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Increased valuation helps MISD balance budget

Warren: Pay raises, adjustments will remain intact for 2014-15 school year

By Tessa Duvall
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Midland ISD will have a budget in the black for the upcoming year — no tax increase needed — Superintendent Ryder Warren announced at the board of trustees meeting Monday evening.

"You will be asked to pass a balanced budget," Warren told the board. "That is the best news I can bring you."

The $216.3 million total budget will leave MISD with a $550,394 surplus, which will bring the district's fund balance to $52.1 million, according to Warren's presentation.

Warren announced at the June meeting that the district was facing a $3.7 million deficit for the upcoming year, meaning that trustees may have been asked to consider a tax ratification election, eliminating the homestead exemption or dipping into MISD's reserves.

But when the most recent estimated taxable values came in at $19.2 billion — an increase of $500 million over the previous $18.7 billion prediction — MISD found itself with an additional $3 million in revenue.

Combined with another $760,000 of cuts from expenditure requests, MISD will have $183.3 million in usable revenue after recapture for the upcoming school year, up from $180.9 million as previously expected.

"You guys have taught me very well that this is a very conservative school board, and you want us to make sure we toe the line on our budgeting," Warren said.

The cuts primarily come from services received from Region 18 Education

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SUMMER SUNSET

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

A commercial airplane, a bird and a crane are silhouetted against the sunset photographed from the suite level of Security Bank Ballpark looking west toward State Highway 191 last week.

Alpine lawmaker rescues choking 3-year-old

By Kevin Diaz
Houston Chronicle

WASHINGTON — Kissing babies is not the only way politicians can win votes and curry favor.

Saving them from choking, when the need arises, works just as well. Especially in an election year in the the only competitive congressional race in Texas.

Rep. Pete Gallego, a Democrat from Alpine, was flying back home Friday evening when a small child in the middle seat next to him started choking on his chicken nuggets.

The 3-year-old's mother, Paige Hoch Flippen, from Helotes, appeared in a panic. "I could tell right away," she said of her son, Cash. "He just sucked it back. He couldn't breathe."

The mother, cradling a six-month old girl in her lap, tried hitting the boy on his back to dislodge the obstruction. With growing apprehension, she flung off her seat belt and jumped up, desperately looking for help.

"He's choking!" she yelled.

Gallego, wearing earphones to get caught up on the news, turned to see the small child, who had been trying to befriend him moments before, in a pose of quiet distress. He thought he heard the mother yell "My God, my baby's choking!"

"She had a lot going on," Gallego said of the mom and her two travelling kids. A dad, Gallego had gone through this drill before.

Gallego put one hand on the kid's back, and the other on his sternum. "I knew what was going to happen, so I aimed him forward," he said. But at the critical moment, Cash turned to look at the first-term congressman. "I ended up with chicken nuggets on my chest."

"Yeah, he got chicken nuggets on him," Hoch Flippen recalled. "It was lovely."

The crisis averted, other passengers helped clean up Gallego's business suit and tie. In the ensuing conversation, Hoch Flippen came to realize who Gallego was. She also discovered that he was an old West Texas acquaintance of her husband, who wasn't on the flight.

"It was one of those small-world stories," Gallego said.

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Commissioners to propose largest salary increases ever

By Joseph Basco
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Midland County may impose what is touted as the largest salary increase ever for the upcoming fiscal year starting Oct. 1.

County Judge Mike Bradford announced at Commissioners' Court on Monday that elected officials may receive a 5 percent increase plus $3,000 extra and non-elected employees may receive a 4 percent increase plus $3,000 extra, as recommended by a salary committee.

The salary increases will be voted on by commissioners alongside the finalized FY 15 budget on Sept. 8.

The county is seeking a salary increase to stay competitive with the oil and gas industry, as employees from some departments, such as Road and Bridge, get lured into the private sector's higher pay.

"The cost of living here, the cost of doing business, isn't restricted to the public sector or the private sector, independent of each other," Bradford said after Commissioners' Court. "They interact every day, so both sectors need the ability to enjoy a lifestyle that supports their families."

This current fiscal year, elected officials received a 6 percent increase and non-elected officials received $3,000 extra with their salaries.

The county increased the salaries for both elected and non-elected employees to prevent cases in which non-elected employees could be making more than elected officials, Bradford said. The county has a retention policy that mandates non-elected employees receive an automatic anniversary raise, but elected officials do not.

"This (the proposed salary increase) is an action that we hope will keep the elected official at a level appropriate with their responsibilities," Bradford said.

Phase 2 of countywide road paving begins

The commissioners received a presentation from Dunaway and Associates on Monday about the second phase of a three-year road paving project that aims

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Weather
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Energy prices

WTI Futures	$101.67	▼ $0.42
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The big number
There is a deal costing
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Coming Wednesday
New apartments are set to open in September.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

Movie camp: "Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, Tuesdays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

Little Chefs Cooking Class, 5:30-7:30 p.m., at Martin Luther King Jr. Community Center. midlandtexas.gov.

"Galactic Golf" at the Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum. museumsw.org.

City pool hours today

Doug Russell Pool, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon-7 p.m.

Washington Pool, 1601 E. Indiana, noon-7 p.m. Family swim is 7-9 p.m.

Admission cost: $2; kids under 2 are free. For more information, call 685-7356.

Library hours today

Midland County Public Library
301 W. Missouri Ave.
9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Return bins available 24 hours a day
688-4320

Centennial Branch Library
2503 W Loop 250 N
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Return bins available 24 hours a day
742-7400

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon Wednesdays and 4:30 p.m. Sundays; BAJ Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.

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

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

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

■ Permian Basin Dance Cluo, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; cost is $5 for members, $6 for non-members; 520-4343.

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's, 4610 N. Garfield St.; 685-7486.

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

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

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498-2100

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■ Village, 2315 W Louisiana Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
■ Graves, 3304 W Wadley Ave.
9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday
■ ClayDesta, 612 Veterans Airpark Lane, and GMF Midland, 1000 Loop 40
8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday

Large item pickup

For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the Dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 7-3-3
Pick 3 day: 6-7-6
Pick 3 evening: 7-4-8
Pick 3 night: 1-2-9
Daily 4 morning: 5-2-2-8
Daily 4 day: 9-0-7-9
Daily 4 evening: 0-9-3-9
Daily 4 night: 7-3-1-9
Cash Five: 11-12-20-32-35
Texas Two Step: 1-13-28-31
BB: 25
All or Nothing morning: 2-5-6-7-9-11-14-17-18-22-23-24
All or Nothing day: 4-6-7-8-9-11-13-15-17-19-20-22
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-4-5-6-7-10-12-15-16-23
All or Nothing night: 3-4-6-7-8-12-13-15-16-17-22

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, July 29, the 210th day of 2014. There are 155 days left in the year.

Today's highlights:

On July 29, 1914, transcontinental telephone service in the U.S. became operational with the first test conversation between New York and San Francisco.

On this date:

In 1921, Adolf Hitler became the leader ("fuehrer") of the National Socialist German Workers Party.

In 1957, Jack Paar made his debut as host of NBC's "Tonight Show."

Mark Sterkel/Odessa American

Sculptor Terrell O'Brien, left, and Stephen Dinse, Shidoni foundry manager, move a bronze cowboy sculpture into place where it will be secured to a concrete slab Monday in front of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin at 42nd Street and JBS Parkway. Five steers will be added to complete the work later this week.

Odessa getting $400K horseman, cattle sculpture

Associated Press

ODESSA — A West Texas city's tribute to the ranching way of life will feature a $400,000 sculpture of a cowboy on horseback and five steers.

Crews on Monday began installing the piece called "The Stragglers" in a project by the Odessa Council for the Arts & Humanities.

The work by artist Terrell O'Brien is 70 feet long and about 13 feet tall.

Council executive director Randy Ham says the sculpture should be set up by Thursday at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin campus. Ham said the official unveiling will come in early August.

The Odessa American reported the arts council was eligible to receive some funds from Odessa's hotel/motel tax.

The Odessa City Council provided $262,000. Private donations made up the rest.

BASINHEALTH

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Local hospitals join statewide hospital alliance

Midland Memorial Hospital and Medical Center Health System in Odessa are now part of a statewide alliance that uses clinical data to improve patient care quality and efficiency.

MMH's board of directors first voted in February to join the Texas Care Alliance, which includes hospitals and health care systems in Plano, Longview, Abilene, San Angelo and Wichita Falls.

During a February board meeting, MMH President and CEO Russell Meyers called joining the alliance — borne out of the Healthcare Coalition of Texas — a game-changer for the future of the hospital.

"This allows us to leverage resources that are present in much bigger organizations ... to benefit us, with this population growth," Meyer said previously.

The alliance fosters data sharing between practictioners, payers and health systems through its Explorys data platform, according to a Monday press release.

That means more networking and improved safety, quality and cost of care offered at MMH, said Director of Emergency Medicine Lawrence Wilson.

The cost to join was $250,000, with the expectation of future capital costs and investments, Meyer said during the board meeting.

Court shoots down marriage ban

Associated Press

RICHMOND, Va. — Virginia's same-sex marriage ban was ruled unconstitutional on Monday in the first such decision by a federal appellate court in the South.

"We recognize that same-sex marriage makes some people deeply uncomfortable. However, inertia and apprehension are not legitimate bases for denying same-sex couples due process and equal protection of the laws," Judge Henry F. Floyd wrote.

The 2-1 ruling applies throughout the circuit that also includes West Virginia, Maryland, and the Carolinas.

Virginians voted 57 percent to 43 percent in 2006 to amend their constitution to ban gay marriage. Virginia laws prohibit recognizing same-sex marriages performed in other states. Floyd said such measures "impermissibly infringe on its citizens' fundamental right to marry."

The 4th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Richmond is the second federal appellate court to overturn gay marriage bans, and the first to affect the South, a region where the rising tide of rulings favoring marriage equality is testing concepts of states' rights that have long held sway.

Gay marriage proponents have won more than 20 legal decisions around the country since the U.S. Supreme Court struck down part of the federal Defense of Marriage Act last year. Most are still under appeal. More than 70 cases have been filed in all 31 states that prohibit same-sex marriage. Nineteen states and the District of Columbia allow such marriages.

The U.S. Supreme Court could have at least five appellate decisions to consider if it takes up gay marriage again in its next term, beginning in October.

The 6th Circuit in Cincinnati will hear arguments on Aug. 6 for Ohio, Michigan, Kentucky and Tennessee. The 7th Circuit in Chicago is set for arguments on Aug. 26, and the 9th Circuit in San Francisco for Sept. 8.

MISD

From 1A

Service Center, Warren said. A district MISD's size can provide most of these services, such as personnel training, in-house, he said.

The reduced services won't affect the quality of education provided by MISD, he said.

"That was the edict when we were doing this, that we keep this stuff out of the classroom," Warren said.

The budget includes the previously proposed 2.5 percent of midpoint raises for all district employees, pay adjustments for bus drivers and campus administration and a $1,000 stipend for support staff.

Chief Financial Officer David Garcia said the budget also includes money for about 52 new teachers and 29 other new staff members.

Trustees unanimously approved the teacher salary schedule for the 2014-15 school year, which will see a first-year teacher earn $48,000, up $1,000 from $47,000 last year. The raise is in addition to the increase in pay teachers will receive that comes with their additional year of experience on the district salary schedule, as well as the signing and re-signing bonuses funded by a $6.25 million donation to the district from eight area businesses and foundations.

However, with MISD's increased revenue comes increased recapture payments to the state due to the district's status as a Chapter 41, or property-wealthy, school district. According to Warren's presentation, the district will send $33 million to the state next school year, an increase of about $600,000 over previous estimates.

MISD estimates recapture growing to about $51.4 million for 2015-16, and up to nearly $67.7 million by the 2017-18 year. The estimates were met with gasps from audience members at the meeting.

Warren said it is important to get through the upcoming year without touching the district's fund balance because of estimated recapture and the unknown of fate of Texas' school funding method. State District Judge John Dietz has yet to issue a final ruling on the case, and it is expected the state will appeal to the Texas Supreme Court. The courts are not expected to create a constitutional solution to school funding, meaning this time next year, MISD and other districts could be trying to draft a budget during a special legislative session, Warren said.

Trustees will vote to adopt a final budget on Aug. 25.

By the numbers

May to July budget comparisons

Taxable values:
May: $18.7 billion
July: $19.2 billion

Revenue:
May: $213,339,008
July: $216,349,410

Recapture payments:
May: $32,428,457
July: $33,031,333

Usable revenue:
May: $180,910,551
July: $183,318,077
Source: MISD

Recapture estimates:
14-15: $33,031,333
15-16: $51,397,228
16-17: $61,035,799
17-18: $67,663,645

Source: MISD

Joaquin Castro gives Gov. Perry a good chewing out

By David McCumber
Hearst Newspapers

Rep. Joaquin Castro and Gov. Rick Perry are not going to see eye to eye any time soon.

In an escalation of the war of words between the two Texas pols, Castro sharply rebuked Perry on Monday for deploying the National Guard to the border in response to the recent surge in undocumented immigrants from Central America.

"Any attempt to give domestic police power to soldiers is ill-advised," Castro, D-Texas, wrote.

After Castro said earlier this month that Perry "should be sending the Red Cross to the border, not the National Guard," Perry sent the congressman a letter last week accusing him of "a basic misunderstanding" of the role of the National Guard.

In his response Monday, Castro wrote that he values the National Guard as a member of the House Armed Services Committee "and the representative for San Antonio, Military City USA," but added that "in this humanitarian situation," he disagreed with Perry's action, "which appears to be rooted in politics more than sound public policy."

In his letter to Castro, the Republican governor said the Guard deployment "does not directly involve the issue of the unaccompanied alien minors," but instead will address the hundreds of thousands of crimes committed by illegal immigrants. It also said Perry decided to deploy the guardsmen due to federal inaction and misguided White House policies — "which you support," the governor noted.

In response, Castro accused the governor of using the border as a "bogeyman for political gain," saying that "by sensationalizing the level of crime and violence in our border communities, you damage the economic potential of places like McAllen, Brownsville, Laredo and El Paso." And he accused the governor of fudging the facts.

Proposed West Texas shelter would be largest in US

Associated Press

CLINT — Authorities are considering a bid to build a shelter in West Texas that would be the largest in the U.S. to hold unaccompanied children who enter the country illegally.

A number of sites in Texas and elsewhere are being considered as detention facilities for many of the more than 57,000 unaccompanied children who have entered the U.S. since October.

But with 3,500 beds, the proposed Abraham Lincoln Transitional Lodge southeast of El Paso would be far larger than other centers. A temporary processing facility in McAllen holds about 1,000 children.

The lodge's marketing director, Charles McGuire, tells the Houston Chronicle that the principal backers of the bid previously have invested in housing for oil workers in Texas.

The Texas Department of Family and Protective Services is reviewing the proposal.

RESCUE

From 1A

"It didn't click until he introduced himself and gave me his card," said Hoch Flippen. She was exhausted, on the last leg of a long journey from West Virginia, visiting friends. "He's actually my congressman," she said. "My congressman just saved my son."

The evening American Airlines flight from Dallas-Fort Worth finally landed in San Antonio. "I didn't smell very good when I got off the plane," Gallego recalled.

But this being 2014, the event had to be chronicled on Twitter, where it made the digital rounds over the weekend.

Tweeted Gallego: "3yr old on flight was choking. Mom panics-but I did same thing I did for Nicolas yrs ago. Young man is safe. I have chicken nuggets all over."

The grateful mom's rendition came out on twitter the next morning:

"(At)RepPeteGallego (at)petegallego saved my son last night as he was choking on our flight home! So thankful for his quick reaction!"

And then:

"(At)petegallego, Cash and I thank you for your quick response! It was so scary to see my son unable to breathe! Sorry for the mess! Thank you!!!!"

The next day's Twitter feeds also showed interest from NBC News, which wouldn't be such a bad thing for a Democrat embroiled in a potentially competitive challenge from GOP candidate Will Hurd.

Hoch Flippen, for her part, leans Republican, though her dad is a Democratic Commissioner in Glasscock County, Texas. Did Gallego win her vote? "After saving my son's life, I'd probably say yes."

SALARY

From 1A

to pave every dirt road in county territory.

The 13 miles of dirt roads, primarily residential, are located in the southeast portion of the county and are slated to be paved with asphalt, which is expected to last between five and 15 years. Some of the county roads to receive the paving treatment include portions of East County Road 85, North County Road 1105 and East County Road 90.

"We are experiencing heavy truck traffic and this would put them on a hard surface in those areas where they can be a contributor to the safety quotient," Bradford said.

Phase 2 is expected to cost in the $10 million range, the funds coming out of the county's sales tax reserves. The county already paved 15 miles of county roads in phase 1. The total cost of all three phases is estimated at $40 million.

FY 15 tax rate and budget calendar

Aug. 4 - Proposed budget filed in the County Clerk's office

Aug. 21 - First public hearing on tax rate if deemed necessary.

Aug. 25 - Commissioners Court in which elected officials and department heads comment on budget.

Aug. 28 - Second public hearing on tax rate if deemed necessary.

Sept. 8 - Commissioners Court, including public hearing on budget.

Sept. 30 - Adopted budget filed.

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Child in drowning still in critical condition at Lubbock hospital

From staff reports

A Midland child remains in critical condition at a Lubbock hospital Monday after he appeared to be drowning Friday at a Midland Country Club pool, according to a city spokesman.

City spokesman Joe Sampson confirmed the child's condition Monday afternoon, but further information regarding the child — including age — was not available to the press.

The boy was initially taken to Midland Memorial Hospital before being transported to Lubbock, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

The Midland County Sheriff's Office's Crisis Intervention Unit was on scene at about 5 p.m. Friday to assist with the matter.

Midland Country Club General Manger Don Beaver said he's asking for prayers from the community but had no additional details about the incident.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

ABILENE

West Texas teenager arrested in fatal stabbing

West Texas police say an 18-year-old man has been arrested in a stabbing death near Abilene Christian University.

D'Angelo Bell is charged with capital murder in the death of 19-year-old Kaleb Cory on Sunday at a housing complex near the university. He's also been charged with assault of a public servant.

Bell was arrested and placed in a patrol car, where police say he kicked out a window and injured an officer.

Bell is being held in jail on bonds totaling $290,000. The Taylor County jail says records don't show an attorney for him.

Police said Bell fought with Cory after the victim confronted him about stealing several items from the apartment's owner.

Authorities said Cory was stabbed several times and was taken to a hospital where he later died.

ABILENE

Official arrested on tampering charge

A former supervisor for Texas Child Protective Services is accused of tampering with evidence as police investigated the 2012 starvation death of a 22-month-old girl, a police official said Monday.

Martha Kiel Whitaker, 58, turned herself in Saturday on a felony count of tampering with physical evidence, Abilene Police Chief Stan Standridge said. Whitaker posted $1,000 bond and was released.

Standridge said the agency repeatedly mishandled evidence and detectives had "grave concerns about the level of cooperation by CPS supervisors" as police investigated the death of Tamryn Klapheke. Standridge did not elaborate and Patrick Crimmins, spokesman for Child Protective Services, said he was unaware of what specifics underlie the charge.

The child was found dead in her crib inside a squalid home while her father was on an Air Force deployment. The conditions had drawn the attention of CPS social workers. Tamryn's mother, Tiffany Klapheke, was convicted of injury to a child by malnutrition and dehydration and sentenced in February to 30 years in prison.

Detectives in October 2012 searched CPS offices in Abilene as part of their investigation, Standridge said. He added Monday that charges could be filed against others.

Tampering with evidence, a third-degree felony, is punishable by up to 10 years in prison.

Online jail and court records for Whitaker did not indicate an attorney for her.

Tiffany Klapheke had argued that her now ex-husband's deployment left her too stressed to care for the couple's three girls.

SAN ANTONIO

2 women found dead in home

San Antonio police say two women have been found shot to death at a house in an apparent murder-suicide.

Police spokeswoman Romana Lopez on Monday did not immediately release names of the women, ages 37 and 61, or further details on them. Autopsies were ordered.

Police were called Sunday by a man who had not heard from or seen the women for several days, noticed their vehicles in the driveway and became concerned.

Officials discovered the front door was boarded shut from the inside. A window air conditioner was removed so a firefighter could crawl into the residence.

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Woman charged for spray-painting car, home in April

A Midland woman was arrested Friday for spray-painting a family member's home and car in April, according to court documents.

Johnson

Diane E. Johnson, 20, was being held this weekend on a $15,000 bond for a state jail felony charge of criminal mischief between $1,500 and $20,000. She posted bond and was released on Saturday.

A Midland police officer initially responded to a criminal mischief call on April 17 in the 1700 block of East Pine Avenue.

The complainant had walked outside at about 7:30 a.m. to find that his mother's vehicle had been spray-painted. He told police that the tires on his mother's vehicle were slashed two days prior to the incident.

The officer saw explicit words in black, gray and pink paint. There were words spray-painted onto a garage door, as well as the residence's front door.

The complainant believed Johnson, a family member, was the person who had committed the crime. The officer found Johnson's driver's license lying on the ground near the crime scene.

The vehicle was considered totaled by the insurance company.

The detective obtained Facebook messages where Johnson and another person described messing up a person's car and house.

When the detective interviewed Johnson, she denied any involvement in the vandalism. But another person associated with Johnson told the detective that she was a lookout for Johnson while she sprayed the car and house, according to the arrest affidavit.

If convicted, Johnson faces up to two years in prison.

MPD: Man wields large knife during altercation with family member

A Midland man was arrested Monday for throwing a chair at a female family member and wielding a large knife during an altercation, according to court documents.

Salvador Pablo Pacheco, 29, was being held Monday on a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault with a weapon on a date, family or household member and a class A misdemeanor charge of unlawful carry of a weapon.

A bond amount has not yet been set for the felony charge, but he is being held on a $500 bond for the misdemeanor.

A Midland police officer responded to a disturbance at about 11:38 p.m. Sunday at Chaparral Apartments, 4201 N. Garfield St.

Pacheco

The officer saw Pacheco with a long kitchen knife sticking out of a pants' pocket. The officer detained Salvador and confiscated the "large illegal" knife, according to the arrest affidavit.

Pacheco had been arguing with a female family member. The woman had refused to give him keys to a vehicle because he had been drinking alcohol. Pacheco had become irate and starting punching a door before he picked up a chair and threw it at the woman, hitting her in the face, according to the affidavit.

If convicted, Pacheco faces five to 99 years in prison for the felony and up to one year for the misdemeanor.

Austin still charging drainage fee

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Austin residents are still being charged a drainage fee that a judge ruled invalid a month ago, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

Judge Amy Clark Meachum said the fee was invalid in June, after a 2009 lawsuit argued the city was unfairly charging residents in apartment and condominiums the same amount as those living in larger, single-family homes.

The plaintiffs' attorney Robby Alden said he is considering filing another lawsuit. He said he wants Austin officials to remove the fee until it is changed to make it fairer to customers.

"The way the statute is written, the city doesn't have the right to keep charging this fee unless they adopt a valid one that satisfies (legal) requirements," Alden said.

The fee is levied on more than 300,000 customers and raises about $71 million for Austin, which uses the funds to pay for several programs, including flood warning systems and maintaining storm sewers.

The drainage fee is $9.20 for most residential customers and is $4.60 per unit for residents of condo or apartment buildings that have seven or more stories.

The dispute is over how the fee is set up. Other large Texas cities charge a drainage fee based on how many paved surfaces buildings occupy, but Austin charges the same flat fee to most residential customers, which means someone with a large house pays the same amount as a resident in a small apartment.

City spokesman Kyle Carvell said the city's Law Department will likely seek more direction from the judge about how it must change the drainage fee.

The Law Department said in a written statement that the ruling doesn't direct the city to reimburse customers, "nor does (it) order the city to stop charging the drainage utility fee." The department said the lawsuit involves only how the fee is calculated.

The city has until Aug. 10 to ask for a new trial and until Oct. 9 to say whether it will appeal the judge's ruling.

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Changing interest rates may affect your investments

Even if you didn't take Economics 101 in college, just navigating through the past several years has given you hands-on experience with one of the course's most valuable lessons: *The rise and fall of interest rates is one of the biggest factors influencing global economies, financial markets, and our daily lives.* That's why it is important to have a basic understanding of how interest rate changes could affect not only your wallet but also your investment portfolio.

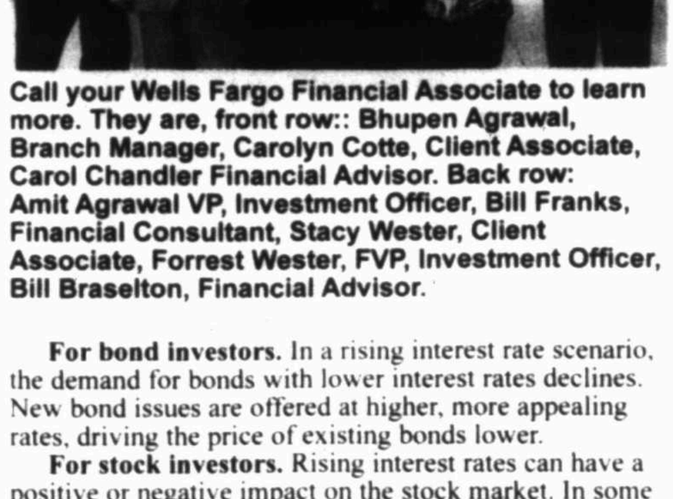
Simply put, interest rates help control the flow of money in the economy. Typically the Federal Reserve lowers interest rates to jump-start the economy. Lower interest rates mean consumers may be willing to spend more money as the cost to finance a purchase is relatively inexpensive. This stimulates the economy in a variety of ways, including increased revenues from products sold to the consumers and taxes generated from those sales. Investors, on the other hand, have a different perspective.

For bond investors. As interest rates fall, the prices of previously issued bonds tend to rise. The new issues are offered at lower, less appealing rates. That makes bonds with higher interest rates much more desirable and that much more in demand. On the other hand, those who plan to hold their bonds to maturity aren't really affected by falling rates, with the exception of reinvestment risk.

