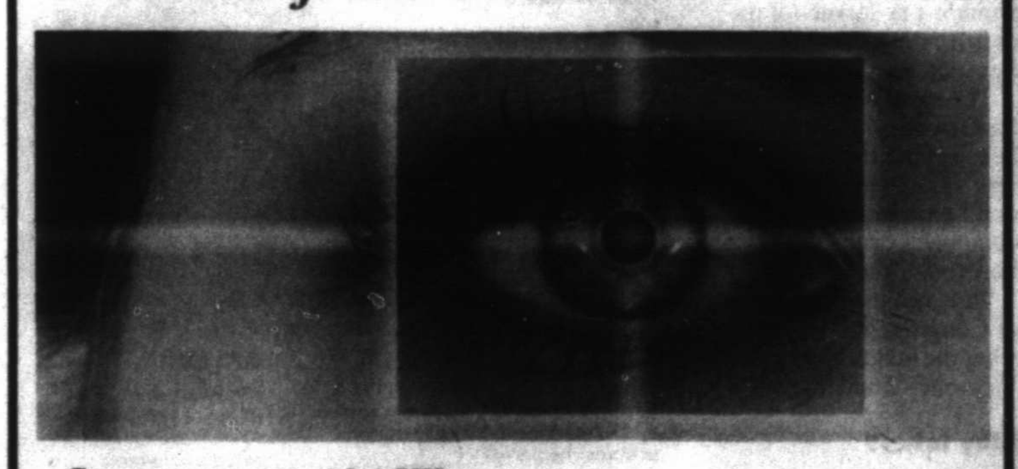

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High: 106 Low: 81	High: 105 Low: 80	High: 104 Low: 79	High: 101 Low: 76	High: 99 Low: 75	High: 99 Low: 75

Local forecast

The high should again threaten the record for July 6 (107 degrees in 1994), according to the National Weather Service. There is also a chance the 100-degree-day stretch could continue for seven straight days. Otherwise, expect a 10 percent chance of showers today and Thursday and low temperatures as much as 11 degrees above normal.

The record high for July 5 is now 107 set Tuesday. The previous record was 104 set in 1971. The record low is 60 set in 1972. On July 5 of last year, the high was 95 and the low was 73.

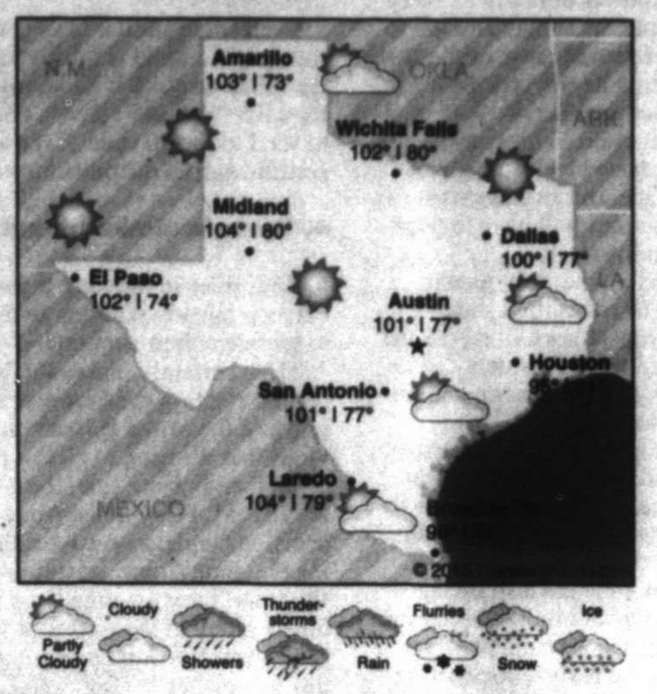
Weather brief

MIAMI

Tropical Storm Blas strengthening

Tropical Storm Blas is strengthening in the eastern Pacific and is expected to become a hurricane later in the morning.

The storm's maximum sustained winds Monday morning increased to near 70 mph with additional strengthening expected. The U.S. National Hurricane Center said the storm was expected to become near major hurricane strength by late Tuesday.



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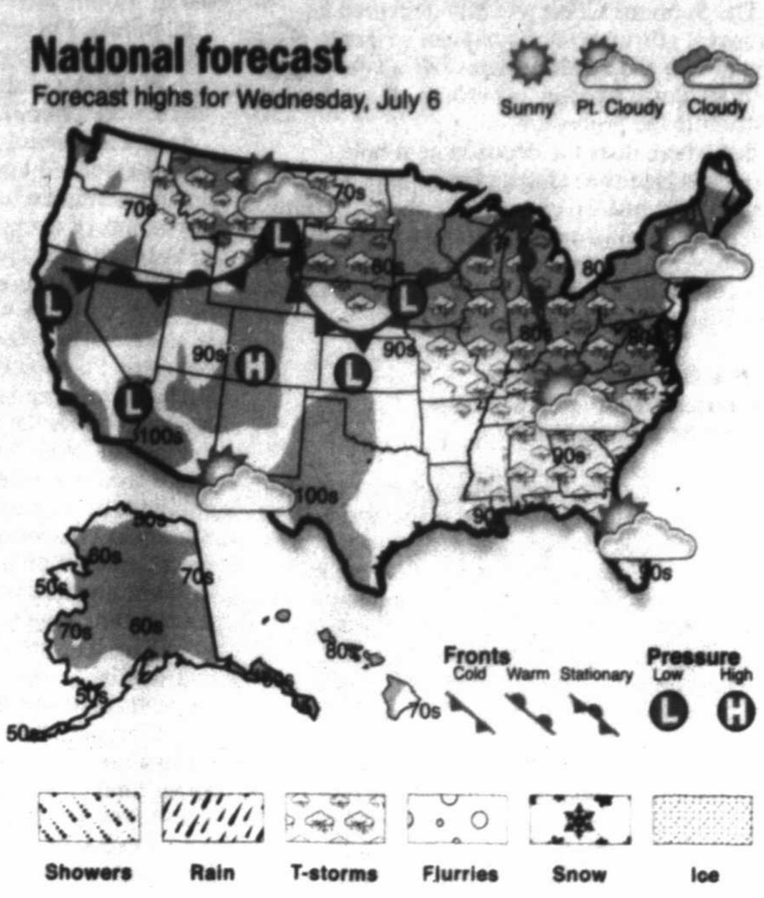
Monday	0.00 in.
Tuesday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	6.90 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.36 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	107
Low	81
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:49 a.m.
Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, July 6



Unrequited love for best friend is a dead-end street

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: Five years into our marriage, my wife and I took a girlfriend, "Sonya." I fell madly in love with her. Unfortunately, my relationship with my wife cooled because she changed as a person. We ended up divorcing.

I'm still in love with Sonya, but obviously nothing will ever come of it. I'm her confidant and best friend, and she tells me all about her dating life.

I'm having trouble dealing with it, but I don't think I could handle not seeing her face light up when she speaks about her new girlfriend. My love for Sonya runs to my core — it's one for the ages. She IS my soul. I don't want to lose her as my best friend, but I don't know how to manage the pain of my unrequited love. Please help me. — DEMOLISHED IN CONNECTICUT

DEAR DEMOLISHED: Your love for Sonya might run to the core, but it isn't returned. If she's in love with another woman, your chances of winding up with her are somewhere between slim and none. That's why you must now decide if a bleeding heart is a condition you really want to live with. My advice is to be kind to yourself, get off a track that is leading nowhere and look for someone who can love you back.

DEAR ABBY: My lady friend and I have been living in the same apartment building for a year. It is a retirement community, and we each have our own apartment. (We are both in our 90s.) We are together almost every day. We are Roman Catholic and attend church services at least twice a week.

My problem is, I want her to sleep with me in the same bed, but without having sex. She says sleeping together is wrong, against God's will and we should not do it. I said as long as we don't have sex, we are not committing a sin. I talked to a priest about this and he agreed with me. What do you think? — NONAGENARIAN IN MINNESOTA

DEAR NONAGENARIAN: If your priest blesses it, who am I to argue?

DEAR ABBY: All my life, I've put my belt on from left to right. I never really questioned why. Just reckoned it had something to do with me being right-handed.

Recently, an old acquaintance told me I have been doing it wrong. According to him, only women do it from the left. Men belt up right-to-left.

Abby, who's right? Is there a correct way to wear a belt? Is it a gender thing, a comfort thing or does it even matter? — NOT TOO BIG FOR MY BRITCHES

DEAR NOT TOO BIG: Most men insert their belts from left to right, and most women do it from right to left. However, unless you are a member of the military and must adhere to a strict dress code, you have the right to buckle your belt whichever way you wish.

TO MY MUSLIM READERS: A happy Eid al-Fitr, one and all.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Choice of plays

Neither vulnerable, South deals.

	NORTH ♠ J 5 ♡ J 9 4 3 ♢ K Q 6 ♣ Q 10 5 4	
WEST ♠ A Q 6 ♡ K 10 8 7 6 5 ♢ J 10 8 ♣ 9		EAST ♠ 10 8 7 4 3 2 ♡ 2 ♢ 9 7 4 3 2 ♣ 6
	SOUTH ♠ K 9 ♡ A Q ♢ A 5 ♣ A K J 8 7 3 2	

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♣	2♡	2NT	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	All pass		

Opening lead: Jack of ♢

Would you have overcalled a strong two-club opening with the West hand? If you answered yes, today's deal might convince you that it was a bad idea.

How would you play six clubs without the overcall? Chances are, you would try to guess whether East held the ace of spades or the king of hearts and take the appropriate finesse. On a good day, East will hold both cards and you can't go wrong.

West's overcall changes everything. You must place West with the king of hearts, as it is the only honor he might have in that suit. Also, because West chose to enter the auction on such a poor suit, you would also place him with the ace of spades. Our good friend Abner, the great mathematician, tells us that West holding both of those cards is a 25 percent proposition. Not likely, but indicated by the auction.

Once you decide to play West for those two cards, the play is simple. You cash all of your winners, coming down to the singleton king of spades and the ace-queen of hearts. West must also come down to three cards, and all you have to do is guess whether he has a singleton ace of spades and two hearts, or a singleton king of hearts and two spades. It should be pretty easy to tell. Whatever West does, you either cash the ace of hearts, felling the king, or exit with the king of spades to the singleton ace, forcing a heart return into the ace-queen. Would you still overcall?

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 Wednesday, July 6, 2016:

This year your sense of security seems to revolve around your finances. However, once you start to question this mentality, you could start to see security in a different light. Follow your intuition, as it often points to a change in perspective. Trust yourself. If you are single, your desirability soars. Others will wish they had your problem! If you are attached, the two of you might display a lot of ego and possessiveness. Let go of these not-so-nice characteristics; you will feel much more connected as a result. LEO offers lots of smiles!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Put your energy where it counts. A partner could be very direct about his or her expectations. You might want a little less disagreement and a little more contentment. A dear friend will make it clear that he or she wants some chat time. Tonight: Be your frisky self!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be more anchored than you realize when dealing with an emotional situation that involves a partner who sometimes can be touchy or difficult. Say the right words, and you might see a new and improved version of this person emerge. Tonight: Emphasize the positive.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You will say what you think, and mean it. Others could be taken aback by your directness about a situation that surrounds work or your health. Verbalize more of what you need financially and emotionally. A partner might reluctantly respond. Tonight: Return calls.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Be aware of the costs of proceeding as you would like to. You will find other ways to influence others. Listen to news in a nonreactive way. You have certain expectations, which you will make known. Try to be open in a discussion. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Be more forthright in how you deal with a loved one who could be making an effort to please you. You might note a strong, combative attitude from a family member. Do not make a big deal out of it; instead, see if a little TLC will make a difference. Tonight: You make the call.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★ Be aware of what isn't being said. A family member could share a secret that sheds some light on a heated situation. Speak your mind to a friend you trust, as he or she has a different perspective from yours. Consider his or her feedback seriously. Tonight: Stay close to home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ You might want to make an effort to schmooze with others, especially an immediate circle of friends. As you network, you'll see why others might be miffed about a situation. Do not overreact or go overboard when dealing with an authority figure. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You might opt to be more proactive about a long-term goal. Detach a bit, and be willing to make an effort to get an important person to understand your perspective. Take news with a grain of salt. You will be able to sort fact from fiction. Tonight: Listen to great music.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ You might be taken aback by everything that is occurring. Stay steady, and try not to push so hard to have a key person agree with you; listen to his or her vision and ideas, too. A new beginning is likely if you can come to terms with the present situation. Tonight: Try out a new spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Close relating is instrumental in coming to an agreement. You might be doubtful about your ability to draw the type of understanding you desire and need. It is important to be realistic and to let go of any insecurities. Tonight: Share news with a favorite person.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Follow through on what counts to you as well as to others, and you are likely to find some common ground. Don't let someone you look up to agitate you. Use this person's energy to tighten up a project. You will like the results far more. Tonight: Say "yes" to an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might be focused on achievement and on getting the job done. Keep reaching out to someone who could be playing devil's advocate. Your understanding of this person's role might be more significant than you realize. Tonight: Know when to call it a night.

BORN TODAY

Industrialist Henry Ford Sinclair (1876), former U.S. first lady Nancy Reagan (1921), actor Sylvester Stallone (1946)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Stock or bond
6 Hendrix dos
11 Gullible one
14 Prophet swallowed by a big fish
15 Party treat
16 Show on TV
17 Just eat up
18 Hairless rodent used in lab experiments
20 Muscleman's display
22 In the worst way
23 "I don't have all day!"
24 Online trackers
26 "The Descent of Man" author
30 Chicken or turkey
31 Panhandle state
32 Hassan Rouhani's country
33 Maker of HEMNES furniture
37 Basic needs
40 Fish-eating duck
41 NERF missile
42 Concert sites
43 Unoccupied
44 Site of the first "Occupy" protest: Abbr.
45 Moral
49 Trending
50 Oldest actor to play Bond
51 Unaided vision
56 In a pure and unembellished state, and a hint to the beginnings of 18-, 20-, 37- and 51-Across
59 "The Easter Parade" author Richard
60 Fury
61 Rub off
62 Ready to draw
63 "Dropped" drug
64 On pins and needles
65 Scheme of high interest?

DOWN

1 Cracked open
2 Carbonated drink
3 Cause of a school closing
4 Old West marshal
5 Satirical publication that claims to be "America's Finest News Source"
6 '60s-'70s veep
7 Calling birds count, in song
8 Curtain holder
9 Wordsworth work
10 It's just one thing instead of another
11 Medina native
12 Basilica part
13 Victimizes, with "on"
19 Winery wood
21 Came out on top
24 Proceed effortlessly
25 Completely dominates
26 "Mine!"
27 Father of Seth
28 Steak order
29 "I was nervous there!"
30 "__ Jacques"
32 Poker declaration
33 Romance lang.
34 While away, as time
35 Slithery fish
36 Deputy: Abbr.
38 Historic Icelandic work
39 Cry from a newly grounded teen
43 Lipton offering
44 Stir-fry pan
45 Yahoo! service
46 Overseas stints
47 Sharpened
48 401(k) kin
49 Claire and Phil's eldest daughter on "Modern Family"
51 Untouchables leader
52 Marino and Patrick
53 Rebuke from Caesar
54 Class ring datum
55 Best Female Athlete, e.g.
57 Java server
58 Source of a metaphorical smell

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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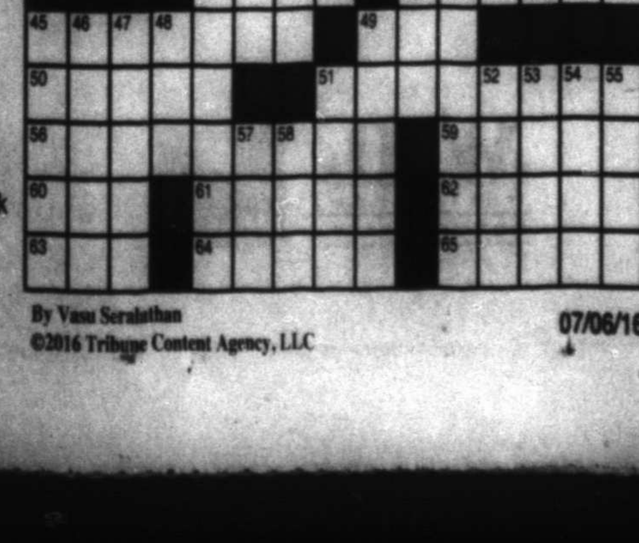

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5 things to know about Texas abortion decision

By Julie Rovner
Kaiser Health News

The Supreme Court recently delivered its strongest affirmation of a women's right to abortion in two and a half decades. By a vote of 5-3, it struck down two key provisions of a Texas law restricting the procedure.

But where does the decision in Whole Woman's Health v. Hellerstedt fit into the court's long history of outlining abortion rights and restrictions? And what impact might the case have on similar laws in other states and this fall's elections? Here are five insights about the case that provide some context:

1. It's the first big win for supporters of abortion rights in a long time.

The last time abortion rights forces were on the winning side of a big case at the Supreme Court was 16 years ago, when a 5-4 ruling in Stenberg v. Carhart struck down a Nebraska law banning a specific procedure abortion opponents called "partial birth abortion." That win was effectively reversed in 2007, however, when the court upheld a similar federal law banning the same procedure, also on a 5-4 ruling, in Gonzales v. Carhart. The substance had changed little, but the replacement of Justice Sandra Day O'Connor with Justice Samuel Alito in 2006 gave abortion opponents an extra vote, which was enough to change the outcome.

After last week's decision, many abortion foes complained that there were few restrictions on abortion that would pass muster with the high court. But, in fact, in the years since the court first legalized abortion nationwide in Roe v. Wade in 1973, about half the major cases have been clear wins for abortion opponents, including upholding state laws requiring parental involvement for minors, waiting periods, and bans on the use of public funds to pay for abortions.

2. It will put pro-abortion rights forces on offense for the first time in years.

Since Republicans took over Congress and most state legislatures after the 2010 elections, states have enacted nearly 300 separate abortion restrictions; the most in any five-year period since Roe v. Wade was decided. Many of those were the same types of laws claiming protections for women's health that were struck down by the Supreme Court last week. Those laws include requiring doctors who perform abortions to have admitting privileges at a nearby hospital and requiring abortion clinics to meet the standards of facilities performing more involved surgical procedures.

The justices have already responded to petitions from some states with similar laws. Just a day after handing down the Texas ruling, they rejected appeals from Mississippi and Wisconsin, where physician admitting privilege laws had been blocked by lower court judges. Those laws are now permanently blocked. Officials in Alabama also dropped their defense of a similar law.

But the decision does not automatically invalidate similar laws in other states because the impact of such statutes is different in every community. For example, what may amount to an "undue burden" in Texas because of the sheer size of the state might not be so burdensome in states with clinics closer together.

In states where lower court judges have already blocked laws, those blocks are almost certain to remain in place. But in other states opponents of the restrictions will have to work to overturn each law individually.

They say that is exactly what they plan to do. "We will now will take this fight state by state to challenge and repeal laws all across the country," Planned Parenthood President Cecile Richards told reporters in a conference call immediately after the ruling.

Planned Parenthood announced on Thursday that it would pursue efforts to block or repeal similar laws in eight states: Arizona, Florida, Michigan, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, and Virginia.

Abortion-rights supporters are also taking aim at some long-standing abortion restrictions in federal law. The draft Democratic platform that will be finalized at the party's nominating convention in late July includes a plan calling for the repeal of the Hyde Amendment, which has banned most federal abortion funding since 1977. That provision was highlighted and praised by presumptive nominee Hillary Clinton's campaign, noting that it represents the first time such an explicit vow has been included.

3. Abortion opponents are not giving up.

While the latest Supreme Court ruling was definitely a setback for abortion foes, they are not giving up. For one thing, abortion opponents remain in control of a majority of state legislatures and governorships, and that's unlikely to change following this year's national elections.

"Americans United for Life will continue to fight — in legislatures and in the courts — to protect women from a dangerous and greedy abortion industry," said AUL Acting President and Senior Counsel Clarke Forsythe. Americans United for Life has been at the forefront of developing model laws restricting access to abortion.

The anti-abortion movement has a much larger menu to choose from than the two issues the high court addressed. For example, many states (including Texas) have passed or are considering bans on abortion after roughly 20 weeks of pregnancy. Many of those bans are being challenged in the courts but none has yet reached the Supreme Court. Other popular restrictions include requiring pregnant women to have ultrasounds before an abortion, to make multiple visits to an abortion provider, and banning the use of telemedicine for medical (as opposed to surgical) abortions using the abortion pill Mifepristone.

Abortion opponents say they are not giving up on pursuing health and safety standards like the ones struck down in Texas, either. "This issue of safety standards is not over," said Marilyn Musgrave, vice president of government affairs at the anti-abortion group, the Susan B. Anthony List.

Even some similar laws could pass muster if they are crafted carefully enough, said Kristi Hamrick, a spokeswoman for Americans United for Life. "We don't have a one-size-fits-all bill to send to the 50 states," she said. "The law is specific and so the tools must be too."

4. It might shake up national politics.

Both sides in the long-polarized abortion debate are already pointing to the case in an effort to mobilize their supporters.

"This certainly makes the November presidential election even more critical," said Musgrave of the Susan B. Anthony List. "It is so obvious that we need to elect a pro-life resident."

On the opposite side, Ilyse Hogue, president of NARAL Pro-Choice America, concurs. The decision "underscores what the election means for Supreme Court jurisprudence," she said. With one vacancy already on the court and others likely in the next four years, she said, "reproductive freedom is very much on the ballot this November."

Hillary Clinton's campaign hailed the decision. "We need a resident who will defend women's health and rights and appoint Supreme Court justices who recognize Roe v. Wade as settled law," said a statement from the candidate.

And while presumptive GOP nominee Donald Trump's campaign was silent on the issue in the immediate aftermath of the decision, Musgrave said abortion opponents are confident he is on their side. "Say what you will about Donald Trump, his commitment to nominate pro-life justices — I've never seen another candidate do that," she said.

5. The younger generation will have a lot to say about the future of abortion rights.

Among the many things the two sides in the abortion debate disagree about is how the younger generation feels about abortion. Polls tend to differ dramatically depending on how the question is asked.

Musgrave says, "Our polling shows more and more millennials are pro-life, particularly when you look at things like 20-week (abortion) bans."

But Dawn Laguens, executive vice president of Planned Parenthood, says they are seeing the exact opposite — that younger women are more supportive of abortion rights. "They're so social justice oriented," she said.

And Laguens says that coming demographic changes, including a more diverse electorate that could tilt Democratic, are a main reason for the recent spike in anti-abortion legislating.

"They feel it slipping away," she said. "They can see the demographics, too, and they want to lock this stuff in."

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prenatal care, labor and delivery, breastfeeding, developmental milestones, and immunizations — all timed to the baby's due date.

Operated by the nonprofit ZERO TO THREE and the mobile health company Voxiva Inc., Text4Baby has reached nearly 1 million women since starting in 2010. In one survey, more than half of them reported yearly incomes of less than $16,000.

Other experiments are far more elaborate. In California and Washington state, San Francisco-based Omada Health is testing a version of Prevent, a diabetes and heart disease prevention program that's been modified for "underserved" populations — basically people on Medicaid or who are uninsured. The free program offers patients a digital scale as well as behavior counseling and education, access to a personal health coach and an online peer network.

To adapt the program, the company made it available in Spanish and English and lowered its reading level from ninth grade to fifth grade. Bilingual health coaches were hired, and the educational materials now acknowledge potential food access, neighborhood safety and economic issues that participants might face, said Eliza Gibson, Omada's director of Medicaid and safety-net commercial development.

The scale doesn't require a wireless connection, and the patient just needs to be able to access the internet for one hour each week, Gibson said.

Omada is enrolling 300 community clinic patients in Southern California and rural Washington in a year-long clinical trial of Prevent, in hopes that the program can demonstrably slow the progress of diabetes.

Patients at other community clinics in California will try out the program but won't be included in the clinical trial, Gibson said.

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5 Cubs elected to start in All-Star Game

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — After topping the major leagues during the first half of the season as they seek their first title in more than a century, the Chicago Cubs dominated the rosters for next week's All-Star game.

And the Boston Red Sox, who ended their long drought a decade ago, were not far behind.

The Cubs became the first team since the 1976 Cincinnati Reds' Big Red Machine to have five players voted as All-Star starters, and seven Chicago players in all were picked Tuesday for the July 12 game at San Diego's Petco Park.

Chicago's entire infield was voted in — first baseman Anthony Rizzo, second baseman Ben Zobrist, shortstop Addison Russell and third baseman Kris Bryant — along with center fielder Dexter Fowler, who hopes to recover from a hamstring strain that has sidelined him since June 18. The only other team to start four infielders was the 1963 St. Louis Cardinals.

"It'll be really cool starting the game and throwing to those guys in San Diego," Rizzo said.

Rizzo led NL players with 3.2 million votes, and Zobrist won the closest race by finishing 88 votes ahead of Washington's Daniel Murphy. Jake Arrieta and Jon Lester were selected for the National League pitching staff.

Chicago got off to a 47-20 start but has slumped for the past few weeks. The Cubs have not won the World Series since 1908, but have the second-most All-Stars in their history behind eight in 2008.

"Make sure you slow it down and enjoy every second of it," Cubs manager Joe Maddon recalled telling his All-Stars.

The game will feature 11 first-time starters, the most since 2005. In a sign of the sport's generational change, 12 of the 17 elected starters are 26 or younger.

"It should be a little more special," said Bryant, who attended the University of San Diego for three years.

Boston has six All-Stars, including four starters. Designated hitter David Ortiz, who is retiring at the end of the season, became a 10-time All-Star and is joined in the lineup

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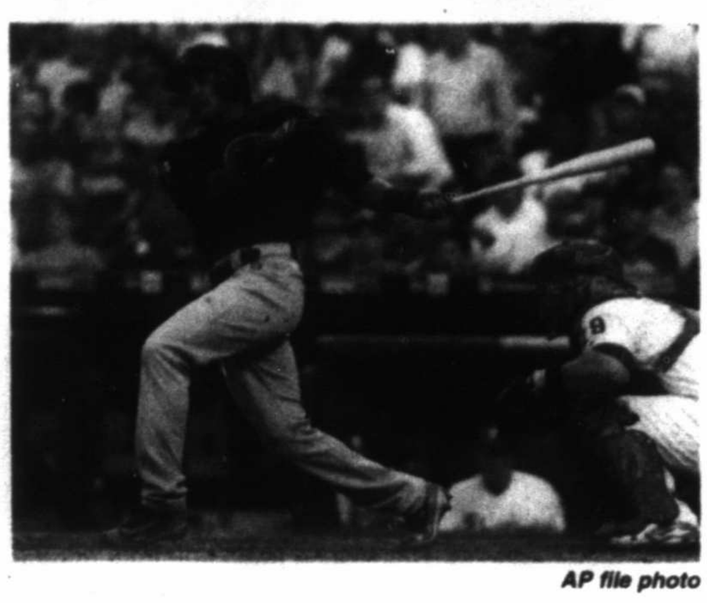

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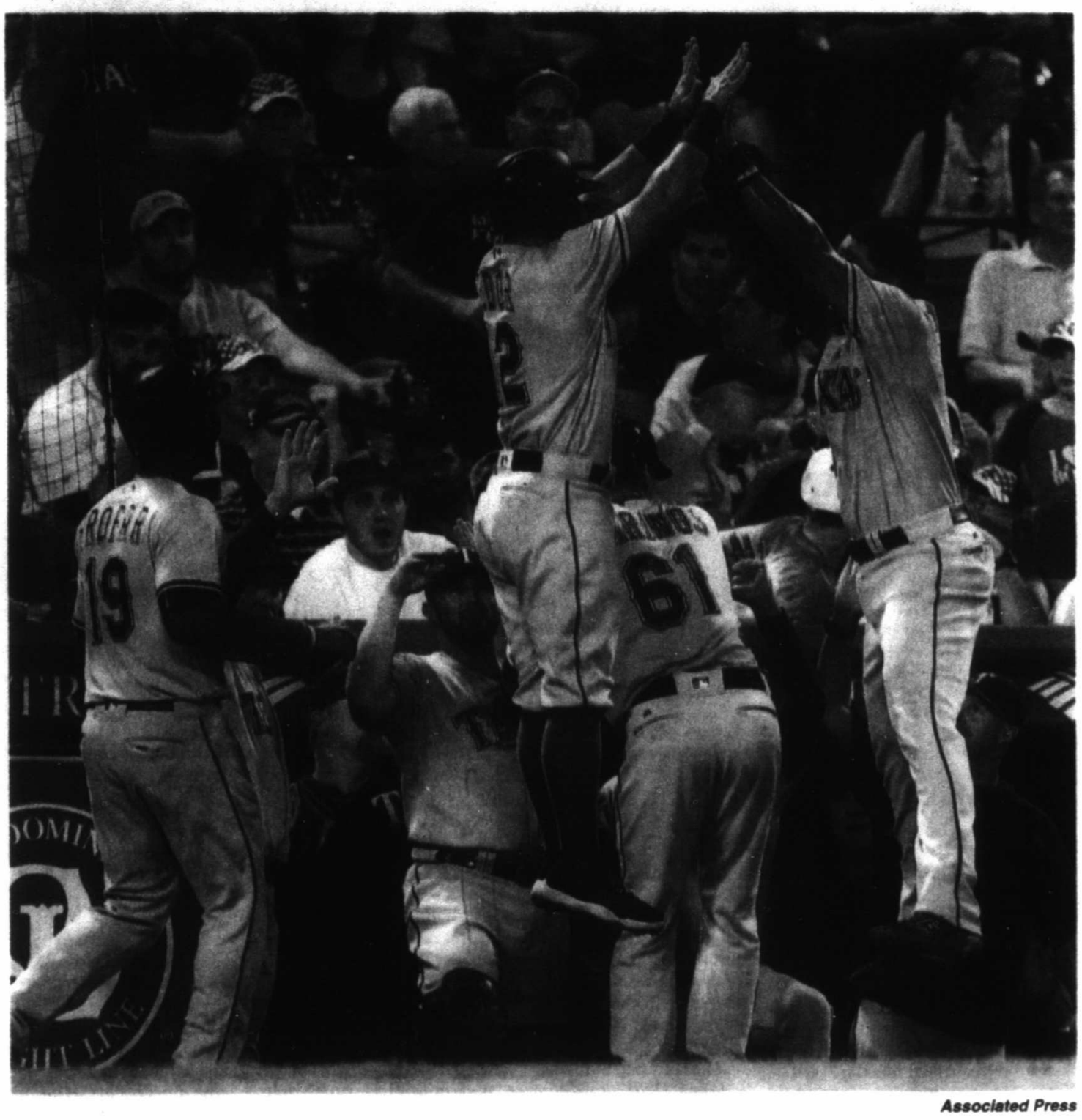
The Chicago Cubs' Addison Russell bats against the Philadelphia Phillies during a baseball game in Philadelphia in 2015.

Texas wins another



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TOP: The Texas Rangers' Robinson Chirinos (61) celebrates his three-run home run that also drove in Rougned Odor, center, and Jurickson Profar (19) during the ninth inning of a baseball game against the Boston Red Sox in Boston on Tuesday. **BOTTOM RIGHT:** The Boston Red Sox's Craig Kimbrel examines a new ball after giving up a three-run home run to the Texas Rangers' Robinson Chirinos.

Choo, Chirinos homer to lead Rangers past Red Sox

By Jimmy Golen
Associated Press

Rangers	7
Red Sox	2

BOSTON — Shin-Soo Choo homered on David Price's first pitch of the game, and Elvis Andrus scored to break a sixth-inning tie as the Texas Rangers beat the Boston Red Sox 7-2 on Tuesday night to snap a three-game losing streak.

Robinson Chirinos added a three-run homer in the ninth as the Rangers scored four runs off All-Star selection Craig Kimbrel. The Red Sox closer was one of six Boston players selected for the AL roster. Texas had two.

Price (8-6) threw 46 pitches in first two innings — 45 after Choo drove the first one of the game out to center. Texas loaded the bases on two singles and a walk before Prince Fielder struck out looking — drawing a mock cheer from Boston fans.

But the Rangers managed just one more run in the inning. Price settled down and the Red Sox tied it before Andrus singled and scored to make it 3-2 on Rougned Odor's double.

In all, Price allowed three runs, eight hits and a walk, striking out 10 in eight innings. He fanned Ian Desmond in the fifth for his 1,500th career strikeout and posted his sixth game of the season with 10 or

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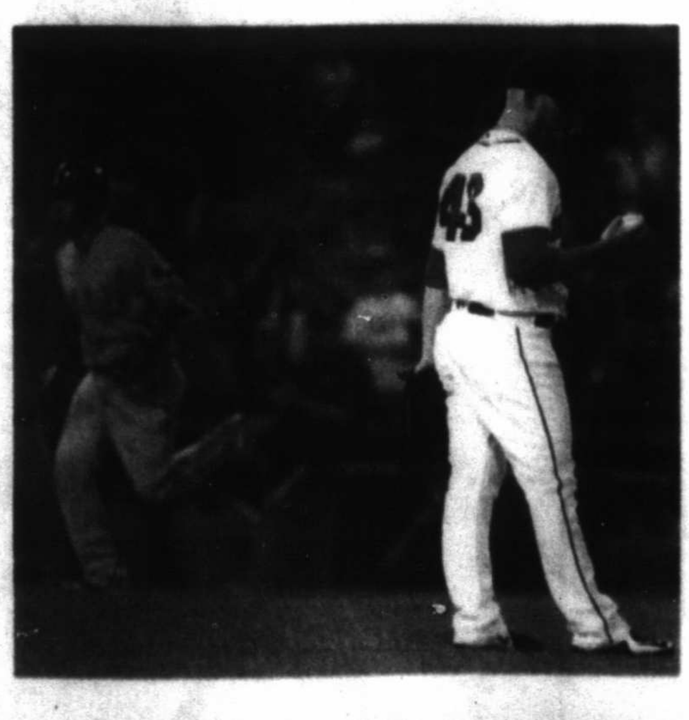

Mavs have deal with Nowitzki, will add Seth Curry

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

DALLAS — Dirk Nowitzki's new contract will give the Dallas forward a chance spend 20 seasons with the only franchise he has ever played for.

The Mavericks and Nowitzki have reached agreement on a two-year, $40 million contract, a person with knowledge of the deal told The Associated Press on condition of anonymity Tuesday because contracts can't be signed until late Wednesday night Central time. Nowitzki will have a player option in the second year.

Nowitzki

The person also said the Mavericks have agreed to a two-year, $6 million contract with free agent guard Seth Curry, the younger brother of two-time MVP Stephen Curry.

At $20 million per season, Nowitzki's deal is a significant raise for the 38-year-old, who opted out of the final year of a three-year, $25 million deal that was a huge discount for the Mavericks. It helped them get Chandler Parsons in free agency two years ago, although he is leaving for a max deal in Memphis.

L.A. Lakers star Kobe Bryant was just the fifth player in NBA history to reach 20 seasons and he retired in April as the only one so far to do it all with one team. Tim Duncan of the Spurs is considering whether to return for a 20th season in San Antonio.

Last spring, Nowitzki said after another first-round playoff exit that he felt as if he had at least two more good seasons in him after leading the Mavericks in scoring for the 15th time in 16 seasons. The 2007 NBA MVP essentially told a media outlet in his native Germany on Tuesday that he would retire with the Mavericks.

"I've always said that I'll end my career in Dallas," Nowitzki told the German news agency DPA in comments translated by the AP. "I've been here 18 seasons. It would be great if I can make it 20."

Nowitzki's future with the Mavericks was actually a legitimate question Friday, the opening day of free agency when Dallas struck out on its top targets for the fifth straight year. Nowitzki had said the only way he wouldn't return is if the Mavericks tried to surround him with unproven players.

But the Mavericks added three veteran starters in two days, including two-fifths of the lineup for the 73-win Golden State Warriors, who blew a 3-1 lead and lost the NBA Finals to Cleveland. Dallas is set to add small forward Harrison Barnes

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 3, Arkansas 1

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

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Tuesday	Today	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Midland 3, Arkansas 1	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	NW Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Port Adelaide vs. Hawthorn, 4:30 a.m., FSP

CYCLING

Tour de France, Stage 5: Limoges to Le Lioran, 7 a.m., NBCSN

GOLF

EPGA: Aberdeen Asset Management Scottish Open, 1st Round, 4:30 a.m., GOLF

MLB

Miami at New York Mets, Noon, MLB

Baltimore at Los Angeles Dodgers, 3 p.m., MLB

Texas at Boston, 6 p.m., ESPN, FSSW

Seattle at Houston, 7 p.m., ROOT

MEN'S SOCCER

EURO 2016 Semifinal: Portugal vs. Wales, 2 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Copa Libertadores Semifinal, Leg 1: Sao Paulo FC vs. Atletico Nacional, 7:30 p.m., FS2, FXDEP

NBA

Orlando White vs. New York, Noon, NBAtv

Dallas vs. Charlotte, 2 p.m., NBAtv

Indiana vs. Oklahoma City, 4 p.m., NBAtv

TENNIS

Wimbledon, Men's Quarterfinals, 7 a.m., ESPN, ESPN2

ON RADIO

MLB

Texas at Boston, 6 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM/690 AM (Lamesa)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM/550 AM

Courtesy photo

LOCAL SPORTS

CRUSADERS SHINE IN BURLESON

BURLESON — The Crusaders Track Club competed in the AAU National Junior Olympics Qualifying Meet this past weekend.

Imani Parker, pictured on the left, won the gold medal in the girls 11-year-old long jump with a mark of 13 feet, 11 inches.

Brielle Bracken, right, claimed the silver medal in the girls 12-year-old long jump with a distance of 15-0.

Jacari Penn, middle, finished fourth in the boys 13-year-old long jump with a mark of 17-8.

Crusaders qualifiers not pictured are: Jose Rivas who came in sixth in the 13-year-old boys 200 meters with a time of 25.20 seconds, Tucker Smith who finished sixth in the 12-year-old boys 3,000 meters (12 minutes, 18 seconds) and Brandon Foster, the winner of the 15-year-old boys javelin (78 feet).

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned C Christian Vazquez to Pawtucket (IL). Reinstated C Ryan Hanigan from the 15-day DL. Sent RHP Brandon Workman to the GCL Red Sox for a rehab assignment.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Sent 1B Justin Morneau to Charlotte (IL) for a rehab assignment.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Agreed to terms with OF Andrew Calica on a minor league contract.

DETROIT TIGERS — Placed LHP Daniel Norris on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP Buck Farmer from Toledo (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Placed RHP Wade Davis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Designated LHP Tyler Olson for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Brooks Pounders from Omaha (PCL).

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned LHP Jose Alvarez to Salt Lake (PCL). Recalled RHP Nick Tropeano from Salt Lake.

MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned LHP Buddy Boshers to Rochester (IL). Reinstated RHP Trevor May from the 15-day DL.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Optioned RHP Luis Cessa to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Recalled LHP Chasen Shreve from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

SEATTLE MARINERS — Optioned LHP David Rollins to Tacoma (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Daniel Robertson from Tacoma. Transferred RHP Adrian Sampson to the 60-day DL.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed OF Desmond Jennings on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Saturday. Released RHP Ryan Webb. Recalled RHP Tyler Sturdevant from Durham (IL).

TEXAS RANGERS — Designated LHP Michael Roth for assignment. Recalled RHP Jose Leclerc from Round Rock (PCL). Sent RHPs Keone Kela to Round Rock and Yu Darvish to Frisco (TL) for rehab assignments. Traded OF Ryan Strausborger to Seattle for a 2016 international slot compensation.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned C Peter O'Brien to Reno (PCL). Reinstated SS Nick Ahmed from paternity leave.

ATLANTA BRAVES — Optioned INF Ronnier Mustelier to Gwinnett (IL). Sent LHP Eric O'Flaherty to Rome (SAL) for a rehab assignment.

CINCINNATI REDS — Sent RHP Tim Adleman to the AZL Reds for a rehab assignment.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Reinstated RP Tyler Chatwood from the 15-day DL and RHP Adam Ottavino from the 60-day DL. Optioned RHP Eddie Butler to Albuquerque (PCL). Placed RHP Justin Miller on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 3.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Optioned LHP Julio Urias to Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled LHP Luis Avilan from Oklahoma City.

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned OF Yefri Perez to Jacksonville (SL).

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned OF Keon Broxton to Colorado Springs (PCL). Selected the contract of 3B Will Middlebrooks from Colorado Springs. Transferred LHP Chris Capuano to the 60-day DL.

NEW YORK METS — Selected the contract of INF Jose Reyes from Binghamton (EL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Placed RHP Jameson Taillon and C Chris Stewart on the 15-day DL; Taillon retroactive to Thursday and Stewart to Sunday. Selected the contract of LHP Steven Brault from Indianapolis (IL). Sent C Elias Diaz to Bradenton (FSL) for a rehab assignment. Designated C Jacob Stallings for assignment.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Placed INF/OF Brandon Moss on the 15-day DL. Recalled OF Randal Grichuk from Memphis (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Sent 2B Kelby Tomlinson to Sacramento (PCL) for a rehab assignment.

American Association

JOPLIN BLASTERS — Signed OF KC Huth. Released OF Luis Terrero and INF Tyler Shannon.

LAREDO LEMURS — Signed LHP Josue Montanez.

LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP Clayton Cook.

Can-Am League

SUSSEX COUNTY MINERS — Signed OF Robb Paller and LHP Austin Solecitto.

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released INF Kori Melo.

Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Michael Osnowitz.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed 1B Danny Rosenbaum. Released SS John Holland.

SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Signed OF Griff Gordon and LHP David Napoli. Released LHP Payton Baskette and OF Nick Lynch.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed OF Chris Grayson.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

MEMPHIS GRIZZLIES — Named Keith Smart and Adam Mazarei assistant coaches.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS — Named Eric Sebastian director of coaching operations, Kamran Sufi advance scout and Tony Brown, Sidney Lowe, Chad Iske, Mike Terpstra and Maz Trakh assistant coaches.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

DETROIT LIONS — Released LB Stephen Tulloch.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ANAHEIM DUCKS — Agreed to terms with F Jared Boll, F Mason Raymond and D Jeff Schultz.

CALGARY FLAMES — Signed F Linden Vey to a one-year, two-way contract.

CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms withy F Jordin Tootoo on a one-year contract.

NEW JERSEY DEVILS — Re-signed C Jacob Josefson to a one-year contract and LW Luke Gazdic to a one-year, two-way contract.

NEW YORK ISLANDERS — Agreed to terms with G Jean-Francois Berube on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK RANGERS — Agreed to terms with D Mat Bodie and F Nicklas Jensen.

ST. LOUIS BLUES — Re-signed F Magnus Paajarvi to a one-year contract.

American Hockey League

ALBANY DEVILS — Signed Fs Jan Mandat, Max Novak and Kevin Rooney.

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with D Luke Juha and Fs Kellen Jones, Josh Winquist and Aaron Berisha on one-year contracts.

RUGBY

USA RUGBY — Named Dan Payne chief executive officer.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

SEATTLE SOUNDERS — Recalled D Jimmy Ockford from New York (NASL). Signed D Michael Nelson and M Zach Mathers to short-term agreements.

COLLEGE

COLUMBIA (MO.) Promoted Bryan Curtis to assistant athletic director/event operations and facilities.

POST (CONN.) — Named Mark Kuntz men's basketball coach.

SAN JOSE STATE — Named Gabor Sarusi women's water polo coach.

SOUTH CAROLINA — Named Charles Bloom executive associate athletics director/chief of staff, Judy Van Horn executive associate athletics director for sport and risk management, Christ Rogers senior associate athletics director for administration, Chance Miller associate athletics director for compliance and Eric Nichols senior associate athletics director for marketing and branding.

SOUTH CAROLINA UPSTATE — Named Johnette Walker women's assistant basketball coach.

WAKE FOREST — Announced DT Zeek Rodney is taking a leave of absence from school.