One way issuers may take advantage of falling rates, is by calling their outstanding bonds and issuing new bonds at lower rates. Once the higher interest paying bonds are called, investors looking for a fixed rate of return are faced with lower yielding fixed-income alternatives. To offset this risk, it's important to have a diverse portfolio of fixed-income investments with a variety of maturities and call features to withstand fluctuations in rates.

For stock investors. Falling interest rates tend to have a positive impact on the stock market, especially stocks of growth companies. Companies that tend to borrow money to finance expansions tend to benefit from declining rates. Paying lower rates of interest decreases the cost of the debt, which may positively affect a company's bottom line. The stock prices of those companies may rise as a result, driving the market in such a way that prices of other stocks may follow suit.

When the Federal Reserve decides to raise interest rates, its goal is usually to slow down an overheating economy. Changes in interest rates tend to affect the economy slowly – it can take as long as 12 to 18 months for the effects of the change to permeate the entire economy. Slowly, as the cost of borrowing increases, banks lend less money and businesses put growth and expansion on hold. Consumers may begin to cut back on spending as the expense of financing a purchase increases. This reverses the effects that lower interest rates had on the economy and, again, investors are affected differently.



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For bond investors. In a rising interest rate scenario, the demand for bonds with lower interest rates declines. New bond issues are offered at higher, more appealing rates, driving the price of existing bonds lower.

For stock investors. Rising interest rates can have a positive or negative impact on the stock market. In some cases, rising rates can send jitters through the market, resulting in falling stock prices. In other cases, the stock market may respond favorably. In addition, rising interest rates may affect certain industry groups more than others. For instance, growth companies often find it necessary to borrow money in order to expand. Rising interest rates increase the cost of their debt, which in turn decreases profit. As a result, the prices of their stocks may fall.

Wells Fargo Advisors has a number of tools and resources to help you gain a better understanding of how interest rates can affect your portfolio. Talk to your Financial Advisor to learn more about what changing interest rates mean for you and your financial situation.

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Take off your clothes to make it in TV

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — A contestant on a new VH1 dating show didn't beckon a woman to walk in front of him out of politeness. He wanted to check her out from behind and didn't need to use his imagination.

The "Dating Naked" series is the latest example of reality television's newest trend: Nudity is hot, no longer confined to late-night premium cable.

Leading the way is Discovery's "Naked and Afraid," on which a man and woman who don't know each other fend for themselves in the wilderness for three weeks without a stitch between them. That program's success since its June 2013 premiere begat VH1's "Dating Naked" and TLC's real estate show "Buying Naked," with more in the planning stages.

What's the appeal?

Well, what do you think?

In a world of endless choices, titillation lures. So does a catchy title, and the word "naked" jumps off the program guide. Brent Montgomery, who produces the nonfiction hit "Pawn Stars," which airs on the History channel, said many early fans were drawn in by that title even though the show had nothing to do with the image left in your head. He's now doing the spinoff, "Pawnography."

To truly succeed, however, a show needs more going for it to keep viewers once the novelty of watching naked bodies with blurred body parts wears off.

"The secret sauce of our show is not the fact that they're naked," said Denise Contis, West Coast head of production and development at Discovery. "I think it's the storytelling, the cast and a survival experience that's authentic."

Memorable characters make successful shows, "and it takes a big character to take off their clothes in front of a reality TV camera," Montgomery said.

Standards are the same at each show: male and female genitalia are blurred out, along with female breasts. Backsides are fair game. A graphic artist takes about a week to cleanse each episode of "Naked and Afraid." A strategically placed flowerpot or sofa obscures the nude home shoppers in "Buying Naked."

Discovery wasn't searching for a "naked" show when developing "Naked and Afraid," Contis said. It wanted a new twist in the survival genre and, ultimately, the most elemental shelter is clothing.

Yet, let's face it: One hook is the question of whether a romance develops between two naked strangers left alone in the woods (except for the producers and camera crew, of course). It hasn't happened yet. The opposite is more likely: In one upcoming episode the two survivalists detest each other so much they agreed to separate until they were picked up at the end.

Romance is the point of "Dating Naked." Susan Levison, head of programming at VH1, gave the series a green light her first day on the job last September and hurried to beat competitors to the air. Fox has its own naked dating show in the works but put it on hold during a management change.

"The idea of using nudity as a metaphor for allowing yourself to be truly exposed and truly yourself in the search for love felt really fresh and exciting," Levison said.

While the nudity arguably serves a thematic purpose on "Dating Naked" and "Naked and Afraid," it's hard to see "Buying Naked" as anything other than a typical real estate show on which prospective owners leave their clothes at home. TLC says the Florida-based show exposes the habits of a nearby nudist colony.

The "Dating Naked" debut earlier this month featured a woman in her 30s stung when her chosen man was distracted by a younger, gorgeous temptress, an intriguing story for VH1's female-dominated audience. The older woman's name, Wee Wee, trended on Twitter, and the episode's audience of 826,000 easily beat the network's average of 335,000 viewers in the time slot. With more than 4 million viewers, "Naked and Afraid" was Discovery's most-watched series premiere ever.

That explains why plenty of other "naked" pitches are being heard in network boardrooms.

"You'll probably see four or five work and a dozen that don't work," Montgomery said.

Associated Press

In this image released by Syfy, Ian Ziering, as Fin Shepard, battles a shark on a New York City street in a scene from "Sharknado 2: The Second One," premiering 8 p.m. Wednesday.

'Sharknado' sequel has bite and lots of laughs

By Frazier Moore
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Don't worry about me. The Sharknado Evacuation map supplied by Syfy network places me, as a resident of Lower Manhattan, smack in the zone most in peril this sharknado season. But I'll be ready.

You might as well batten down the hatches, too. "Sharknado 2: The Second One" (which, if you hadn't guessed, is an encore follow-up sequel to last summer's campy classic) premieres Wednesday (8 p.m. CDT).

The original "Sharknado" depicted a weather aberration on the Southern California coast that caused bloodthirsty sharks to rain on hapless Angelenos. But hunky beach-bar owner Fin Shepard (get it: fin shepherd?!) saved the day with a makeshift shark explosion.

Now he's back. Again played by "Beverly Hills, 90210" alum Ian Ziering, Fin, in the aftermath of his sharknado trauma, is heading to New York City for a quiet visit along with his beloved ex, April (the returning Tara Reid). It won't surprise you to learn that an even bigger, badder sharknado siege awaits him.

That's the bad news. The good news: "Sharknado 2" is a hilarious must-see treat.

The original film erupted as a social-media and pop-culture phenomenon, mostly celebrated for its unwitting awfulness. It was a throwback to drive-in movies of 50 years ago that you would have ignored while you and your date put your attention elsewhere. A would-be blend of "Jaws" and "Baywatch," it was funny, but never seemed to be in on the joke.

Against all odds, "Sharknado 2" has wised up. Though it and its performers teem with conviction — no winking at the audience here — the film is unabashedly awash with fun. And unlike laid-back Cali, New York — always spoiling for a fight — is the perfect arena for dramatic strife, even from killer sharks cascading from the sky.

In fact, "Sharknado 2" serves as a paean to the Big Apple. Veteran comedian Robert Klein (playing the mayor of New York in one of the film's numerous celebrity cameos) delivers a rousing call-to-arms for all New Yorkers: "When something bites us, we bite back!" Hizzoner said a mouthful!

Adding to the merriment are the many New York locations. Director Anthony C. Ferrante (back again for the sequel, as is screenwriter Thunder Levin) proves himself as a guerrilla filmmaker, capturing the city up-close and-personal yet with a remarkably sleek touch. It's a fine-looking film, despite a budget (Ferrante hints) somewhere between $1 million and $2 million and a shooting schedule (he swears) of just 18 days.

"I had only been to New York a few times," Ferrante, who grew up in Northern California, said recently, "and getting to come here and shoot at all these landmarks, I was like a kid in a candy store. When they told me, 'You only get Times Square for two hours, and with only a crew of eight,' I said, 'OK, let's do it!' We shot the whole ferry scene in 15 minutes on the ride back from Liberty Island.

"We needed to do the subway scene, and got a meeting with the MTA. They didn't know what a sharknado is, but we made our case. They said, 'We're gonna give you the platform at Citi Field and a functioning (subway) car for three hours.' And the Mets gave us a 12-hour day at Citi Field. I'm from L.A., but I want the Mets to win the World Series this year. They did me a solid!"

But the film will sink its teeth into you from its first moments as you join Fin and April on their terrifying airline flight. Fasten your seatbelt for a wicked homage. This "Sharknado" is the very definition of scared silly.

Sarah Palin launches online subscription channel

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Sarah Palin has started her own subscription-based online network.

The Sarah Palin Channel, which went live on Sunday, bills itself as a "direct connection" for the former Alaska governor and GOP vice presidential candidate with her supporters, with "no need to please the powers-that-be," Palin says in a video mission statement on her channel's home page.

"Are you tired of the media filters?" she asks. "Well, I am. I always have been. So we're gonna do something about it."

"We'll talk about the issues that the mainstream media won't talk about," she adds.

Palin says she oversees all content posted to the channel. This will include her own political commentary. Other features for subscribers include the ability to submit questions to Palin and participate with her in online video chats.

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Palin remains active elsewhere as a Fox News Channel contributor and reality-TV personality.

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Here's how GOP becomes the party of reform

■ Democrats are complacent, and there is an opportunity for Republicans to take advantage

MICHAEL GERSON
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Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair came to prominence in the 1990s as an expert in political renovation, transforming the Labour Party from a creaky, socialist relic to a modern, center-left, governing institution. Before Blair, Labour had not won back-to-back victories in a hundred years. Blair secured three.

In his recent Philip Gould Lecture, Blair described the substance of that overhaul: the need, driven by globalization, to decentralize economic decision-making; to recognize the essential social roles of business and the voluntary sector; and "to be iconoclastic in reshaping public services." "No political philosophy today," he argued, "will achieve support unless it focuses on individual empowerment, not collective control."

But Blair ultimately credits the emergence of New Labour, not to "a cast of policy, but a cast of mind." He describes this as "an analysis of the world shaped by reality not ideology, not by delusionary thoughts based on how we want the world to be, but by hard-headed examination of the world as it actually is." This way of thinking, he continued, sometimes requires defying party pressure groups, and even (in his case) "a certain convergence of thinking with the center right."

"Relax," Blair urged his progressive audience. "It happens the world over and where it doesn't — see the polarization of American politics today — a country is poorer for it."

It is unpleasant, but not unexpected, for "American politics" to be the international shorthand for dysfunction. But it is worth asking: What "cast of mind" characterizes our political parties today?

For Democrats, governing has become a topic best avoided. The world descends into leaderless chaos. Trust in government scrapes along near historic lows. But many Democrats, including President Obama, evince an eerie calm. They appear confident that a rising coalition of minorities, millennials and college-educated elites can be motivated by cultural wedge issues (immigration, contraception, abortion, gay rights). "Amid public unease over Obama's economic and foreign policy record," observes Ron Brownstein in National Journal, "cultural affinity has become the Democrats' most powerful electoral weapon."

Democratic governing failure, therefore, produces no internal pressure for policy innovation or outreach. While riding a cultural and demographic wave, only patience and relentless polarization are required.

What could go wrong on the right side of history? As conservatives found when social issues seemed to favor them, there are dangers in being seen as the cultural aggressor. Depicting anyone to the right of Wendy Davis on infanticide as part of a war on women, or anyone concerned about institutional religious liberty as a bigot, may even spook the sympathetic. America is not yet a continental college town. Add to this that the most energetic portions of the Democratic Party are well to the left of the public on economic issues, and the claim of political inevitability weakens.

What of the "cast of mind" of Republicans? A year or two ago, "delusionary thoughts based on how we want the world to be" might have been a comprehensive summary. No longer. A series of welfare, education and criminal justice reform proposals from Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida and Mike Lee of Utah and Rep. Paul Ryan of Wisconsin represent serious, conservative reflection on the task of governing.

Both Rubio's "flex fund" and Ryan's (more limited and realistic) "opportunity grant" would have the federal government do what it is best at: set broad goals and send money. States and civil society, in turn, would be enabled to do what they are better at: meet human needs one to one. Both proposals would extend the earned income tax credit to childless workers.

These ideas are potentially bipartisan, and thus offensive to some GOP pressure groups. The policy goal is not to reduce social spending but to improve the functioning of social programs. Reform conservative proposals actively press on federal levers to reward work and provide additional benefits to families.

There are, admittedly, no Republican rallies insisting on additional wage subsidies; no talk radio demands for improved welfare casework. But reform conservative ideas have the advantage of filling a predictable vacuum. Any serious Republican presidential candidate in 2016 is likely to adopt them in some form. When the call comes for policies that appeal to working- and middle-class voters, there will be no serious alternatives from the further reaches of the right.

The Democratic cast of mind — in the midst of multiple failures — manages to be complacent, culturally polarizing and bereft of policy innovation. For all its disadvantages, the GOP is suddenly the party of reform — and our politics are richer for it.

OUR VIEW

Patience, unfortunately, required when dealing with housing costs

When it comes to seeing more affordable housing for Midland residents, it is hard to be patient.

This weekend, business reporter Cale Ottens, in his story "Prices create hurdles for homebuyers," reported the median price of a Midland home ($283,100) grew more than 23 percent year-over-year in June. It is, according to the Real Estate Center at Texas A&M University, the highest in the state.

Ottens also reported Midland's Federal Housing Administration loan limit ($271,050 maximum) is now less than the most recent median home price, meaning borrowers are more likely to turn to the less-forgiving underwriting standards of conventional or jumbo loans that typically require stronger credit scores and higher down payments.

The vast majority of Midland homebuyers today elect to finance houses through the FHA-guaranteed basic home mortgage loan 203(b), according to Warren Ivey, regional vice president of the Texas Association of Realtors.

We have been told, when it comes to affordable housing, that help in on the way, but that we have to be patient. Thousands of units (homes, apartments, hotels) will open by the end of 2015.

We also know that the city's civilian labor force increased by 1,200 just from May to June. For the record, the civilian labor force is less than 2,000 shy of hitting 100,000. Again, it is hard to be patient.

We know one new apartment complex in Midland is scheduled to open four buildings — or 72 total units — by Sept. 1. In that case, rents will be $1.60 and $2.03 per square foot or $1,495 for a one-bedroom to $2,270 for a three-bedroom. Not exactly a cure for affordable housing, but we are used to it here in Midland where a 30-year-old workforce-type house still commands $130 a square foot.

One expert told the Reporter-Telegram he believes we will see growth in property values in the long-term. In other words, when it comes to housing costs, it will get worse before it gets better.

Again, while it seems hard, stay patient. We really have no other choice.

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Kerry oversees failed foreign policy

■ Too much damage has been done in the last six years that it really doesn't matter

RICH LOWRY
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If an Israeli high-level official were caught on a hot mic candidly commenting on Secretary of State John Kerry's ill-fated act of Israel-Hamas peacemaking, he might call it "a hell of a diplomatic foray."

Kerry was caught sarcastically describing the Israeli offensive into Gaza as "a hell of a pinpoint operation" during his round of Sunday-show interviews two weeks ago, before telling his aide over the phone, "We've got to get over there," and "It's crazy to be sitting around."

Kerry's belief in himself as the Indispensable Man is touchingly quaint. His conception of the U.S. secretary of state is apparently frozen in a time when it was a position of unparalleled power and respect. Those days are gone.

Or as President Barack Obama might quip, to paraphrase his put-down of Mitt Romney's foreign-policy views during one of the 2012 presidential debates, "John, the 1980s want their secretary of state back."

After six years of resetting, leading from behind, ending wars, nation building at home and pivoting to Asia, the U.S. has reduced itself to a husk of its former influence. When Kerry showed up in Cairo to meet with the president of Egypt, he was wanded by the guards, as if he had just wandered in from the airport security line.

Kerry underlined his dubious relevance by his inability to secure a cease-fire, and his dubious wisdom by making it his overarching goal. At this point, after Israel has committed itself on the ground, the U.S. should be seeking to give it the time it needs to do as much damage as possible to Hamas' military infrastructure, instead of effectively bailing out the terror group.

Kerry held an ill-advised confab in Paris with Qatar and Turkey, the patrons of Hamas. Even the Palestinian Authority blasted this as the "friends of Hamas" meeting. With the Egyptians, the Saudis, the Emiratis, the Jordanians and the Palestinian Authority all functionally on Israel's side in the Gaza War, it should be in a superior diplomatic position, but its superpower patron evidently didn't get the memo.

By the time Kerry returned home, he had been showered with so much criticism by the Israelis that the U.S. government was saying it could endanger our relationship. The question raised by Obama administration foreign policy again and again is, How can self-styled Smart Power be so dumb and toothless?

For all of Kerry's failings, he is a relative giant among a foreign-policy team composed largely of political hacks and post-American declinists. At least Kerry retains some of the old Democratic Party belief in America's importance in the world. His condemnation of Syria's use of chemical weapons last year was a stirring moral indictment of the Assad regime — although President Obama immediately undercut him when he abandoned his own "red lines."

So far, Kerry's tenure as secretary of state is making Hillary Clinton's undistinguished stint look impressive by comparison. But that's mostly a matter of timing. It is his misfortune to be present at the unraveling, as crisis after crisis unfolds, with the administration lacking the interest or the tough-mindedness to effectively respond.

It is impossible to find anywhere in the world where our position or alliances are stronger than they were six years ago. Incredibly enough, President Obama once called Recep Tayyip Erdogan, the Islamist prime minister of Turkey, more than any foreign leader other than British Prime Minister David Cameron. Now, Obama hasn't even talked to Erdogan in five months, and his erstwhile buddy condemns Israel as a "terror state."

One hopeful theory about Obama foreign policy was that, after serial humiliations and failures, it would recalibrate toward more assertiveness, like Jimmy Carter did after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. But he seems content with America's new status in the world. John Kerry will just have to get used to it.

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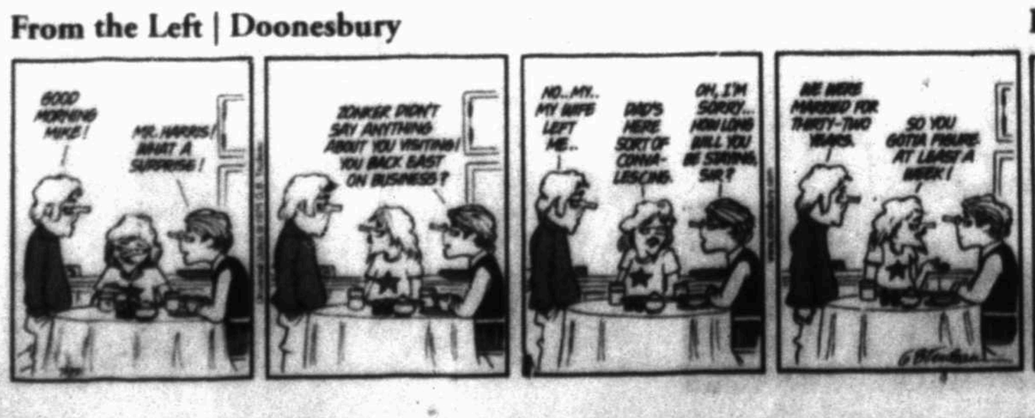

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

5 things to know about coal trade, global warming

By Dina Cappiello
Associated Press

As the Obama administration weans the U.S. off polluting fuels blamed for global warming, energy companies have been sending more of America's unwanted energy leftovers to other parts of the world where they could create even more pollution. Here are five things to know about the issue:

1. AS U.S. REDUCES COAL USE, DEMAND RISES GLOBALLY. Over the past six years, the U.S. has cut consumption by 195 million tons as power plants have burned cheaper natural gas instead. The Environmental Protection Agency's latest proposal would further cut coal's share of electricity generation. Meanwhile, coal demand is rising globally. In 2013, according to the 2014 BP Statistical Review of World Energy, it grew by 3 percent. The International Energy Agency expects global coal demand to grow 2.3 percent per year through 2018.

2. U.S. COAL EXPORTS HAVE SOARED TO MEET RISING DEMAND. The U.S. exported more coal in 2012 and 2013 than any other year since 1949. Exports surpassed 100 million tons for the first time in more than 20 years in 2011. Exports are down this year because of higher natural gas prices and a colder-than-average winter at home. But the U.S. Energy Information Administration predicts coal exports to grow to 161 million tons by 2040 without policy changes. In 2012, the U.S. comprised 9 percent of the global coal export market, the latest data available.

3. COUNTRIES ONLY ACCOUNT FOR POLLUTION FROM COAL THEY BURN. When measuring progress on global warming, countries count only pollution from burning fossil fuels. Coal exports make the U.S. appear to be making more progress on global warming than it actually is, although it's still coming out ahead. Analyses suggest U.S. exports could be reducing by half or wiping out completely the pollution savings in the U.S. from switching power plants from coal to natural gas.

4. OBAMA ADMINISTRATION WON'T DISCLOSE GLOBAL TOLL OF EXPORTS. Three terminals proposed for the Pacific Northwest would double U.S. coal exports. Despite pleas from the governors of Washington and Oregon, the Obama administration has so far refused to evaluate the global impact of those additional exports. A 2010 White House guidance aimed at clarifying how broadly agencies should evaluate greenhouse gas emissions for major projects is still being reviewed.

U.S. EXPORTS COULD FUEL WORLDWIDE DEMAND AND POLLUTION. U.S. coal exports make things worse for global warming only if they cause global demand to increase. It's unclear whether that is happening. White House officials say the U.S. will likely never export enough coal to influence demand. They say the U.S. is replacing coal that would come from somewhere else. A federal judge recently faulted this logic in a case over the expansion of a Colorado coal mine, saying that any additional coal will impact demand, causing coal that otherwise would have been left in the ground to be burned.

House bill lets airlines advertise pre-tax fares

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a victory for airlines and their workers' unions, the House rejected consumers' complaints and easily passed legislation Monday letting airline advertising emphasize the base price of tickets, before taxes and fees are added.

The bipartisan legislation would roll back federal regulations that since 2012 have required ads to most prominently display the full ticket price. Under the bill, the base price could be the figure most prominently shown in ads and ticket-selling websites as long as taxes and fees are displayed separately, such as in footnotes or pop-up ads.

The measure was approved by voice vote, with individual lawmakers' votes not recorded. That process is used often for non-controversial bills, but it can also allow legislators avoid taking a public position on a touchy issue.

Groups representing airline passengers and companies that rely on corporate travel derided the bill's name, the Transparent Airfares Act of 2014, as Orwellian. They said the measure's enactment would return the country to an earlier era of misleading and confusing advertising.

"Their main goal is to be able to offer the public a low-ball price," said Charlie Leocha, chairman of Travelers United, which represents people who travel.

But the airlines — backed by unions representing pilots, mechanics and flight attendants — say including taxes and fees in their advertised prices hurts business and hides from consumers the extra costs that government imposes on air travel.

Showing the full price "can dampen demand for travel and ultimately cost even more jobs in an industry that has lost nearly one-third of its work force since 2001, typically resulting in reduced service to small and rural communities," according to an April letter to lawmakers from Airlines for America, the industry's chief trade group, and other airline and labor organizations.

Monday's vote underscored the clout wielded by the alliance on this issue between the airlines and their employees' unions, which often have a fractious relationship.

According to the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics, almost 60 percent of the $2.2 million in political contributions since January 2013 from airline political committees and individual workers has gone to Republicans. Of the $3 million contributed by air transport unions, two-thirds has gone to Democrats. In addition, airlines reported having 213 lobbyists in Washington last year while unions had another 74.

Supporters say the measure would make it clear to fliers just how much of a ticket's cost comes from federal taxes and fees.

"The rule effectively masks, I would argue hides, the current government-imposed taxes and fees on consumers," Rep. Bill Shuster, R-Pa., chairman of the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee, said during debate that lasted just 11 minutes.

Associated Press

Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee Chairman Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., left, shakes hands with House Veterans' Affairs Chairman Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., on Capitol Hill in Washington, Monday, during a news conference as they outlined their agreement on a compromise plan to fix the vast health care system responsible for treating the nation's veterans. A bipartisan deal to improve veterans' health care would authorize at least $17 billion to fix the health program scandalized by long patient wait times and falsified records covering up delays, the bill's chief supporters said Monday.

Veterans' health care deal costs $17B

By Matthew Daly
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A bipartisan deal announced Monday would authorize about $17 billion to help veterans avoid long waits for health care, hire more doctors and nurses to treat veterans and make it easier to fire executives at the Department of Veterans Affairs.

An agreement announced by the chairmen of the House and Senate Veterans Affairs committees is intended to fix a veterans' health program scandalized by long patient wait times and falsified records covering up delays.

The bill includes $10 billion in emergency spending to make it easier for veterans who can't get prompt appointments with VA doctors to obtain outside care; $5 billion to hire doctors, nurses and other medical staff; and about $1.5 billion to lease 27 new clinics across the country, lawmakers said.

The bill also would expand a scholarship program for veterans, allow all veterans to qualify for in-state college tuition and grant the VA secretary authority to immediately fire senior executives, while providing employees with streamlined appeal rights.

"This bill makes certain that we address the immediate crisis of veterans being forced onto long waiting lists for health care," said Sen. Bernie Sanders, I-Vt., chairman of the Senate Veterans Affairs panel.

The measure also "strengthens the VA so that it will be able to hire the doctors, nurses and medical personnel it needs so we can permanently put an end to the long waiting lists," Sanders said at a news conference with Rep. Jeff Miller, R-Fla., his House counterpart.

Miller said the bill would "go a long way to resolve the crisis" that is gripping the VA. The agency has been rocked by reports of patients dying while awaiting treatment and mounting evidence that workers falsified or omitted appointment schedules to mask frequent, long delays. Sanders and Miller reached agreement on a plan to reform the VA over the weekend after more than six weeks of sometimes testy talks.

The compromise measure would require the VA to pay private doctors to treat qualifying veterans who can't get prompt appointments at the VA's nearly 1,000 hospitals and outpatient clinics, or those who live at least 40 miles from one of them. Only veterans who are enrolled in VA care as of Aug. 1 or live at least 40 miles away would be eligible to get outside care.

The proposed restrictions are important in controlling costs for the program. Congressional budget analysts had projected that tens of thousands of veterans who currently are not treated by the VA would likely seek VA care if they could see a private doctor paid for by the government.

Sanders and Miller acknowledged the bill's steep cost, but said it would include about $12 billion in new spending after accounting for about $5 billion in unspecified spending cuts from the VA's budget.

"Funding for veterans' needs must be considered a 'cost of war' and appropriated as emergency spending," Sanders said. "Planes and tanks and guns are a cost of war. So is taking care of the men and women who fight our battles."

The deal requires a vote by a conference committee of House and Senate negotiators, and votes in the full House and Senate. Miller and Sanders both predicted passage of the bill by the end of the week, when Congress is set to leave town for a five-week recess.

If approved by Congress and signed by President Barack Obama, the veterans' bill would be one of the few significant bills signed into law this year.

White House press secretary Josh Earnest said Obama welcomes the bipartisan deal. "There are much-needed reforms that need to be implemented" at the VA, Earnest said Monday.

The White House is especially pleased that the bill includes emergency spending "to provide VA the additional resources necessary to deliver timely, high-quality care to veterans through a strengthened VA system," Earnest said.

Garry Augustine, executive director of the Disabled American Veterans, called the compromise a promising first step to rebuild the VA and provide enrolled veterans with timely health care.

"While no veteran should be forced to wait too long or travel too far to get their care, we remain concerned that simply giving veterans plastic cards and wishing them good luck in the private sector is not a substitute for a coordinated system of care," Augustine said. "The VA must remain fully responsible for ensuring the best health outcomes for veterans."

An updated audit by the VA this month showed that about 10 percent of veterans seeking medical care at VA hospitals and clinics still have to wait at least 30 days for an appointment. About 46,000 veterans have had to wait at least three months for initial appointments, the report said, and an additional 7,000 veterans who asked for appointments over the past decade never got them.

PROPOSED FACILITIES

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Proposed new Veterans Affairs medical facilities, part of an agreement reached Sunday between House and Senate leaders negotiating a bill to reform the Veterans Affairs Department and improve veterans' access to health care. CBOC stands for community based outpatient clinic, or a walk-in clinic.

State	City	Type of Facility
Ariz.	Phoenix	CBOC
Calif.	Chico	CBOC
Calif.	Chula Vista	CBOC
Calif.	Redding	CBOC
Calif.	San Diego	CBOC
Conn.	West Haven	Homeless drop-in center
Fla.	New Port Richey	Outpatient clinic
Ga.	Cobb County	CBOC
Hawaii	Leeward Oahu	Outpatient health access center
Ill.	Hines	Research
Kan.	Johnson County	CBOC
La.	Lafayette	CBOC
La.	Lake Charles	CBOC
Mass.	Worcester	CBOC
Mo.	Cape Girardeau	CBOC
N.J.	Brick	CBOC
N.M.	Albuquerque	Research and pharmacological center
Neb.	Lincoln	CBOC
Okla.	Tulsa	CBOC
Puerto Rico	Ponce	Outpatient clinic
S.C.	Charleston	Primary care and dental annex
S.C.	Myrtle Beach	CBOC consolidation
Tenn.	Chattanooga	Multispecialty clinic
Texas	San Antonio	Lease consolidation
Texas	Tyler	CBOC
Texas	Houston	Research
Texas	Lubbock	CBOC

US fuming over Israeli criticism of Kerry

By Matthew Lee and Julie Pace
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Obama administration pushed back strongly Monday at a torrent of Israeli criticism over Secretary of State John Kerry's latest bid to secure a cease-fire with Hamas, accusing some in Israel of launching a "misinformation campaign" against the top American diplomat.

"It's simply not the way partners and allies treat each other," State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said.

Her comments were echoed by the White House, where National Security Adviser Susan Rice said the U.S. was "dismayed" by mischaracterizations of Kerry's efforts. Israeli media reports have cast Kerry as seeking a cease-fire that is more favorable to Hamas and being dismissive of key Israeli concerns.

Kerry himself, in a speech to the Center for American Progress, noted the criticism but did not give ground.

"Make no mistake, when the people of Israel are rushing to bomb shelters, when innocent Israeli and Palestinian teenagers are abducted and murdered, when hundreds of innocent civilians have lost their lives, I will and we will make no apologies for our engagement," he said.

The coordinated pushback in Washington came amid growing U.S. frustration with Israel as Palestinian civilian casualties mount amid a sustained Israeli air and ground war in the Gaza Strip. In recent days, U.S. officials have been using subtle yet noticeably tougher language in pressing Israel to accept an immediate and unconditional humanitarian cease-fire.

The U.S. has made little progress in achieving that objective. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said in a televised speech Monday that his country must be ready for "a prolonged campaign" against Hamas in Gaza.

As Kerry returned from the region over the weekend, Israeli media commentators leveled almost nonstop criticism of his attempts to bring Qatar and Turkey — two countries viewed by Israel as strong Hamas supporters — into the cease-fire negotiations. Kerry was also accused of abandoning some of Israel's key demands during the negotiations, including demilitarizing Gaza.

In trying to implement the cease-fire over the weekend, "U.S. Secretary of State of State John Kerry ruined everything," wrote columnist Ari Shavit in Monday's Haaretz, Israel's leading liberal newspaper. "Very senior officials in Jerusalem described the proposal that Kerry put on the table as a 'strategic terrorist attack.'"

Israeli Ambassador to the United States Ron Dermer sought to distance his government from that view, saying, "The criticism of Secretary Kerry for his good faith efforts to advance a sustainable cease-fire is unwarranted."

"There is broad understanding between Israel and the United States about the principles for a sustainable cease-fire, and we look forward to continuing to work closely with the United States to advance that goal and a durable solution to the problems in Gaza," Dermer said Monday.

Associated Press

Jannie Covedale, right, who lost two grandchildren in the Oklahoma City bombing, hugs Courtney Jackson, left, a student from Tarrant County College, in Fort Worth, at the Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial in Oklahoma City, Friday. Coverdale stopped to talk with a group of students who recognized her after viewing exhibits in the Oklahoma City Bombing Museum. Coverdale said she is hopeful that an upcoming trial in Utah will shed light on the bombing.

Trial begins in case over Oklahoma City bombing

By Brady McCombs and Tim Talley
Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — The FBI has done a thorough search of its archives and found no evidence that more Oklahoma City bombing videos exist, federal attorneys told a judge on Monday during the first day of a trial that has rekindled long-dormant questions about whether others were involved in the devastating 1995 attack.

Additional searches for videos that Salt Lake City lawyer Jesse Trentadue believes are being withheld would be burdensome and fruitless, FBI attorney Kathryn Wyer said.

The agency has already provided videos and paper documents that correspond with Trentadue's Freedom of Information Act request, she said.

"The plaintiff has refused to accept that the 30 tapes he got are the only tapes," Wyer said during opening statements in the bench trial in a Salt Lake City federal courtroom.

The trial was triggered by a Freedom of Information Act lawsuit Trentadue filed in 2008. Unsatisfied by the FBI's previous explanations, U.S. District Judge Clark Waddoups ordered the FBI to explain why it can't find videos from the bombing that are mentioned in evidence logs, citing the public importance of the tapes.

FBI attorneys intend to call bureau employees to testify the agency did a thorough search.

The trial is scheduled to last three days. There is no jury, and the judge will make a ruling.

Trentadue says the agency is refusing to release videos that show a second person was with Timothy McVeigh when he parked a truck outside the Oklahoma City federal building and detonated the bomb. The government says McVeigh was alone.

Trentadue believes the presence of a second suspect in the truck explains why his brother, Kenneth Trentadue, was flown to Oklahoma several months after the bombing, where he died in a federal holding cell. His brother bore a striking resemblance to a police sketch that officials sent out after the bombing based on witness descriptions of the enigmatic suspect "John Doe No. 2." The suspect was never identified.

Jesse Trentadue's belief that the tapes exists stems from a Secret Service document written shortly after the bombing that describes security video footage of the attack that shows suspects — in plural — exiting the truck three minutes before it went off.

A Secret Service agent testified in 2004 that the log does, in fact, exist but that the government knows of no videotape. The log that the information was pulled from contained reports that were never verified, said Stacy A. Bauerschmidt, then-assistant to the special agent in charge of the agency's intelligence division.

Several investigators and prosecutors who worked the case told The Associated Press in 2004 they had never seen video footage like that described in the Secret Service log.

On Monday, Trentadue grilled Monica Mitchell of the FBI about why her agency had not done more to search for the tape.

"Didn't it come to your mind that that tape may exist?" Trentadue asked.

Mitchell said she didn't know the authenticity of the Secret Service document. She said she has asked FBI agents in the Oklahoma City bureau about the tape several times, but none of them knew of its existence.

Trentadue asked if Mitchell had asked FBI headquarters about the tape, citing documents that show it had one tape and 300 pages of documents. She acknowledged she had not asked headquarters about those items as part of the FOIA request.

Wyer objected to questioning from Trentadue about files and areas that were not searched, but the judge allowed Trentadue to continue with the questions. He said it was relevant to explore why the FBI didn't search certain files.

Mitchell defended the FBI's methods, saying agency employees did multiple searches to adequately respond to Trentadue's request.

Trentadue's case stems from his quest to explain his brother's mysterious jail cell death 19 years ago at the U.S. Bureau of Prisons' Federal Transfer Center in Oklahoma City.

Kenneth Trentadue, 44, a convicted bank robber and construction worker, was brought there after being picked up for probation violations while coming back to the U.S. at the Mexican border, Jesse Trentadue said.

His death was officially labeled a suicide. But his body had 41 wounds and bruises that his brother believes were the result of a beating. In 2008, a federal judge awarded the family $1.1 million in damages for extreme emotional distress in the government's handling of the death. The amount was reduced to $900,000 after an appeal.

The FBI has released 30 video recordings to Trentadue from downtown Oklahoma City, but they don't show the explosion or McVeigh's arrival in a rental truck.

Defense: Gov't suppressed evidence in Blackwater

By Pete Yost
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Lawyers for Blackwater security guards said Monday that the government has suppressed evidence favorable to defendants who are on trial in the killings of 14 Iraqis in Nisoor Square in Baghdad.

U.S. Attorney Ronald Machen says that "a series of innocent oversights" led to the problem.

The defense team for the four former Blackwater guards says the suppressed evidence consists of photographs of eight spent shell casings that would fit an AK-47.

A court filing by the defense attorneys says a U.S. Army captain took the photographs at a bus stop several hundred feet from Nisoor Square and that they never saw the light of day until federal prosecutors turned them over last Wednesday.

The photos could become an important part of the case. They could bolster the accounts of the security guards, who say they were being fired upon by insurgents and that the guards were simply returning fire.

"The government has suppressed, for seven years, evidence in its possession that is plainly exculpatory on the central disputed issue" in the case, the defense lawyers said in a court filing. "Had they possessed these photos, defendants would have made them a central focus during opening statements as evidence of incoming fire. Defendants also would have used this evidence to cross-examine at least four witnesses who have already testified" and who are not subject to being recalled because they have returned to Iraq.

The defense attorneys are asking that they be allowed to explain to the jurors in the case why they are just hearing now about the new evidence. The defense lawyers also want the judge to tell the jurors that the government failed to disclose the evidence before the trial, which began over a month ago.

According to the court filing, then-Army Capt. Peter Decareau was one of the first Americans to arrive at the Nisoor Square crime scene, where he took photos, including two of a group of eight AK-47 shells on the ground behind the bus stop. On Oct. 12, 2007, Decareau turned over to the FBI a CD of the crime scene photos.

Based on Decareau's testimony, federal prosecutors all understood that Decareau did not observe any AK-47 shell casings on the scene, Machen wrote defense lawyers. In addition, prosecutors "incorrectly assumed" that a montage of Decareau's photos contained all the photos from the disc he had provided to the FBI, Machen wrote.

The eight AK-47 shells themselves have disappeared. Neither the State Department nor FBI agents recovered them.

"The physical evidence possessed by the FBI does not include the AK-47 shells photographed at the bus stop by Decareau," the court filing states. "Decareau's photographs are the only evidence of those AK-47 shells at the bus stop immediately after the incident."

The court filing raised the possibility that Iraqi authorities had taken the shell casings.

"Notably, photographs taken Sept. 16, 2007, show many Iraqi officials at the bus stop," said the court papers. "Decareau advised the FBI during his October 2007 interview that he observed" that Iraqi Army General Baja took several items from the scene."

The defense team said it would have used the photographs to rebut the government's claim that no evidence of incoming fire was found and to point out to the jury how easy it was for evidence of hostile fire to disappear.

In a 2008 grand jury appearance, Decareau was questioned about a number of the photos he had taken, but the exhibits did not include the two photos of the AK-47 casings at the bus stop, according to the court filing.

Report says surveillance is hampering journalists

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Revelations over the past few years about how U.S. security officials have the ability to track people through phone, email and other electronic records are making it harder for journalists to report on what the government is doing, two human rights groups say.

Human Rights Watch and the American Civil Liberties Union said in a report issued Monday that access to data as detailed in leaks by former National Security Agency systems analyst Edward Snowden, coupled with the Obama administration's prosecution of people for leaking classified information, is having a chilling effect on reporters.

The groups are calling on the administration to be more upfront about the data it is collecting and how the information is used, and to increase protections for journalists and whistleblowers.

The same government access to information is eroding the ability of lawyers to protect the confidentiality of its contacts with criminal defendants, the report concludes.

While journalists are not being prosecuted for doing their jobs, news about the scope and type of information available to the government has forced many journalists to change how they work, said Alex Sinha, the report's author. Several say that fewer sources are willing to talk to them because they fear the consequences, he said.

Reporters are turning to encryption technology that scrambles electronic communication with sources, although they worry the mere fact the government knows they are using encryption will raise suspicions. To counter monitoring of cellphones, some say they use throwaway phones. One reporter said he calls many sources at the time of a big story, just to protect the identity of the ones he used. Face-to-face contact is increasingly preferred.

One reporter, ABC's Brian Ross, said he's been tipped to say, "I'm a U.S. citizen, are you?" at the beginning of cellphone conversations because of a legal prohibition against monitoring calls by citizens.

NATION BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Ronstadt gets answer to 'When Will I Be Loved?'

Singer Linda Ronstadt got the answer to that question she's been asking for decades: "When Will I Be Loved?"

The answer was Monday at the White House, by President Barack Obama, who hung a National Medal of Arts around her neck and revealed, "I had a little crush on her back in the day."

The honor was a particularly special moment for Ronstadt, who didn't make it to her induction to the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in April since Parkinson's disease limits her ability to travel. A military aide brought her into the East Room by wheelchair, but she walked to the stage to receive her award as a citation was read honoring her "one-of-a-kind voice" that paved the way for generations of women artists.

Eleven other recipients were awarded the 2013 National Medal of Arts, as the nation's highest award given to artists and their patrons, including DreamWorks Animation chief Jeffrey Katzenberg and Dominican-American writer Julia Alvarez, author of "In the Time of the Butterflies." Ten were awarded the National Humanities Medal, which honors those in fields including history, literature, languages and philosophy.

MAINE

Police: Man killed family, himself

SACO — A suicidal maintenance worker with financial problems killed his wife and three children with a shotgun before killing himself over the weekend in what state police called one of the worst cases of domestic violence in Maine history, investigators said Monday.

Joel Smith presented a friendly face at the 61-unit apartment complex where he worked. But he was having domestic and financial problems, and his wife told a family friend that he had recently threatened to kill himself, police said.

The family had moved from Arizona about two years ago because of the sour economy, said Smith's mother, Jerys Caruthers-Thorpe, of Scottsdale, Arizona.

"I know something had to have snapped because Joel never would have done that in his right mind," she told The Associated Press.

Heather Smith, 35, was shot along with the couple's 4-year-old daughter, Lily, in the parents' bed, said Sgt. Christopher Harriman, a state police detective. Joel Smith's body was found on the floor nearby, the shotgun by his side, Harriman said.

The boys, 12-year-old Jason Montez and 7-year-old Noah Montez, were found dead in their separate bedrooms, Harriman said.

Investigators said the wife told a family friend Saturday night before the shooting that Joel Smith recently had threatened suicide by holding a gun to his head about a week earlier. The friend later contacted an apartment complex worker to express concerns about the family's well-being, leading to the grisly discovery on Sunday, police said.

No suicide note was found.

Neighbors described the father as well known in the apartment complex along the Saco River because he worked for a company that provided maintenance services. They described him as friendly and outgoing. Few knew about any problems.

"If there was anything going wrong, no one knew it," said Heather Nason, who used to babysit the three children. "Whatever was wrong, they hid it well."

Smith, who was a carpenter and builder, decided to follow his father to Maine in hopes of escaping the tough economy out West, Caruthers-Thorpe said.

Downtown library features Lady Bird Johnson exhibit

By Steve Kuhlmann
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The Midland County Public Library downtown location is currently housing an exhibit honoring former first lady Claudia "Lady Bird" Johnson. The "Wilderness and Wildflowers: The Legacy of Lady Bird Johnson" exhibit — created by the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin and presented by Humanities Texas — focuses on Lady Bird's love for and advocacy of nature.

"The Downtown Library is thrilled to be hosting Humanities Texas' Lady Bird Johnson exhibit," said Edward McPherson, education and program coordinator for the Midland County Public Library. "Lady Bird's is a legacy that remains relevant, and can guide us today. The exhibit reminds us of the first lady's enterprising spirit, foresight in preservation and dedication to public service — all qualities of an enduring spirit that continues to make Texas a wonderful place nearly 50 years later."

The exhibit was developed to "honor her conservation legacy" as a part of the Wildflower Center's centennial celebration of Lady Bird's birth in 2012.

Since it was created, the exhibit has traveled the state and has even spent six months at the United States Botanic Garden in Washington, D.C.

"When she died in 2007, it was very important to us that all the recognition, all the media that would be picking up on the story that it not just be a story about wildflowers," said Susan Rieff, executive director of the Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center. "While she loved wildflowers, that was really a fraction of her conservation legacy. She was an advocate for nature at large."

The exhibit, consisting of two kiosks, features quotes, photographs and video that trace Lady Bird's life from her childhood in East Texas through her time in the White House as first lady and her rise as a prominent conservation advocate.

"I hope (visitors) take away the understanding that this wonderful woman in Texas history was even more influential now than they had thought and that she was a very

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The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower exhibit is open through Sept. 15 at the Midland County Public Library downtown location.

ON THE RURAL ROAD

Joseph Basco/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: A couple dances during Anthony Ray Wright's Viva Big Bend set at Railroad Blues in Alpine. Marfa and Alpine were two of the cities to host Viva Big Bend, a six-day music festival in far West Texas. **BELOW LEFT:** Artwork can be seen all over the streets of Alpine. This was next to Kiowa Gallery on Holland Avenue. **BELOW RIGHT:** Terri Hendrix and Lloyd Maines perform in an intimate setting at Padre's in Marfa.

Escaping West Texas by going to West Texas: Viva Big Bend music festival draws crowds to authentic, rural Texas

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Editor's note: Reporter-Telegram reporter Joseph Basco spent the weekend listening to music and taking in the scenery in far West Texas during the third annual Viva Big Bend Music Festival. For more photos from the festival, go to MRT.com and also check out more coverage of the Big Bend area in Sunday's West Texas Living section.

DAY 1

I was somewhere around Interstate 10, on the edge of the desert, when the greenery began to take hold.

Random dust devils sprouted up on U.S. Route 67 and the sun was burning my dashboard and skin. Yet, the grass was so green and the mountains thankfully blocked my view of the endless horizon I'm used to seeing in Midland.

When I arrived at the Maverick Inn in Alpine, I reached the romanticized vision of the desert I've seen in classic films and travel shows: cacti everywhere, non-tacky cowboy art and all-wood décor. The walls and furniture in my room were something out of a John Wayne movie. I had to call someone pilgrim just to fit in.

Knowing I was in the Big Bend area for an assignment, I had to plan my short time here and decide that the first day would be entirely for Alpine, and the next would be for Marfa. Stewart Ramser, the organizer of the festival, reminded me last week that it would be impossible to see and do all the festivities, so it's best to plan ahead and decide which musical acts you're going to see.

After doing research and sipping ice water in a prerequisite drinking jar for an hour, I was ready to make it deeper into Alpine.

The core of Alpine is basically two one-way roads: westbound Avenue East and eastbound Holland Avenue. It seems counterintuitive, but between both roads are blocks full of galleries, restaurants, bars and stores. And Viva Big Bend was right in the middle of it all.

A town that has nearly 6,000 people does downtown better than a city of 130,000 or so does.

I first checked in at the Holland Hotel for my festival wristband.

At the hotel, it threw me off when I realized how young and gorgeous some of the people were. It was like I was on South Congress Avenue in Austin. Or maybe, they're traveling tourists like me looking for the romanticized rural Texas that makes you feel like you're in the past.

At the Holland Hotel's patio area, mariachi band Grupo Alegre killed it in front of a crowd already into their third bottle or glass. The fountain running in the middle of the patio, the stone floor and cloudy sky made me long for something like this in Midland.

And like everyone else around here, I walked to the next Viva Big Bend venue, Railroad Blues. This dive bar was next to the railroad tracks and had a huge front lawn where everyone had a bottle in their hand. Country music is not my thing, but this place had plenty of it.

Rather than listen to more country music, I decided to grab a ridiculous hot dog covered with pesto and pineapple, the "El Pastor" dog from the Cow Dog food truck. This was something I thought I would only see in Austin.

I called it an early night because I drove for three hours in the early afternoon and felt dehydrated by 8 p.m.

As someone who moved to Midland nearly two years ago, I finally made it to West Texas.

DAY 2

I embarked on the incredibly scenic U.S. Route 90 from Alpine to reach Marfa for day 2 of Viva Big Bend.

U.S. Route 90 is by far the most impressive road I have ever been on in

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KNIFE & FORK

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Simple recipes encourage kids to help cook

As a parent, it's important to me to involve my children in the preparation of food. Encouraging kiddos to help out in the kitchen teaches them where their food comes from, broadens their palates and fosters a sense of accomplishment and responsibility.

Unfortunately, as a control freak, it's also incredibly difficult for me to willingly invite chaos into my kitchen. When my 3-year-old daughter wants to help Mommy cook dinner, I oblige and then find myself cringing at the inevitable mess and imperfect measurements that ensue.

So far, we haven't made anything inedible, and there have yet to be any spills that couldn't be cleaned. And, I'm proud to report (er, brag), that my daughter is kind of an awesome eater. She loves asparagus and green beans and every fruit she's ever tried. When she does decide she's not into something, she nonchalantly says she'll probably like it when she's older. After her next birthday, she's expecting to enjoy hummus, tomatoes, spinach and cottage cheese. Obviously I have no idea if this has anything to do with letting her play sous chef, but I'll take it as a win either way.

Here are a few easy recipes to get kids in the kitchen.

Rice Krispie Treats

From ricekrispies.com

It doesn't matter how old you are, it's always fun to make Rice Krispie treats. The original recipe is really simple so it's perfect for younger kids or it could be a great starting point for older kiddos to get creative. Rice Krispie ice cream sandwiches, anyone?

3 tablespoons butter
1 package (10 oz., about 40) Marshmallows
6 cups Kellogg's Rice Krispies cereal
In large saucepan melt butter over low heat. Add marshmallows and stir until completely melted. Remove from heat.
Add Kellogg's Rice Krispies cereal. Stir until well coated.
Using buttered spatula or wax paper, evenly press mixture into 13 x 9 x 2-inch pan coated with cooking spray. Cool. Cut into 2-inch squares. Best if served the same day.

Fruit salad

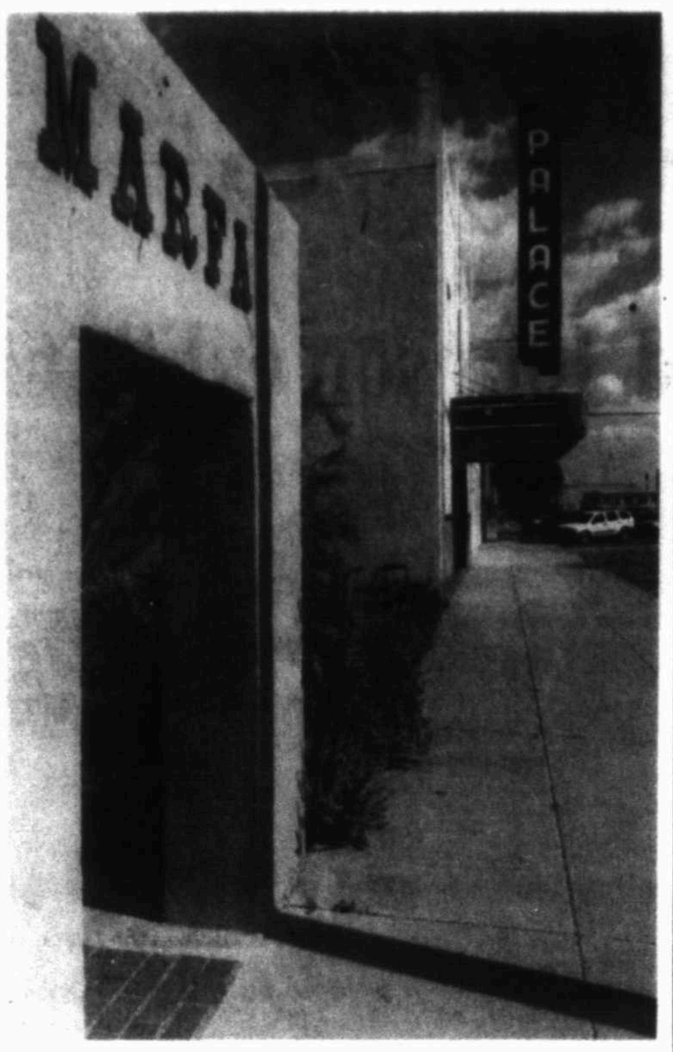
Really, any kind of salad would be easy for kids to put together (and maybe encourage more vegetable eating!), but I love the bright colors and flavors of a fruit salad. Young children can help choose the fruit, mix it together and add the dressing. Older kids can help cut up the fruit into bite-sized pieces.