WENTWORTH TECH — Announced the resignation of women's tennis and women's assistant basketball coach Erin Phillips.

Courtesy photo

The Midland Northern Little League 9-11 All-Stars pose for a team picture after they defeated Lubbock Western, 9-4 to claim the Section I Championship on Tuesday at Wayne Ricketson Field in Lubbock. Northern advanced to the Texas West State Little League Tournament, July 14-17 in Abilene.

Midland Northern LL wins sectionals

From staff reports

LUBBOCK — The Midland Northern League League 9-11 All-Stars defeated Lubbock Western 9-4 in six innings to claim the Section 1 Championship, Tuesday at Wayne Ricketson Field.

With the victory, Northern advanced to the Texas West State Little League Tournament, July 14-17 in Abilene.

Northern took the lead in the second inning and held on for the victory. The inning started with a lead off walk by Connor Jordan and a single by Tyler Wood. A wild pitch, later in the inning, scored Wood to give Northern the lead for good.

Chase Shores racked up two RBI on two hits to lead Northern at the plate. Shores singled in the first inning and nailed a two-run home run in the fourth inning.

After Western started the game with two runs, Northern matched the effort by scoring two runs in the bottom of the first. Northern scored on a wild pitch and an RBI groundout by Cole Jordan that plated Shores.

A RBI double by Alex Melendez highlighted Northern's scoring after the second inning.

Western closed the deficit to 9-4 after pushing across one run in the top of the fifth, but Northern pitcher Evan Letcher held Western scoreless in the sixth, sealing the win.

8-9-10 Year Old Sectional Tournament at Western Little League Fields, Lubbock
Saturday, July 2
Game 1: Lubbock Western 14, Greenwood 4
Game 2: Childress 12, New Home 2
Sunday, July 3
Game 3: Midland Northern 6, Childress 4
Loser's bracket
Game 4: New Home 14, Greenwood 12
Monday, July 4
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 5: Midland Northern 12, Lubbock Western 2
Loser's bracket second round
Game 6: Childress 20, New Home 9
Tuesday, July 5
Loser's bracket final
Game 7: Lubbock Western 9, Childress 1
Wednesday, July 6
Championship
Game 8: Midland Northern vs. Lubbock Western, 7 p.m., Field 1
Thursday, July 7
If necessary game
Game 9: Game 8 winner vs. Game 8 loser, TBA

9-10-11 Year Old Sectional Tournament at Wayne Ricketson Field at Western Little League Field, Lubbock
Saturday, July 2
Game 1: Midland Northern 13, Pecos 3
Sunday, July 3
Winner's bracket semifinal
Game 2: Midland Northern 11, Lubbock Western 6
Monday, July 4
Loser's bracket
Game 3: Lubbock Western 10, Pecos 9
Tuesday, July 5
Championship
Game 4: Midland Northern 9, Lubbock Western 4. Midland Northern wins the tournament.

Sockers fall to OKC Energy U23

From staff reports

NORMAN, Okla. — The OKC Energy U23 leapfrogged Sockers FC for first place in the Premier Development League's Mid-South Division standings following a lopsided 4-1 win over the Midland/Odessa club, Tuesday at Norman High School.

With the victory, OKC Energy U23 (8-2-1, 25 points) vaulted one point ahead of Sockers FC (7-2-3, 24 points) with two regular season matches to play, both against each other.

Tied 0-0 in Tuesday's match, OKC Energy U23 took control of the contest by scoring three goals in a span of nine minutes, with the first goal occurring in the 37th minute and the third score happening in the 45th minute just before intermission.

OKC Energy took a commanding 4-0 lead by scoring on a penalty kick in the 62nd minute.

The Sockers scored their only goal in the 75th minute when Fernando Machado converted a penalty kick.

The Sockers host the OKC Energy U23 at 7:30 p.m. on July 14 at Grande Communications Stadium.

The two teams will play again at the same time and location on July 16 to cap off the regular season.

Venus back in Grand Slam semi 6 years later

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — In some ways, making it to a Grand Slam semifinal is rather been-there, done-that for Venus Williams.

She is, after all, already the owner of seven major titles, including five at Wimbledon.

This one, though, is different.

She's 36 now, a half-dozen years removed from her last such run. And, in the interim, she has been through the daily struggles of dealing with a disease that can sap energy and cause joint pain.

Williams made it to the final four at the All England Club for the first time since 2009, and at any Grand Slam tournament since the year after that, playing mistake-free to beat Yaroslava Shvedova 7-6 (5), 6-2 in the quarterfinals Tuesday.

"Semifinals feels good. But it doesn't feel foreign at all, let's put it that way," said Williams, whose first Wimbledon title came in 2000 and whose most recent came in 2008.

Asked to compare her current level of play to that of the past, Williams shook her head, shut her eyes and laughed.

"I don't remember. Six years ago is ages ago," she responded. "I was most likely kicking butt six years ago, if I was in the semis or the finals. You have to be."

Just like in the old days, Williams will be joined in the semifinals by a familiar face — younger sister Serena, who moved closer to equaling Steffi Graf's Open-era record of 22nd Grand Slam championships by defeating 21st-seeded Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova 6-4, 6-4, taking the last three games of each set. Serena hit 11 aces, including one at 123 mph to end it.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Tuesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $38.4 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Fourth Round

Tomas Berdych (10), Czech Republic, def. Jiri Vesely, Czech Republic, 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (8), 6-7 (9), 6-3.

Women
Quarterfinals

Angelique Kerber (4), Germany, def. Simona Halep (5), Romania, 7-5, 7-6 (2).

Venus Williams (8), United States, def. Yaroslava Shvedova, Kazakhstan, 7-6 (5), 6-2.

Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Anastasia Pavlyuchenkova (21), Russia, 6-4, 6-4.

Elena Vesnina, Russia, def. Dominika Cibulkova (19), Slovakia, 6-2, 6-2.

Doubles
Men
Third Round

Jamie Murray, Britain, and Bruno Soares (3), Brazil, def. Mate Pavic, Croatia, and Michael Venus (16), New Zealand, 6-3, 7-6 (3), 4-6, 4-6, 16-14.

Julien Benneteau and Edouard Roger-Vasselin, France, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, and Jack Sock (8), United States, 6-4, 3-6, 6-7 (3), 7-5, 6-4.

Pierre-Hugues Herbert and Nicolas Mahut (1), France, def. Sam Groth, Australia, and Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, 7-5, 3-6, 7-6 (4), 6-3.

Bob and Mike Bryan (2), United States, def. Radek Stepanek, Czech Republic, and Nenad Zimonjic (14), Serbia, 7-5, 6-7 (10), 6-4, 3-6, 6-3.

Women
Second Round

Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (4), Russia, def. Annika Beck, Germany, and Yanina Wickmayer, Belgium, 4-6, 6-3, 6-1.

Third Round

Raquel Atawo and Abigail Spears (10), United States, def. Daria Gavrilova, Australia, and Daria Kasatkina, Russia, 6-3, 6-3.

Serena and Venus Williams, United States, def. Andrea Hlavackova and Lucie Hradecka (6), Czech Republic, 6-4, 6-3.

Mixed
First Round

Jiri Vesely and Katerina Siniakova, Czech Republic, def. Dmitry Tursunov, Russia, and Andrea Petkovic, Germany, 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Second Round

Neal Skupski and Anna Smith, Britain, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Sania Mirza (1), India, 4-6, 6-3, 7-5.

Aisam-ul-Haq Qureshi, Pakistan, and Yaroslava Shvedova (14), Kazakhstan, def. Julian Knowle, Austria, and Zhang Shuai, China, 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Third Round

Marcin Matkowski, Poland, and Katarina Srebotnik (11), Slovenia, def. Santiago Gonzalez, Mexico, and Arantxa Parra Santonja, Spain, 6-3, 6-4.

Juan-Sebastian Cabal and Mariana Duque-Marino, Colombia, def. Rohan Bopanna, India, and Anastasia Rodionova (13), Australia, 7-6 (5), 6-3.

Robert Farah, Colombia, and Anna-Lena Groenefeld (15), Germany, def. Nicholas Monroe, United States, and Gabriela Dabrowski, Canada, 7-5, 3-6, 6-4.

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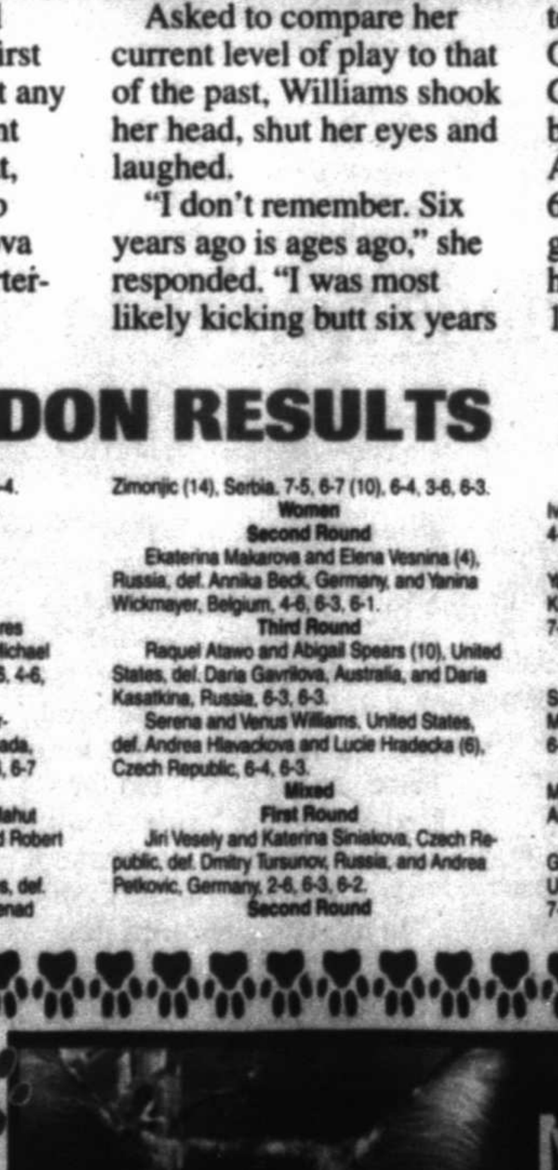

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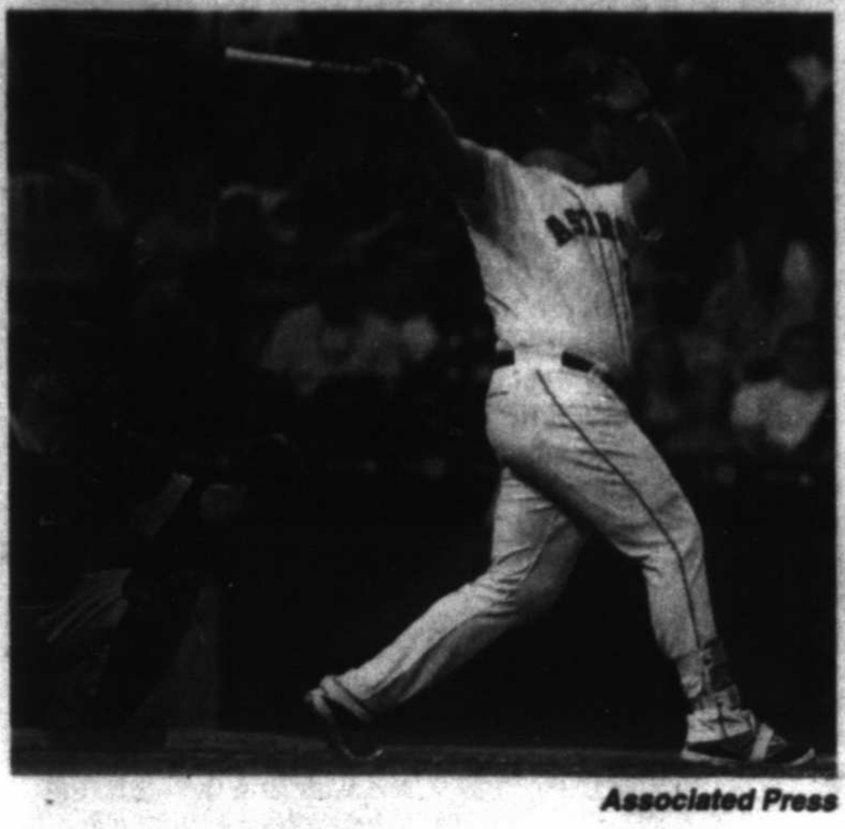
Astros hit 3 HRs to back up Keuchel in 5-2 win over Seattle

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press



Associated Press

TheHouston Astros' A.J. Reed watches his two-run home run off the Seattle Mariners' Taijuan Walker in the fourth inning of a baseball game, Tuesday in Houston.

HOUSTON — Luis Valbuena hit a solo homer and Colby Rasmus and rookie A.J. Reed added two-run shots in the fourth inning to back up a solid start by Dallas Keuchel and give the Houston Astros a 5-2 victory over the Seattle Mariners on Tuesday night.

Keuchel (6-9), last year's AL Cy Young Award winner who has struggled this season, allowed five hits and two runs in six innings for his season-high third straight win. Will Harris, who was named to his first All-Star team on Tuesday, pitched a scoreless ninth for his ninth save.

The Astros trailed by one in the fourth inning when Rasmus launched his homer off Taijuan Walker (4-7) to the bullpen in right-center field to make it 3-2. Valbuena drew a walk before, with two outs and two strikes, Reed hit his second career homer to left-center to extend it to 5-2.

Walker yielded five hits and five runs before leaving after four innings with discomfort in his right foot. It's his third start that has been shortened because of this problem. He left early on June 14 and June 19 because of his foot.

Nelson Cruz homered for the Mariners, who dropped their second straight to Houston.

The three home runs Walker allowed tied a career-high and all were by left-handers. He's been plagued by homers by lefties this season and 13 of the 18 homers he has allowed have been to them.

Dae-Ho Lee singled with one out in the second before a double by Kyle Seager. The Mariners took a 1-0 lead on an RBI groundout by Chris Iannetta.

Valbuena's homer, which landed in the second deck in right field, came with two outs in the bottom of the inning to tie it at 1-all.

Cruz's 22nd home run gave Seattle a 2-1 lead in the fourth inning.

He was shaken up in the sixth inning when he fouled a ball off his left foot and leg. He limped around the plate for a couple of minutes while talking to manager Scott Servais and a trainer before staying in the game to finish his at-bat.

RANGERS

From 1C

more strikeouts.

Rangers starter A.J. Griffin left after four innings, and Cesar Ramos (3-3) pitched 1 1/3 scoreless innings for the win.

Mookie Betts, Dustin Pedroia and Travis Shaw had two hits apiece for the Red Sox. Jackie Bradley Jr. homered for Boston, which had won two straight.

Desmond and pitcher Cole Hamels made the All-Star team for Texas. Boston designated hitter David Ortiz, in his final season, will make his 10th All-Star start, and joining him in the lineup will be outfielders Betts and Bradley and shortstop Xander Bogaerts. Knuckleballer Stephen Wright was also selected.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Rangers: Choo left the game in the fifth with lower back stiffness. ... 1B Mitch Moreland (right calf tightness) was not in the starting lineup for the third straight game. ... With three starters on the DL, Texas called up RHP Jose Leclerc from Triple-A Round Rock and designated LHP Michael Roth for assignment. Leclerc, 22, has split time between Double-A Frisco and Round Rock this season and has never played in the majors.

Red Sox: Boston activated veteran C Ryan Hanigan (neck strain) from the 15-day DL following a rehab stint with Triple-A Pawtucket. The Red Sox optioned C Christian Vazquez to Pawtucket after Monday night's game against Texas

UP NEXT

Rangers: LHP Martin Perez (7-4, 3.39 ERA) is 6-0 with two no-decisions in his last eight starts. Perez, who leads the Rangers with 17 starts already, hasn't taken a loss since May 18, at Oakland.

Red Sox: Wright (9-5, 2.42) gets another shot at the Rangers, who tagged him for eight runs and seven hits over 4 2-3 innings in a loss at Texas on June 25.

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FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 3, TRAVELERS 1
At Dickey-Stephens Park, North Little Rock, Arkansas

TOP HITTERS: Travelers catcher Jose Briceno went 3-for-4 with two doubles and a triple in a losing cause. ... Arkansas left fielder Caleb Adams was 3-for-4 with a run scored and two stolen bases. ... Midland left fielder Josh Rodriguez tied the game with a RBI triple in the eighth, and he eventually came around to score the go-ahead run. ... J.P. Sportman led the RockHounds with two hits.

TOP PITCHERS: The Travelers squandered a masterful start by Troy Scribner, who fired seven shutout innings of two-hit ball. Scribner struck out eight RockHounds, while walking none. ... Making his Texas League debut, Midland starter Brandon Mann allowed one run, seven hits and no walks over six innings. The left-hander struck out four in a no-decision. ... RockHounds reliever Andres Avila earned the win after striking out five Naturals over two innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: Arkansas took a 1-0 lead in the bottom of the first when Adams stole home with two out. ... With the RockHounds trailing 1-0, Midland third baseman Matt Chapman led off the eighth with a double. Rodriguez, the next batter, tripled on a fly ball to right, plating Chapman. With one out, Wade Kirkland drove home Rodriguez on an infield single, pushing Midland to a 2-1 lead. ... In the ninth, Midland right fielder Tyler Marincov singled home Sportman, giving the RockHounds an insurance run.

NOTES: Midland took the rubber match to win the series, 2-1. The RockHounds finished their six-game road trip at Northwest Arkansas and Arkansas with a 5-1 record. ... Midland has won six of its last seven games and nine of its last 11 affairs. ... The RockHounds begin a six-game homestand today, hosting Northwest Arkansas at 6:30 p.m. at Security Bank Ballpark.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Northwest Arkansas — RHP Ashton Goudeau (2-6, 3.92 ERA); Midland — RHP Ben Bracewell (4-1, 2.08).

TL standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa (Dodgers)	8	4	.667	—
Northwest Arkansas (Royals)	7	5	.583	1
Springfield (Cardinals)	6	5	.545	1 1/2
Arkansas (Angels)	4	7	.364	3 1/2

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland (Athletics)	9	3	.750	—
Corpus Christi (Astros)	6	6	.500	3
San Antonio (Padres)	4	8	.333	5
Frisco (Rangers)	3	9	.250	6

Tuesday's Scores
Northwest Arkansas 7, Frisco 2
Tulsa 14, Corpus Christi 6
Springfield 5, San Antonio 4
Midland 3, Arkansas 1

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

ROCKHOUNDS 3, TRAVELERS 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Barreto ss	4	0	1	0	Way cf	4	0	1	0
Sportman cf	4	1	2	0	Adams lf	4	1	3	0
Rosa 1b	4	0	0	0	Daniel dh	4	0	0	0
Marincov rf	4	0	1	1	Aguilera 1b	4	0	0	0
Chapman 3b	4	1	1	0	Henry rf	3	0	0	0
Rodriguez lf	3	1	1	1	Briceno c	4	0	3	0
Munoz dh	3	0	0	0	Yarbrough 2b	3	0	0	0
Kirkland 2b	3	0	1	1	Rosa 3b	3	0	0	0
Paz c	3	0	0	0	Phillips ss	3	0	1	0
Totals	32	3	7	3	Totals	32	1	8	0

Midland ....000 000 021 —3
Arkansas ....100 000 000 —1

E — Marincov (2). LOB — Midland 2, Arkansas 5. 2B — Barreto (14), Chapman (14), Briceno 2 (6). 3B — Rodriguez (2), Briceno (1). SB — Adams 2 (5). CS — Kirkland (4), Phillips (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Mann	6.0	7	1	1	0	4
Avila W, 3-2	2.0	1	0	0	0	5
Wahl S, 3	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
Arkansas						
Scribner	7.0	2	0	0	0	8
Johnson L, 2-4	1.0	3	2	2	0	1
Adams	1.0	2	1	1	0	2

PB — Paz (2).
T — 2:29. A — 2,582.

GAME

From 1C

by a trio of first-timers: shortstop Xander Bogaerts and outfielders Jackie Bradley Jr. and Mookie Betts. Knuckleballer Steven Wright and closer Craig Kimbrel also were selected.

"Four days of rest and chilling is good, but this All-Star Game, I'm going to try to enjoy it the most," said the 40-year-old Ortiz said, who helped the Red Sox win three titles, including their first in 86 years in 2004.

Wright is a first-time All-Star at age 31.

"I feel like I'm still the same guy," he said.

Kansas City catcher Salvador Perez and first baseman Eric Hosmer were voted to the AL starting lineup along with Houston second baseman Jose Altuve, Baltimore third baseman Manny Machado and Los Angeles outfielder Mike Trout. Perez led all players with nearly 4.97 million votes.

San Francisco catcher Buster Posey was elected in the NL along with New York Mets outfielder Yoenis Cespedes and Washington outfielder Bryce Harper.

Five Orioles were picked for the AL roster. Beyond Machado, catcher Matt Wieters and outfielder Mark Trumbo are among the reserves, and Brad Brach and Zach Britton are on the pitching staff.

Orioles manager Buck Showalter told Brach's wife, singer-songwriter Jenae Cherry, to pass along the news to her husband.

"I told her — she's an up-and-coming country music singer — she should write a song about it," Showalter said. "I'd buy it."

Arrieta is among five first-time All-Stars on the NL pitching staff, joined by New York's Noah Syndergaard and Jeurys Familia, the Los Angeles Dodgers' Kenley Jansen and Miami's A.J. Ramos. Other NL pitchers include Washington's Stephen Strasburg, the Giants' Madison Bumgarner, the Marlins' Jose Fernandez and Atlanta's Julio Teheran. Washington's Max Scherzer was bypassed.

Jansen entered Tuesday with the second most saves (133) in baseball since the start of 2013. After being overlooked each of the past few seasons, he had been making plans to spend the break with his family at a beach or Disneyland.

Andrew Miller and Dellin Betances were picked for the AL bullpen from the New York Yankees' Run BMC trio but Aroldis Chapman was left off after missing the first 29 games of the season while serving a domestic violence suspension.