1 cantaloupe
1 pineapple (or 1 can sliced pineapple)
1 cup strawberries, halved
2 peaches
1 cup red or green grapes, halved
4 Tablespoons lemon juice (or any kind of citrus juice)
2 Tablespoons honey
Cut whole fruit into bite-sized pieces. Mix together in serving bowl. Whisk together lemon juice and honey and toss with fruit.

Roasted veggies

Just like with a salad, this recipe is flexible enough for kids to help decide what to include. Choose whatever veggies your family prefers and let your helper toss the veggies with the oil and arrange them in the roasting pan.

1 sweet potato
1/2 bunch asparagus
1 yellow squash
1 yellow onion
2-3 Tablespoons olive oil
salt and pepper
Preheat oven to 375. Wash all the veggies. Peel the sweet potato. Cut veggies into bite-size pieces. Line roasting pan with aluminum foil. Toss veggies olive oil and salt and pepper. Roast for 20-25 minutes.



Photos by Joseph Basco/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: This Marfa sign is at the corner of Highland Street and Lincoln Street, across from the Presidio County Courthouse. **BELOW:** Like Alpine, Marfa has artwork everywhere. A display of skulls is protected by cacti in front of the Wrong store in Marfa.

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my life. The road is surrounded by mountains. Not a single Starbucks or gas station interrupts the majesty of nature at its finest.

Take a moment to pull over in a safe spot and just be amazed by how beautiful nature can be. Keep in mind that this is something you don't get to see in cities.

As I arrived closer to Marfa, the mountains started to disappear. But 10 minutes or so later the scenic view was replaced by Marfa itself.

Because the Viva Big Bend performances are scheduled at night, I had hours to waste in Marfa, a small town revered for its artsy culture in the middle of nowhere.

By the time I arrived, late in the afternoon on Friday, everything seemed to be closed. I wanted my first stop to be Wrong, a store that seemed to sell eccentric wares, but I was greeted by a locked door. I then noticed all the food trucks — which are aplenty relative to Midland — all closed at 3 p.m.

Thankfully, Ballroom Marfa welcomed me with an open door. Ballroom Marfa is the nonprofit gallery responsible for the Prada Marfa display made famous by Beyonce. It amazed me how something you would typically see in a big city was placed here in far West Texas.

Rather than just still photos and artwork, Ballroom Marfa had films on display. I watched a film projected on two screens titled "Movie Mountain (Méliès)." The meta-film places West Texas as the main character and requires the viewer to understand how the filmmaking process is outside of the Hollywood system.

It was finally time to head to the legendary Padres, a small dive bar that has hosted many bands I've listened to. Because I wanted to head back to my Alpine hotel before dark, I made my time worth it by watching Terri Hendrix with Lloyd Maines. Many others did as well, making the venue tightly packed but still close and intimate.

Hendrix plays a fusion of country, folk and blues that made me more receptive to the straight-laced country everyone in Texas seems to enjoy.

She switched back and forth between a harmonica and acoustic guitar, making the indie kid in me bang my hand on my knee. To make the set even more enjoyable, I ate one of the best cheeseburgers in Texas from Padres' kitchen. The place may look trashy, but like Midland's Riley's on Wall Street, magical food comes from the unlikeliest places.

It was 8:30 p.m. by the time Hendrix and Maines' set was finished, so I headed back into the mountains, happily driving off into the sunset.

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visionary environmental leader," said Rieff. "All of the things that she talked about during her lifetime are still issues that we deal with today. I hope that they will be reminded of that, and be inspired to plant some native flowers in their own yard or conserve water in their garden or take a trip and enjoy the fabulous national parks."

During President Lyndon B. Johnson's administration, more than 200 pieces of environmental or conservation legislation were passed, many of which were influenced by the first lady.

"She was the voice in the White House of environmental conservation" said Reiff. "She traveled extensively with Secretary of the Interior at the time Stuart Udall throughout the West looking at national parks and national rivers and bringing those ideas and those problems and opportunities back to Washington."

Barbra Rodriguez, media manager at the Wildflower Center, hopes visitors to the exhibit are inspired to add native plants to their yards. The center offers resources to help people choose plants that fit their landscape.

"We have (an online) database of thousands of native plant images and thousands of description of native plants for use throughout the country," said Rodriguez. "You can pick your state, you can pick, 'I want a yellow flower that can handle dry soils in the sun,' and it will pull up for you in your state what native plants fit that description."

The exhibit will be on display in the library until Sept. 15.

For more information, visit www.wildflower.org.

Obituaries

Evonne Garza Martinez

Evonne Garza Martinez, 56, of Midland, passed away Friday, July 25, 2014, at her residence in Midland, Texas.

A Rosary will be read at Sunset Memorial Chapel at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 29, 2014. A Mass will be at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church. Burial will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Evonne was born in Odessa, Texas, to Frank and Rufina Martinez on June 20, 1958. She attended Permian High School. Evonne never married and prided herself as a homemaker.

Evonne is preceded in death by both her parents, Frank P. Martinez and Rufina G. Martinez; as well as two brothers, Rudy Cervantes and Lupe Martinez.

Evonne is survived by brothers, Richard and Gloria Sparks of Odessa, Frank Larry Martinez of Midland, Sammy and Elizabeth Martinez of Odessa, Frankie and Ester Martinez of Snyder, Carlos and Ofelia Martinez also of Snyder; sisters, Joanna and Jones Burk, Linda and Leroy Chavez, Lydia and Jimmy Smart, Virginia Holmes, Lorrie Ann and Joe Whitley, Diane and Dale Esquibel, Sueann Martinez all of Odessa, Melissa and Carlos Armendariz, and Heather and Uriel Villa of Midland; as well as Rene Gutierrez, her best friend.

Pallbearers will be Ryan Mapes, Scott Scroggins, Joe Whitley, Jr., Gary Smart, Frank Burk, and Aaron Burk.

Services are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home. To send condolences please visit our website at *www.sunsetodessa.com.*

Joe Eldon Pierce

Joe Eldon Pierce, 84, of Crews, Texas, passed from this life to be with his Lord and Savior on Friday, July 25, 2014, after a short illness.

A celebration of his life will be held on Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at 10:30 a.m. in the Hopewell Baptist Church in Crews, Texas. Pastor Ferris Akins will officiate.

Joe was born in the Winchell Community of Brown County on March 5, 1930, to Jack and Pearl Pierce. He was the youngest of nine brothers and sisters.

He married the love of his life, Betty Joyce on December 21, 1968, served in the Navy from 1948-1950 and became a Mason in 1964.

As a young man, he worked as a postal carrier and a policeman before his 30 year career with State Farm Insurance until retiring in 1992. He also farmed and ranched for many years in Tom Green County and Runnels County.

He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Betty Pierce; two daughters who adored him, Deborah Ticer and husband John of Midland, Texas, Jenny Kading and husband Todd of Coleman, Texas; one step son, Richard McCullough and wife Anna of Bangs, Texas; he had six grandchildren, Debi Masters and husband Mick, Zachary "Pierce" Doyle, Kaeli Kading, and Heather, Mindy, and Kayla McCullough; he had six great grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Virginia "Jenny" Smith of El Campo, Texas; several nieces, nephews, and some very dear friends.

In lieu of flowers, please make donations to LifeLegacy Foundation of Tucson, Arizona or Hospice Midland of Midland, Texas.

Kenneth Dell "Scooter" Taylor

Kenneth Dell "Scooter" Taylor was born in Midland, Texas on August 19, 1947 to Porter Dell Taylor and Janice Titsworth Taylor. He died peacefully on July 24, 2014, after a brief illness in Katy, Texas with family by his side.

Scooter was given the nickname "Motor Scooter" by his birth doctor because he had the legs of an athlete and he believed that Scooter would be a fast runner. As the doctor predicted, Scooter became an agile child and grew up to be one of the fastest students to graduate from Midland High School. He excelled in football, baseball and track during his school years. He later enjoyed golf, fishing, and entertaining friends and family by taking his loved ones out on the boat and showing off his mastery of the BBQ pit.

Scooter excelled as a Petroleum Landman and developed lasting friendships everywhere he went. He leaves behind many friends and memories from his days in the oil patch.

He was a loving and devoted father, grandfather, brother, and friend. His personality, grandiose storytelling, and never-ending ability to deliver a great joke drew many friends and loved ones. He was a friend to all and adored by everyone that crossed his path. Scooter was a very generous, kind, and loving man, especially to those that were less fortunate than he.

Scooter was preceded in death by his parents, Porter Dell Taylor, and Janice Titsworth Taylor Nye.

Scooter is survived by his loving family, Kirk Taylor and wife, Chelsea along with his grandchildren Caleb and Bailey of Victoria, Texas; his son, Bradley Taylor of Houston, Texas; his youngest son, Porter Taylor; and grandson, Porter Taylor, Jr. of Sugarland, Texas; his sister, Jan Taylor Wright and husband, Fred Wright and their children, Tracy Gauthier Jackson, Fred S. Wright IV, and Sara Wright of Midland, Texas; as well as numerous cousins and a multitude of friends, all of whom love and miss him dearly.

The family will be accepting guests Saturday afternoon, August 2, 2014, 2:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. at the home of Scooter's longtime friends, Sonny and Kristi Fields in Lake Pointe Estates, in Katy, Texas, 77494 (the community gate guard will provide directions). A memorial will be held at 3:00 p.m. to be followed by a celebration of Scooter's life.

Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the charity of one's choice. Condolences may be expressed at: *www.SchmidtFuneralHome.net.*

Luis Gonzales Jimenez, Jr.

Luis Gonzales Jimenez, Jr., 69, beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great-grand father passed away after he lost his battle to cancer on Saturday, July, 26, 2014, at Midland Memorial Hospital. He was born on April 17, 1945 to Luis and Maria G. Jimenez in God's country, Rocksprings, Texas.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife of 53 years, Maria Louisa Jimenez of Menard, Texas; two sons, Mario Luis Jimenez and wife Dora, and Jesse Jimenez and wife Michelle; two daughters, Noemi Avitia, and Rosalinda Tamez and husband Jesus; 15 grandchildren; 21 great grandchildren; siblings, Josephina Ruiz, Maria Ramirez, Fernando Jimenez, Juan Jimenez, and Manuel Jimenez.

He was preceded in death by his parents; and siblings, Florentina Martinez, Julia Reyes, Savas J DeLeon, and Jesus Jimenez.

He was employed with Rowan Companies, Inc., until his retirement in 2010 after 36 years of service.

Pallbearers are Mario Jimenez, Jesus Jimenez, Mario Jimenez, II, Israel, and Earsmo Tamez, Jesse and Nathan Jimenez, Christopher Seals, Felix Rodriguez; III, and Sean Saenz.

Honorary pallbearers are Raymond "Cheme" Ramirez and Jesus "Chuy" Jimenez.

The family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Tuesday, July 29, 2014 at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland.

Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*

Mariano Diaz Rendon, Sr.

Mariano Diaz Rendon, Sr., 71, of Midland, Texas, passed away on July 26, 2014. He was born on January 11, 1943.

Mariano Diaz Rendon, Sr. and Maria Amelia Padilla Rendon are the founders of the Midland Soup Kitchen Ministry.

Mariano was preceded in death by Maria Amelia Padilla Rendon, his first wife of 51 years, and by his daughter, Linda Rendon Olgin.

Survivors include his second wife Martha Rendon; daughters, Diana and husband Benny Avila, Yolanda and husband Jaime Spencer, Nancy and husband Jason Ivy; and son, J.R. and wife Esmeralda Rendon. Mariano is also survived by 11 grandchildren and seven great grandchildren.

Family welcomes friends for public visitation and viewing at Ellis Funeral Home on Wednesday, July 30, 2014 from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Funeral services will be held on Thursday, July 31, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at First Baptist Church of Midland, Texas, with Reverend Richard Spencer officiating. Burial will follow at Serenity Memorial gardens in Midland, Texas.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com*.

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Death Notices

Betty Rupe

Betty Rupe, 82, of Midland, Texas, passed away in Midland on Monday, July 28, 2014.

Services are pending with Sunset Memorial Gardens and Funeral Home.

Forest Clayton Scott

Forest Clayton Scott went home to his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on July 27, 2014.

He is survived by his wife, Vida; one sister; three sons, Stanley, Larry, and Carl.

Visitation will be at McNett Funeral Home Tuesday, July 29, 2014, from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Service will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at Andrews First Baptist Church. Burial will follow at Andrews County Cemetery.

Lucille "Lu" Norris

Lucille "Lu" Norris, 82, of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 27, 2014. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at the Midway Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors her husband, Bill Norris; one daughter, Rhonda Maltsberger; and one brother.

Maria de Jesus Madrid

Maria de Jesus Madrid, 89, of Odessa, passed away on Sunday, July 27, 2014, at her residence.

She is survived by her daughter, Anna Madrid.

Funeral services will be 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 30, 2014, at Acres West Funeral Chapel.

Melba Jo "Jody" Brock

Melba Jo "Jody" Brock, 76, of Midland passed away at her home on July 26, 2014.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 9, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home Chapel.

She is survived by her loving husband, Jay Brock; and two daughters, Sandy Bradley and Tonnie Milligan.

H-E-B donates $20,000 to Midland County Public Library Foundation

From staff reports

H-E-B announced Friday the Midland County Public Library Foundation will receive $20,000 to fund summer programs for children. The library foundation was selected from hundreds of children's nonprofits after a nearly two-month competition in which H-E-B customers voted on their favorite.

Midland County Public Library System Director John Trischitti III said in addition to being used toward the children's reading program, the donation will also be used "innovatively to create something new and exciting for Midland."

"The Midland County Public Library Foundation is thrilled to join H-E-B in creating a community built around our children, and their success," said Trischitti. "We are proud to have received this vote of confidence from the community and thankful for H-E-B's commitment to making Midland a wonderful place for libraries and families."

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CABLE	A&E		27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
	AMC		40	21	23	42	51	(5:00) Rocky IV		★★ Van Helsing ('04, Act) Kate Beckinsale.				Hugh Jackman.		★★ Eagle Eye ('08, Act) Shia LaBeouf.			
	BET		58	26		40		★★ Jumping the Broom ('11, Com) Laz Alonso, Paula Patton.						Apollo Live (N)		Apollo Live		Wendy Williams	
	BRAVO		65	63		41		Wives "The Last Leg"		Housewives NJ		Real Housewives (N)		Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Housewives NJ		Wives
	CNBC		46	45		39	72	Restaurant Startup		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Start (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
	CNN		43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Spotlight (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Spotlight	
	DISC		50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Deadliest Catch (N)		Bush People (N)		D. Catch "Sabotage		(:05) Bush People	
	DISNEY		56	27	36	25	36	Dog Blog	Jessie	★★★ Holes ('03, Adv) Sigourney Weaver				(:05) Girl	Austin	Dog Blog	A.N.T.	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
	ESPN		32	29	48	31	30	NFL Live		Poker		Poker		Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
	ESPN2		34	28	49	32	31	SportsCenter		WNBA Basketball Chicago vs San Antonio (L)				WNBA Basketball Los Angeles vs Phoenix (L)				Olbermann	
	FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	Pretty Little Liars		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Chasing Life (N)		Liar "Scream for Me"		The 700 Club		Chasing Life	
	FNC		45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
	FOOD		64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
	FSSW		37	43	50	45	29	Insider (N)	SportsDay OnAir	Football Texas High School Coaches All-Star Site: Alamodome San Antonio, Texas						Cowboys Train	Stars Insider	SportsD-ay OnAir	Ultimate Insider
	FX		31	31	59	64	69	2½Men		★★★ Immortals ('11, Act) Mickey Rourke, Henry Cavill.				Tyrant (N)		(:15) Tyrant			Bridge
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	LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Dance Moms "Lights! Camera! Dance!"		Dance Moms		Dance Moms (N)		Raising Asia (N)		Asia "The Lion Tamer and The Tiger Mom"		Dance Moms	
	MSNBC		47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
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	SPIKE		30	22	55	53	58	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Jail	Jail
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	TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:30) Yellow Jack		★★★★ Rio Grande John Wayne				★★ Spencer's Mountain Henry Fonda				(:15) The Battle	
	TELE		20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina de Corazones		En otra piel		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel	
	TLC		51	33	32	38	52	Extreme Coupon	Extreme Couponing	CakeBoss "Nightmare on Baker Street"		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker (N)		Bakery Rescue "Not Jus' Donuts" (N)		Cake Boss "Long Island Medium Cakes		Bakery Rescue "Not Jus' Donuts"	
	TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Nanny McDead"		Rizzoli & Isles "Knockout"		Rizzoli & Isles "Boston Kelt..." (N)		Perception "Bolero" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Boston Kelt..."		(:05) Perception "Bolero"	
	TVLAND		49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Hot In	Jennifer	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
	USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Escape"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Street Revenge"		Royal P... (N)	Did Not See That Coming (N)	Covert Affairs "Embassy Row" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Royal Pains (N)	I Did Not See That Coming
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Weekend getaway leads to exploring cliff dwellings in New Mexico

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

New Mexico is just a few miles west of us and we go there often, always finding new places to explore. Susan made reservations at a Hilton property north of Santa Fe called Buffalo Thunder. When we arrived there, we were amazed to see an extremely impressive complex with a casino and a 36-hole golf course. The course is spectacular, especially when you consider it was laid out in the mountains. The place has five restaurants on the premises, along with all the amenities you would expect to find at a beautiful resort.

It is fun to have nice surprises when you really don't know what to expect. We had no plans and no schedule, a perfect way to travel on a weekend getaway.

The man at the desk suggested we have supper at a place just down the road. We sat next to a couple of women who worked at Los Alamos and asked them what was there to do and see in the neighborhood. They both replied, "You must go to Puye." Having never heard of the place, we asked about it. It is a National Historic site where ancestors of the Santa Clara Pueblo live.

We went there the next morning. It is near Espanola, just a short drive from Buffalo Thunder. We were the first two tourists of the day, and we were fortunate to have a young college student guide who was enthusiastic about his ancestry and the cliff dwellings.

Between 900 and 1580, some 1,500 Native Americans lived in the area where they hunted game and grew crops. Estimates are the Puye constructed their community about 1250. It is on two levels, with access to the top mesa by paths, stairways and ladders. The dwellings at the base of the cliff had more than 700 rooms. Some people lived in caves cut into the side of the cliff.

The area was inhabited until 1590 when drought forced the villagers to move to the valley below. Their descendants live at the Santa Clara Pueblo, 10 miles east of the cliff dwellings. In the original Tewa language of the people, Puye translates into the phrase "where the rabbits meet."

We stayed there a couple of hours. It's a pretty strenuous trek, climbing up narrow rock crevices with sharp edges and ladders that led us to the caves and a panoramic view of the valley below.

Because we didn't have a schedule, we

Please see SMITH 4B

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HENRY
Hebrews 13:16
And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased.

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BANANA BITE: Similar

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IN AWE OF CREEPY CRAWLIES

LEFT: A young volunteer gets friendly with a bull snake during the "Wild About Texas" animal presentation by Michael Price, director of the I-20 Wildlife Preserve on Saturday at the Sibley Nature Center. **ABOVE LEFT:** Children pet a blue-tongued skink. **ABOVE RIGHT:** A turtle is shown to the kids.

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NEIL SPERRY

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Crape myrtles can be planted any time of year

Dear Neil: The crape myrtles have been so beautiful across Texas this summer. When is the best time to plant them?

Answer: You can actually plant crape myrtles successfully 12 months out of the year. My preference for planting all woody plants is October, because it gives them the longest possible time to become established before the next summer arrives. However, crape myrtle selections are at their best in nurseries in early and mid-summer, so you may prefer to buy and plant then. You just have to be mindful not to let the new plants dry out. Hand-water them every three or four days for their first couple of years in your landscape.

Dear Neil: I have a gardenia plant that bloomed heavily in spring, but all of the flowers were small. In the past, it has produced larger flowers. What can I do to get the larger blooms back?

Answer: When trees and shrubs produce more flowers (or fruit), it's quite common for them to be smaller than when it produces fewer. That's why fruit crops like apples, peaches, plums and pears should all be thinned. It's all about how many ways the water and nutrients have to be shared. Other than keeping the plant well watered and nourished, there isn't much you can do to increase the flower size. That's probably just its genetic potential.

Dear Neil: We have hibiscus plants on both sides of our deck steps at our home in South Texas. However, in the three years since we moved into the house, the plants have never bloomed. What can we do to encourage better flowering?

Answer: The plant looks quite healthy. But it also looks like it's growing in a lot of shade. Hibiscus plants flower best when they're in full or almost full sunlight. You may need to move them at the end of next winter, just before they begin their new season of growth. They bloom on new growth, so keep them properly nourished with nitrogen, and water them regularly.

Dear Neil: My Satsuma tree has sprouted a branch that has lots of thorns on it. It looks like it's coming directly from the trunk, but otherwise it looks like the other branches. Is this normal?

Answer: It is not normal. That's probably the rootstock or a mutation of one sort or another. Trim it off before it overtakes the desirable part of the tree.

Dear Neil: I am sodding about 250 square feet, but the center portion has never been able to sustain new grass. I have replaced the soil down to 10 inches. I have watered it carefully, but when I examine the new grass a month or two later, it isn't taking root. What would cause that repeated failure?

Answer: Excessive shade. You have just written the story of my earlier horticultural life — until I realized new St. Augustine has to have five or six hours of direct sunlight daily to spread and four just to survive. Unless there are other facts I don't have, with all of the other work you have done to provide a good home for the new grass, that's the only thing I can think of that would continue to be a problem.

Dear Neil: My oaks have an outbreak of little red berries on the undersides of their leaves. We have oak wilt in the neighborhood. I'm terribly worried about disease on these trees. Any idea what these might be?

Answer: These are harmless galls caused by insects stinging the leaf tissues and implanting their eggs. The plant tissues are stimulated to grow and surround the larvae. Eventually, the adult insects will emerge from these galls and the cycle will start over again. There is no preventive treatment for the many types of galls that bother oaks, but as stated, they do no damage. There is no call to action on your part.

Dear Neil: You recently mentioned it was OK to remove dead branches as needed to reshape a Texas mountain laurel. Does that also apply to living branches that extend out too far? Would the same answer apply to redbuds, vitex and crape myrtles?

Answer: You can certainly remove dead branches at any time of the year. If you're removing branches that are alive, that can also be done at any time, although winter is the best time, because you would be able to see completely through the bare plants, to determine which branches most need to be removed.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

August is the perfect month for evaluating irrigation systems for efficiency. It's so hot you won't mind getting wet and this is the time when irrigation problems really begin to show up.

Here are a few things to check.

Improve uniformity in watering lawn areas by making sure all the sprinkler heads in a station are the same make and model with the same features. Mismatched heads deliver different water rates. Some areas will be wet and some dry. When dry spots begin to appear, we typically increase the time on the station, which results in overwatering to compensate for the dry spots.

Poor design really stands out in the summer heat and often includes a lack of water coverage from head to head. Head-to-head coverage ensures uniformity throughout the yard and reduces the need to compensate for dry areas. You may want to consult an irrigation professional to ensure proper design.

Sprinkler types perform efficiently under a specific pressure range. Misting or a stream of water with large droplet size indicates low and high pressure. Misting wastes up to 50 percent of water applied during an irrigation event. Low pressure leads to poor water distribution and dry spots in the yard. Check manufacturer specifications to make sure the system pressure matches the sprinkler type for water efficiency.

Sidewalks, streets and other hardscapes should not be watered by irrigation systems. Run your system and look for water spraying onto non-target areas. Sprinkler head spray pattern or alignment may need to be adjusted.

Irrigation should be properly zoned. Zones should be based on plants in the zone. Don't mix turf grass zones with landscape beds because they have different rooting depths and require different watering frequencies. Keep sprinkler, bubble and drip irrigation on separate stations. The volume of water delivery is different, so they should be scheduled for different frequencies and lengths of time.

Consider sun and wind exposure. Plants in full sun require more water than plants in shade. Determine the type of soil. Sandy soils drain quickly relative to clay soils and may need to be watered more often.

Know how much water the plant needs and apply irrigation water according to soil moisture and plant need.

Proper irrigation management maintains healthy plants while also conserving a limited resource. Find re-leaf while running through the sprinklers while you check for irrigation efficiency.