Miller and Wright are among seven first-time All-Stars on the AL pitching staff, joined by Brach, Tampa Bay's Alex Colome, Toronto's Marco Estrada, Brach, Houston's Will Harris and Cleveland's Danny Salazar. Other AL pitchers include Chicago's Chris Sale and Texas' Cole Hamels.

Petco Park is the second of four straight NL ballparks to host the All-Stars, following Cincinnati last year and ahead of Miami in 2017 and Washington in 2018. Because of that, the AL will be the home team, wear white uniforms and use the Padres clubhouse. Wil Myers was the only Padres player picked.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

INDIANS 12
TIGERS 1

CLEVELAND — Lonnie Chisenhall was 4 for 5 with three RBIs, Carlos Santana and Tyler Naquin homered, and the Cleveland Indians remained perfect in 11 games against the Detroit Tigers this season with a 12-1 victory Tuesday night.

The Indians have outscored the Tigers 76-24 in the season series. Cleveland leads Detroit by 7 1/2 games in the AL Central.

Carlos Carrasco (5-2) allowed one run in six innings for Cleveland, which has won 13 straight at home.

Anibal Sanchez (5-9), who replaced the injured Jordan Zimmermann, allowed seven runs in 4 1/3 innings.

Tigers slugger Miguel Cabrera was ejected in the sixth after grounding out. Cabrera, thinking the ball hit off his leg, never left the batter's box and was called out at first. He was ejected when the umpires didn't reverse the call.

BLUE JAYS 8
ROYALS 3

TORONTO — Josh Donaldson hit two solo home runs, Troy Tulowitzki had a three-run blast and Toronto connected four times.

Fresh off being named a reserve to the AL All-Star team, Donaldson went 3 for 4 and scored four runs while the Blue Jays won their fourth straight.

Donaldson has scored 77 runs, a franchise record for runs before the All-Star break. Carlos Delgado had 76 in 2003.

ANGELS 13
RAYS 5

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — C.J. Cron homered twice and drove in four runs, and Los Angeles overcame another shaky start by Tim Lincecum to get its third win in 15 games.

Cron had a solo shot off Jake Odorizzi (3-4) during a four-run second and a three-run drive against Enny Romero in a six-run ninth.

Reliever Deolis Guerra (2-0) pitched 1 1/3 perfect innings.

National League

NATIONALS 5
BREWERS 2

WASHINGTON — Hernan Perez hit a tiebreaking two-run homer in the sixth inning to back an effective pitching performance by Zach Davies, and Milwaukee won its second road series of the season.

Davies (6-4) allowed two runs and nine hits in 6 2/3 innings. The rookie retired 10 in a row before giving up three straight singles in the seventh.

Jeremy Jeffress worked the ninth for his 23rd save.

Gio Gonzalez (4-8) is 1-7 in nine starts since May 18.

PHILLIES 5
BRAVES 1

PHILADELPHIA — Maikel Franco homered for the third straight game and Philadelphia hit four overall.

Zach Eflin (1-2) struck out six and walked none in his first career complete game and first major league win.

Peter Bourjos started the home run derby and extended his hitting streak to 14 games in the first inning against Mike Foltynewicz (2-3).

REDS 9
CUBS 5

CHICAGO — John Lackey's winless streak stretched to five games, Chicago manager Joe Maddon was ejected and Cincinnati beat struggling Chicago behind Zack Cozart's 13th home run.

Lackey (7-5) allowed six runs — five earned — six hits and five walks in six innings, dropping to 0-3 in his past five starts. The Cubs have lost five of their last six games and 10 of 15.

Brandon Finnegan (4-7) gave up five runs and five hits in five innings.

MARLINS 5
METS 2

NEW YORK — Giancarlo Stanton homered twice to match his career high with five RBIs, powering Wei-Yin Chen and Miami to a victory that snapped New York's five-game winning streak.

Chen (5-3) tossed seven innings of three-hit ball, spoiling Jose Reyes' return to the Mets in his first major league game since a 59-day domestic violence suspension.

Back with his original team, the speedy switch-hitter received a warm welcome from the crowd of 29,477 at Citi Field but went 0 for 4 with a strikeout in his first big league appearance this season. Batting leadoff after getting called up from the minors, he quickly doffed his helmet to cheering fans — some stood and applauded — when he stepped to the plate in the first inning.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	47	35	.573	—
Toronto	47	39	.547	2
Boston	45	38	.542	2 1/2
New York	41	42	.494	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	34	49	.410	13 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	51	32	.614	—
Detroit	44	40	.524	7 1/2
Kansas City	43	40	.518	8
Chicago	43	41	.512	8 1/2
Minnesota	27	55	.329	23 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	53	32	.624	—
Houston	45	39	.536	7 1/2
Seattle	43	41	.512	9 1/2
Oakland	36	47	.434	16
Los Angeles	34	50	.405	18 1/2

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	50	35	.588	—
New York	45	38	.542	4
Miami	44	40	.524	5 1/2
Philadelphia	39	46	.459	11
Atlanta	28	56	.333	21 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	52	31	.627	—
St. Louis	43	40	.518	9
Pittsburgh	43	41	.512	9 1/2
Milwaukee	37	46	.446	15
Cincinnati	31	54	.365	22

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	53	32	.624	—
Los Angeles	48	37	.565	5
Colorado	37	45	.451	14 1/2
Arizona	37	48	.435	16
San Diego	36	47	.434	16

Scores & schedule

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Tuesday's Scores
Toronto 8, Kansas City 3
Cleveland 12, Detroit 1
L.A. Angels 13, Tampa Bay 5
Texas 7, Boston 2
Houston 5, Seattle 2
N.Y. Yankees 9, Chicago White Sox 0
Oakland at Minnesota, late
Baltimore at L.A. Dodgers, late

Today's Games
Detroit (Fulmer 8-2) at Cleveland (Tomlin 9-1), 11:10 a.m.
Oakland (Gray 3-7) at Minnesota (Santana 2-7), 12:10 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 1-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Norris 4-7), 2:10 p.m.
Kansas City (Kennedy 6-7) at Toronto (Stroman 6-4), 6:07 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Weaver 6-7) at Tampa Bay (Smyly 2-9), 6:10 p.m.
Texas (Perez 7-4) at Boston (Wright 9-5), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pineda 3-7) at Chicago White Sox (Gonzalez 1-4), 7:10 p.m.
Seattle (LeBlanc 1-0) at Houston (Fiers 6-3), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Tuesday's Scores
Cincinnati 9, Chicago Cubs 5
Milwaukee 5, Washington 2
Philadelphia 5, Atlanta 1
Miami 5, N.Y. Mets 2
Pittsburgh 5, St. Louis 2
San Diego at Arizona, late
Baltimore at L.A. Dodgers, late
Colorado at San Francisco, late

Today's Games
Atlanta (Teheran 3-7) at Philadelphia (Hellickson 6-6), 12:05 p.m.
Miami (Nicolino 2-4) at N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-4), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (DeSclafani 2-0) at Chicago Cubs (Warren 3-1), 1:20 p.m.
Baltimore (Gausman 1-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Norris 4-7), 2:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 1-1) at Washington (Roark 7-5), 3:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Locke 8-5) at St. Louis (Garcia 6-6), 7:15 p.m.
San Diego (Rea 5-3) at Arizona (Miller 2-8), 8:40 p.m.
Colorado (De La Rosa 5-5) at San Francisco (Cueto 12-1), 9:15 p.m.

Texas Boxes

RANGERS 7, RED SOX 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	Boston	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	3	1	2	1	Betts rf	4	0	2	0
Mazara rf	2	0	0	0	Pedroia 2b	4	0	2	0
Desmond cf	5	1	1	0	Bgaerts ss	4	0	0	1
Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0	Ortiz dh	5	0	1	0
Rua lf	4	0	1	0	Han.Rmr 1b	2	0	1	0
Fielder dh	4	0	0	0	Brdly J cf	5	1	1	1
Andrus ss	2	2	2	1	B.Holt lf	4	1	1	0
Odor 2b	4	1	2	1	T.Shaw 3b	4	0	2	0
Profar 1b	4	1	2	1	Leon c	4	0	1	0
Chirinos c	4	1	1	3					
Totals	36	7	11	7	Totals	36	2	11	2

Texas ....200 001 004—7
Boston ....010 100 000—2

DP—Texas 1. LOB_Texas 5, Boston 14. 2B_Andrus (15), Odor (17), B.Holt (7), T.Shaw (25). HR—Choo (7), Chirinos (6), Bradley Jr. (14). SB—Desmond (15), Han.Ramirez (6). SF—Andrus (4).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Griffin	4	7	2	2	3	3
Ramos W,3-3	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Tolleson	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Diekman	1	0	0	0	1	1
Bush	1	1	0	0	0	0
Dyson	1	2	0	0	0	0
Boston						
Price L,8-6	8	8	3	3	1	10
Kimbrel	0	3	4	4	1	0
Hembree	1	0	0	0	0	0

Kimbrel pitched to 4 batters in the 9th
HBP—by Griffin (Ramirez), by Diekman (Holt).
T—3:21. A—35,964 (37,499).

ASTROS 5, MARINERS 2

Seattle	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
L.Mrtin cf	4	0	0	0	Sprnger rf	4	0	2	0
Gterrez rf	3	0	0	0	Ma.Gnzl 1b	4	0	0	0
S.Smith ph-lf	1	0	1	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0
Cano 2b	4	0	1	0	Correa ss	4	0	1	0
N.Cruz dh	3	1	1	1	Col.Rsm lf	3	1	1	2
D.Lee 1b	4	1	1	0	Vlbuena 3b	3	2	1	1
K.Sager 3b	4	0	2	0	C.Gomez cf	3	0	0	0
Innetta c	3	0	1	1	A.Reed dh	3	1	1	2
Lind ph	1	0	0	0	Gattis c	3	0	0	0
Dan.Rbr lf	2	0	0	0					
O'Mlley ph-lf-rf	2	0	0	0					
K.Marte ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	34	2	7	2	Totals	31	5	7	5

Seattle ....010 100 000—2
Houston ....010 400 00x—5

E—Correa (7), Montgomery (2). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Seattle 6, Houston 4. 2B—K.Seager (24). HR—N.Cruz (22), Col.Rasmus (11), Valbuena (10), A.Reed (2). SB—Altuve (22).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Walker L,4-7	4	5	5	5	1	5
Montgomery	4	2	0	0	1	2
Houston						
Keuchel W,6-9	6	5	2	2	1	6
Neshek H,10	1	0	0	0	0	0
Giles H,14	1	1	0	0	0	2
Harris S,9-9	1	1	0	0	0	2

WP—Montgomery, Keuchel.
T—2:34. A—21,553 (42,060).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 8, ROYALS 3

Kansas City ....000 200 001 —3 6 1
Toronto ....105 100 10x —8 13 1

Young, Wang (3), Pounders (6), Moylan (8) and S.Perez; Dickey, Biagini (8) and Thole. W—Dickey 6-9. L—Young 2-8. HRs—Kansas City, Cuthbert (8). Toronto, Donaldson 2 (22), Carrera (4), Tulowitzki (15).

INDIANS 12, TIGERS 1

Detroit ....000 001 000 —1 4 0
Cleveland ....020 233 02x—12 13 0

Sanchez, Farmer (5), Lowe (8) and McCann; Carrasco, Otero (7), Clevinger (8) and Gomes. W—Carrasco 5-2. L—Sanchez 5-9. HRs—Cleveland, Santana (19), Naquin (7).

ANGELS 13, RAYS 5

Los Angeles ....040 003 006—13 16 2
Tampa Bay ....102 020 000 —5 14 1

Lincecum, Guerra (5), J.Smith (7), Bedrosian (8), Street (9) and C.Perez; Odorizzi, Sturdevant (6), Colome (8), Romero (9), Eveland (9) and Conger. W—Guerra 2-0. L—Odorizzi 3-4. HRs—Los Angeles, Cron 2 (11). Tampa Bay, Morrison (10).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

REDS 9, CUBS 5

Cincinnati ....221 100 102 —9 10 0
Chicago ....004 010 000 —5 7 2

Finnegan, R.Iglesias (6), Cingrani (9) and R.Cabrera; Lackey, Wood (7), Peralta (8), Strop (9) and Ross, Montero. W—Finnegan 4-7. L—Lackey 7-5. HRs—Cincinnati, Bruce (18), Cozart (13). Chicago, Russell 2 (11), Baez (9), Bryant (25).

PHILLIES 5, BRAVES 1

Atlanta ....000 000 100 —1 6 1
Philadelphia ....100 202 00x —5 8 0

Foltynewicz, Alvarez (6), J.Johnson (8) and Flowers; Eflin and Rupp. W—Eflin 1-2. L—Foltynewicz 2-3. HRs—Atlanta, Inciarte (1). Philadelphia, Franco (16), Bourjos (4), Joseph (9), Asche (4).

MARLINS 5, METS 2

Miami ....000 000 230 —5 9 0
New York ....000 100 010 —2 4 0

Chen, Rodney (8), A.Ramos (9) and Mathis; Matz, Goeddel (8), Bastardo (9) and d'Arnaud. W—Chen 5-3. L—Matz 7-4. Sv—A.Ramos (25). HRs—Miami, Stanton 2 (17). New York, Cespedes (21), De Aza (2).

BREWERS 5, NATIONALS 2

Milwaukee ....001 002 200 —5 10 0
Washington ....010 000 100 —2 12 1

Davies, Torres (7), W.Smith (7), Thornburg (8), Jeffress (9) and Lucroy; G.Gonzalez, Treinen (7), Belisle (8) and W.Ramos. W—Davies 6-4. L—G.Gonzalez 4-8. Sv—Jeffress (23). HRs—Milwaukee, Hill (8), Perez (4).

ALL-STAR GAME FINAL ROSTER

Tuesday, July 12
At Petco Park, San Diego
x-denotes starter

American League

Pitchers
Dellin Betances, Yankees
Brad Brach, Orioles
Zach Britton, Orioles
Alex Colome, Rays
Wade Davis, Royals (Inactive)
Marco Estrada, Blue Jays
Cole Hamels, Rangers
Will Harris, Astros
Kelvin Herrera, Royals
Craig Kimbrel, Red Sox
Andrew Miller, Yankees
Danny Salazar, Indians
Chris Sale, White Sox
Steven Wright, Red Sox

Catchers
x-Salvador Perez, Royals
Stephen Vogt, Athletics
Matt Wieters, Orioles

Infielders
x-Jose Altuve, Astros
x-Xander Bogaerts, Red Sox
Miguel Cabrera, Tigers
Robinson Cano, Mariners
Josh Donaldson, Blue Jays
x-Eric Hosmer, Royals
Francisco Lindor, Indians
x-Manny Machado, Orioles
Eduardo Nunez, Twins

Outfielders
Carlos Beltran, Yankees
x-Mookie Betts, Red Sox
x-Jackie Bradley Jr., Red Sox
Ian Desmond, Rangers
x-Mike Trout, Angels
Mark Trumbo, Orioles

Designated Hitter
Edwin Encarnacion, Blue Jays
x-David Ortiz, Red Sox

National League

Pitchers
Jake Arrieta, Cubs
Madison Bumgarner, Giants
Johnny Cueto, Giants
Jeurys Familia, Mets
Jose Fernandez, Marlins
Kenley Jansen, Dodgers
Jon Lester, Cubs
Clayton Kershaw, Dodgers (Inactive)
Mark Melancon, Pirates
A.J. Ramos, Marlins
Fernando Rodney, Marlins
Stephen Strasburg, Nationals
Noah Syndergaard, Mets
Julio Teheran, Braves

Catchers
Jonathan Lucroy, Brewers
x-Buster Posey, Giants
Wilson Ramos, Nationals

Infielders
Nolan Arenado, Rockies
x-Kris Bryant, Cubs
Matt Carpenter, Cardinals
Paul Goldschmidt, Diamondbacks
Daniel Murphy, Nationals
Wil Myers, Padres
x-Anthony Rizzo, Cubs
x-Addison Russell, Cubs
Corey Seager, Dodgers
x-Ben Zobrist, Cubs

Outfielders
x-Yoenis Cespedes, Mets
Adam Duvall, Reds
x-Dexter Fowler, Cubs
Carlos Gonzalez, Rockies
x-Bryce Harper, Nationals
Odubel Herrera, Phillies
Marcell Ozuna, Marlins

Kurt Steiss/The Oklahoman via AP

A man from Mustang, Okla., wrote "traitor" on tape over "Durant" on the back of his Kevin Durant jersey in front of the Chesapeake Energy Arena in Oklahoma City on Monday. Oklahoma City Thunder forward Kevin Durant announced Monday that he will sign with the Golden State Warriors.

At $9,000 a second, free agency has been very fast and furious

By Tim Reynolds
Associated Press

MIAMI — The math is staggering, as everyone knew it would be. In the first 96 hours of free agency, NBA teams committed about $3 billion toward contracts that can start becoming finalized later this week.

That's almost $9,000 a second. Every second. For four days.

And for all the dominoes that fell between July 1 and July 4 — Kevin Durant leaving Oklahoma City for Golden State, Al Horford leaving Atlanta for Boston, Mike Conley staying in Memphis with what would be the richest contract in NBA history — there are still plenty of fireworks remaining, most notably what will LeBron James do with his next deal and if Dwyane Wade will stay in Miami or wear another team's uniform for the first time in his pro career.

As expected, the unexpected has reigned so far.

"The NBA and other businesses, they're not created equally," Thunder general manager Sam Presti said Monday, a few hours after Durant announced that he was taking a two-year deal with Golden State that would be worth $54 million if he plays it out. There is a player option for the second season, the AP was told by a person familiar with the terms.

Presti could have said those words last summer and they still would have been accurate, though not as accurate as right now.

The league's about-to-kick-in $24 billion television contract sparked a jump in the salary cap from $70 million last season to just over $94.1 million for the coming year, and that enormous increase created a market that was unpredictable to say the least.

Conley's deal will be worth $153 million over five years. Joakim Noah is a two-time All-Star, a former All-NBA first-team player and a former defensive player of the year; he got four years and $72 million from the New York Knicks. That's basically the same deal that Kent Bazemore — a career 6.4-point-per-game scorer — got to stay with the Atlanta Hawks.

If looking for rhyme and reason to these deals, good luck.

"Given the spike in the cap and given the amount of money that's in the system, free agency is going to move faster this year," Presti said.

It sure has.

Hassan Whiteside made about $980,000 last year in Miami; he'll sign a contract this week that will call for him to make $98 million over the next four seasons. And that might not even be the league's biggest right-place, right-time success story right now — with that distinction likely going to Whiteside's probably-soon-to-be-former teammate in Miami, guard Tyler Johnson.

A year ago at this time, Johnson went home from the Orlando summer league with a broken jaw and a partially guaranteed contract that left him with a most uncertain future. On Thursday, he'll sign an offer sheet with the Brooklyn Nets that will assure him of making $50 million over the next four years and finally allow his mother to retire.

Master Sgt. Jennifer Johnson of the California Air National Guard's 129th Rescue Wing has shed a few tears in the last couple days. So has her son, undrafted two years ago out of Fresno State and who went from the D-League to the Heat to $50 million (and Miami is almost certainly going to be unable to match the deal). When he got the numbers, Tyler Johnson was actually overcome by nausea.

"It's so surreal to me," Jennifer Johnson said in a telephone interview Monday night. "It hasn't registered. It definitely hasn't registered. ... I definitely thought he had the potential to increase his salary, but I never thought he would have multiple teams looking at him like they did. We love the Heat, we love the coaches, we love Pat Riley, we love everyone. It's tough but it's very exciting."

Durant's departure for Golden State has been the major development so far, and it's tough to see anything topping that one — no matter what James or Wade decide to do. For all the billions spent elsewhere, the $26 million or so that Durant will make next year figures to make a Warriors team that won a record 73 games this past regular season even more daunting.

Going forward, Wade will probably be the biggest name whose destination for next season remains unclear.

He has a $40 million, two-year offer from Miami, though he hasn't accepted it — which indicates that he won't. There's dozens of other deals leaguewide to be made, and there's plenty of eyes on San Antonio to see if five-time champion Tim Duncan will retire. Many expect he will.

"This has been by far the most challenging few weeks in my professional life," Durant wrote on Players' Tribune, in announcing his move to Golden State. "I understood cognitively that I was facing a crossroads in my evolution as a player and as a man, and that it came with exceptionally difficult choices."

At $9,000 a second, teams have been making some difficult choices as well.

Women's golf has the stage to itself this week

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The stage is set for women's golf to finally get the attention it deserves.

The U.S. Women's Open is the biggest prize on the LPGA Tour schedule and has been for years. It starts Thursday at CordeValle Golf Club, located among the vineyards a few hours south of San Francisco, only the third Women's Open to be played in California. No other major sporting events are scheduled for late afternoon this weekend, golf included. Devastating flooding forced the PGA Tour to cancel The Greenbrier Classic in West Virginia.

The cast of characters is stronger than ever.

Lydia Ko and Brooke Henderson might be the latest rivalry to take root in women's golf, both teenagers, each claiming a major championship this year. Not to be overlooked is Ariya Jutanugarn of Thailand, who won three straight times in May and probably should have won the ANA Inspiration in California, the first major of the year.

What can go wrong? Historically, there is reason to worry.

The last time the LPGA Tour had the stage to itself was in 2005 at Cherry Hills (Colorado) for the U.S. Women's Open, and the tour promised a great show and a big future.

Among those tied for the lead going into the final round was a pair of teens in ponytails, 15-year-old Michelle Wie and 17-year-old Morgan Pressel. One shot behind was 18-year-old Paula Creamer, fresh off high school graduation. Still in the mix was Annika Sorenstam, the dominant player in her sport going for the third leg of the Grand Slam on the very course where Arnold Palmer charged to victory for his only U.S. Open.

Lights, camera, struggles.

On a Cherry Hills course with brutal rough and fast greens, the lasting image was Wie missing putts inside 3 feet on three out of four holes on her way to an 82. Sorenstam, five shots behind, tried to drive the first green just like Palmer did in 1960. She hit a tree, went into the creek and made bogey. Creamer struggled to move the ball more than 10 feet out of the rough. Lorena Ochoa snap-hooked a tee shot into the water on the 18th right when it looked like she was the winner.