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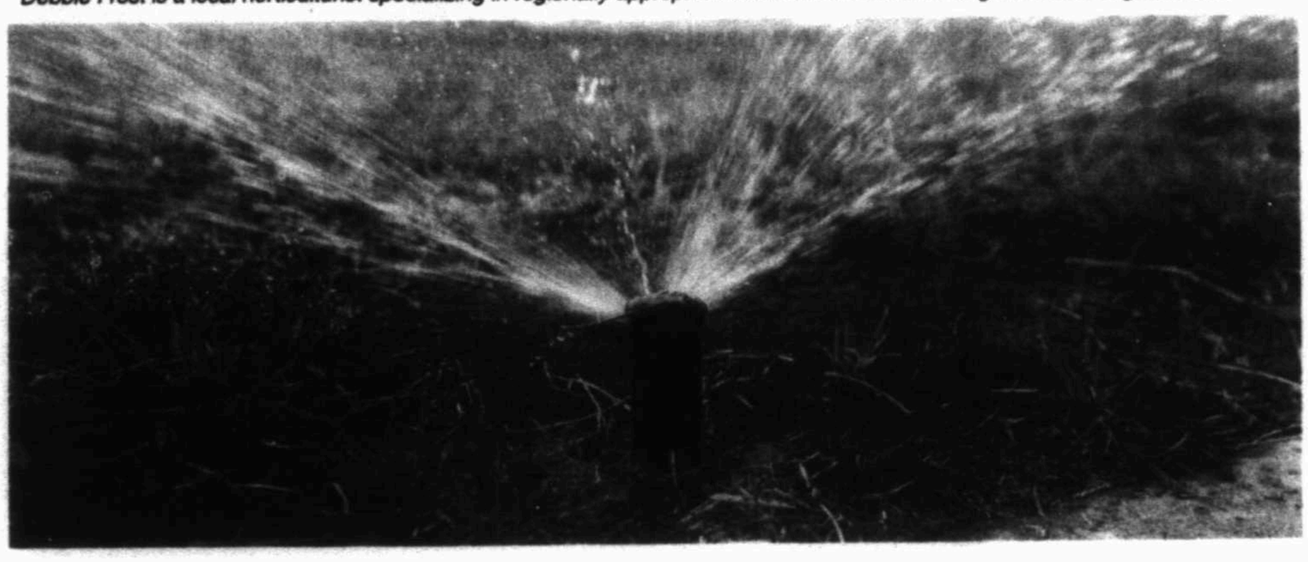

Win 'war of the weeds' with pre-emergents

JEFF FLOYD

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You hear a lot about pre-emergents and now is a good time to take the mystery out of their use and get a chokehold on weeds for 2015. Weeds compete against desirable landscape plants for water, nutrients and space. A fall pre-emergent properly applied around mid-September may give the lawn a competitive advantage in the war of the weeds next spring.

Why mid-September? For seeds to sprout, they have to be exposed to specific conditions. Certain amounts of temperature, light and moisture must surround seeds over a period of time before they can come out of their resting state. Seeds from each species have different environmental requirements to break out of dormancy but the conditions are often similar. We use this knowledge to our advantage.

For example, the seeds of the common winter annual henbit break dormancy when soil temperatures are between 68 and 59 degrees, while annual bluegrass germination peaks between 72 and 68 degrees. Soil temperatures approach optimal weed seed germination conditions around Sept. 15.

What pre-emergent should be used? Weeds are classified several different ways. Henbit and annual bluegrass each fall into a different weed category. Henbit is a broadleaf weed while annual bluegrass is a grassy weed. Both are destroyed by different mechanisms. A pre-emergent designed to kill henbit may not necessarily kill annual bluegrass.

Fortunately, several pre-emergent herbicides are formulated to attack both broadleaf and grassy weeds. Dithiopyr and bensulide are examples of active ingredients in some pre-emergent formulations that control both grassy and broadleaf weeds. Always read the label to see what weeds a pre-emergent will control.

Homeowners can typically find pre-emergents in granular formulations at local nurseries. Granules are easy to apply with a fertilizer spreader. Foliage should be dry when applying granular pre-emergents. Pre-emergent labels usually recommend irrigating the treated area to activate the chemical. To be most effective, pre-emergents should be applied before weed seed germination.

Once the pre-emergent is watered into the soil according to label directions, a preventative zone is created to a depth of about 2 inches into the soil. The moment that a targeted seed sprouts within this zone, the pre-emergent will contact it and prevent the weed from developing.

Weeds that have already established a root system are not sensitive enough to be killed by most pre-emergents and will live to produce more weeds. Established weeds require post emergent treatments which are a topic for another day.

The war of the weeds is won before the invaders sprout. The battle is usually fought around Sept. 15 in West Texas because this date is close to the time of peak soil temperatures for many winter annual weeds. Waiting much later than this may be a waste of time and money.

For more information on pre-emergent weed control, call the county Extension office at 686-4700 or drop me an email at jeff.floyd@ag.tamu.edu.

SMITH

From 3B

visited a couple of wineries, stopped a couple of times to photograph or admire vistas and wandered about aimlessly. We visited Bandolier National Monument near Los Alamos, another national monument with cliff dwellings. It is certainly a worthwhile visit and geared up for large numbers of tourists. Buses take people from downtown to the site because parking is at a premium. I guess it was our laid-back attitude, but when we saw all the hordes of people at Bandolier, we didn't enjoy it as much as we did at Puye where we had our own personal guide and didn't run into anyone else at the ruins.

I can't say enough good things about our visit to the Los Alamos museums, which describe how the atomic bomb was created. It was a colossal achievement of teamwork and dedication.

As on most of our short trips, we find that you can do a lot and see interesting places without traveling very far.

Tumbleweed Smith drives around looking for interesting things to write about. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 96 Low: 74

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 99 Low: 69

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 97 Low: 68

FRIDAY: Partly sunny High: 89 Low: 72

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 88 Low: 71

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 92 Low: 71

Local forecast

Expect two more days with high temperatures in the mid-to-upper 90s followed by cooler-than-average temperatures for this time of year Thursday through Sunday. The National Weather Service is also calling for a chance of rain today (10 percent), Wednesday (30 percent) and Thursday (30 percent).

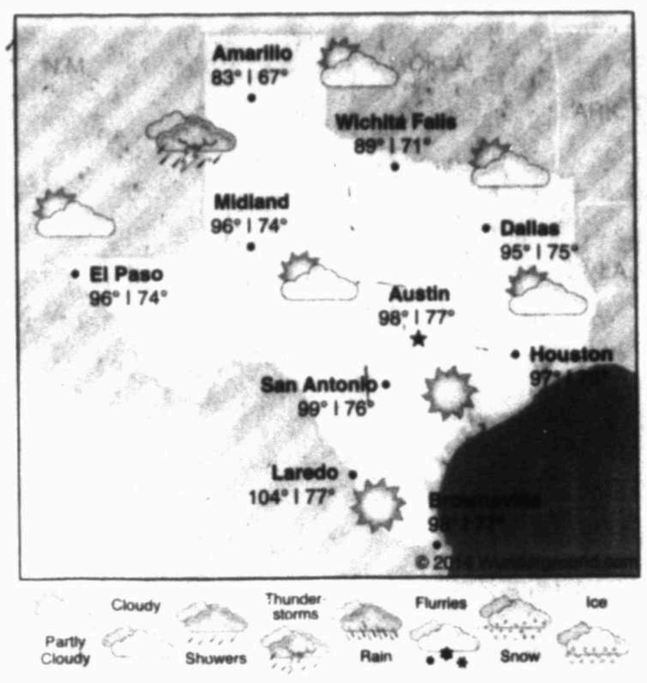
The high on Monday reached 97, while the low dropped to 75. The record high for July 28 is 106 set in 1944. The record low is 61 set in 1933.

Weather Why

Q: This has been a very dry summer. What's the driest place on Earth?

A: That would have to be in the country of Chile, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "A small town called Arica in Chile has gone as long as 14 years without any measurable rain," McRoberts said. "There was a 59-year period there when it averaged only 0.3 of an inch of rain. No place in the United States comes close to being that dry."

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



Precipitation

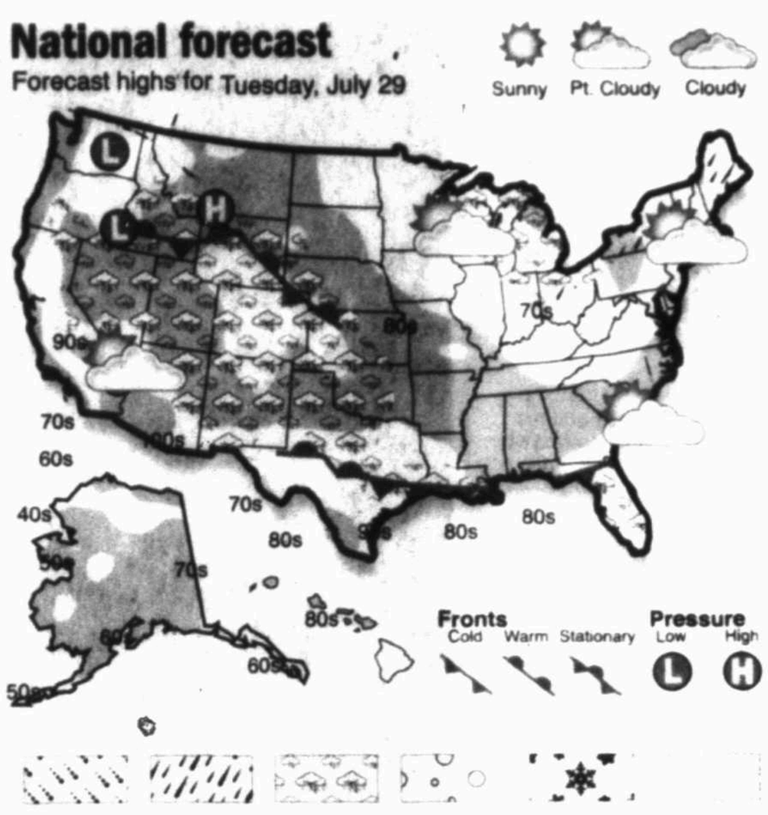
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.28 in.
Year total	3.92 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.71 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	97
Low	75
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:02 a.m.
Sunset	8:48 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 29



Son's clumsiness may have a physical cause

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: In short, my son is a klutz — to the point that it affects his self-confidence. He's different from everyone else in the family.

Is being a klutz genetic? Is it permanent? He's not doing well academically, either. How can I help him? — PARENT WHO CARES

DEAR PARENT: One way to help your son would be to stop other family members from making fun of him and labeling him as a klutz. When people laugh and ridicule others, it makes them only more self-conscious and more clumsy.

Another way to help would be to have him examined by an ophthalmologist and a neurologist. His problem may be poor depth perception or a neurological or balance issue. And while you're at it, consider having him evaluated for a learning disability, which may be the cause of his academic difficulties.

DEAR ABBY: I have a pet peeve. I hate it when people ask to "try my meal" or to have a taste, especially when I haven't had one myself. When I say no, my boyfriend calls me selfish. If we're with friends, I feel obligated to say yes to avoid appearing rude.

I seldom trade bites with my boyfriend because I don't eat meat and he usually orders something I don't want. Some nights we cook our own separate meals, and he still asks to try mine (even though he's a better cook than I am).

Abby, how can I say no without looking or feeling selfish and rude? I just want to enjoy my entire meal without hearing, "Can I have a bite?" — PET PEEVE IN PORTLAND

DEAR PET PEEVE: Many people regard sharing food to be an act of intimacy. Because it makes you uncomfortable, all you have to do is say, "I'd prefer not to." If these folks are friends, they must know how you feel about this by now. And as for your boy friend, I can't help but wonder why he would persist in doing something that he knows annoys you unless he's doing it to tease you.

DEAR ABBY: Are night owls born or raised to stay up late? Can a night owl success fully become a morning lark? — TIRED NIGHT OWL IN OTTAWA

DEAR TIRED NIGHT OWL: Night owls are usually born that way, but the pattern can be changed. If it creates problems for you, you may have a condition called "delayed sleep phase disorder." The most effective way to find out if this is your problem would be to consult a sleep (disorder) specialist. Therapies are available, and a specialist can help you determine which one would be the best for you.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Clever bid? Not really

Neither vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 7 6
♥ A Q 4 3
♦ Q J
♣ A 6 3 2

WEST
♠ 8
♥ 10 9 7 6
♦ 9 6 3 2
♣ Q 10 8 5

EAST
♠ 5 2
♥ K J 2
♦ A K 10 8 7 5
♣ K 7

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 9 4 3
♥ 8 5
♦ 4
♣ J 9 4

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	INT	Dbl	Pass
Pass	2	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Two of ♦

East made a "clever" overcall of one no-trump, as some players like to do. South doubled with gusto, no doubt planning to lead his fourth best spade. East ran like a thief, and South got back to playing bridge by bidding what he thought he could make.

East won the opening diamond lead with the king and continued with the ace. South ruffed and paused to make a plan. The opening lead, presumably fourth best, marked East with six diamonds and East's bid marked him with the king of hearts. Had he held four hearts to go with his six diamonds, he would never have bid one no-trump. Accordingly, South decided to play East for a short king of hearts.

Declarer drew trumps in two rounds and led a low heart, playing low from dummy. West, surprisingly, won with the heart six and shifted to a club, ducked in dummy and won by East with the king. A club came back, to the nine, 10 and ace. South next cashed dummy's ace of hearts and led a low heart, ruffing as East played the king. The 10 of trumps was in the dummy as an entry to the established queen of hearts and South had his 10 tricks. Well done!

Had East shifted to the king of clubs at trick two, the defense might have prevailed. Plays like that require x-ray vision. No one would fault East for his diamond play.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 29, 2014:

This year you often are focused on your security and on creating more avenues of success. A major change could be looming in the near future. You also are entering a new luck cycle, so this year could be unusually fortunate. If you are single, you could have a memorable dating year, or you might meet Mr. or Ms. Right. Regardless, you will enjoy the attention. If you are attached, this year stands out as one of the more romantic years of your life. Curb a tendency to be possessive, and share much more of your life with your sweetie. VIRGO can be fussy.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Fussiness marks your actions, and it will pull you in a new direction. You might be picky when it comes to balancing your checkbook, but that's a good thing. By the late afternoon, you could decide to take off. Tonight: So what if it is only Tuesday? Act as if it is the weekend.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Creativity is a must, especially when you encounter a difficult personality in your life. You have the ability to coax someone out of the doldrums. While others might get hung up on gossip, you'll bypass all the emotional drama. Tonight: Make sure music is involved.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ You could be sorry that you even entertained the idea of putting extra effort into a demanding project or exercise program. Indulge yourself and schedule a massage or take the day off. You'll come out smiling. Tonight: Invite a special friend to join you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You have the right words, and you often say what you think. You could feel as if you need to help a key person in your life. Know that you can't push anyone into doing anything that he or she doesn't want to do. Once you detach, you'll see the problem. Tonight: Follow a yearning.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Watch what happens when dealing with a domestic matter. A partner might exhibit a lot of creativity with a problem. Tap into this person's resources more often. You might need to re-organize your schedule; try not to make it a big deal. Tonight: Be more forthright.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You will be in a period where your best bet is to handle a problem yourself. Your temper easily could become triggered when dealing with others. A close loved one will be on a different level, which might make communication difficult. Tonight: Go for something fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ You might feel as if someone sees right through you. If it bothers you, ask yourself what you are trying to hide. Your creativity will allow you to resolve a domestic problem by making only small changes in your day-to-day life. Tonight: Follow your instincts.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Zero in on what you want. Listen to a friend who understands you well. News from a distance will make you smile, and it also might help you get your mind off a hassle. What seems like an off-the-wall suggestion just might work! Tonight: Where the action is.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Pressure could build unexpectedly. You might be sitting on some strong feelings, and they could cause you a problem emotionally. Try verbalizing your feelings sooner. Remember that you can juggle only so much. Be aware of your limits. Tonight: A must appearance.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You have the ability to make a big difference in what goes on. You can distance yourself from a problem and see what different factors are involved. A close loved one will do whatever he or she can in order to ease the situation, once the issue is made clear. Tonight: Hang out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Deal with a friend or loved one on a one-on-one level. This person will enjoy the extra attention. Use caution with your tendency to overindulge. You know when you should cut back, so be sure to follow your instincts with this matter. Tonight: With a favorite person.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You could feel as if you have done your fair share, so defer to others; they are likely to express their willingness through their actions. A loved one might want to take some time off with you, and he or she will let you know in no uncertain terms. Tonight: Say "yes."

BORN TODAY

News anchor Peter Jennings (1938), former U.S. Sen. Elizabeth Dole (1936), singer/songwriter Martina McBride (1966)

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27 Heavy drinker
28 South Seas resort island
33 Straw topper first made in Ecuador, surprisingly
39 Crimson Tide coach Nick
40 Inland Asian sea
41 Backless sofa
43 Woodworking groove
44 Competitor
46 Twin-hulled vessel
48 Obeyed a doctor holding a tongue depressor
50 Have a good cry
51 Sleepover with more giggling than sleeping
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70 Fence the loot for, say
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72 Recipe amt.
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54 Brunch and lunch
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56 Took a crack at
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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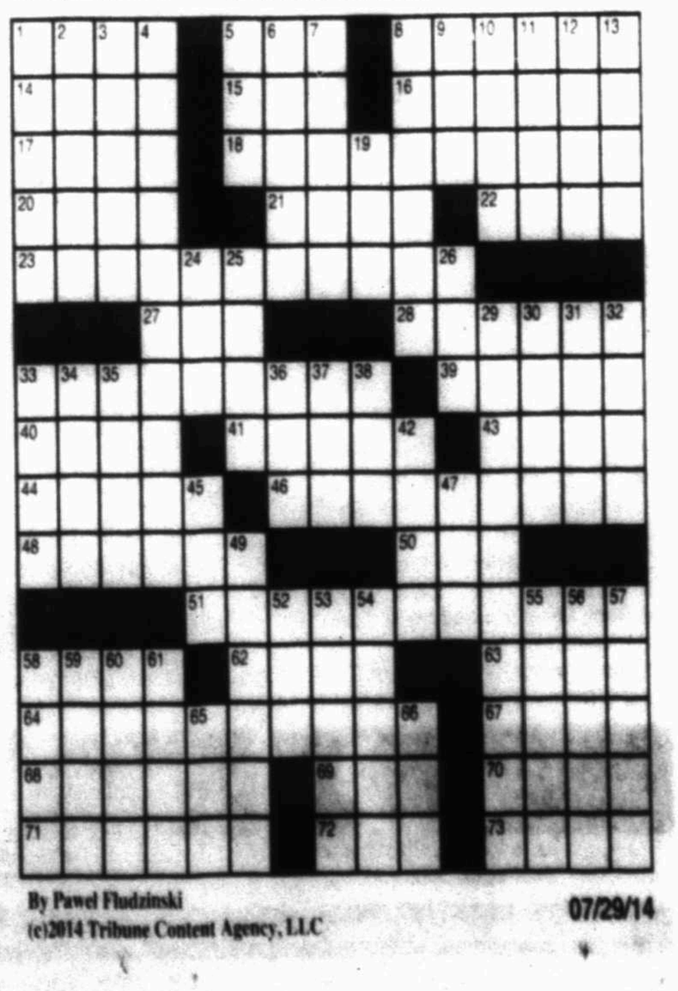

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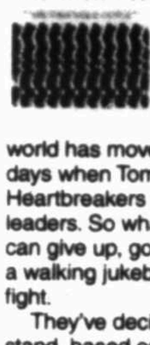
SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

TOM PETTY AND THE HEARTBREAKERS
"Hypnotic Eye"



Tom Petty isn't singing about himself on his new tune, "Forgotten Man," but he can't be blamed for thinking like that.

The music world has moved on from the days when Tom Petty and his Heartbreakers were among its leaders. So what to do? They can give up, go country, become a walking jukebox or stand and fight.

They've decided to take a stand, based on the evidence of this stunning new disc. "Hypnotic Eye" is testament to the enduring power of blues-based rock 'n' roll. The Heartbreakers are among the best rock bands still working, and this disc is the type of showcase it hasn't had for decades.

Mike Campbell's fluid guitar, Benmont Tench's unparalleled keyboards, Ron Blair's surprisingly melodic bass and Steve Ferrone's drums — it's a veteran band that plays with confidence and precision. Petty brings the songs, hook-laden and filler-free, speaking to the strivers and dreamers who have always made up his audience. The sound is classic but never dated.

Were this the summer of 1984, "Faultlines," "Red River," "Forgotten Man" and "Sins of My Youth" would be constants on the radio. It's no fault of his that time and trends are different now.

You'd be wise, however, not to forget Tom Petty.

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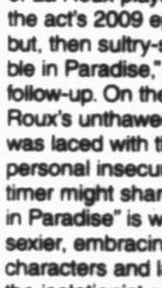
LA ROUX
"Trouble in Paradise"



Everything about Elly Jackson is severe. Looking like a cross between Tilda Swinton and "Man Who Fell to Earth"-era David Bowie (from whose diverse catalogue she has inherited a few elements), the singing/ playing/composing half of La Roux played it ice-cold on the act's 2009 eponymous debut, then sultry-steamy on "Trouble in Paradise," its just-released follow-up. On the first album, La Roux's unthawed electro-pop was laced with the type of lyrical personal insecurities any first-timer might share. But "Trouble in Paradise" is worldlier and sexier, embracing concepts and characters and laughs outside the isolationist self. What's the difference? Well, for one thing, La Roux, once two, is now one: During the creation of "Trouble," Jackson rid herself of producing/ writing partner Ben Langmaid (he co-wrote some but not all of "Trouble") to become the sole surviving Roux.

With warmth comes diversity. Jackson borrows a Grace Jones verbal clip throughout the album. "Paradise is You" shimmers like the best '60s girl groups. Like one of Chic's female singers (or at least a pal of Nile Rogers), Jackson swoons through the disco of "Tropical Chancer" and the angularity of "Let Me Down Gently" while sticking to La Roux's characteristic robot-pop.

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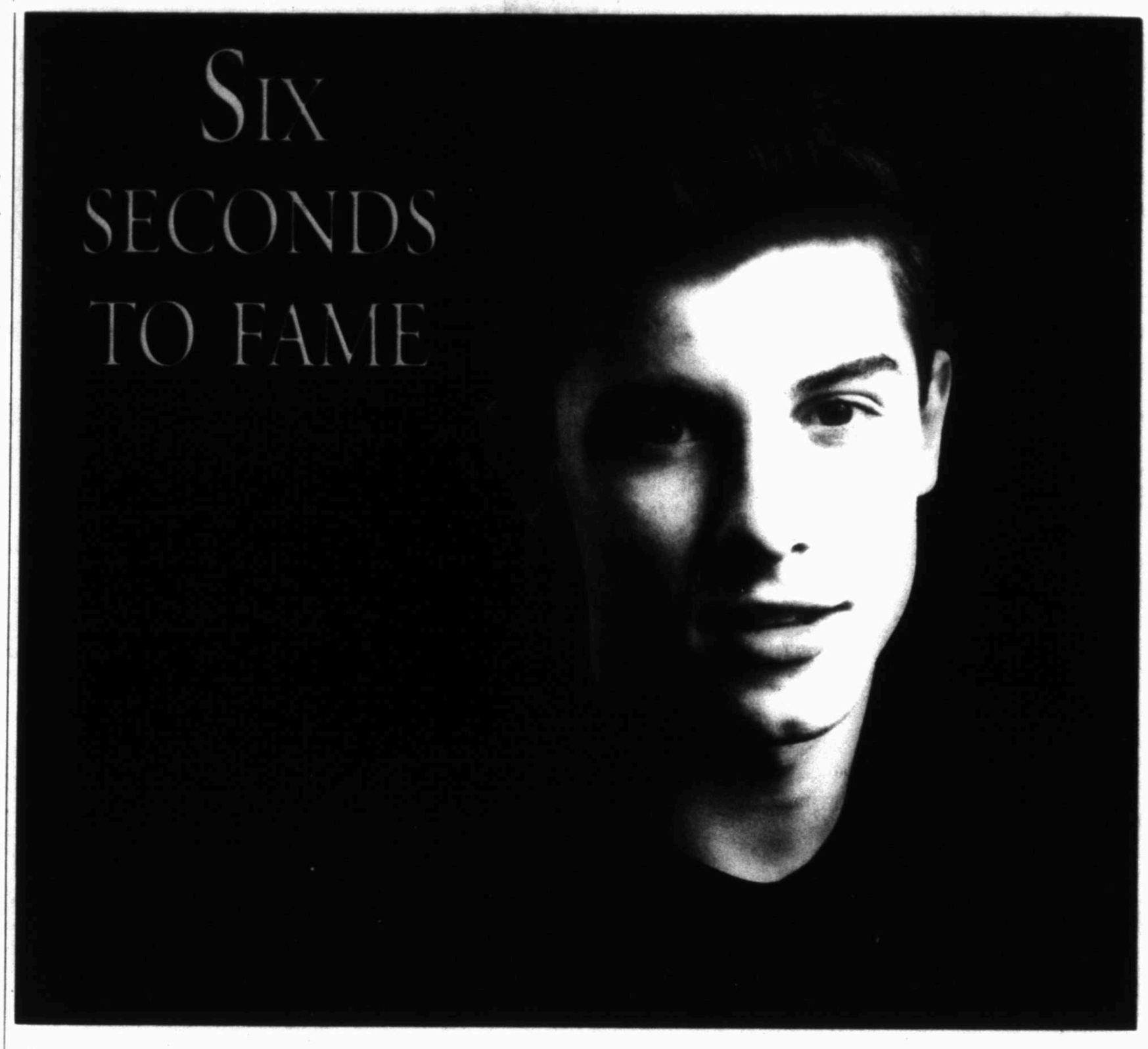


Vine star Shawn Mendes finds breakthrough on pop charts

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six seconds isn't a long time, but Vine superstar Shawn Mendes made the time count when posting cover songs on the social media platform.

The teen singer said he would pick the hits he would cover — and the sections of the tracks — and post them on Vine to showcase his talents and grab positive attention.

"You'd think, 'I don't understand why the kid has so many followers because it's only six seconds. How are you supposed to know if he's any good at six seconds?' But there's an art behind getting people to be intrigued because you only have six or six and a half seconds to impress people," he said in a recent interview.

Mendes, who will be 16 next month, secured a following on Vine, where he had 300,000 fans awaiting his posts. Record labels caught wind of his strong social media presence.

"Island Records was the first record label to ... acknowledge me," said Mendes, who signed with the label. "After that, quickly Republic Records, and then Atlantic Records, Sony Records and Warner Bros. It was all the labels at once. It was absolutely insane like knowing that this many record labels were interested in me."

Mendes' strong social media stardom is translating to the pop charts: His single, the ballad "Life of the Party," debuted at No. 24 on the Billboard Hot 100 earlier this month, selling an impressive 148,000 tracks. He has 2.8 million followers on Vine and 1.3 million followers on Twitter.

He will release his four-song, self-titled EP this week and is on tour with Austin Mahone and Fifth Harmony.