This was not a celebration of women's golf it should have been. It was an occasion to cringe.

That wasn't the only time when the elements won out over timing. Go back to 2001 to find the mixed-team version of the "Battle at Bighorn" in California featuring a quartet of the best in golf — Tiger Woods and Sorenstam against David Duval and Karrie Webb. They had won five of the six majors that had been played that year.

The LPGA Tour commissioner at the time was Ty Votaw, who said the Monday night exhibition on a network (ABC Sports) in prime time would be the biggest day in LPGA history "based on the number of eyeballs that are going to be on our product."

What he couldn't predict was that 30 minutes before they teed off, the notorious Santa Ana wind showed up. It brought 30 mph of hot air that came roaring over the mountains and created some of the toughest conditions of the year for men or women.

Webb hit a 20-foot birdie putt some 60 feet beyond the hole when a gust showed up at the wrong time. Sorenstam hit a 25-foot birdie putt some 30 yards into the fairway because of the slope and a gust. It looked bad.

The hope was that another moment like Cherry Hills would arrive, and here it is.

What makes it the most successful women's sport is that the LPGA has been going at it alone for six decades. They are not subsidized like the WNBA. They do not share the golf course with the men during the Grand Slam events. They have to work harder, and they do.

The LPGA survived the retirement of Sorenstam and Ochoa two years apart and now has the potential for a most compelling rivalry.

Ko won her first LPGA Tour event at age 15, and she might as well have "the youngest" as part of her name for all the records she keeps setting. She won two majors at 18, and the question now is when her LPGA victories (13) will catch up to her age (19).

Henderson won for the first time last year when she was 17 and not even eligible to be an LPGA member. The Canadian delivered the most clutch moment in a major this year when she tracked down Ko in the final round of KPMG Women's PGA Championship in Washington with a long eagle putt and a tough par, then won in a playoff by coolly stuffing her approach into 3 feet.

They are Nos. 1 and 2 in the world. Nothing could lift the LPGA Tour like those two battling at CordeValle.

What women's golf needs now are plenty of eyeballs and predictable weather. And for the USGA to do better than it did at Oakmont (Pennsylvania).

Kuchar's final putt could have Olympic ramifications

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Matt Kuchar finished with a 12-foot birdie at the Bridgestone Invitational, which had no bearing on the outcome but still had a few ramifications.

Kuchar tied for third, so that putt was worth an additional $249,250. It cost Jordan Spieth enough world ranking points that Dustin Johnson moved ahead of him to No. 2 by the slimmest of margins.

And that birdie putt could send Kuchar to the Olympics.

Whether he earns a spot in Rio de Janeiro is now out of Kuchar's hands. The Americans are allowed the maximum four players because all of them are among the top 15 in the world ranking, and the birdie allowed him to move to No. 15. Still to be announced is which four Americans will go to Rio.

Of the top four in the world ranking — Johnson (2), Spieth (3), Bubba Watson (5) and Rickie Fowler (7) — Watson is the only one who has said he is going. The biggest question marks of that group are Spieth and Fowler. That's why Kuchar's birdie putt was so important, because if two Americans choose not to go, those spots could end up going to Patrick Reed and Kuchar.

Kuchar wants to play in the Olympics, though it's still a long way off. Not only does he need at least two players to withdraw, he has to be sure he stays among the top 15 in the world ranking after this week.

Olympic qualifying is based on the world ranking published next Monday, and that brings Phil Mickelson into the equation. Mickelson would have to finish alone in second at the Scottish Open — he won the last time it was held at Castle Stuart — to move ahead of Kuchar and be in position for any Olympic withdrawals. If Lefty were to win, he would have a mathematical chance to move ahead of Reed as the first U.S. alternate.

J.B. Holmes, Shane Lowry and Chris Wood also are at Castle Stuart and could bump Kuchar from the top 15 if they were to win. A victory by Wood likely would be enough for him to reach No. 15 and give the U.K. three players.

Nowitzki

From 1C

on a max deal at four years and $94 million. Barnes was a restricted free agent, but the Warriors will renounce the rights to him to make room under the salary cap for Kevin Durant.

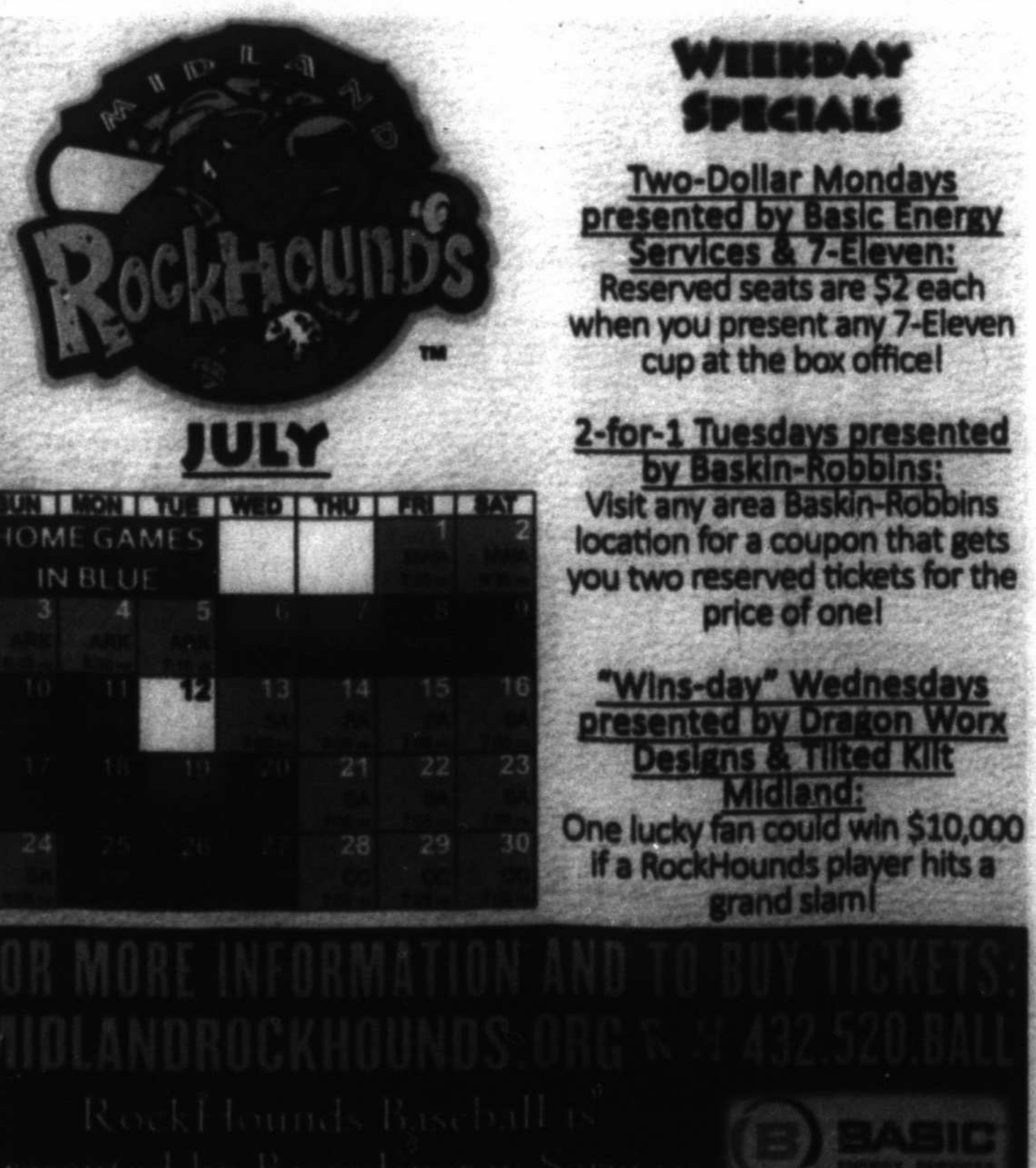
Golden State also had to find a new home for Andrew Bogut after securing a commitment from Durant, and agreed to trade the 31-year-old center to the Mavericks.

The Mavericks will have three returning starters in Nowitzki, shooting guard Wesley Matthews and point guard Deron Williams, who has agreed to a second season with his hometown team on a one-year, $10 million contract.

Williams started Dallas' run of failures in free agency in 2012 when he decided to make the move with the Nets from New Jersey to Brooklyn. But he quickly joined the Mavericks on a $5 million deal when the Nets bought him out last summer.

Nowitzki, the NBA Finals MVP when the Mavericks won the franchise's only championship in 2011, figures to become the sixth player in NBA history and seventh player overall to reach 30,000 career points next season. The 7-footer with the smooth jumper has 29,491 in 18 seasons, sixth on the NBA list and eighth with ABA players included.

The 25-year-old Curry will be on his fifth team in four seasons. After playing sparingly for Memphis, Cleveland and Phoenix his first three years, Curry averaged 6.8 points and 1.5 assists in 44 games for Sacramento last season.



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BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Goldberg	Modern Family	Black-ish	Fresh Off the Boat	The Real O'Neals	Local 2 News/ 10	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother		Criminal Minds "A Badge and a Gun"		American Gothic "Nighthawks" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Stephen Colbert		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H "Letters"	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Gilligan's Island	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	Perry Mason		Twilight "Two"
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Modern Family	Big Bang Theory	Chef "Gordon Ramsay Masterclass" (N)		Wayward Pines "Time Will Tell" (N)		Fox 24 News	TMZ	2 Broke Girls	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	Mani Erfan	Housecall	Update News	Hidden/ Hebrew	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Walking	Restore Zion	Creation Proclaims	Biblical
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	News-West 9	NewsWest 9 Now	America's Got Talent "Best of Auditions" Catch a recap of the best moments so far. (N)				The Night Shift "By Dawns Early Light" (N)		NewsWest 9 at 10	(:35) The Tonight Show		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Nature "Masters of the Sky" (N)		Nova "Making North America: Life"		9 Months That Made Y "One of a Kind" (N)		Charlie Rose (N)		World News	Tavis Smiley
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PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:30) ★★ The One		★★ The War ('94, Dra) Kevin Costner.				(:05) ★★★ Sling Blade ('95, Dra) Billy Bob Thornton.					Movie
HBO	300	550	14	14		(:15) Vice	(:50) ★★★ Jupiter Ascending ('15, Sci-Fi) Mila Kunis.					Wednes	The Intern ('15, Com) Robert De Niro.				BillMaher
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MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) Assassins		(:10) ★★ Cop Land Sylvester Stallone.				Criminal Activities			(:35) ★★ Funny Games		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★★★★ Crimson Tide Gene Hackman.				★★ Eastern Promises			(:45) ★★ The Heartbreak Kid Ben Stiller.				Lingerie
PLEX			96			(5:50) Smokey and the Bandit			★★ Lone Rider			(:55) Outlaw Justice			★ Crossfire Trail Tom Selleck.		
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:30) The Usual ...		(:15) ★★★ Sin City: A Dame to Kill For				The Descent 2			(:45) ★★★ Saw		
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:10) The Railway...		★★ Along Came a Spider				★★ The Ladykillers Tom Hanks.				★★ Sneakers	
CABLE																	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty	Duck Dynasty "RV There Yet?"		Duck Dyn. (N)	Duck Dyn. (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	Wahlburgers (N)	(:05) Wahlburg	(:35) Duck Dynasty	(:05) Duck Dynasty "RV There Yet?"	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(5:00) Happy Gil...		★★ Hitch ('05, Com) Eva Mendes, Will Smith.					★★ Dinner for Schmucks ('10, Com) Steve Carell.				
BET	58	-		40		Eve	Eve	Music Moguls		Fabulous	Martin	Martin	Wayans	Martin	Dish	Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		New York Social (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Shahs of Sunset	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Jay Leno's Garage		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Jay Leno Garage (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Dual Survival		Dual Survival (N)		Dual Survival (N)		American (P) (N)		Dual Survival		(:05) American	
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	(:15) ★★ Bolt ('08, Ani) John Travolta.				Walk (N)	Underc.	Friends	Underc.	Jessie	Liv/Mad	Girl M.	Austin
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park (L)						Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	UEFA Soccer Euro 2016				Battlefrog College		Battlefrog College		Battlefrog College		Baseball Tonight (L)	
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	WorstCooks		WorstCooks		Cuthroat (N)		Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Cutthroat Kitchen	
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FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at Boston Red Sox Site: Fenway Park -- Boston, Mass. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Cuba: Baseball	Maverick's Insider	Aggies Preview	Bull Riding Championship	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) The Bourne ...		★★ Jack Ryan: Shadow Recruit				Tyrant "Spring" (N)		(:15) Tyrant "Spring"			Sex&Drug
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	Property Brothers		Property Brothers		Brother vs. (N)		H.Hunt	House (N)	Property Brothers		Brother "The Finale"	
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	American Pickers		American Pickers		American Pickers		Pawn (N)	Pawn (N)	Motors	Motors	(:05) Amer. Pickers	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	(5:00) ★★ Fun With Dick and Jane		★★ Friends With Benefits Mila Kunis. Two friends learn that having sex does complicate their friendship.					★ Dirty Teacher ('13, Dra) Josie Davis.			★★ Friends With Benefits Mila Kunis.	
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				Ironman	Ironman	UCI Cycling Tour de France Stage Limoges - Le Lioran						Motocross Highl. (N)		UCI Cycling	
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	Crashlet	Thunder	Nicky	School	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	(4:30) Grandma's...		★★★ The Longest Yard ('05, Com) Adam Sandler.					★★ My Cousin Vinny ('92, Com) Joe Pesci.				
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:30) ★★ Tremors 4: The Legend Begins				★★ Legion ('10, Act) Paul Bettany.				★★ Constantine Keanu Reeves.			
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Seven"	Family Guy	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Conan (N)		2 Broke Girls	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(5:30) Ride Loneso...		Ride the High Country			(:45) ★★★ The Deadly Companions				★★★★ The Wild Bunch		
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado		Eva, La Trailera		La esclava blanca		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	Titulares	La esclava blanca	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	I Am Jazz		My Big Life "Losing at Love" (N)		Big Fat Fab. "(Fat Girl) Spread Thin" (N)		Jazz "Confronted With Hate" (N)		Big Fat Fab. "(Fat Girl) Spread Thin"		Jazz "Confronted With Hate"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "The Dead Pool"		Castle "To Love and Die in L.A."		Castle "Pretty Dead"		Castle "Knockout"		Castle "Rise"		Castle "Heroes and Villains"	
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	Griffith	(:35) Griffith	(:10) Lopez	(:50) Lopez	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	NCIS "The Artful Dodger"		NCIS "Status Update"		NCIS "Patience"		Royal Pains "Uninterrupted" (F) (N)		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Fight"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Snitch"	
WGN	19	85				Terminator 3: Rise of the Machines A deadly robot arrives to kill the teens who are destined to save the world from machines.					Person of Interest "No Good Deed"		Person of Interest "Firewall"		Person of Interest "The Contingency"		Met Your Mother

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Kittel wins Tour de France Stage 4 in a sprint to Limoges

By Samuel Petrequin
Associated Press

LIMOGES, France — Hit by a virus, denied a place on the Tour de France and then parting company with his team, not much went right last season for German sprinter Marcel Kittel.

Now he's back with a vengeance.

Kittel claimed his ninth stage win at cycling's biggest race in a mass sprint on Tuesday, as the fourth leg of the Tour took the peloton from the medieval town of Saumur to Limoges in central France.

"For me the victory means a lot, because I know how hard my way back to this moment was," said Kittel, who was fighting back the tears at the podium ceremony.

Kittel, who wore the race leader's yellow jersey in 2013 and 2014, joined the Etixx Quick Step team from Giant-Alpecin for this season, replacing the departing Mark Cavendish.

The new partnership has been extremely successful so far. Kittel has been the dominant sprinter this year, claiming 11 victories including back-to-back stage wins at the Giro d'Italia.

At the Tour, he got off to a disappointing start, getting beaten by Cavendish in the opening stage and missing out on a chance to wear the yellow jersey. So when the German held off Frenchman Bryan Coquard's surge in a photo finish in Limoges, it was a huge relief.

"Last year was a huge setback. But I tried to take action to make changes for my future and to be able to win stages again at the Tour," Kittel said. "I live for my sport. I never did anything else — contrary to what some critics said."

Kittel began his final surge for the line a little too early for comfort. But he just managed to hang on and edge Coquard.

"I feel very emotional right now, it feels like my first stage win again," Kittel said. "I'm mega, mega happy. I'm very proud, because the team was really fighting for this win. Things went wrong in the last days, and I'm so happy to be back in the Tour and to win a stage like this."

World champion Peter Sagan finished third on the 237.5-kilometer ride and kept the yellow jersey. Courtesy of a time bonus, he extended his lead over Frenchman Julian Alaphilippe to 12 seconds in the overall standings. Spaniard Alejandro Valverde is third, 14 seconds back.

"It was a very fast sprint, I started too early today, the same time as Marcel started," Sagan said. "Coquard made a very nice sprint. He was patient and almost won."

Coquard's aggressive burst for the line almost paid off with his first stage win in cycling's showpiece event. He brushed shoulders with Kittel in the slightly uphill final stretch, but lost by a few millimeters.

"I think I belong with the greats now," Coquard said. "There is no mistake in the sprints, the stronger wins. I was never as close to victory, but I haven't won yet. I'm young, but I'm a winner... and I want to win this year on the Tour."

After a first attack fizzled out soon after the start, a group of four riders managed to escape from the pack and build up a five-minute lead over the peloton.

Tour debutants Oliver Naesen and Alexis Gougeard, alongside Markel Irizar and Andreas Schillinger, made their move near the 30-kilometer mark and quickly increased the gap, helped by a tail wind.

Determined to defend Sagan's yellow jersey, the Tinkoff team hit the front of the bunch to step up the pace in hot and sunny conditions. They organized the chase with sprint-specialist teams Lotto-Soudal and Etixx, and the gap was down to four minutes with 100 kilometers left.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

Tuesday
At Limoges, France
Fourth Stage

A 147.6-mile ride from Saumur to Limoges, the longest of this year's Tour, with a single Category 4 climb

1. Marcel Kittel, Germany, Etixx-QuickStep, 5 hours, 28 minutes, 30 seconds.
2. Bryan Coquard, France, Direct Energie, same time.
3. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Tinkoff, same time.
4. Dylan Groenewegen, Netherlands, LottoNL-Jumbo, same time.
5. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Katusha, same time.
6. Sondre Holst Enger, Norway, IAM Cycling, same time.
7. Daniel McLay, Britain, Fortuneo-Vital Concept, same time.
8. Mark Cavendish, Britain, Dimension Data, same time.
9. Samuel Dumoulin, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
10. Simon Gerrans, Australia, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
11. Edward Theuns, Belgium, Trek-Segafredo, same time.
12. Sep Vanmarcke, Belgium, LottoNL-Jumbo, same time.
13. Lawson Craddock, United States, Cannondale, same time.
14. Michael Matthews, Australia, Orica-BikeExchange, same time.
15. Julian Alaphilippe, France, Etixx-Quick-Step, same time.
16. Alejandro Valverde, Spain, Movistar, same time.
17. Damiano Caruso, Italy, BMC Racing, same time.
18. Andre Greipel, Germany, Lotto Soudal, same time.
19. Georg Preidler, Austria, Giant-Alpecin, same time.
20. Geoffrey Soupe, France, Cofidis, same time.

Also

24. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana, same time.
27. Fabio Aru, Italy, Astana, same time.
34. Romain Bardet, France, AG2R La Mondiale, same time.
37. Chris Froome, Britain, Sky, same time.
38. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing, same time.
43. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff, same time.
44. Nairo Quintana, Colombia, Movistar, same time.
66. Thibaut Pinot, France, FDJ, same time.
77. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha, same time.
120. Peter Stetina, United States, Trek-Segafredo, 52 seconds behind.
186. Alex Howes, United States, Cannondale, 6:28.
191. Brent Bookwalter, United States, BMC Racing, same time.

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There is one letter that, when added to all of the six-letter words below, can be used to form new seven-letter words. Find the letter that works for all four words, add it to each word, and then rearrange each set of letters to form a new word.