Mendes began posting clips on Vine last year from his home in Canada, starting with a cover of Justin Bieber's "As Long as You Love Me." His manager, Andrew Gertler, discovered the singer after searching YouTube for covers of A Great Big World's "Say Something." He immediately sent the clip to Ziggy Chareton, an A&R manager at Island Records.

"I never really looked at Vine as a resource to find talent," Chareton said.

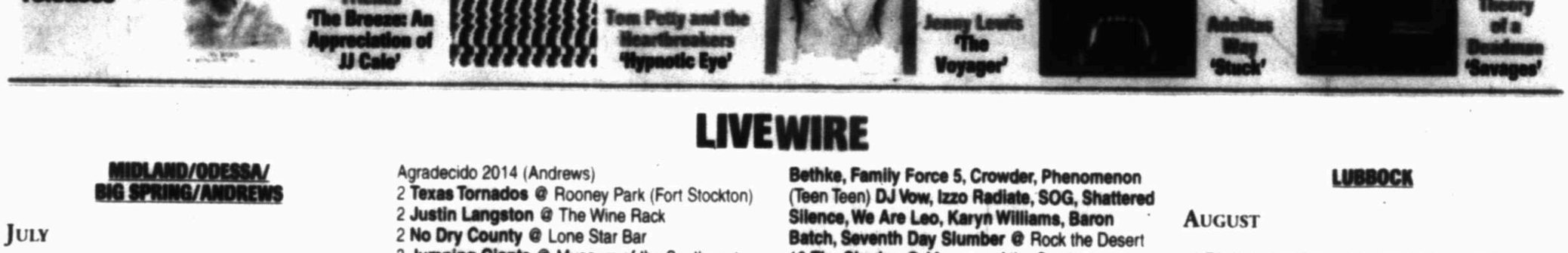
"We knew the social following was there, but he had never sold a song before," Gertler added. "Coming to New York and seeing that girls were showing up to his hotel and seeing that these numbers online were translating to physical people was when we were kind of like, 'OK, this is getting serious.'"

Chareton said Mendes' sound will echo Ed Sheeran, John Mayer and OneRepublic.

"I want this to be the complete antithesis of Austin Mahone. Even though he's going on tour with him to kind of garner that same demographic and fan base, we want quality records," he said.

Some people have likened Mendes to Bieber, a Canadian teen who had a breakthrough on the Universal Music Group label. Chareton said he's OK with the comparison, but notes that fans should also expect something different.

"I take no offense to that because (Bieber) became extremely successful, but the one thing I will say about Shawn is you're never going to see him onstage with 30 background dancers, pyrotechnics and records produced and having features from Nicki Minaj," he said.



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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JULY

29 **Dusty Creek** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
30 **Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers featuring Edie Brickell** @ Wagner Noel
30 **The Blind Pets, Purple** @ Blue Max
31 **Nashwood - Chuck Chitwood** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
31 **The Heroine, Antique Scream, Ese** @ Blue Max
31 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
31 **Curtis Grimes** @ Rockin Rodeo

AUGUST

1 **Zack Walther Band** @ Lone Star Bar
1 **No Dry County** @ The Detour
1 **Los Texmaniacs** @ Noel Heritage Park
1 **Mister Happy** @ Ranchland Hills
1 **The Hooten Hallers** @ Blue Max
1-2 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Hot Shots
1-2 **Back Road Troubadors** @ Your Place
1-2 **Unsweet T's** @ The Bar
2 **Spencer Kane** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
2 **Jairo Torres** @ Cantar a Dios con un Corazon Agradecido 2014 (Andrews)
2 **Texas Tornados** @ Rooney Park (Fort Stockton)
2 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
2 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Jumping Giants** @ Museum of the Southwest
5 **Flatland** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
7 **DJ Promote, The Ongoing Concept, Jason Castro, We As Human, War of Ages, Oh Sleeper, Ryan Ries, Disciple, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Skillet** @ Rock the Desert
7 **Blessthefall, Chiodos, I Killed the Prom Queen, Capture the Crown** @ Club Patron
8 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
8 **DJ Promote, Love & the Outcome, Unspoken, Citizen Way, For King & Country, Shawn McDonald, Fireflight, Brian "Head" Welch & Fieldy, Newsboys** In Teen tent **DJ Vow, Izzo Radiate, Jenny & Tyler, OBB, About a Mile, Jason Castro, Baron Batch, Benjah, Social Club, Andy Mineo, Family Force 5** @ Rock the Desert
8 **Mountain Sprout** @ Blue Max
8 **Hybrid Child** @ The Detour
8-9 **The Santa Fe Band** @ Your Place
8-9 **Blue Cats** @ The Bar
9 **Lonestar** @ Ector County Coliseum
9 **DJ Promote, OBB, Rhett Walker Band, KB, Capital Kings, Rapture Ruckus, Tedashii, Jeff Bethke, Family Force 5, Crowder, Phenomenon (Teen Teen) DJ Vow, Izzo Radiate, SOG, Shattered Silence, We Are Leo, Karyn Williams, Baron Batch, Seventh Day Slumber** @ Rock the Desert
10 **The Shades** @ Museum of the Southwest
12 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
13 **Queensrÿche** @ La Hacienda
14 **Hot Nut Riveters** @ ArtiZen Outlet
15 **Forgotten Road** @ Lone Star Bar
15 **Shane Rogers** @ The Detour
15-16 **Who'z Drivin'** @ Your Place
15-16 **Freeride** @ The Bar
16 **Randy Rogers** @ Graham Central Station
16 **Callahan Divide** @ Sugar's (Big Spring)
17 **Ted Nugent** @ Wagner Noel
17 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Music City Mall
18 **The Turtles featuring Flo & Eddie, Chuck Negron, Mark Farner, Mitch Ryder & The Detroit Wheels, Gary Lewis & The Playboys** @ Wagner Noel
18 **Showdown** @ Andrews Senior Center
19 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
22 **Guy Forsyth** @ Artizen Outlet
22 **Broke Down Lowriders** @ The Detour
22 **Eli Young Band** @ Graham Central Station
22-23 **The Ramblers** @ Your Place
22 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center

LUBBOCK

AUGUST

15 **Black Label Society, Wovenwar, Kyng** @ Lone Star Events Center
15 **Winger** @ Wild West Bike Rayy (Brownfield)
16 **L.A. Guns Feat. Steve Riley & Phil Lewis, Firehouse** @ Wild West Bike Rally (brownfield)

NEW MEXICO

AUGUST

3 **Halestorm** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods
16 Don McLean @ Spencer Theater (Alto)

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JULY

29 "American Idol" Live with **C.J. Harris, Jena Irene, Caleb Johnson, Jessica Meuse, MK Noblette, Alex Preston, Majesty Rose, Malaya Watson, Sam Woolf** @ Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie
29 Tori Amos @ Margot & Bill Winspear Opera House

AUGUST

2 **Soulja Boy** @ The Prophet Bar Side Stage

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Claiborne ready to prove his worth to Cowboys

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Morris Claiborne got on Terrance Williams' nerves the minute the competition started at training camp for the Dallas Cowboys.

The third-year cornerback pulled and grabbed the receiver aggressively enough to prompt a heated, facemask-to-facemask exchange that ended with a shove.

Claiborne had already told reporters he was ready to prove he was worthy of Dallas' dramatic move up the draft board to get him with the sixth overall pick in 2012. He didn't waste any time showing some urgency.

"I'm not accepting anything less than great from myself," Claiborne said Friday, a day before his tussle with Williams. "That's how I'm approaching my workouts. There ain't nothing else to do. I might as well be the best I can be."

Claiborne

Here's the problem for Claiborne: He hasn't shown much playmaking ability when he's been healthy, with just one interception in each of his two years. And there have already been moments in this camp when he looked overmatched trying to cover Dez Bryant.

Claiborne isn't even guaranteed a starting spot despite his lofty draft status, with Orlando Scandrick and Brandon Carr also in that mix. The Cowboys were off on Monday.

The 24-year-old Claiborne has reason for optimism. He participated in most of the offseason program despite surgeries on his left shoulder and a finger. He's had time to digest an emotional end of last season, when his father died and his daughter was born just days apart.

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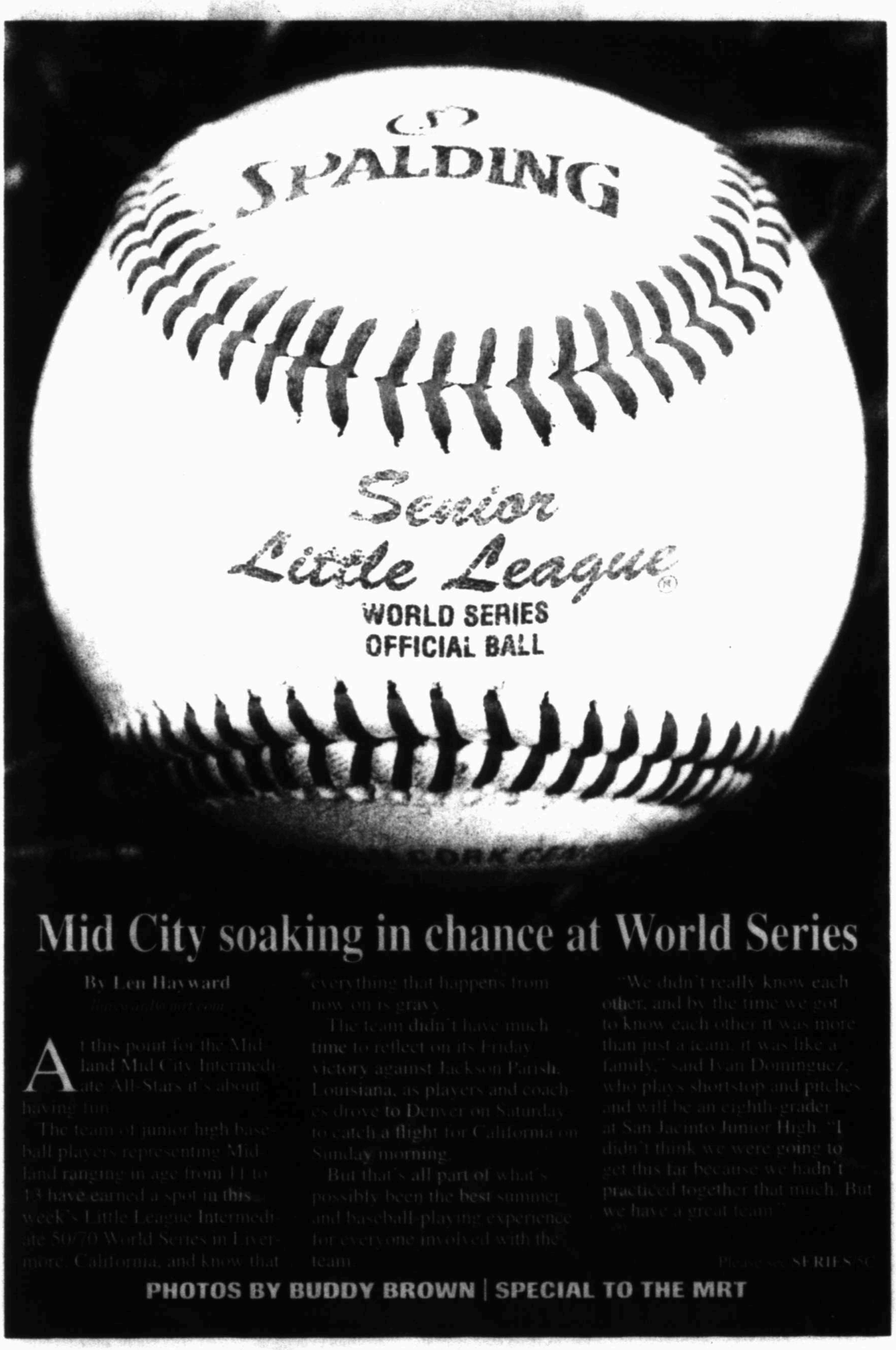
Once-in-a-lifetime trip



Mid City soaking in chance at World Series

By Len Hayward

At this point for the Midland Mid City Intermediate All-Stars it's about having fun.

The team of junior high baseball players representing Midland ranging in age from 11 to 13 have earned a spot in this week's Little League Intermediate 50/70 World Series in Livermore, California, and know that everything that happens from now on is gravy.

The team didn't have much time to reflect on its Friday victory against Jackson Parish, Louisiana, as players and coaches drove to Denver on Saturday to catch a flight for California on Sunday morning.

But that's all part of what's possibly been the best summer baseball playing experience for everyone involved with the team.

"We didn't really know each other, and by the time we got to know each other it was more than just a team, it was like a family," said Evan Dominguez, who plays shortstop and pitches and will be an eighth-grader at San Jacinto Junior High. "I didn't think we were going to get this far because we hadn't practiced together that much. But we have a great team."

Please see SERIES/3C

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Texans look to Fitzpatrick to solve QB woes

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans' biggest problem in their 2-14 season was inconsistent play at quarterback.

Enter, Ryan Fitzpatrick. The veteran faces the big task of turning around an offense that did little right last year.

He isn't at all daunted by the challenge and won't let last year's woes bleed into 2014.

"This is completely new," he said. "We're not even thinking or talking about last year. ... I think everyone has seen that it is really a year-to-year league. Just in terms of whatever happened the year before, it doesn't matter. If you think about it too much then maybe it affects you in a negative way."

Fitzpatrick

Fitzpatrick was signed in the offseason after Houston traded Matt Schaub, whose terrible play in 2013 helped doom the Texans to the NFL's worst record. Fitzpatrick was slated to be Tennessee's backup last season but was thrust into the starting role after Jake Locker was hurt midway through the season.

A former starter for the Buffalo Bills, the nine-year veteran started nine games after Locker's injury. Fitzpatrick threw for 2,454 yards and 14 touchdowns. His best season came in 2011, when he started each game for the Bills and threw for 3,832 yards and 24 touchdowns.

Some thought the Texans should take a quarterback with the No. 1 pick in the draft, but they instead chose to upgrade their defense with Jadeveon Clowney. Fitzpatrick's good work in the offseason prompted new coach Bill O'Brien to name him the starter in minicamp and the quarterback said it feels different to be in training camp knowing he'll be in charge of the offense.

"I've got to take the next step now from kind of learning an offense through the offseason, now in training camp we're getting ready for the season," he said. "I've got to really take on that role of ownership. I think so far we've got a good start, but we've got a lot of work to go."

One player who has already been impressed by the 31-year-old Fitzpatrick is receiver Andre Johnson. Johnson raved about his new signal caller following their third practice together after Johnson skipped offseason workouts and mandatory minicamp.

"Me and him have been doing a lot of communicating since I've been here," Johnson said after Houston's first practice in full pads on Monday. "In this offense, the quarterback and receiver definitely have to be on the same page, so me and him are talking all of the time, just things about the offense."

Johnson has some catching up to do in learning O'Brien's system after missing so much time and has already been helped by Fitzpatrick's hands-on approach.

Please see FITZPATRICK/4C

Homer-happy Astros beat A's

Associated Press

HOUSTON — Chris Carter, Jason Castro, Marc Krauss and Matt Dominguez each hit a home run as the Houston Astros snapped a five-game skid with a 7-3 win over the Oakland Athletics on Monday night.

Carter hit a monstrous three-run shot to center field in the third to give the Astros a lead, and Castro and Krauss went back-to-back in the sixth, with Castro's homer a two-run shot.

Krauss' homer found the upper deck in right field and chased A's starter Jesse Chavez (8-7). Two batters later, Dominguez sent a drive onto the railroad tracks in left field off reliever Dan Otero.

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The last time Houston hit three home runs in an inning was June 5, 2013, against Baltimore.

Houston starter Brett Oberholtzer (3-7) won for the first time since May 30, giving up three runs on eight hits with two strikeouts in 6 2-3 innings.

Chavez allowed six runs and five hits with five strikeouts in 5 1-3 innings. The three home runs allowed were a career high. Chavez had allowed three home runs in his last 11 starts com-

Please see ASTROS/3C

Burns promoted to Oakland

From staff reports

Midland RockHounds center fielder Billy Burns has been promoted to the Oakland A's to take the place of outfielder Craig Gentry, the A's announced on Monday.

Burns was scheduled to report to Houston for his first game with Oakland on Monday night as Gentry was being placed on the 15-day disabled list with a broken right hand. Burns played in Monday night's game against the Astros. He entered in the ninth inning as a pinch hitter for Josh Reddick and lined out to right field.

The San Francisco Chronicle reported on its website on Monday that Burns was likely to start in Wednesday's game against the Astros.

Burns

Burns, who was acquired through a trade with Washington last December, was hitting .250 with 23 RBI in 91 games this season for the RockHounds. He also leads the Texas League and all of Minor League Baseball with 51 stolen bases and has been successful on 91.1 percent of his attempts this season.

Chad Oberacker returned to the RockHounds to take the place of Burns on the RockHounds roster.

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N.Y. Yankees at Texas, 7 p.m., Fox Sports 1

Colorado at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN

Regional coverage, Atlanta at L.A. Dodgers or Pittsburgh at San Francisco, 9 p.m., MLB Network

SOCCER

International Champions Cup, Manchester United vs. Inter Milan, 6 p.m., NBC Sports Network

WNBA

Chicago at San Antonio, 7 p.m., ESPN2

Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m., ESPN2

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE — Suspended Milwaukee 3B (Brevard County-FSL) 50 games after testing positive for an amphetamine in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Placed LHP T.J. McFarland on the bereavement list. Recalled RHP Preston Guilmet from Norfolk (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Optioned RHP Brad Peacock to Oklahoma City (PCL). Placed RHP Josh Zeid on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 25. Reinstated RHP Collin McHugh from the 15-day DL.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Sent LHP C.J. Wilson to Arkansas (TL) for a rehab assignment.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Assigned RHP Chris Leroux outright to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Designated LHP Jeff Francis for assignment. Recalled OF Zoilo Almonte from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Placed OF Craig Gentry on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of OF Billy Burns from Midland (TL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Designated LHP Erik Bedard for assignment. Reinstated RHP Joel Peralta from the 15-day DL.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Acquired INF Danny Valencia from Kansas City for RHP Liam Hendriks and C Erik Kratz.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Placed INF Nick Evans on unconditional release waivers. Reinstated INF Jordan Pacheco from the 15-day DL.

CHICAGO CUBS — Traded 2B Darwin Barney to the L.A. Dodgers for a player to be named.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Sent LHP Boone Logan and 1B Justin Morneau to Colorado Springs (PCL) for rehab assignments.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Barry Enright on a minor league contract.

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned C J.T. Realmuto to Jacksonville (SL). Recalled OF Jake Marisnick from New Orleans (PCL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Sent RHP Gerrit Cole to Indianapolis (IL) for a rehab assignment.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Agreed to terms with SS Christian Muscarello on a minor league contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Placed OF Carlos Quentin on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 27. Optioned 3B Brooks Conrad to El Paso (PCL). Recalled LHP Jason Lane and 2B Jedd Gyorko from El Paso. Sent LHP Robbie Erlin to the AZL Padres for a rehab assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Optioned RHP George Kontos to Fresno (PCL).

American Association

ST. PAUL SAINTS — Released RHP Robert Coe.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Released RHP Cephas Howard.

Can-Am League

TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released C Joey Side.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Mike DeLong.

FRONTIER GREYS — Placed 3B Greg Bachman on the retired list.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Released RHP Tyler Lavigne.

TRAVERSE CITY BEACH BUMS — Signed RHP Eric Eck.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Released OL Chris Faulk and PK/P Jake Rogers. Activated TE Gary Barnidge and LB Tank Carder. Signed WR Marlon Moore.

DETROIT LIONS — Activated WR Golden Tate from PUP-active list. Released DE Kalonji Kashama.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Released RB Chris Rainey.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Claimed RB Tyler Gaffney off waivers from Carolina. Released LB Josh Hull.

OAKLAND RAIDERS — Signed S Jeremy Deering.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS — Released RB Brendan Bigelow and WR Quinton Payton. Signed DT Jibreel Black and CB Anthony Gaitor.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS — Signed LB Everette Brown.

Canadian Football League

CALGARY STAMPEDERS — Signed RB Hugh Charles to the practice roster.

HAMILTON TIGER-CATS — Placed QB Zach Collaros on the 6-game injured list. Added DB Harold Mutobola and DE Kiante Tripp to the practice roster.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

DETROIT RED WINGS — Agreed to terms with LW Tomas Tatar on a three-year contract.

American Hockey League

HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Signed F Jake Dowell to a one-year contract.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Signed F Daniel Winnik to a one-year contract. ECHL

IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with F Gaelan Patterson.

UTAH GRIZZLIES — Signed F H.T. Lenz.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

NEW YORK RED BULLS — Loaned D Connor Lade to the New York Cosmos (NASL). Signed D Damien Perrinelle.

COLLEGE

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Signed softball coach Shane Winkler to a four-year contract extension.

LA SALLE — Promoted associate academic director Christine Cahill to director of academic support.

LEES-MCRAE — Named Karrie Miller women's assistant soccer coach.

LOYOLA (NO) — Announced the retirement of director of athletics and wellness and men's basketball coach Dr. Michael Giorlando. Promoted associate athletic director Brett Simpson to director of athletics and wellness and men's assistant basketball coach Stacy Hollowell to head coach.

UNC WILMINGTON — Named Jason Memont swimming and diving coach.

UNLV — Named Andy Pringle and Emily Grant women's assistant soccer coaches, Courtney Irwin director of women's soccer operations and Erica Meier undergraduate assistant coach.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through July 27

All-Around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $178,942
2. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $111,764
3. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $60,646
4. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $58,991
5. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $57,846
6. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $54,474
7. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $47,892
8. Russell Cardoza, Terrebonne, Ore. $42,365
9. Steven Dent, Mullen, Neb. $38,993
10. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $35,218
11. Ryan Jarrett, Comanche, Okla. $34,982
12. Paul David Tierney, Oral, S.D. $34,623
13. Trell Etbauer, Goodwell, Okla. $32,340
14. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, $31,047
15. Landon McClaugherty, Tilden, $28,975
16. Chant DeForest, Wheatland, Calif. $28,312
17. Payden Emmett, Ponca, Ark. $27,608
18. J.B. Lord, Sturgis, S.D. $25,127
19. Kyle Whitaker, Chambers, Neb. $24,593
20. Kyle Lucas, Carstairs, Alberta $23,777

Bareback Riding

1. Kaycee Feild, Spanish Fork, Utah $129,011
2. Austin Foss, Terrebonne, Ore. $86,244
3. Steven Peebles, Redmond, Ore. $86,105
4. Richmond Champion, The Woodlands, $66,826
5. Bobby Mote, Culver, Ore. $63,636
6. Winn Ratliff, Leesville, La. $60,175
7. Caleb Bennett, Morgan, Utah $58,439
8. Tim O'Connell, Zwingle, Iowa $57,950
9. Will Lowe, Canyon, $55,420
10. Jake Vold, Ponoka, Alberta $50,076
11. Justin McDaniel, Porum, Okla. $44,238
12. Jessy Davis, Power, Mont. $44,210
13. R.C. Landingham, Pendleton, Ore. $43,364
14. Tilden Hooper, Carthage, $41,663
15. J.R. Vezain, Cowley, Wyo. $34,990
16. Caine Riddle, Vernon, $34,625
17. Jared Smith, Eastland, $33,884
18. Luke Creasy, Lubbock, $32,993
19. Bill Tutor, Huntsville, $32,263
20. Casey Colletti, Pueblo, Colo. $31,733

Steer Wrestling

1. Trevor Knowles, Mount Vernon, Ore. $69,877
2. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $65,992
3. Clayton Hass, Terrell, $53,820
4. Casey Martin, Sulphur, La. $51,095
5. Dru Melvin, Hebron, Neb. $50,541
6. Cole Edge, Durant, Okla. $45,807
7. Nick Guy, Sparta, Wis. $43,994
8. Dakota Eldridge, Elko, Nev. $43,835
9. K.C. Jones, Decatur, $42,481
10. Wyatt Smith, Rexburg, Idaho $40,467
11. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $39,197
12. Blake Knowles, Heppner, Ore. $38,707
13. Kyle Irwin, Robertsdale, Ala. $37,305
14. Curtis Cassidy, Donalda, Alberta $37,299
15. Riley Duvall, Checotah, Okla. $34,898
16. Josh Peek, Pueblo, Colo. $32,822
17. Seth Brockman, Wheatland, Wyo. $31,412
18. Billy Bugenig, Ferndale, Calif. $30,795
19. Dirk Tavenner, Rigby, Idaho $30,044
20. Jule Hazen, Ashland, Kan. $29,996 Team

Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $85,208
2. Erich Rogers, Round Rock, Ariz. $77,812
3. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $70,094
4. Dustin Bird, Cut Bank, Mont. $62,375
5. Jake Barnes, Scottsdale, Ariz. $57,037
6. Luke Brown, Stephenville, $54,430
7. Coleman Proctor, Pryor, Okla. $52,614
8. Brandon Beers, Powell Butte, Ore. $52,205
9. Turtle Powell, Stephenville, $49,985
10. Tyler Wade, Terrell, $47,184
11. Riley Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $44,929
12. Nick Sartain, Dover, Okla. $43,897
13. Chad Masters, Cedar Hill, Tenn. $4[illegible]
14. Tom Richards, Humboldt, Ariz. $40,830
15. Kaleb Driggers, Albany, Ga. $40,191
16. Tyler Waters, Stephenville, $35,435
17. Cory Kidd V, Statesville, N.C. $34,792
18. Colby Lovell, Madisonville, $33,703
19. Spencer Mitchell, Colusa, Calif. $33,595
20. Charly Crawford, Prineville, Ore. $32,438