COMMON LETTER ☐

P A L A C E ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

C A R N I E ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

L E A N E D ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

V E I L E D ☐☐☐☐☐☐☐

Yesterday's Answer: BLAND, ANNUL; FLOOR, APPLY; AUGUR, AWARD

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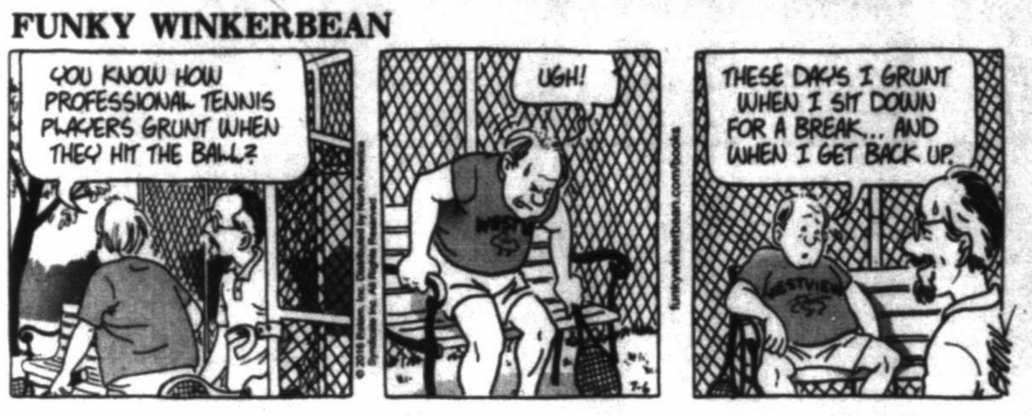
FUNKY WINKERBEAN



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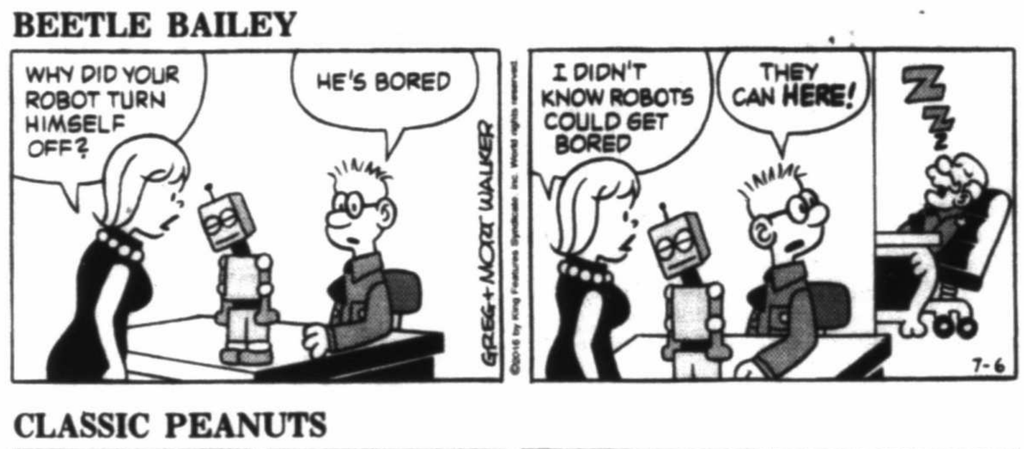

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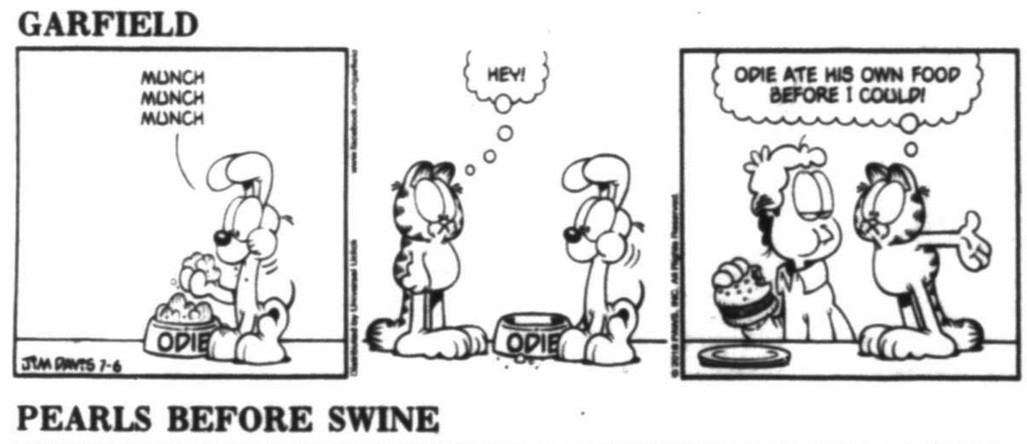

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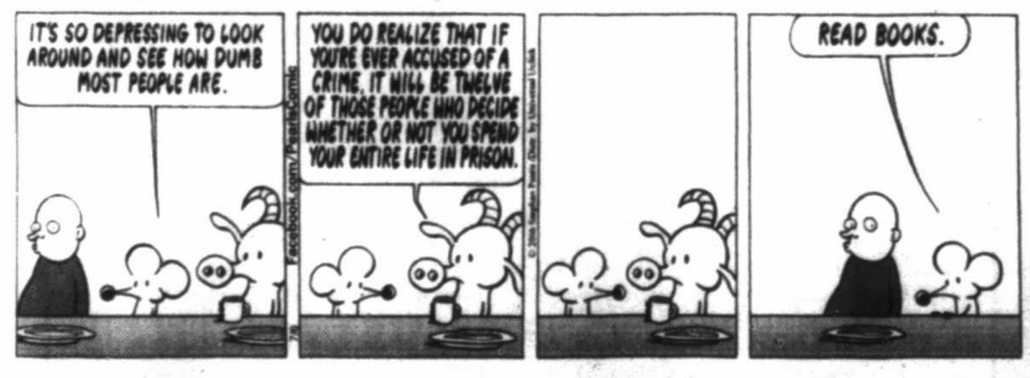

WIZARD OF ID

DILBERT

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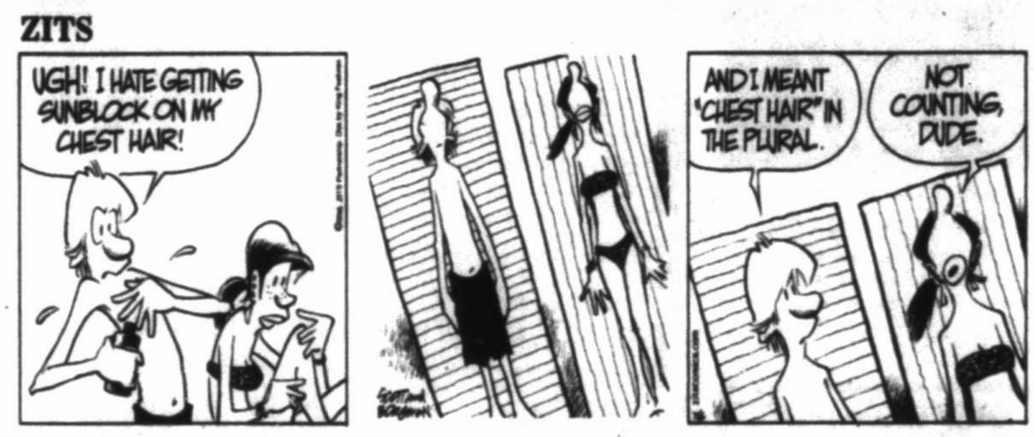
ZITS



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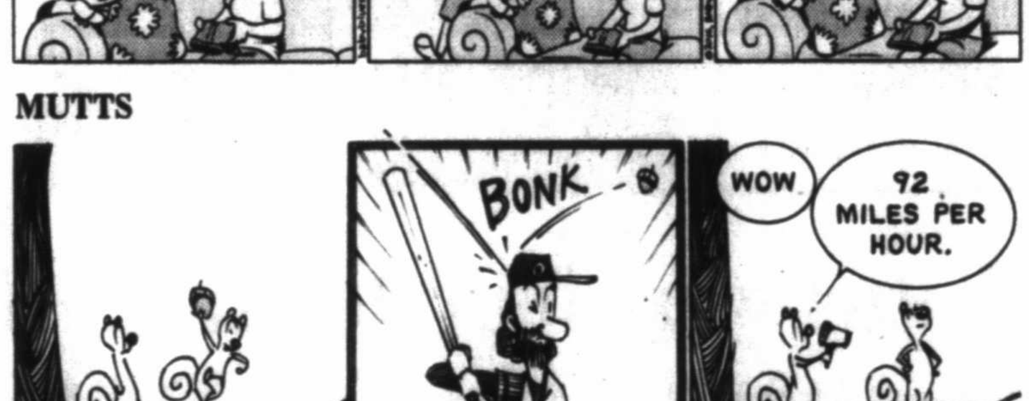
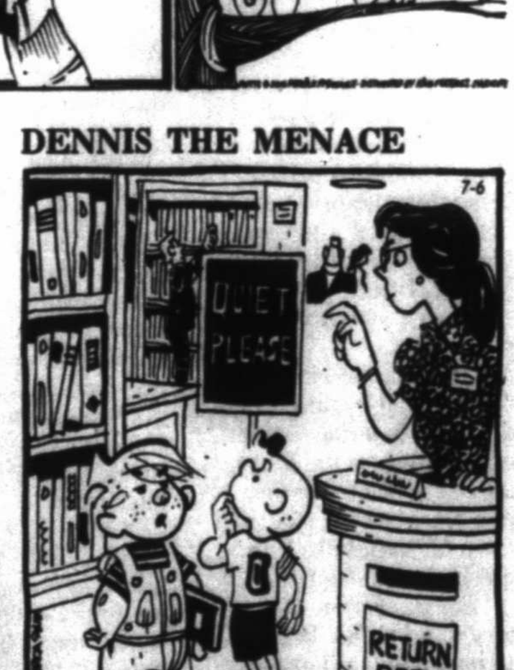


CLOSE TO HOME

"Hey, I get it. I can't feel anything below my neck. But we just saved $1,480!"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"WELL, HOW AM I S'POSED TO KNOW? I CAN'T EVEN READ YET!"

LOCKHORNS

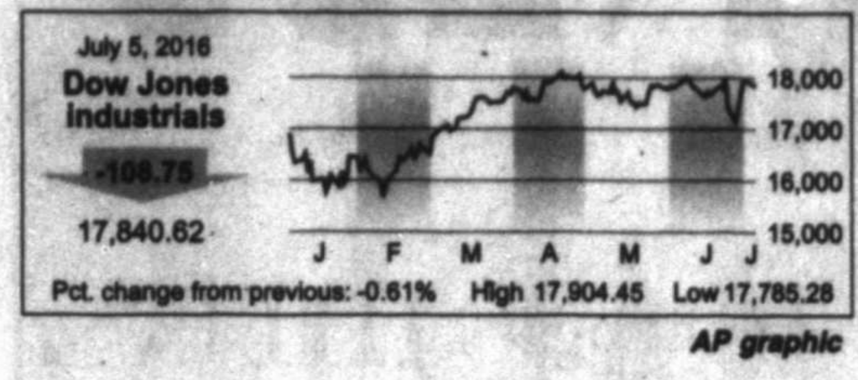
"AND THEN SHE SAID, 'YOU'RE WEARING THAT TO WATCH BASEBALL?'"

FAMILY CIRCUS

"What time is it when the big hand is on 70 and there is no little hand?"

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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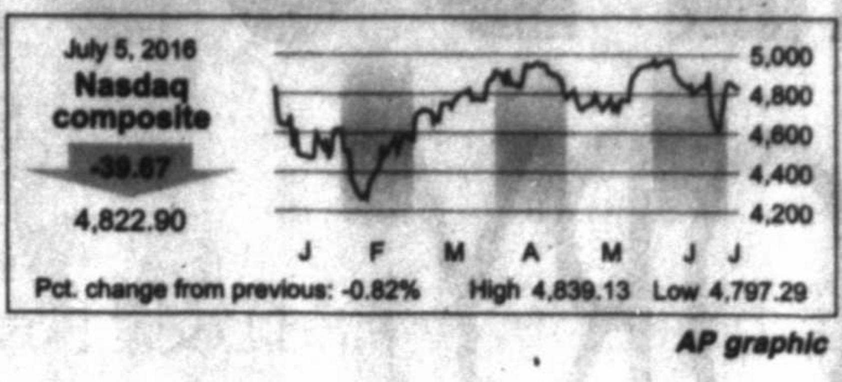

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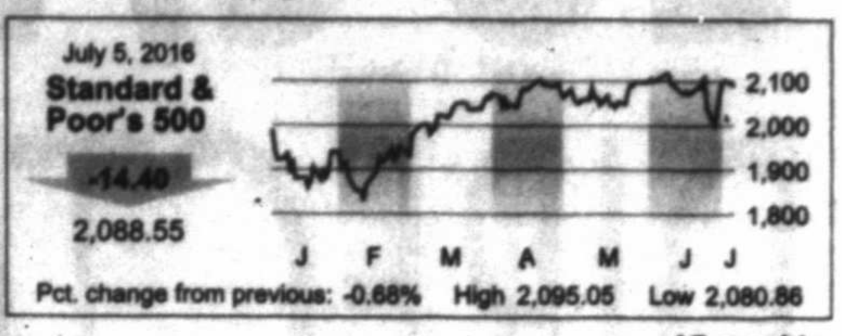

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Tuesday: $46.60
Previous: $48.99

POSTED
Tuesday: $43.00
Previous: $45.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Tuesday: $39.45
Previous: $41.95

NATURAL GAS
Tuesday: $2.764
Previous: $2.987

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	996270	208.41	-1.51
BkofAm	961165	12.74	-.36
B iPVixST	698019	13.62	+.23
VanEGold	651992	29.64	+.59
iShEMkts	598086	33.95	-.74

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Drdgold	7.13	+.67	+10.4
Yirendai n	15.81	+1.31	+9.0
McEwenM	4.41	+.29	+7.0
Ameresco	4.72	+.26	+5.8
NoahHldgs	25.30	+1.32	+5.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVLgNG rs	38.30	-11.45	-23.0
Gener8M n	5.27	-1.03	-16.3
Unit	13.70	-2.62	-16.1
PrSUltNG rs	15.72	-2.82	-15.2
CSVLgCrd rs	29.00	-5.02	-14.8

DIARY

Advanced	821
Declined	2,255
Unchanged	54
Total issues	3,130
New Highs	229
New Lows	29
Volume	3,565,079,095

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BirksGrp	90064	2.85	+2.31
SynergyRs	82498	6.66	-.38
B2gold g	60426	2.72	-.08
MGT Cap	48437	4.13	+.16
NwGold g	36878	4.79	+.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BirksGrp	2.85	+2.31	+431.7
UnvSecInst	3.81	+.26	+7.3
GoldResrc	4.18	+.28	+7.2
AskanoG g	4.17	+.27	+6.9
RELM	5.07	+.33	+6.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Can-Fite	2.11	-.52	-19.8
NovaBay rs	2.28	-.30	-11.6
PlatGpM rs	3.53	-.43	-10.9
Ashford	47.25	-4.75	-9.1
Gastar pfB	13.25	-1.20	-8.3

DIARY

Advanced	143
Declined	238
Unchanged	14
Total issues	395
New Highs	34
New Lows	4
Volume	138,111,937

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	671437	2.07	+.02
SiriusXM	599507	3.94	-.03
MicronT	369851	11.91	-.59
Apple Inc	258561	95.04	-.85
Netflix s	256567	97.91	+1.24

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SmLEDS rs	2.81	+.72	+34.4
LeadgBr g	2.02	+.33	+19.5
ElevenBio	2.22	+.34	+18.1
Lipocine	3.44	+.40	+13.2
Fronteo	18.50	+2.00	+12.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
XBiotech n	16.80	-8.10	-32.5
DifferBr rs	2.52	-.48	-16.1
AsiaPWire	2.15	-.39	-15.4
Onconva rs	4.95	-.89	-15.2
Vuzix	6.87	-1.22	-15.1

DIARY

Advanced	765
Declined	2,043
Unchanged	161
Total issues	2,969
New Highs	104
New Lows	37
Volume	1,624,280,586

You may be overpaying for streaming music

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When Lauren Higgins tried to sign up for Spotify's premium plan on her iPhone, she was irked that the music service asked for $13 a month, $3 more than the gift subscription she had given her boyfriend.

"I was pissed, and I wasn't going to do it," said Higgins, a 25-year-old public relations executive in New York.

She tweeted her annoyance. Within five minutes, a member of Spotify's social media team reached out to tell her that she could get Spotify for a monthly $10 fee if she signed up on the web rather than through Apple. She did just that.

Call it a $3 tax on ignorance, as Apple prohibits apps from pointing to lower prices available elsewhere.

Spotify says it charges a "significant" number of its 30 million paying subscribers $3 more per month because they sign up through Apple, which takes a cut of up to 30 percent. Spotify says 70 percent of its revenue already goes to artists, recording labels and music publishers, so turning over another 30 percent to Apple would leave Spotify with nothing unless it passes along the fee to customers.

The price gap is especially grating to music services like Spotify because Apple's own Apple Music service doesn't have to pay the same fee and can charge just $10.

"They're trying to have their cake and eat ours, too," Spotify spokesman Jonathan Prince said. "We find it bad for consumers, unfair to consumers and ultimately something that could stifle music streaming subscriptions across the board."

The dispute has intensified in recent weeks as Spotify got more aggressive about offering subscriptions outside Apple's billing system. It also suspended new subscriptions from iPhone apps completely.

Last week, Spotify complained that Apple had rejected a new version of Spotify's iPhone app over the dispute. Apple shot a letter back, saying its rules applied equally to all app developers, regardless of whether they competed with Apple. Prince responded in a tweet Friday that Spotify wasn't doing anything prohibited. Spotify and Apple declined further comment.

Many app makers, including Spotify, have long tolerated the fee — not least because hundreds of millions of people worldwide use iPhones and Apple users tend to spend a lot more on apps than Android users.

Spotify initially didn't offer subscriptions through the iPhone app at all. Users had to sign up elsewhere before returning to the app to sign in. But in 2014, Spotify relented and instead passed on the $3 Apple fee onto consumers.

Several other music streaming services do the same, including Rhapsody and Tidal. And when YouTube launched its Red subscription for ad-free videos and on-demand music last fall, it also set the price for Apple users at $13, $3 more than elsewhere.

> *"They're trying to have their cake and eat ours, too."*
>
> Jonathan Prince, *Spotify spokesman*

The $3 fee each month builds up to $36 over a year and $144 over four.

Last July, Democratic Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota wrote to both the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission calling for an investigation into whether Apple was "engaging in anticompetitive behavior in the music streaming market" because of the fee and its app guidelines. The Justice Department directed inquiries to the FTC, which acknowledged receiving the letter but declined comment.

Apple has already come under fire about not allowing links to outside stores. It lost an e-books price-fixing case in 2013. Apple has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, saying the case "presents issues of surpassing importance to the United States economy."

In response to all the criticism, Apple said in June that it would halve its 30-percent cut of in-app subscriptions if developers could hold onto subscribers longer than a year. For a $10 subscription, Apple's cut would be $1.50 instead of $3.

Some services, including Netflix, Pandora, Hulu, Showtime and HBO Now, decline to pass any extra fees to consumers and charge the same price through Apple's app as they would elsewhere. Others avoid Apple's billing system altogether. Amazon lets you watch previously purchased videos on iPhones but won't let you buy new ones. There's no such restriction on Android. Music service Deezer asks iPhone users to subscribe over the web.

And not everyone blames Apple, either.

Amber Bernardi-Eteuati, a 20-year-old aspiring filmmaker in Massachusetts, let her subscription to Spotify lapse last year when money was tight. But she missed features like the ability to play songs from Sam Smith, Pentatonix and other favorites on demand. When she peeked at the price on her iPhone, "I was in shock."

Reached on Twitter by a reporter, Bernardi-Eteuati said she was mad at Spotify. "Passing the extra cost to customers and not just keeping it the price it's always been is sneaky and, if I understand it correctly, greedy," she said through Twitter direct message. She ended up getting a new subscription — but used her laptop to get the lower price.

Stocks skid

U.S. stocks slumped Tuesday as investors grew fearful over the health of the British financial system. Looking for safety, they flocked to Treasury notes and pushed the yields on long-term government bonds to all-time lows.

Investors were jolted after three U.K. financial firms stopped trading in their commercial property funds because large numbers of investors were trying to liquidate their holdings.

Stocks mostly fell, although investors bought shares of companies seen as safe plays, like household goods makers and utilities. Bond yields plunged, with the 10-year and 30-year Treasury yields reaching record-low levels as demand for Treasuries rose and prices jumped.

It was an abrupt end to a big four-day rally for stocks, and a reminder that the effects of Britain's vote to leave the European Union has left markets deeply unsettled.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 108.75 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,840.62. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 14.40 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,088.55. The Nasdaq composite lost 39.67 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,822.90.