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $85,208
2. Cory Petska, Marana, Ariz. $78,159
3. Travis Graves, Jay, Okla. $70,094
4. Paul Eaves, Lonedell, Mo. $65,286
5. Jake Long, Coffeyville, Kan. $53,614
6. Jim Ross Cooper, Monument, N.M. $52,205
7. Kollin VonAhn, Blanchard, Okla. $51,430
8. Dakota Kirchenschlager, Morgan Mill, $47,905
9. Junior Nogueira, Scottsdale, Ariz. $46,429
10. Brady Minor, Ellensburg, Wash. $44,929
11. Rich Skelton, Llano, $43,897
12. Patrick Smith, Lipan, $40,191
13. Kinney Harrell, Marshall, $39,991
14. Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif. $37,919
15. Cole Davison, Stephenville, $36,836
16. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $34,050
17. Shay Carroll, La Junta, Colo. $33,498
18. Jeff Hillman, Purcell, Okla. $32,084
19. Brad Culpepper, Sylvester, Ga. $32,036
20. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, $31,903

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $87,382
2. Cody Wright, Milford, Utah $68,348
3. Wade Sundell, Boxholm, Iowa $62,791
4. Tyler Corrington, Hastings, Minn. $61,189
5. Chad Ferley, Oelrichs, S.D. $59,768
6. Cort Scheer, Elsmere, Neb. $58,800
7. Heith DeMoss, Heflin, La. $57,796
8. Jacobs Crawley, Stephenville, $53,834
9. Bradley Harter, Weatherford, $50,755
10. Spencer Wright, Milford, Utah $49,070
11. Dustin Flundra, Pincher Creek, Alberta $45,848
12. Cole Elshere, Faith, S.D. $45,063
13. Troy Crowser, Whitewood, S.D. $44,920
14. Sterling Crawley, Stephenville, $44,620
15. Sam Spreadborough, Snyder, $44,063
16. Jesse Wright, Milford, Utah $43,984
17. Jake Wright, Milford, Utah $36,768
18. Ryan Mackenzie, Jordan Valley, Ore. $34,118
19. Chet Johnson, Sheridan, Wyo. $33,365
20. Isaac Diaz, Desdemona, $33,299 Tie-down Roping

1. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, $106,396
2. Matt Shiozawa, Chubbuck, Idaho $79,983
3. Shane Hanchey, Sulphur, La. $66,819
4. Hunter Herrin, Apache, Okla. $66,123
5. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $65,939
6. Cade Swor, Winnie, $62,217
7. Clint Robinson, Spanish Fork, Utah $55,229
8. Jake Pratt, Ellensburg, Wash. $53,024
9. Ryan Watkins, Bluff Dale, $51,987
10. Adam Gray, Seymour, $51,616
11. Marty Yates, Stephenville, $51,128
12. Timber Moore, Aubrey, $49,683
13. Reese Riemer, Stinnett, $42,831
14. Cory Solomon, Prairie View, $41,426
15. Clint Cooper, Decatur, $40,695
16. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, $40,673
17. Jesse Clark, Portales, N.M. $40,439
18. Tyson Durfey, Colbert, Wash. $40,167
19. Randall Carlisle, Baton Rouge, La. $38,922
20. Ryle Smith, Oakdale, Calif. $29,915 Steer Roping

1. Chet Herren, Pawhuska, Okla. $48,144
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, $42,909
3. Jess Tierney, Hermosa, S.D. $40,574
4. Cody Lee, Gatesville, $39,658
5. **Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, $30,669**
6. Tony Reina, Wharton, $29,637
7. Chance Kelton, Mayer, Ariz. $28,192
8. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $26,163
9. Jarrett Blessing, Paradise, $23,404
10. Troy Tillard, Douglas, Wyo. $23,308
11. Scott Snedecor, Fredericksburg, $21,230
12. Brady Garten, Claremore, Okla. $21,072
13. Bryce Davis, Ovalo, Texas $19,343
14. **J. Tom Fisher, Andrews, $18,741**
15. Neal Wood, Needville, $18,729
16. Leo Campbell, Amarillo, $18,655
17. J.P. Wickett, Sallisaw, Okla. $18,419
18. Roger Branch, Perkins, Okla. $18,200
19. Jason Evans, Huntsville, $17,863
20. Brodie Poppino, Big Cabin, Okla. $17,823

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $101,184
2. J.W. Harris, Mullin, $93,776
3. Trey Benton III, Rock Island, $87,652
4. Cody Teel, Kountze, $63,956
5. Reid Barker, Comfort, $63,182
6. Brett Stall, Detroit Lakes, Minn. $58,885
7. Ty Wallace, Collbran, Colo. $52,026
8. Tim Bingham, Honeyville, Utah $51,102
9. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $50,643
10. Elliot Jacoby, Fredericksburg, $48,327
11. Tyler Smith, Fruita, Colo. $44,247
12. Dustin Bowen, Fredericksburg, Pa. $43,286
13. Beau Hill, West Glacier, Mont. $42,176
14. Josh Koschel, Nunn, Colo. $40,513
15. Joe Frost, Randlett, Utah $40,112
16. Jeff Askey, Martin, Tenn. $39,033
17. Tanner Bothwell, Rapid City, S.D. $38,931
18. Aaron Pass, Dallas, $38,285
19. Jordan Spears, Redding, Calif. $37,480
20. Cole Echols, Elm Grove, La. $37,461

Barrel Racing

1. Kaley Bass, Kissimmee, Fla. $127,289
2. Fallon Taylor, Whitesboro, Texas $116,397
3. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $113,602
4. Nancy Hunter, Neola, Utah $89,766
5. Michele McLeod, Whitesboro, $85,579
6. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz. $80,551
7. Britany Diaz, Solen, N.D. $74,438
8. Kassidy Dennison, Roosevelt, Utah $71,989
9. Carlee Pierce, Stephenville, $67,904
10. Mary Walker, Ennis, $63,023
11. Shelley Morgan, Eustace, $61,142
12. Samantha Lyne, Cotulla, $60,611
13. Jana Bean, Ft. Hancock, $59,784
14. Christine Laughlin, Pueblo, Colo. $59,784
15. Christy Loflin, Franktown, Colo. $56,968
16. Ann Scott, Canyon Country, Calif. $54,476
17. Trula Churchill, Valentine, Neb. $54,320
18. Brenda Mays, Terrebonne, Ore. $51,376
19. Shelly Anzick, Livingston, Mont. $50,694
20. Jean Winters, Texline, $40,794

RockHounds increase lead in TL South

From staff reports

FRISCO — Kent Matthes had another big game at the plate as the Midland RockHounds used a four-run sixth inning to rally and take an 8-6 victory against Frisco on Monday night at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

Midland is now 24-14 in the second half and has a three-game lead on Frisco (21-17) in the Texas League South Division standings.

Matthes, who had three RBI on Monday and has 13 in the last two games, helped Midland cut into a three-run lead with a two-run double in the top of the fourth inning to make the score, 3-2.

Midland tied the game with a run in the fourth as Hiroyuki Nakajima's single drove in leadoff hitter D'Arby Myers.

Frisco, though, came back to score three in the bottom of the inning with the big blow a two-run triple by Drew Robinson.

Midland rallied again in the sixth as Dusty Coleman's two-run double drove in Jefry Marte and Matthes, who reached on a single earlier in the inning. Bruce Maxwell then drove in Coleman with a single and Nakajima had his second RBI of the day, driving in Maxwell to give Midland a 7-6 lead.

The RoughRiders didn't score in the final four innings as RockHounds relievers Deryk Hooker and Jose Flores combined to throw four scoreless innings. Hooker earned the win as he gave up one hit in three innings and had three strikeouts, and Flores had a strikeout in one inning in earning the save.

Nakajima was 2-for-5 on the day with the two RBI, and Matthes was 3-for-4 with three RBI. Bruce Maxwell and Jefry Marte also had two hits for the RockHounds.

The two teams will play the second game of a three-game series at 7:05 p.m. today at Dr Pepper Ballpark.

RockHounds	8
RoughRiders	6

Texas League
Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	21	17	.553	—
NW Arkansas	18	20	.474	3
Springfield	16	22	.421	5
x-Tulsa	16	22	.421	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	24	14	.632	—
x-Frisco	21	17	.553	3
Corpus Christi	18	20	.474	6
San Antonio	18	20	.474	6

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
Midland 8, Frisco 6
Springfield 9, Tulsa 4
Arkansas 9, Northwest Arkansas 3
Corpus Christi 5, San Antonio 4, 10 innings

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

ROCKHOUNDS 8, ROUGHRIDERS 6

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Frisco	ab	r	h	bi
Myers cf	4	1	1	0	Rodriguez ss	4	0	0	0
Nakajima 2b	5	1	2	2	Adams 1b	5	2	3	0
Muncy 1b	5	0	1	0	Herrera 2b	4	1	2	1
Marte 3b	5	2	2	0	Wise c	3	1	1	1
Matthes lf	4	2	3	3	Cantwell pr	0	0	0	0
Barfield rf	4	0	0	0	Gallo 3b	5	0	0	0
Coleman ss	4	1	1	2	Robinson dh	3	0	1	2
Maxwell c	4	1	2	1	Martinez rf	4	0	0	0
Forsythe dh	3	0	0	0	Grayson lf	4	1	1	0
					Skole cf	3	1	1	2
Totals	38	8	12	8	Totals	35	6	9	6

Midland	000 214	001—8
Frisco	003 030	000—6

E — Rodriguez 2 (10). DP — Frisco 1. LOB — Midland 8. 2B — Matthes (15), Coleman (22), Wise (6), Adams (26). 3B — Robinson (5). HR — Matthes (9), Skole (3). SB — Myers (8), Marte (6). CS — Coleman (4), Robinson (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Haviland	4.1	7	6	6	3	6
Gailey	0.2	1	0	0	0	1
Hooker W, 1-0	3.0	1	0	0	1	3
Flores S, 5	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
Frisco						
Faulkner	5.0	5	3	2	1	7
Rodebaugh	0.1	3	3	2	0	1
Ortiz L, 0-1	1.2	3	1	0	0	2
Lamb	2.0	1	1	1	4	1

WP — Gailey. HBP — by Flores (Wise). PB — Wise (2).
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Judge OKs record-setting $2B sale of Clippers

By Brian Melley
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Embattled Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling lost his attempt to block the $2 billion sale of the team to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer.

In allowing the deal to go forward, Superior Court Judge Michael Levanas sided Monday with Sterling's estranged wife, Shelly Sterling, who negotiated the record sale after the NBA banned the 80-year-old billionaire for making offensive remarks about blacks.

Shelly Sterling sought the probate judge's approval to ink the deal after taking over the family trust that owns the team because doctors found Donald Sterling had signs of Alzheimer's disease and couldn't manage his affairs.

The judge said Shelly Sterling had negotiated a good deal and the removal of her husband as a co-trustee was in good faith and not part of a secret plan to seize the team.

Shelly Sterling hugged her lawyer and wept after the judge explained his ruling from the bench.

"I can't believe it's over," she said. "This is the best thing."

An unusual provision of the ruling bars Donald Sterling from seeking a court-ordered delay of the sale as he appeals. His lawyers plan to seek permission from an appellate court to file an appeal.

Sterling was not in court for the ruling. Bobby Samini, one of his lawyers, said Sterling reacted calmly to the news and told his lawyers they had to keep battling on other fronts. Sterling testified during the case that he would fight the NBA until his death.

Nick Ut/AP

With her attorney Pierce O'Donnell, right, Shelly Sterling, center, talks to reporters after a judge ruled in her favor and against her estranged husband, Los Angeles Clippers owner Donald Sterling, in his attempt to block the $2 billion sale of the team, outside Los Angeles Superior Court on Monday.

With lawsuits pending in state and federal courts, the ruling in Los Angeles County Superior Court is unlikely to put an end to the bizarre saga that began in April when a recording surfaced of Sterling scolding his young girlfriend for bringing black men to Clippers games.

The NBA moved quickly to ban Sterling for life and fined him $2.5 million.

Sterling was apologetic after the audio recording went viral, but his mea culpa backfired when he criticized Lakers great Magic Johnson, who had been photographed with Sterling's girlfriend, as a bad role model for kids because he had HIV. Sterling was roundly condemned from locker rooms to the Oval Office, where President Barack Obama called Sterling's remarks "incredibly offensive racist statements."

With the NBA threatening to seize the team and auction it, Sterling initially gave his wife of 58 years permission to negotiate a sale but then refused to sign the $2 billion Ballmer deal, which would be a record price for an NBA team. He said he would sue the league instead and then revoked the trust, which his lawyers said effectively killed the deal.

The nonjury trial held over several weeks focused mainly on whether Shelly Sterling properly removed her husband as a trustee and whether her actions carried any weight after he revoked the trust.

Donald Sterling claimed his wife had deceived him about the medical exams. His lawyers argued Monday that Shelly Sterling's lawyers were in cahoots with the doctors who examined him and that his wife conspired with NBA Commissioner Adam Silver to remove him from the trust.

"There's no evidence, I'll repeat that as loudly as you allow," attorney Maxwell Blecher said during closing argument, his voice rising. "There's no evidence that Mr. Sterling was incapable of carrying out his duties as a co-trustee."

Levanas said there was no credible evidence that Sterling was defrauded.

Blecher said he was deeply disappointed in the judge's legal analysis.

The ruling Monday was tentative until the judge files it in writing.

NBA spokesman Mike Bass said in a statement that the league was pleased and looked forward to the transaction closing as soon as possible.

At the conclusion of his lengthy ruling, Levanas envisioned what might happen if Donald Sterling remained the owner.

Citing testimony of Clippers interim CEO Richard Parsons, he said the team would go into a "death spiral." Sponsors would withdraw, players would quit and coach Doc Rivers would leave.

"The Clippers would suffer a massive loss of value if the team survived at all," Levanas said.

School board orders $2M in repairs on $60M stadium

Associated Press

ALLEN — A suburban Dallas school board has approved $2 million in funding for repairs to flaws that closed its $60 million high school football stadium.

The Allen school board approved two resolutions that allocate the money and authorize the school district superintendent to pursue a repair contract.

The board says it doesn't expect to use the money but allocated it in case the stadium architects and builders can't settle who is liable for the flaws.

Structural cracks and other problems prompted district officials last month to close Eagle Stadium less than two years after it opened.

Forensic engineers reported finding extensive design flaws, which Superintendent Lance Hindt called "engineering failures." The major concerns were in the concourse framing, retaining walls, press box, single-story structures, main scoreboard and durability of the stadium.

Tax fraud case against Lionel Messi goes ahead

By Harold Heckle
Associated Press

MADRID — A Spanish judge on Monday rejected a prosecutor's request to drop charges of tax fraud against Lionel Messi and ordered the investigation into three cases of suspected unpaid taxes to proceed.

A court statement said there was "sufficient evidence" to believe the Barcelona and Argentina star "could have known and consented" to the creation of a fictitious corporate structure to avoid paying taxes on income from his image rights.

The statement was issued by the court in Gava, Barcelona, that was initially called on by prosecutors to investigate if there was a case for Messi and his father to answer.

In June, Messi's public relations firm said a prosecutor had agreed to drop the tax fraud case against the player and his father.

Messi's father, Jorge Horacio Messi, is under investigation for an alleged 4 million euros ($5.3 million) in unpaid taxes from 2007-09.

Messi's father made a payment of more than 5 million euros ($6.6 million) in August 2013 to cover alleged unpaid taxes, plus interest.

Monday's statement said it was not necessary for Messi "to have full knowledge of all accounting or corporate transactions or the exact amount of the fraud" for him to have had a clear idea of an intention to defraud.

Once the investigating judge finishes his deliberations, he will give the Tax Office and the State Prosecutor's office 10 days to come up with a strong case against Messi or a final decision to dismiss the case.

Should the judge, backed by a new decision from tax and prosecution authorities, rule the case against Messi must go ahead with an indictment, the Barcelona star would have to appear in court to be questioned.

Spain has been cracking down on tax evasion as it fights to repair the country's public finances after a prolonged recession triggered by the collapse of its once-booming real estate sector.

Finance Minister Cristobal Montoro warned footballers they should make sure they were "comfortable" with their tax affairs.

FIFA extends Sammut, Edusei bans worldwide

Associated Press

ZURICH — FIFA has extended the sanctions imposed on Kevin Sammut and Mark Edusei for match-fixing to prevent them from playing anywhere in the world.

Sammut was found guilty by UEFA of colluding with a fixing syndicate in June 2007 to help manipulate Malta's Euro 2008 qualifier in Norway. Malta lost, 4-0.

His life ban by UEFA was reduced to 10 years by the Court of Arbitration for Sport in May.

Ghanaian player Mark Edusei was suspended for three years and six months by the Italian soccer federation in May for his role in fixing a Serie B match in 2009. Edusei's team, Bari, lost 3-2 to Salernitana.

FIFA adds in a statement Monday that it "continues to work closely with its member associations and the confederations to tackle match manipulation."

Rose returns as US basketball team opens camp

By W.G. Ramirez
Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — Derrick Rose said he feels old.

The 25-year-old point guard's rigorous play on Monday during the U.S. basketball team's first practice dictated otherwise.

"I was joking with Kyle Korver, I told him 'I'm getting old, man. I've got to stretch, I've got to use rollers and stuff.' He looked at me kind of weird," Rose said laughingly. "But I feel a lot more mature. I've been preparing for this for a long time. I've dedicated my whole summer to this. I think I've sacrificed a lot for this moment."

Rose, the Chicago Bulls star who is coming off two knee injuries that kept him out for much of the last two seasons, said he played roughly nine minutes of the team's scrimmage during a two-hour practice. He added he was excited about how he felt physically.

Coach Mike Krzyzewski was elated with Rose's play, saying he was most impressed with his defensive pressure and tenaciousness.

"I think Derrick was a great excitement for us, because you hear about how he's worked out, but to see him today, I mean, he put it all out," Krzyzewski said. "He was playing to exhaustion. That was a big plus for today, to see him. I was pleased that he didn't hold anything back. He played his butt off."

Rose, who played just 10 games last season before his season was ended by a torn meniscus in his right knee, said he's spent much of the summer in Chicago working out, other than a few promotional days in Los Angeles for adidas. He was happy to be back on the court, playing against and alongside other NBA players.

"I work out a couple hours a day (and) I know how much work I've put into this; I'm just excited to be here," Rose said. "Going out there competing and having fun, to tell you the truth, just having fun, I think that's the key."

The 2011 MVP also said he's felt no pressure to prove himself to anyone, and isn't trying to play outside the realm he was accustomed to before his initial injury.

"I think last year I was trying to (prove myself) and you see the outcome of that — that wasn't my game," said Rose, who is expected to return next season. "This time around, I know my game and I know exactly what I need to do when I go out there."

Said Krzyzewski: "Derrick is one of the great players I've had an opportunity to coach. He's an elite player in the world and he's coming off of some really unbelievably bad setbacks. The fact is, he hasn't been defeated mentally; instead he's gotten stronger and he'll continue to grow as a player."

Though he said he was "really surprised" to see Rose play as well as he did, USA Basketball chairman Jerry Colangelo called Monday's first practice a great start for Rose, as it gave everyone an indication the three-time All-Star is ready to play a high-caliber level for the men's national team and Chicago.

"It was very exciting to see Derrick back on the court," Colangelo said. "I expected him to be a little bit more rusty than he was and so that's big news. That's big news for us, that's big news for Chicago Bulls fans."

Darvish has 8 Ks as Rangers beat Yankees

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

Rangers	4
Yankees	2

ARLINGTON — Yu Darvish struck out eight in seven innings for his 10th victory and J.P. Arencibia had a tiebreaking two-run single for the Texas Rangers in a 4-2 victory over the New York Yankees on Monday night.

Darvish (10-6) shouted out and pumped his fist after his final strikeout, when Brian McCann swung and missed to end the seventh with two runners on base.

Brett Gardner homered twice and Derek Jeter had three hits — to pass Carl Yastrzemski on the hits list — off the All-Star right-hander, who threw 80 of his 108 pitches for strikes five days after losing a rain-shortened game in New York.

David Phelps (5-5) lost for the first time in nine starts, allowing four runs and eight hits over six innings. The right-hander, like Darvish, was credited with a complete game last Wednesday in the 2-1 Yankees victory that didn't resume after rain in the bottom of the fifth inning.

Neal Cotts worked a scoreless eighth for Texas. Neftali Feliz then was perfect in the ninth for his second save in two chances since taking back the closer role last week after Joakim Soria was traded.

The Yankees led 2-0 after Gardner homered in the fifth, his third homer off Darvish in a week and 12th overall this season. Gardner also homered in the third.

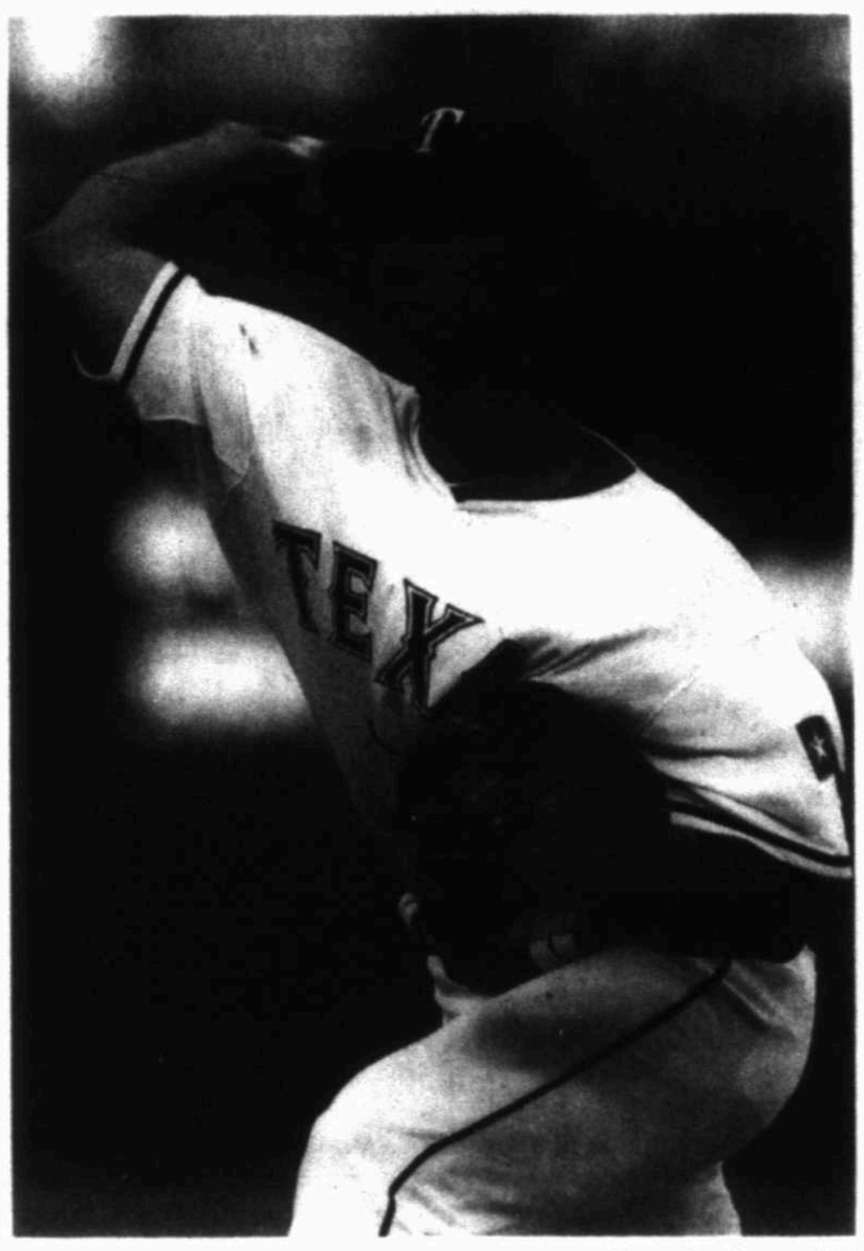
Texas scored all of its runs in the fifth, when five consecutive batters reached base with two outs. Elvis Andrus started that stretch with an RBI single and scored on Adrian Beltre's double that followed a single by Alex Rios. Jim Adduci drew a walk before Arencibia's go-ahead hit up the middle.

TRAINER'S ROOM

Yankees: First baseman Mark Teixeira played for the first time in eight games when he had a pinch-hit single in the eighth inning. He was promptly lifted for a pinch runner. After missing a week because of a back strain, Teixeira took groundballs and batting practice on the field with hopes of being back in the starting lineup Tuesday. Teixeira said the back spasms that have bothered him are gone. "I feel better now than I've felt in over a month," he said. "That's definitely a good sign."

Rangers: RHP Nick Tepesch, who left Saturday's start because of a sore left knee, will have to throw a bullpen session before the Rangers determine if he will start Friday night at Cleveland. "We still want to see how he does," manager Ron Washington said.

ON DECK



Tony Gutierrez/AP

Texas starting pitcher Yu Darvish throws during Monday's game against the New York Yankees in the first inning in Arlington.

Yankees: Brandon McCarthy makes his fourth start for the Yankees since being acquired from Arizona on July 6. The 6-foot-7 right-hander, who pitched for Texas from 2007-09, is 2-0 with a 1.45 ERA for New York, and is 4-0 with a 1.78 ERA his last five starts overall.

Rangers: Rookie right-hander Nick Martinez (1-6) makes his second consecutive start against the Yankees since coming off the disabled list. He threw 5 1-3 scoreless innings last Tuesday, a game the Rangers lost in 14 innings.

Astros

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bined.

Stephen Vogt had two hits, including a solo home run in the third into the upper deck in right to give the A's a 2-0 lead. Jed Lowrie and Josh Donaldson each added two hits for Oakland.

Derek Norris gave the A's a 1-0 lead in the second with an RBI single, and Yoenis Cespedes tied it at 3 with a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

ON DECK

Athletics: Right-hander Jeff Samardzija, who is 2-1 with a 2.70 ERA in four starts since being acquired July 5 from the Cubs, will start Tuesday against the Astros in the second game of the three-game series.

Astros: Right-hander Scott Feldman, who is 4-8 with a 4.60 ERA, will try to bounce back Tuesday after one of his worst starts of the season, giving up six runs in 5 1-3 innings in a 13-1 loss at Oakland Thursday.