Metals end mixed

Gold rose $19.70, or 1.5 percent, to $1,358.70 an ounce. Silver gained 32 cents, or 1.6 percent, to $19.91 an ounce. Copper lost 3 cents to $2.18 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $26.41 Down 1.82

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $116.56 Down 2.47

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.25 Down 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $89.53 Down 1.01

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.62 Down 0.14

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.65 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.89 Down 0.65

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.03 Down 1.08

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $8.87 Down 0.23

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.48 Down 0.56

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	18	43.35	-.12	+26.0
Abraxas	...	...	1.10	-.06	+3.8
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.63	-.09	-1.6
AMD	...	...	4.96	-.11	+72.8
Alcoa	.12	25	9.26	-.29	-6.2
AlonUSA	.60	...	6.37	-.24	-57.1
Ambev	.19e	...	5.81	-.10	+30.3
Amgen	4.00	16	154.27	-.01	-5.0
Anadarko	.20	...	53.61	-1.28	+10.4
Apache	1.00	...	54.67	-2.00	+22.9
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	95.04	-.85	-9.7
ApldMatl	.40	22	23.84	-.05	+27.7
Archrock	.38m	...	9.31	-.76	+23.8
ATMOS	1.68	25	81.13	+.86	+28.7
AutoData	2.12	28	93.31	+.56	+10.1
BP PLC	2.40e	...	35.90	-.10	+14.8
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.94	-.43	+4.0
BakrHu	.68	...	44.05	-1.78	-4.6
BkofAm	.20	10	12.74	-.36	-24.3
Barclay	.39e	...	7.21	-.38	-44.4
B iPVixST	...	...	13.62	+.23	-32.2
BarrickG	.08	64	22.40	+.19	+203.5
BasicEnSv	...	...	1.51	-.16	-43.7
BerkHa A	...		15212960.00	-3338.00	+7.7
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	39	63.99	-.09	+37.8
BrMySq	1.52	52	73.78	...	+7.3
BrownFA	1.36f	33	106.45	-.43	-3.3
BrownFB	1.36f	30	98.23	-.65	-1.1
CVS Health	1.70f	19	94.98	-.02	-2.9
Caterpillar	3.08	19	74.38	-2.07	+9.4
Celestic g	...	9	9.02	-.33	-18.2
Cemex	.29t	...	5.81	-.34	+8.5
CntryLink	2.16	15	28.93	-.44	+15.0
ChesEng	...	...	4.30	-.29	-4.4
Chevron	4.28	...	103.57	-.58	+15.1
Chicos	.32	43	10.78	-.18	+1.0
Cimarex	.32	...	115.39	-4.23	+29.1
Cisco	1.04	14	28.33	-.21	+5.1
Citigroup	.20	10	40.78	-1.39	-21.2
ClayEng	...	...	26.41	-1.82	-10.7
CocaCola	1.40f	26	45.43	+.31	+5.7
ColgPalm	1.56	26	73.28	+.33	+10.0
ConAgra	1.00	27	47.73	-.66	+13.2
ConchoRes	...	...	116.56	-2.47	+25.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	41.70	-1.81	-10.7
CrackerB	4.60f	24	169.05	-.64	+33.3
CSVelIVST	...	...	25.50	-.44	-1.2
CSVLgCrd rs		...	...	29.00	-5.02
...					
CSVixSh rs	...	...	2.07	+.02	-66.9
CrosTim	1.16e	11	18.02	-.37	+38.5
DCP Mid	3.12	26	34.21	-.65	+38.7
DTE	2.92	22	100.10	+.82	+24.8
Danaher	.64	15	80.40	+2.85	+14.2
Dataram h	...	...	.60	+.00	-9.1
DeltaAir	.54	7	35.62	-1.15	-29.7
DenburyR	...	...	3.25	-.39	+60.9
DevonE	.24	...	36.15	-1.30	+13.0
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	6.28	-.42	...
Disney	1.42	17	97.66	-.37	-7.1
DowChm	1.84	16	48.76	-.78	-5.3
EOG Rescs	.67	...	82.76	-2.02	+16.9
EmpDist	1.04	25	33.93	...	+20.9
Energen	.08	...	45.80	-2.23	+11.7
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	37.54	-.12	+11.3
EnPro	.84	...	43.97	-.90	+.3
EntProdPt	1.56f	22	29.00	-.02	+13.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.41	-.27	-22.9
ExxonMbl	3.00f	30	93.02	-.82	+19.3
Facebook	...	54	114.20	+.01	+9.1
FordM	.60a	6	12.40	-.32	-12.0
FrptMcM	...	...	10.50	-.85	+55.1
FrontierCm	.42	83	4.98	+.02	+6.6
GATX	1.60	8	43.94	-1.39	+3.3
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.09	-.02	-5.5
GalenaBio	...	...	.66	+.04	-55.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	30.96	-.14	-3.1
GenElec	.92	40	31.45	-.04	+1.0
GtPlainEn	1.05	22	30.92	+.33	+13.2
HalconRs rs	...	...	.44	-.05	-65.2
Hallibrtn	.72	57	43.53	-2.03	+27.9
HeclaM	.01e	...	5.52	+.08	+192.1
HuntBncsh	.28	10	8.51	-.32	-23.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	29.53	-1.00	+42.8
iShGerm	.51e	...	23.37	-.75	-10.8
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.48	...	-5.3
iShSilver	...	...	18.98	+.24	+43.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.70	-.78	-4.5

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iShEMkts	.84e	...	33.95	-.74	+5.5
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	54.74	-1.08	-6.8
iShR2K	1.73e	...	113.69	-1.70	+1.0
Intel	1.04	14	32.68	-.07	-5.1
InterDig	.80	17	54.22	-.89	+10.6
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	9.28	-.29	+42.8
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	59.55	-1.71	-9.2
JohnJn	3.20f	20	122.27	+.98	+19.0
Keycorp	.34f	10	10.68	-.28	-19.0
KimbClk	3.68	38	137.94	+.94	+8.4
KindMorg	.50	30	18.29	-.41	+22.6
Kinross g	...	...	5.64	+.28	+209.9
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.62	-.14	-7.4
LendingClb	...	46	4.17	-.21	-62.3
LloydBkg	.47a	...	2.74	-.23	-37.2
Lubys	...	...	4.99	...	+11.6
MarathnO	.20	...	14.72	-.96	+16.9
McDnlds	3.56f	23	120.76	+.36	+2.2
Merck	1.84	21	58.00	+.06	+9.8
MeritMed	...	38	19.94	-.17	+7.3
MexcoEn	...	...	...	...	-18.0
MicronT	...	38	11.91	-.59	-15.9
Microsoft	1.44	36	51.17	+.01	-7.8
MorgStan	.60	11	25.00	-.92	-21.4
Nabors	.24	...	9.85	-.73	+15.7
NatGrid	3.35e	...	74.48	+.12	+7.1
NOilVarco	1.84	17	32.14	-2.30	-4.0
Netflix s	...	...	97.91	+1.24	-14.4
NokiaCp	.16e	...	5.37	-.29	-23.5
NvPMI	.78a	...	15.09	+.01	+10.5
NuvPI	.82a	...	15.40	-.05	+9.2
NSTFI3	.55e	...	15.72	-.08	+8.1
NTXQI	.65	...	15.73	+.06	+9.0
OcciPet	3.00	57	75.22	-.45	+11.3
ParTech	...	49	4.89	+.06	-27.3
ParkDrl	...	...	2.16	-.18	+18.7
PattUTI	.08m	...	20.57	-1.12	+36.4
PennaRE	.84	...	21.57	+.14	-1.4
Prmian	.31e	21	7.22	-.18	+42.7
Petrobras	...	...	6.88	-.59	+60.0
Pfizer	1.20	18	35.81	+.24	+10.9
PioNtrl	.08	72	151.46	+.35	+20.8
PlainsAAP	2.80	20	27.05	-.32	+17.1
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	107.42	-.86	-4.0
Praxair	3.00	21	111.48	-1.91	+8.9

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
PrmEgy	...	...	60.76	...	+14.6
PUVixST rs	...	...	9.16	+.31	-67.7
ProctGam	2.68f	28	85.44	+.66	+7.6
ProUShSP	...	...	17.97	+.24	-9.8
RangeRs	.08	...	42.25	-2.23	+71.7
RegionsFn	.26f	11	8.02	-.34	-16.5
RiteAid	...	...	7.30	-.01	-6.9
Rowan	.40	23	17.56	-1.44	+3.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.90	-.66	+19.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	178.21	-1.10	+2.4
SpdrGold	...	...	129.47	+1.06	+27.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	208.41	-1.51	+2.2
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	34.08	-1.32	+12.8
SabnR	2.10e	13	33.48	-.70	+27.5
SanderFm	.88a	14	84.79	+.15	+8.4
Schlmbrg	2.00	29	77.63	-1.89	+11.3
SiriusXM	...	36	3.94	-.03	-3.2
Smucker	2.68	22	152.13	+.49	+23.3
SwstnEngy	...	...	11.66	-1.35	+64.0
SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.20	+.31	+9.3
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.22	-1.38	+11.4
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.40	-.34	-6.0
SP Inds	1.12e	...	55.68	-.51	+5.0
SP Util	1.55e	...	52.87	+.39	+22.2
SunocoLog	1.92f	38	28.42	-.52	+10.6
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	9.18	-.43	-17.0

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
Tesoro	2.00	5	74.94	-2.57	-28.9
3M Co	4.44	22	175.63	+.09	+16.6
Torchmark	.56	14	60.38	-1.33	+5.9
Transocn	...	24	12.06	-.69	-2.6
TriContl	.82e	...	20.46	-.16	+2.2
Twitter	...	...	17.14	-.14	-25.9
TylerTech	...	67	165.18	+.36	-5.2
UBSI	1.32	18	36.22	-.85	-2.1
US OilFd	...	...	11.18	-.60	+1.6
USSteel	.20	...	17.64	-.63	+121.1
Vale SA	.29e	...	4.91	-.25	+49.2
ValeantPh	...	...	19.95	-.49	-80.4
ValeroE	2.40	6	49.84	-1.59	-29.5
VanEGold	.12e	...	29.64	+.59	+116.0
VanE JrGld	...	...	46.74	+1.36	+143.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	34.79	-.70	+6.4
VerizonCm	2.26	13	56.53	+.30	+22.3
VulcanM	.80	52	119.66	-.22	+26.0
WEC Engy	1.98f	23	65.82	+.77	+28.3
WalgBoots	1.44	25	83.52	+.46	-1.9
WellsFargo	1.52f	11	46.21	-.82	-15.0
WstnRefin	1.52f	6	20.02	-1.17	-43.8
WhitingPet	...	...	8.44	-1.22	-10.6
WmsCos	2.56	...	20.09	-.47	-21.8
XcelEngy	1.36	21	45.27	+.49	+26.1
Xerox	.31	19	9.24	-.11	-13.1

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,167.63	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,840.62	-108.75	-.61	+2.38	+.36
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,462.05	-95.57	-1.26	-.62	-8.77
719.24	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	722.07	+6.10	+.85	+24.96	+25.20
11,032.61	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,409.54	-106.22	-1.01	+2.62	-3.88
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,822.90	-39.67	-.82	-3.68	-3.49
2,132.82	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,088.55	-14.40	-.68	+2.18	+.35
1,526.81	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,482.30	-17.90	-1.19	+5.99	-1.66
22,468.40	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,572.57	-166.50	-.77	+1.91	-1.92
1,275.90	943.09	Russell 2000	1,139.45	-17.31	-1.50	+.31	-8.70

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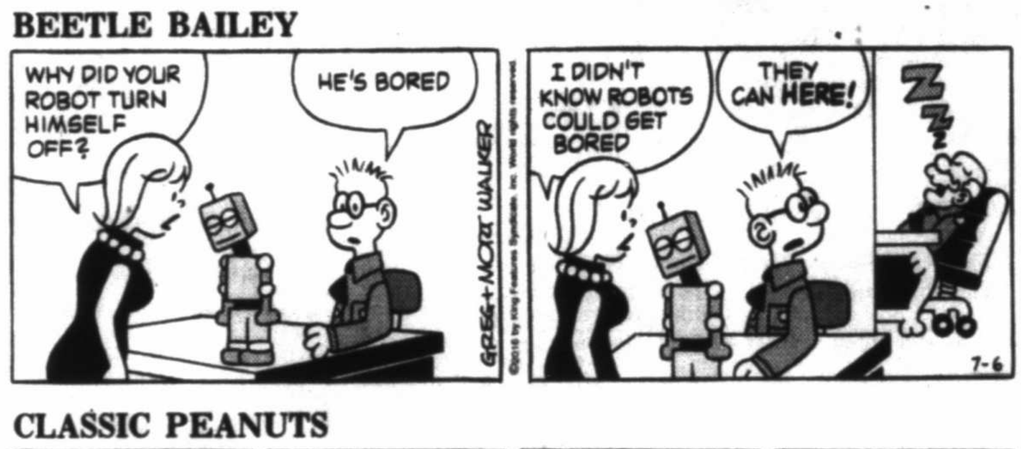

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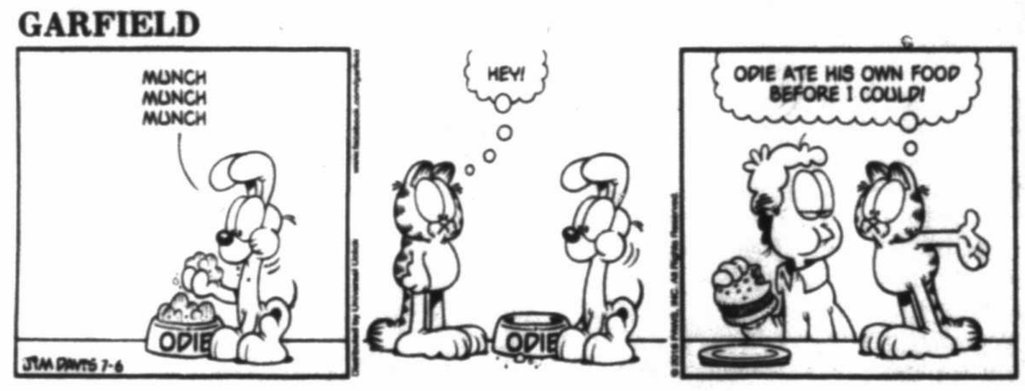

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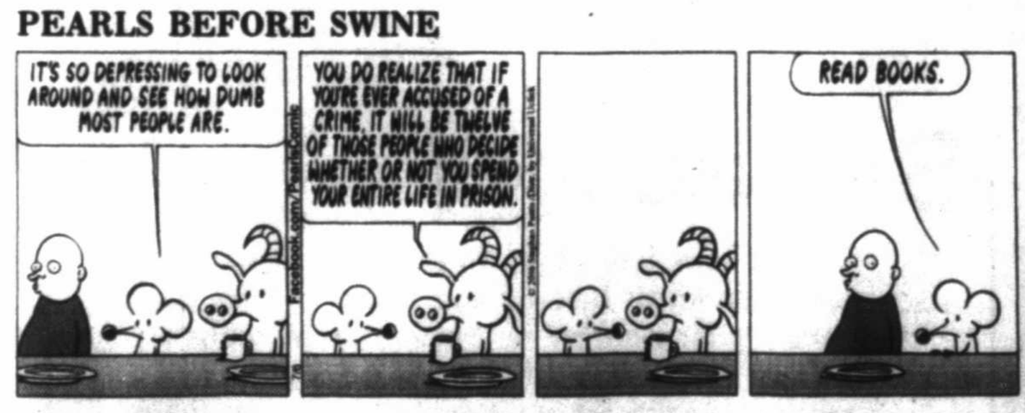

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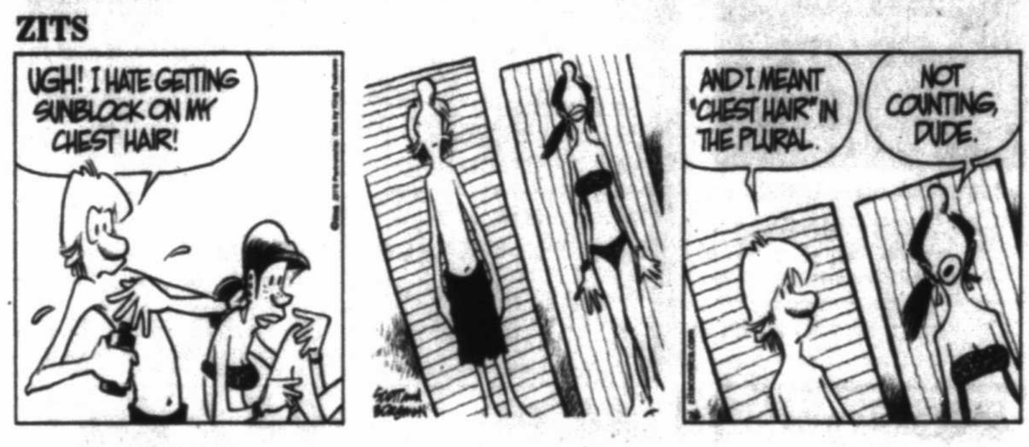

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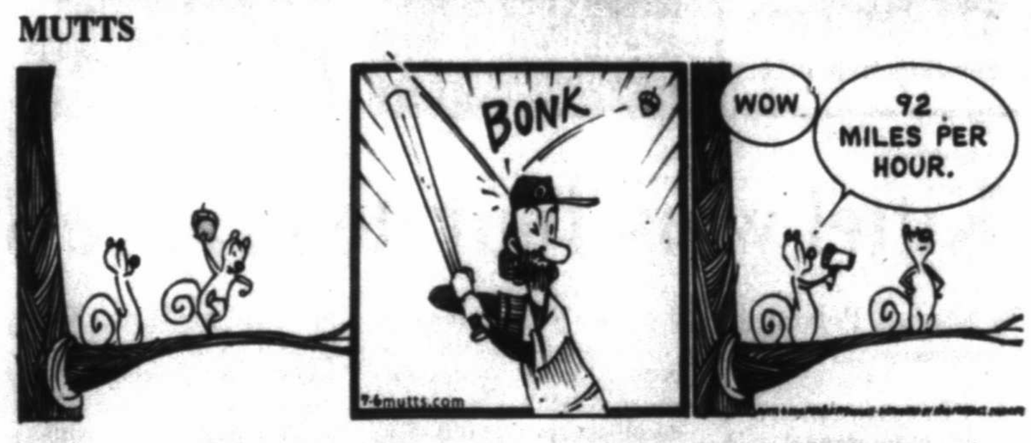

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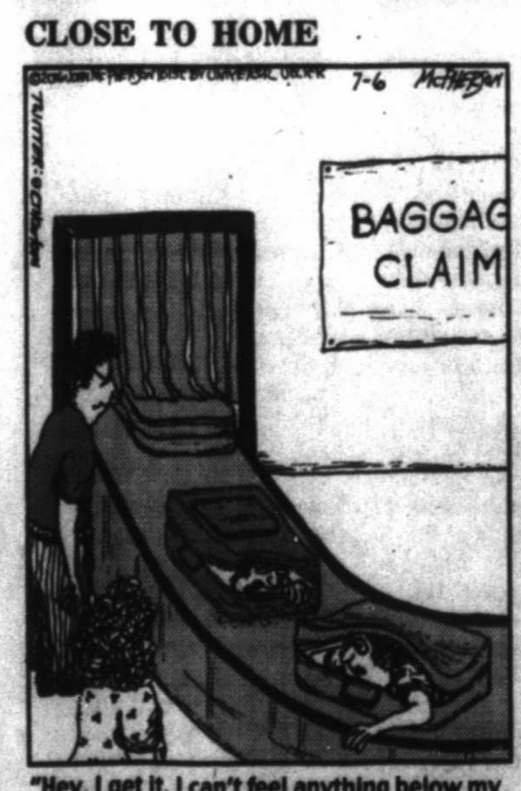


"Hey, I get it. I can't feel anything below my neck. But we just saved $1,480!"

DENNIS THE MENACE

"WELL, HOW AM I S'POSED TO KNOW? I CAN'T EVEN READ YET!"

FAMILY CIRCUS

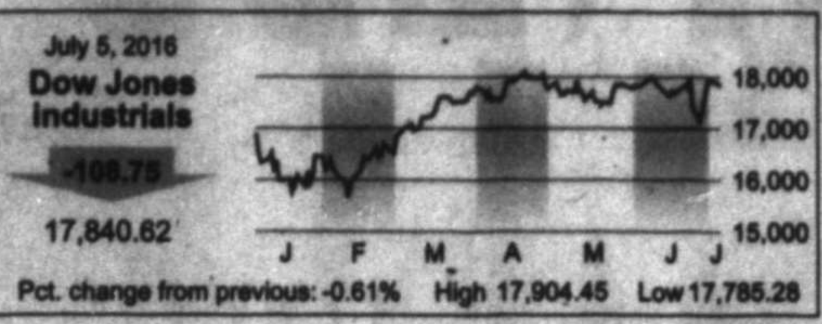
"What time is it when the big hand is on 70 and there is no little hand?"

LOCKHORNS

"AND THEN SHE SAID, 'YOU'RE WEARING THAT TO WATCH BASEBALL?'"

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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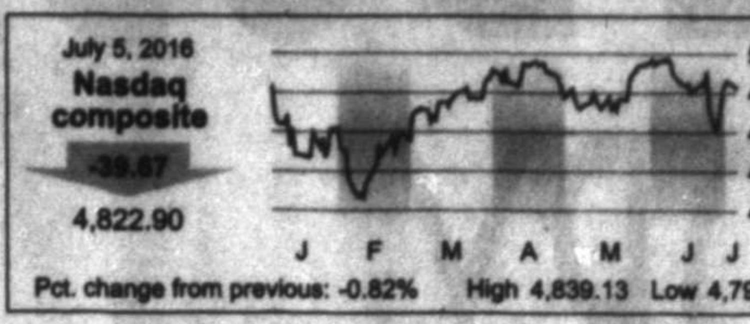

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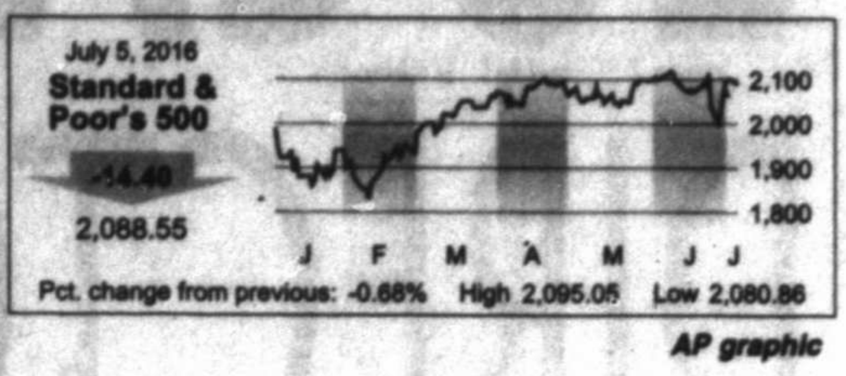

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday:	$46.60
Previous:	$48.99

POSTED

Tuesday:	$43.00
Previous:	$45.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday:	$39.45
Previous:	$41.95

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday:	$2.764
Previous:	$2.987

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	996270	208.41	-1.51
BkofAm	961165	12.74	-.36
B iPVixST	698019	13.62	+.23
VanEGold	651992	29.64	+.59
iShEMkts	598086	33.95	-.74

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Drdgold	7.13	+.67	+10.4
Yrendai n	15.81	+1.31	+9.0
McEwenM	4.41	+.29	+7.0
Ameresco	4.72	+.26	+5.8
NoahHldgs	25.30	+1.32	+5.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVLgNG rs	38.30	-11.45	-23.0
Gener8M n	5.27	-1.03	-16.3
Unit	13.70	-2.62	-16.1
PrSUltNG rs	15.72	-2.82	-15.2
CSVLgCrd rs	29.00	-5.02	-14.8

DIARY

Advanced	821
Declined	2,255
Unchanged	54
Total issues	3,130
New Highs	229
New Lows	29
Volume	3,565,079,095

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BirksGrp	90064	2.85	+2.31
SynergyRs	82498	6.66	-.38
B2gold g	60426	2.72	-.08
MGT Cap	48437	4.13	+.16
NwGold g	36878	4.79	+.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BirksGrp	2.85	+2.31	+431.7
UnvSecInst	3.81	+.26	+7.3
GoldResrc	4.18	+.28	+7.2
AskanoG g	4.17	+.27	+6.9
RELM	5.07	+.33	+6.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Can-Fite	2.11	-.52	-19.8
NovaBay rs	2.28	-.30	-11.6
PlatGpM rs	3.53	-.43	-10.9
Ashford	47.25	-4.75	-9.1
Gastar pfB	13.25	-1.20	-8.3

DIARY

Advanced	143
Declined	238
Unchanged	14
Total issues	395
New Highs	34
New Lows	4
Volume	138,111,937

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
CSVixSh rs	671437	2.07	+.02
SiriusXM	599507	3.94	-.03
MicronT	369851	11.91	-.59
Apple Inc	258561	95.04	-.85
Netflix s	256567	97.91	+1.24

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SmLEDS rs	2.81	+.72	+34.4
LeadgBr g	2.02	+.33	+19.5
ElevenBio	2.22	+.34	+18.1
Lipocine	3.44	+.40	+13.2
Fronteo	18.50	+2.00	+12.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
XBiotech n	16.80	-8.10	-32.5
DifferBr rs	2.52	-.48	-16.1
AsiaPWire	2.15	-.39	-15.4
Onconova rs	4.95	-.89	-15.2
Vuzix	6.87	-1.22	-15.1

DIARY

Advanced	765
Declined	2,043
Unchanged	161
Total issues	2,969
New Highs	104
New Lows	37
Volume	1,624,280,586

You may be overpaying for streaming music

Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — When Lauren Higgins tried to sign up for Spotify's premium plan on her iPhone, she was irked that the music service asked for $13 a month, $3 more than the gift subscription she had given her boyfriend.

"I was pissed, and I wasn't going to do it," said Higgins, a 25-year-old public relations executive in New York.

She tweeted her annoyance. Within five minutes, a member of Spotify's social media team reached out to tell her that she could get Spotify for a monthly $10 fee if she signed up on the web rather than through Apple. She did just that.

Call it a $3 tax on ignorance, as Apple prohibits apps from pointing to lower prices available elsewhere.

Spotify says it charges a "significant" number of its 30 million paying subscribers $3 more per month because they sign up through Apple, which takes a cut of up to 30 percent. Spotify says 70 percent of its revenue already goes to artists, recording labels and music publishers, so turning over another 30 percent to Apple would leave Spotify with nothing unless it passes along the fee to customers.

The price gap is especially grating to music services like Spotify because Apple's own Apple Music service doesn't have to pay the same fee and can charge just $10.

"They're trying to have their cake and eat ours, too," Spotify spokesman Jonathan Prince said. "We find it bad for consumers, unfair to consumers and ultimately something that could stifle music streaming subscriptions across the board."

The dispute has intensified in recent weeks as Spotify got more aggressive about offering subscriptions outside Apple's billing system. It also suspended new subscriptions from iPhone apps completely.

Last week, Spotify complained that Apple had rejected a new version of Spotify's iPhone app over the dispute. Apple shot a letter back, saying its rules applied equally to all app developers, regardless of whether they competed with Apple. Prince responded in a tweet Friday that Spotify wasn't doing anything prohibited. Spotify and Apple declined further comment.

Many app makers, including Spotify, have long tolerated the fee — not least because hundreds of millions of people worldwide use iPhones and Apple users tend to spend a lot more on apps than Android users.

Spotify initially didn't offer subscriptions through the iPhone app at all. Users had to sign up elsewhere before returning to the app to sign in. But in 2014, Spotify relented and instead passed on the $3 Apple fee onto consumers.

Several other music streaming services do the same, including Rhapsody and Tidal. And when YouTube launched its Red subscription for ad-free videos and on-demand music last fall, it also set the price for Apple users at $13, $3 more than elsewhere.

> *"They're trying to have their cake and eat ours, too."*
>
> Jonathan Prince, *Spotify spokesman*

The $3 fee each month builds up to $36 over a year and $144 over four.

Last July, Democratic Sen. Al Franken of Minnesota wrote to both the Department of Justice and Federal Trade Commission calling for an investigation into whether Apple was "engaging in anticompetitive behavior in the music streaming market" because of the fee and its app guidelines. The Justice Department directed inquiries to the FTC, which acknowledged receiving the letter but declined comment.

Apple has already come under fire about not allowing links to outside stores. It lost an e-books price-fixing case in 2013. Apple has appealed to the U.S. Supreme Court, saying the case "presents issues of surpassing importance to the United States economy."

In response to all the criticism, Apple said in June that it would halve its 30-percent cut of in-app subscriptions if developers could hold onto subscribers longer than a year. For a $10 subscription, Apple's cut would be $1.50 instead of $3.

Some services, including Netflix, Pandora, Hulu, Showtime and HBO Now, decline to pass any extra fees to consumers and charge the same price through Apple's app as they would elsewhere. Others avoid Apple's billing system altogether. Amazon lets you watch previously purchased videos on iPhones but won't let you buy new ones. There's no such restriction on Android. Music service Deezer asks iPhone users to subscribe over the web.

And not everyone blames Apple, either.

Amber Bernardi-Eteuati, a 20-year-old aspiring filmmaker in Massachusetts, let her subscription to Spotify lapse last year when money was tight. But she missed features like the ability to play songs from Sam Smith, Pentatonix and other favorites on demand. When she peeked at the price on her iPhone, "I was in shock."

Reached on Twitter by a reporter, Bernardi-Eteuati said she was mad at Spotify. "Passing the extra cost to customers and not just keeping it the price it's always been is sneaky and, if I understand it correctly, greedy," she said through Twitter direct message. She ended up getting a new subscription — but used her laptop to get the lower price.

Stocks skid

U.S. stocks slumped Tuesday as investors grew fearful over the health of the British financial system. Looking for safety, they flocked to Treasury notes and pushed the yields on long-term government bonds to all-time lows.

Investors were jolted after three U.K. financial firms stopped trading in their commercial property funds because large numbers of investors were trying to liquidate their holdings.

Stocks mostly fell, although investors bought shares of companies seen as safe plays, like household goods makers and utilities. Bond yields plunged, with the 10-year and 30-year Treasury yields reaching record-low levels as demand for Treasuries rose and prices jumped.

It was an abrupt end to a big four-day rally for stocks, and a reminder that the effects of Britain's vote to leave the European Union has left markets deeply unsettled.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 108.75 points, or 0.6 percent, to 17,840.62. The Standard & Poor's 500 index slid 14.40 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,088.55. The Nasdaq composite lost 39.67 points, or 0.8 percent, to 4,822.90.

Metals end mixed

Gold rose $19.70, or 1.5 percent, to $1,358.70 an ounce. Silver gained 32 cents, or 1.6 percent, to $19.91 an ounce. Copper lost 3 cents to $2.18 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $26.41 Down 1.82

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $116.56 Down 2.47

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $8.25 Down 0.01

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $89.53 Down 1.01

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.62 Down 0.14

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.65 Unchanged

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.89 Down 0.65

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $34.03 Down 1.08

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $8.87 Down 0.23

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.48 Down 0.56

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.92	18	43.35	-.12	+26.0
Abraxas	...	...	1.10	-.06	+3.8
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	12.63	-.09	-1.6
AMD	...	...	4.96	-.11	+72.8
Alcoa	.12	25	9.26	-.29	-6.2
AlonUSA	.60	...	6.37	-.24	-57.1
Ambev	.19e	...	5.81	-.10	+30.3
Amgen	4.00	16	154.27	-.01	-5.0
Anadarko	.20	...	53.61	-1.28	+10.4
Apache	1.00	...	54.67	-2.00	+22.9
Apple Inc	2.28f	11	95.04	-.85	-9.7
ApldMatl	.40	22	23.84	-.05	+27.7
Archrock	.38m	...	9.31	-.76	+23.8
ATMOS	1.68	25	81.13	+.66	+28.7
AutoData	2.12	28	93.31	+.56	+10.1
BP PLC	2.40a	...	35.90	-.10	+14.8
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	17.94	-.43	+4.0
BakrHu	.68	...	44.05	-1.78	-4.6
BkofAm	.20	10	12.74	-.36	-24.3
Barclay	.39e	...	7.21	-.38	-44.4
B iPVixST	...	...	13.62	+.23	-32.2
BarrickG	.08	64	22.40	+.19	+203.5
BasicEnSv	...	...	1.51	-.16	-43.7
BerkHa A	...	15	212960.00	-3338.00	+7.7
BlkHillsCp	1.68f	39	63.09	-.09	+37.8
BrMySq	1.52	52	73.78	...	+7.3
BrownFA	1.36f	33	106.45	-.43	-3.3
BrownFB	1.36f	30	98.23	-.65	-1.1
CVS Health	1.70f	19	94.98	-.02	-2.9
Caterpillar	3.08	19	74.38	-2.07	+9.4
Celestic g	...	9	9.02	-.33	-18.2
Cemex	.29t	...	6.81	-.34	+8.5
CntryLink	2.16	15	28.93	-.44	+15.0
ClnEng	...	...	4.30	-.29	-4.4
Chevron	4.28	...	103.57	-.58	+15.1
Chicos	.32	43	10.78	-.18	+1.0
Cimarex	.32	...	115.39	-4.23	+29.1
Cisco	1.04	14	28.33	-.21	+5.1
Citigroup	.20	10	40.78	-1.39	-21.2
ClayEng	...	...	26.41	-1.82	-10.7
CocaCola	1.40f	26	45.43	+.31	+5.7
ColgPalm	1.56	26	73.28	+.33	+10.0
ConAgra	1.00	27	47.73	-.66	+13.2
ConchoRes	...	...	116.56	-2.47	+25.5
ConocoPhil	1.00	...	41.70	-1.81	-10.7
CrackerB	4.60f	24	169.05	-.64	+33.3
CSVelIVST	...	...	25.50	-.44	-1.2
CSVLgCrd rs		...	...	29.00	-5.02
...					
CSVixSh rs	...	...	2.07	+.02	-66.9
CrosTim	1.16e	11	18.02	-.37	+38.5
DCP Mid	3.12	26	34.21	-.65	+38.7
DTE	2.92	22	100.10	+.82	+24.8
Danaher	.64	15	80.40	+2.85	+14.2
Dataram h	...	...	.60	+.00	-9.1
DeltaAir	.54	7	35.62	-1.15	-29.7
DenburyR	...	...	3.25	-.39	+60.9
DevonE	.24	...	36.15	-1.30	+13.0
DirDGlBr rs	...	...	6.28	-.42	...
Disney	1.42	17	97.66	-.37	-7.1
DowChm	1.84	16	48.76	-.78	-5.3
EOG Rescs	.67	...	82.76	-2.02	+16.9
EmpDist	1.04	25	33.93	...	+20.9
Energen	.08	...	45.80	-2.23	+11.7
EngyTsfr	4.22	...	37.54	-.12	+11.3
EnPro	.84	...	43.97	-.90	+.3
EntProdPt	1.56f	22	29.00	-.02	+13.4
Ericsson	.46e	...	7.41	-.27	-22.9
ExxonMbl	3.00f	30	93.02	-.82	+19.3
Facebook	...	54	114.20	+.01	+9.1
FordM	.60a	6	12.40	-.32	-12.0
FrptMcM	...	...	10.50	-.85	+55.1
FrontierCm	.42	83	4.98	+.02	+6.6
GATX	1.60	8	43.94	-1.39	+3.3
GabMultT	.94e	...	7.09	-.02	-5.5
GalenaBio	...	...	.66	+.04	-55.1
GAInv	1.15e	...	30.96	-.14	-3.1
GenElec	.92	40	31.46	-.04	+1.0
GtPlainEn	1.05	22	30.92	+.33	+13.2
HalconRs rs	...	...	.44	-.05	-65.2
Hallibrtn	.72	57	43.53	-2.03	+27.9
HeclaM	.01e	...	5.52	+.08	+192.1
HuntBncsh	.28	10	8.51	-.32	-23.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	29.53	-1.00	+42.8
iShGerm	.51e	...	23.37	-.75	-10.8
iShJapan	.13e	...	11.48	...	-5.3
iShSilver	...	...	18.98	+.24	+43.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	33.70	-.78	-4.5
iShEMkts	.84e	...	33.95	-.74	+5.5
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	54.74	-1.08	-6.8
iShR2K	1.73e	...	113.69	-1.70	+1.0
Intel	1.04	14	32.68	-.07	-5.1
InterDig	.80	17	54.22	-.89	+10.6
ItauUnibH	.45e	...	9.28	-.29	+42.8
JPMorgCh	1.76	11	59.55	-1.71	-9.2
JohnJn	3.20f	20	122.27	+.98	+19.0
Keycorp	.34f	10	10.68	-.28	-19.0
KimbClk	3.68	38	137.94	+.94	+8.4
KindMorg	.50	30	18.29	-.41	+22.6
Kinross g	...	...	5.64	+.28	+209.9
LegacyRes	.60m	...	1.62	-.14	-7.4
LendingClb	...	46	4.17	-.21	-62.3
LloydBkg	.47a	...	2.74	-.23	-37.2
Lubys	...	...	4.99	...	+11.6
MarathnO	.20	...	14.72	-.96	+16.9
McDnlds	3.56f	23	120.76	+.36	+2.2
Merck	1.84	21	58.00	+.06	+9.8
MeritMed	...	38	19.94	-.17	+7.3
MexcoEn	...	...	...	...	-18.0
MicronT	...	38	11.91	-.59	-15.9
Microsoft	1.44	36	51.17	+.01	-7.8
MorgStan	.60	11	25.00	-.92	-21.4
Nabors	.24	...	9.85	-.73	+15.7
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NOilVarco	1.84	17	32.14	-2.30	-4.0
Netflix s	...	...	97.91	+1.24	-14.4
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NvPMI	.78a	...	15.09	+.01	+10.5
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NTXQI	.65	...	15.73	+.06	+9.0
OcciPet	3.00	57	75.22	-.45	+11.3
ParTech	...	49	4.89	+.06	-27.3
ParkDrl	...	...	2.16	-.18	+18.7
PattUTI	.08m	...	20.57	-1.12	+36.4
PennaRE	.84	...	21.57	+.14	-1.4
Prmian	.31e	21	7.22	-.18	+42.7
Petrobras	...	...	6.88	-.59	+60.0
Pfizer	1.20	18	35.81	+.24	+10.9
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PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	107.42	-.66	-4.0
Praxair	3.00	21	111.48	-1.91	+8.9
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RangeRs	.08	...	42.25	-2.23	+71.7
RegionsFn	.26f	11	8.02	-.34	-16.5
RiteAid	...	...	7.30	-.01	-6.9
Rowan	.40	23	17.56	-1.44	+3.6
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.90	-.66	+19.9
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	178.21	-1.10	+2.4
SpdrGold	...	...	129.47	+1.06	+27.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	208.41	-1.51	+2.2
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	34.08	-1.32	+12.8
SabnR	2.10e	13	33.48	-.70	+27.5
SandersFm	.88a	14	84.79	+.15	+9.4
Schlmbrg	2.00	29	77.63	-1.89	+11.3
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Smucker	2.68	22	152.13	+.49	+23.3
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SP CnSt	1.28e	...	55.20	+.31	+9.3
SP Engy	2.04e	...	67.22	-1.38	+11.4
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	22.40	-.34	-6.0
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TylerTech	...	67	165.18	+.38	-5.2
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18,167.63	15,370.33	Dow Jones Industrials	17,840.62	-108.75	-.61	+2.38	+.36
8,530.82	6,403.31	Dow Jones Transportation	7,462.05	-95.57	-1.26	-.62	-8.77
719.24	539.96	Dow Jones Utilities	722.07	+6.10	+.85	+24.96	+25.20
11,032.61	8,937.99	NYSE Composite	10,409.54	-106.22	-1.01	+2.62	-3.88
5,231.94	4,209.76	Nasdaq Composite	4,822.90	-39.67	-.82	-3.68	-3.49
2,132.82	1,810.10	S&P 500	2,088.55	-14.40	-.68	+2.18	+.35
1,526.81	1,215.14	S&P Midcap	1,482.30	-17.90	-1.19	+5.99	-1.66
22,468.40	18,462.43	Wilshire 5000	21,572.57	-166.50	-.77	+1.91	-1.92
1,275.90	943.09	Russell 2000	1,139.45	-17.31	-1.50	+.31	-8.70

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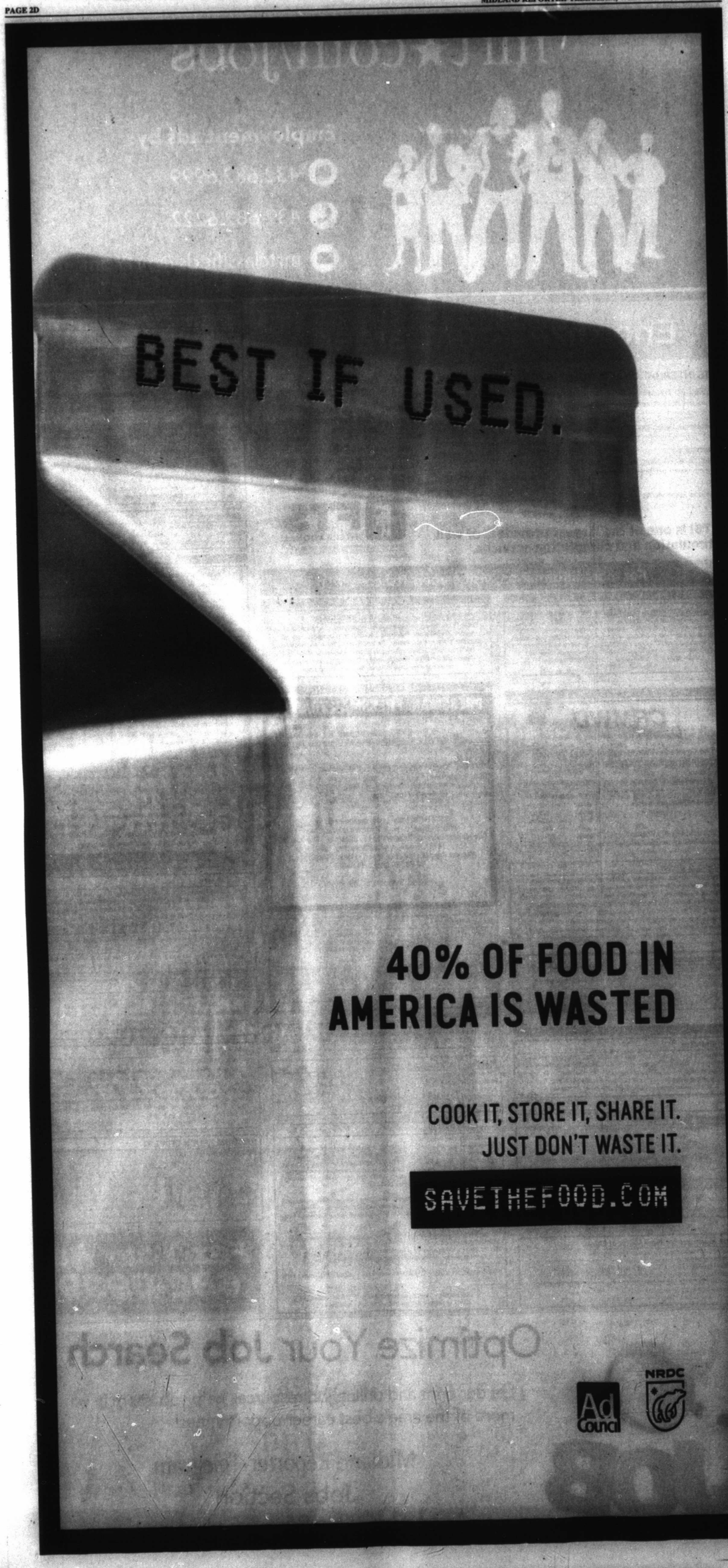
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For: Annual pump & motor repair

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Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for the project entitled: CVOR HVAC Upgrade at Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701.

Bidders may contact Hamid Habibi at Bernhard TME for bid documents and questions on or after Wednesday, July 6, 2016.

Bernhard TME.
1 Allied Drive, Suite 2600
Little Rock, AR 72205
Telephone: 1-501-666-6776
HHabibi@tmecorp.com

Pre-Bid conferences will be held on Tuesday, July 19, 2016 at 2:00 PM and Wednesday, July 20th, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Facilities Services Department of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus. Attendance at one pre-bid conference by all Contractors submitting bids is mandatory.

A Bid Bond in an amount not less than five percent (5%) will be required with bid submission. The successful bidder will be required to enter into a general contract with the Midland County Hospital District. A Performance Bond and Payment Bond in an amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price will be required by Owner upon contract execution.

Three (3) hard copies and one (1) Electronic copy of all bids must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital - Main Campus, 400 Rosalind Redfern Grover Parkway, Midland, Texas, 79701, by **2:00 PM, Tuesday, August 2, 2016. Under no circumstances will bids received beyond August 2, 2016, 2:00 PM be accepted.**

All bids must be sealed and labeled **"BID # 1190-070616 Enclosed".**

Faxed or emailed bids from bidders will not be accepted.

All bids must be price protected until November 30, 2016.

All bids will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the bids in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:
Rachel Hanna Jones
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Midland County Hospital District
Midland Memorial Hospital
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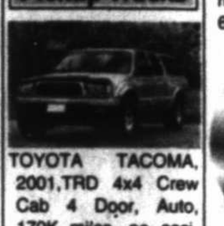

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Proposals Due: July 14, 2016

3:00 P.M.

The City of Lamesa (the "City") is requesting proposals from qualified firms of Certified Public Accounts to obtain audit services for performance of the City's annual financial audit and single audit of state and federal grants for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016, with the option of auditing its financial statements for each of the two (2) subsequent fiscal years based on satisfactory performance. These audits are to be performed in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, the standards set forth for financial audits in the U.S. General Accounting Office's (GAO) Government Auditing Standards (1994), the provisions of the federal Single Audit Act of 1984 (as amended in 1996), and U.S. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)., Audits of State and Local Governments, and the provisions of the 1994 AICPA Audits of State and Local Governmental Units as well as a the following additional requirements: examination for compliance with procedures established by Charter, Ordinance or, where applicable, State and Federal Laws or regulations, including the Texas Code of Criminal Procedures.

A complete copy of the specifications and requirements is available from the City of Lamesa at 601 South 1st, Lamesa, Texas 79331 or the City's Website at www.ci.lamesa.tx.us. The closing date for submission is July 14, 2016, at 3:00 P.M. (local time). All submittals must be clearly marked on the lower right hand side corner with your company name and return address on the envelope with the following, "Proposal Enclosed - City Audit Proposal. If you have any further questions contact Shawna Burkhart, City Manager, at 806-872-4321.

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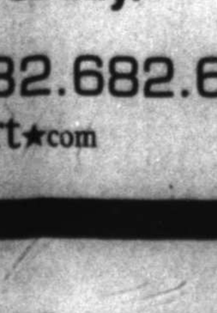

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