TRAINER'S ROOM

David J. Phillip/AP

Houston Astros' Jason Castro (15) is congratulated by Chris Carter after both scored on Castro's home run Monday against the Oakland Athletics during the sixth inning in Houston.

Athletics: Outfielder Craig Gentry was placed on the 15-day disabled list Monday with a broken right hand, and the A's promoted OF Billy Burns from Double-A Midland. Gentry was injured Sunday at Texas after being hit by a pitch.

Astros: Right-hander Josh Zeid, who is on the disabled list with swelling near the left big toe, is going to see a specialist Tuesday and hopes to avoid surgery.

MLB ROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 14
RED SOX 1

BOSTON — Melky Cabrera homered from both sides of the plate and drove in five runs, R.A. Dickey pithed three-hit ball for seven innings and the Toronto Blue Jays romped past the Boston Red Sox 14-1 on Monday night.

The Blue Jays won for the sixth time in seven games while the Red Sox lost one day after stopping a five-game slide that began in Toronto with three losses.

Cabrera homered into Boston's bullpen in right field after Jose Reyes led off the game with a walk. Cabrera made it 9-0 in a nine-run sixth with a three-run homer to left, his 14th of the season.

Ryan Goins had four hits and four RBI for Toronto.

Dickey (9-10) had a season-high 10 strikeouts, allowed a run and walked one as he won for the third time in 10 starts. But against the Red Sox he's 3-0 with 21 strikeouts and two walks this season.

National League

BRAVES 2
PADRES 0

ATLANTA — Ervin Santana threw eight scoreless innings, Evan Gattis homered for the first time in more than a month and the Atlanta Braves beat the San Diego Padres 2-0 on Monday.

Santana (10-6) allowed just five hits and matched his career high with 11 strikeouts. Craig Kimbrel struck out the side in the ninth for his 32nd save.

Gattis led off the seventh with a drive into the left-field seats off Jason Lane (0-1), a 37-year-old former outfielder making his first big league start as a pitcher.

Called up from Triple-A to fill in for ailing Ian Kennedy, Lane shut down the Braves through six innings. But when the left-hander hung an 0-1 breaking pitch, Gattis hit his 17th homer of the season and first since June 18, before he went on the disabled list for nearly three weeks with a bulging disk in his back.

METS 7
PHILLIES 1

NEW YORK — Travis d'Arnaud went 3 for 4 with a three-run homer, Bartolo Colon made his second straight strong start, and the New York Mets crushed the Philadelphia Phillies 7-1 on Monday night.

D'Arnaud hit one of three doubles for the Mets as they took a 4-0 lead in the first. Then the catcher's seventh home run of the season broke the game open in the fifth.

The 41-year-old Colon (10-8) retired the first 20 batters in his last outing Wednesday against Seattle, eventually allowing two runs on three hits in 7 1/3 innings in a 3-2 win. He wasn't as dominant Monday. But staked to a big lead, he was never in much trouble either, scattering 10 hits over 7 2/3 innings.

MARLINS 7
NATIONALS 6

MIAMI — Jeff Baker hit a two-out RBI single to cap a four-run rally in the ninth inning by the Miami Marlins, who extended their winning streak to five games by beating the Washington Nationals 7-6.

Miami trailed 6-1 in the seventh. Washington's Rafael Soriano (2-1), who earned his 200th career save Sunday, took the mound in the ninth with a 6-3 lead and blew a save for the fourth time this season.

Casey McGehee led off with a four-pitch walk, Garrett Jones doubled and Marcell Ozuna hit an RBI single. Jarrod Saltalamacchia's sacrifice fly made it 6-5, and a wild pitch advanced Ozuna to second base.

Adeiny Hechavarria ended an 11-pitch at-bat with a tying triple and pinch-hitter Donovan Solano was hit by a pitch.

Left-hander Jerry Blevins replaced Soriano and struck out Christian Yelich. Baker, who entered in the eighth, then lined a hit over left fielder Bryce Harper that hit the base of the fence.

CUBS 4
ROCKIES 1

CHICAGO — Tsuyoshi Wada earned his first big league win, pitching seven strong innings Monday night as the Chicago Cubs defeated the Colorado Rockies 4-1.

Anthony Rizzo drove in two runs to back Wada (1-1).

In only his third career start in the majors, Wada cut through the Colorado lineup, allowing one run and five hits. It was a far cry from his last outing, when he lasted four innings and gave up five runs in a loss to San Diego.

The sole blemish on Wada's performance came in the sixth when the Rockies got three hits, capped by Nolan Arenado's RBI single.

Pedro Strop worked out of a jam in the eighth inning and Hector Rondon worked a perfect ninth for his 13th save in 16 chances.

Yohan Flande (0-3) struck out eight in 6 2/3 innings.

DIAMONDBACKS 2
REDS 1, 15 INNINGS

CINCINNATI — Nick Ahmed's RBI single with two outs in the 15th inning sent the Arizona Diamondbacks to a 2-1 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night and kept their franchise perfect when games go really long.

Arizona is 13-0 all-time in games of at least 15 innings.

Ahmed's single off J.J. Hoover (1-8) gave the Reds their ninth loss in 10 games since the All-Star break, a slump that has dropped them below .500 for the first time since June 21. The offense has been the problem, scoring only 17 runs in those 10 games, by far the fewest in the majors.

Oliver Perez (1-1) gave up a hit and a walk in two innings. Addison Reed got his 25th save in 30 chances.

Interleague

RAYS 2
BREWERS 1

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Jake Odorizzi won his third consecutive start, James Loney had two RBI and the Tampa Bay Rays beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-1 on Monday night.

Odorizzi (7-8) allowed one run and three hits in seven innings to beat the team that took him 32nd overall in the 2008 draft.

MLB STANDINGS, BOXES & LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	58	46	558	—
Toronto	57	50	533	2 1/2
New York	54	51	514	4 1/2
Tampa Bay	52	54	491	7
Boston	48	58	453	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	57	45	559	—
Kansas City	53	51	510	5
Cleveland	52	53	495	6 1/2
Chicago	51	55	481	8
Minnesota	47	57	452	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	65	40	619	—
Los Angeles	63	41	606	1 1/2
Seattle	54	51	514	11
Houston	43	63	406	22 1/2
Texas	42	64	396	23 1/2

Monday's Scores

Tampa Bay 2, Milwaukee 1
Toronto 14, Boston 1
Texas 4, N.Y. Yankees 2
Houston 7, Oakland 3

Today's Games

L.A. Angels (Weaver 11-6) at Baltimore (Tillman 7-5), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Iwakuma 8-5) at Cleveland (Bauer 4-5), 6:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Quintana 5-7) at Detroit (An.Sanchez 7-4), 6:08 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 7-7) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 6-6), 6:10 p.m.
Toronto (Stroman 6-2) at Boston (R.De La Rosa 3-3), 6:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (McCarthy 2-0) at Texas (N.Martinez 1-6), 7:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Gibson 8-8) at Kansas City (Shields 9-5), 7:10 p.m.
Oakland (Samardzija 2-1) at Houston (Feldman 4-8), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	57	46	553	—
Atlanta	58	48	547	1/2
Miami	52	53	495	6
New York	51	55	481	7 1/2
Philadelphia	46	60	434	12 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	59	48	551	—
St. Louis	56	48	538	1 1/2
Pittsburgh	55	49	529	2 1/2
Cincinnati	52	53	495	6
Chicago	43	61	413	14 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	59	47	557	—
San Francisco	57	48	543	1 1/2
San Diego	46	59	438	12 1/2
Arizona	46	60	434	13
Colorado	43	62	410	15 1/2

Monday's Scores

Atlanta 2, San Diego 0
Arizona 2, Cincinnati 1, 15 innings
Tampa Bay 2, Milwaukee 1
N.Y. Mets 7, Philadelphia 1
Miami 7, Washington 6
Chicago Cubs 4, Colorado 1
Pittsburgh at San Francisco, late

Today's Games

Arizona (Cahill 1-7) at Cincinnati (Leake 7-9), 6:10 p.m.
Milwaukee (Garza 7-7) at Tampa Bay (Cobb 6-6), 6:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 5-5) at N.Y. Mets (Gee 4-3), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Strasburg 7-8) at Miami (H.Alvarez 7-5), 6:10 p.m.
Colorado (J.De La Rosa 11-6) at Chicago Cubs (E.Jackson 5-11), 7:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Harang 9-6) at L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 6-5), 9:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lynn 11-7) at San Diego (T.Ross 9-10), 9:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh (Liriano 2-7) at San Francisco (Hudson 8-7), 9:15 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOXES
RANGERS 4, YANKEES 2

New York	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Gardnr cf	5	2	3	2	Choo rf	4	0	1	0
Jeter ss	4	0	3	0	Andrus ss	3	1	1	1
McCnn 1b	4	0	0	0	Rios dh	4	1	2	0
Beltran dh	4	0	2	0	ABeltre 3b	4	1	1	1
Headly 3b	4	0	1	0	Adduci lf	3	0	0	0
Cervelli c	4	0	1	0	Arencii 1b	4	0	1	2
BRorts 2b	3	0	0	0	Rosales 1b	0	0	0	0
Teixeir ph	1	0	1	0	LMartn cf	4	0	0	0
Ryan pr-2b	0	0	0	0	Gimenz c	3	1	1	0
ISuzuki rf	3	0	0	0	Odor 2b	4	0	1	0
ZeWhlr ph-rf	1	0	0	0					
ZAlmnt lf	3	0	0	0					
Ellsury ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	37	2	11	2	Totals	33	4	8	4

New York	001 010 000—2
Texas	000 040 00x—4

E—McCann (2). DP—Texas 1. LOB—New York 9, Texas 8. 2B—Jeter (11), Choo (16), A.Beltre (22). HR—Gardner 2 (12). SB—Jeter (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Phelps L,5-5	6	8	4	4	1	3
Kelley	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	2
Thornton	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Darvish W,10-6	7	9	2	2	1	8
Cotts H,13	1	2	0	0	0	0
Feliz S,2-2	1	0	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Phelps (Andrus). WP—Darvish.
T—3:01. A—44,508 (48,114).

ASTROS 7, ATHLETICS 3

Oakland	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
Lowrie ss	4	1	2	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0
Vogt 1b	5	1	2	1	MGnzlz ss	4	0	1	0
Cespds cf	3	0	0	1	Carter dh	3	2	1	3
Dnldsn 3b	4	1	2	0	JCastro c	4	1	1	2
DNorris c	4	0	1	1	Krauss lf	3	1	1	1
Moss lf	3	0	0	0	Hoes ph-lf	1	0	0	0
Callasp dh	4	0	1	0	Singltn 1b	3	0	0	0
Reddick rf	3	0	0	0	MDmn 3b	3	1	1	1
BBurns ph	1	0	0	0	Grssmn rf	3	0	0	0
Punto 2b	3	0	1	0	KHrndz cf	2	1	1	0
Totals	34	3	9	3	Totals	30	7	7	7

Oakland	011 010 000—3
Houston	003 004 00x—7

DP—Oakland 1, Houston 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Houston 2. 2B—Vogt (8), Donaldson (16). 3B—Lowrie (1). HR—Vogt (5), Carter (21), J.Castro (10), Krauss (5), M.Dominguez (13). SF—Cespedes.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
J.Chavez L,8-7	5 1-3	5	6	6	3	5
Otero	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Scribner	1	1	0	0	0	0
Abad	1	0	0	0	0	3
Houston						
Oberholtzer W,3-7	6 2-3	8	3	3	1	2
Fields	1	1	0	0	0	0
Sipp	1 1-3	0	0	0	2	1

T—2:51. A—18,259 (42,060).

MONDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 14, RED SOX 1

Toronto	200 209 100—14	14	1
Boston	000 001 000—1	5	0

Dickey, Rasmussen (8) and Thole; Buchholz, Doubront (6), Badenhop (6), Breslow (8), Mujica (9) and D.Ross, Vazquez. W—Dickey 9-10. L—Buchholz 5-7. HRs—Toronto, Me.Cabrera 2 (14).

INTERLEAGUE
RAYS 2, BREWERS 1

Milwaukee	001 000 000—1	3	0
Tampa Bay	000 002 00x—2	6	0

Lohse, Jeffress (7), Duke (8) and Lucroy; Odorizzi, Boxberger (8), McGee (9) and J.Molina. W—Odorizzi 7-8. L—Lohse 11-5. Sv—McGee (12). HRs—Milwaukee, Mar.Reynolds (18).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
BRAVES 2, PADRES 0

San Diego	000 000 000—0	5	1
Atlanta	000 000 11x—2	8	0

Lane, Vincent (7), Thayer (8) and Grandal; E.Santana, Kimbrel (9) and Gattis. W—E.Santana 10-6. L—Lane 0-1. Sv—Kimbrel (32). HRs—Atlanta, Gattis (17).

METS 7, PHILLIES 1

Philadelphia	000 000 010—1	13	1
New York	400 030 00x—7	9	0

A.Burnett, Hollands (6), Aumont (8) and Ruiz; B.Colon, Edgin (8), Eveland (9), Black (9) and d'Arnaud. W—B.Colon 10-8. L—A.Burnett 6-10. HRs—New York, d'Arnaud (7).

DIAMONDBACKS 2, REDS 1, 15 INNINGS

Arizona	000 100 000 000 001—2	8	0
Cincinnati	010 000 000 000 000—1	6	0

C.Anderson, Ziegler (8), E.Marshall (10), Delgado (11), O.Perez (13), A.Reed (15) and M.Montero; Bailey, A.Chapman (9), Broxton (10), Ju.Diaz (11), LeCure (13), Hoover (14) and Mesoraco. W—O.Perez 1-1. L—Hoover 1-8. Sv—A.Reed (25). HRs—Cincinnati, Mesoraco (17).

MARLINS 7, NATIONALS 6

Washington	100 005 000—6	9	0
Miami	000 000 214—7	10	1

Zimmermann, Detwiler (8), Storen (8), R.Soriano (9), Blevins (9) and W.Ramos; Eovaldi, Da.Jennings (6), Hatcher (6), S.Dyson (7), M.Dunn (9) and Saltalamacchia. W—M.Dunn 8-5. L—R.Soriano 2-1.

CUBS 4, ROCKIES 1

Colorado	000 001 000—1	6	1
Chicago	000 200 02x—4	8	0

Flande, Belisle (7), Masset (8), Bettis (8) and Rosario; Wada, Russell (8), Strop (8), H.Rondon (9) and Jo.Baker. W—Wada 1-1. L—Flande 0-3. Sv—H.Rondon (13).

Bradford: Yet another make or break season

By R.B. Fallstrom
Associated Press

ST. LOUIS — It's become a rite of training camp for Sam Bradford.

Every summer, he deals with the oversized burden of living up to getting picked first overall in 2010. The St. Louis Rams quarterback is not surprised that once again, he's supposedly at a career crossroads.

Bradford can't remember when that wasn't perceived to be the case, and he tries to ignore low outside expectations that include a fantasy rating in the bottom half of NFL quarterbacks and other assorted doubts. He's as eager as anyone on the outside to be a difference-maker in a breakthrough season.

"Every year is a 'make it or break it' year according to someone," Bradford said, then quickly shifted to team emphasis. "I think everyone in our locker room feels really good about where we're at right now and where this football team is going.

"I think we have a great chance to be really good."

So far he's been impressive in camp, rewarded for dedication to the rehab program. Though he's wearing a brace, there have been no restrictions.

"If we have to back down, we'll back down," coach Jeff Fisher said.

Whatever he does, criticism flows freely. The team can only scoff at some of the opinions on social media.

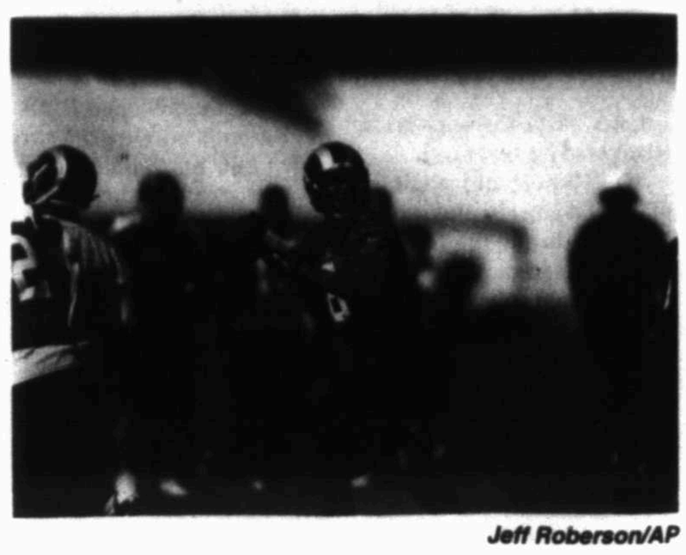
The biggest reason Bradford is a lightning rod player is because he had the good fortune to be the last high-dollar No. 1 pick before the NFL went to a rookie salary cap. He has two years to go on a six-year deal worth $78 million that can be a bit of an albatross if the Rams aren't winning, or if he's injured.

"No one steps on the field to lose," Bradford said. "I think we want it just as bad as the city and the fans do."

Former Seahawks fullback Michael Robinson suggested on ESPN recently that Bradford has a reputation of being "soft." He also missed six games with a high ankle sprain in 2011.

Another opinion making the rounds this week is the notion Bradford is a high-paid game manager with limited improvisational skills.

"Geez, there's a million experts out there and they all know football so well, but they've never coached or played a day in their life," defensive end Chris Long said.



Jeff Roberson/AP

St. Louis Rams quarterback Sam Bradford throws during training camp Friday at the team's practice facility in St. Louis.

Reed HOF induction gives Bills cause to celebrate

By John Wawrow
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — There are two things receiver Andre Reed is most certain of in preparing to be inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame this weekend.

The eight-year wait to hear his name called really didn't feel that long. More important, the timing of the announcement in February was fitting given the sudden uncertainty hovering over his beloved Buffalo Bills.

Jim Kelly, the Hall of Fame quarterback and face of the franchise, is in a weakened state while battling cancer. And Ralph Wilson, the team's Hall of Fame owner, died in March. The Bills are on the market, with concerns of the franchise potentially relocating under a new owner.

As a result, Reed views his induction as something capable of providing anyone who's ever had a connection to the Bills a joyous diversion by giving them a reason to celebrate Saturday night.

"This is bigger than me," Reed said. "We all know what's going on with the team and all that stuff. This is like a breath of fresh air. I'm glad I'm at the forefront of this, because there's something to be happy about."

Going from Kutztown State, a Division II school in Pennsylvania, to Canton, Ohio, Reed sparked more than a few celebrations during his 16-year NFL career, the first 15 spent in Buffalo.

When he retired after the 2000 season, Reed ranked third on the NFL list with 951 catches, fourth with 13,198 yards receiving and sixth with 87 touchdowns receiving. He was an integral part of a Kelly-quarterbacked and Marv Levy-coached team that won four consecutive AFC championships from 1990-93, but each time lost in the Super Bowl.

The team was built by former general manager Bill Polian, and has now produced six Hall of Famers, rounded out by Kelly, Levy, defensive end Bruce Smith, running back Thurman Thomas and receiver James Lofton.

Reed's induction was considered by many long overdue.

"Thank goodness," said Polian, who worried whether Reed's chances had passed him by. "I mean, there was no better receiver in football than Andre Reed when he played, and only Jerry Rice, in my humble opinion, is in the same breath."

Though Rice had the numbers and Super Bowl rings, Reed helped revolutionize the slot receiver position.

Despite a wiry, 6-foot-2, 190-pound frame, Reed was fearless in going across the middle to make catches in traffic in what was dubbed the Bills' "K-Gun" no-huddle offense.

"He was a slot receiver long before there was such a position," Polian said, noting that defenses first used linebackers to cover Reed. "He had to go in there in that traffic and do very heavy work."

Pat Sullivan/AP

Houston Texans quarterback Ryan Fitzpatrick prepares to throw a pass Monday during training camp in Houston. The Texans signed Fitzpatrick in the offseason hoping the veteran will help turn around an offense that did very little right last year.

FITZPATRICK

From 1C

"We're all still learning because it's a new system for everybody," Johnson said. "He's into it; if you've got a question, there is no hesitation. If there is something he is thinking about, he is going to pull you to the side and tell you about it ... he's always on top of everything."

Fitzpatrick had been eager to start working with Johnson and his first three days with him as a teammate didn't disappoint.

"He's a great guy to come to work with every day," Fitzpatrick said. "I'm really looking forward to playing with him this year just because of the way that he works and the way that he has put in the time the first few days to learn and understand everything."

Johnson left practice early with a tight right hamstring but said it isn't anything serious and he'll be OK.

Running back Arian Foster missed practice Monday with an undisclosed injury.

"He's dealing with something," O'Brien said. "He'll be fine. He'll be back. It's a minor deal. It's a long season. He'll be out there."

CLAIBORNE

From 1C

"Felt like the world is on your back so to speak," Claiborne said. "You feel like you're hitting rock bottom. And you feel like you have nowhere else to go and you have to turn it around."

Jerry Jones gave up a second-round pick to move up eight spots for a more expensive contract than if the Dallas owner had stayed in the middle of the first round.

Jones liked seeing the feisty side of Claiborne in the first practice with pads and thought the cornerback taught himself a lesson by using too much energy early in the session. Jones also sees a bright side of Claiborne getting burned by Bryant.

"I don't need to really remind him or anyone the commitment we made and the commitment he made," Jones said. "If he can get out here and ... have good things happen, get tired, have things go against him a couple of plays. If he can work through that, he'll be an improved player and be the guy we want to have out there."

Jason Garrett said Claiborne's display with Williams was another sign of a player he thinks is growing stronger and more confident — a couple of factors that the coach says may have slowed Claiborne's development coming out of LSU.

"I think his demeanor is better than it's been," Garrett said. "He's certainly becoming more and more mature and I think his approach to playing the game ... is just getting better and better and better."

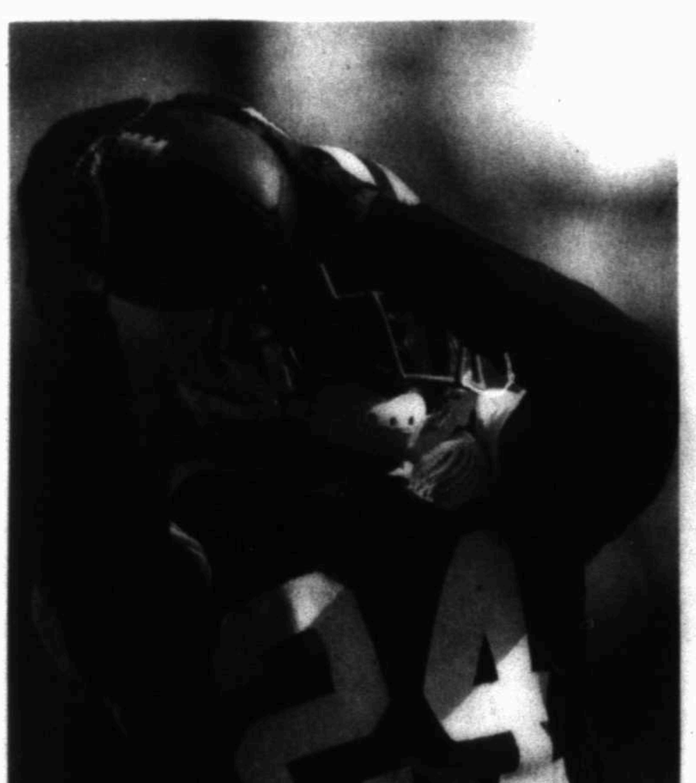
Carr has missed all of training camp to spend time with his ailing mother, and there's no indication when he will return. Carr's absence makes it more difficult to assess where Claiborne stands, but secondary coach Jerome Henderson figures it doesn't matter because he says all three will be on the field a lot.

"My sense of where he is right now is his head is down and he's working his butt off," Henderson said. "He's just decided that I'm going to go work and work and work and just let my play be what it is."

Claiborne, keenly aware of the criticism that he's on the verge of being declared a draft bust, echoed Henderson's words in several of his answers.

"I want to stand out. I'll put it like that," Claiborne said. "Whatever I have to do to stand myself aside, I'm willing to do that."

Claiborne's battle with Williams certainly stood out on the first day of competitive practice.



Gus Ruelas/AP

Dallas Cowboys cornerback Morris Claiborne picks off a pass during training camp Friday in Oxnard, Calif.

NFL BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CARDINALS FIND GEM IN 6TH-ROUND PICK ELLINGTON: At Glendale, Arizona, in one season, Andre Ellington has gone from sixth-round draft pick to dynamic featured back for the Arizona Cardinals.

Team after team passed on Ellington until Arizona made him the 187th player chosen in that draft. He wasn't even the first running back the Cardinals chose. Stanford's Stepfan Taylor went to Arizona in the fifth round.

Ellington, elusive and exceedingly quick, turned out to be a hidden gem.

After amassing a combined 1,023 yards rushing and receiving as a rookie, Ellington's role for the Cardinals has expanded and big things are expected of him.

WITH BIG RAISE, RUDOLPH READY FOR BIGGER YEAR: At Mankato, Minnesota, Kyle Rudolph has a new contract to match the significant value the Minnesota Vikings have considered him to be for their offense.

Now they need their not-so-young-anymore tight end to put together a complete season to prove it.

Rudolph has 1,055 yards and 15 touchdowns over his three-year NFL career. Jimmy Graham exceeded both of those totals last season for New Orleans, and Rob Gronkowski did the same three years ago for New England.

But the Vikings believe Rudolph can not only be an integral part of their system but perform like the elite tight end he'll be getting paid to be this season and beyond. Rudolph signed a five-year extension to his rookie deal on Sunday night.

CHIEFS OFFENSIVE LINE A GRAB-BAG OF BODIES IN CAMP: At St. Joseph, Missouri, the presumptive favorite to win the starting right guard spot with the Kansas City Chiefs worked out with the third team on Monday. The guy who is challenging him for the spot slid over to center during another portion of the workout.

Rishaw Johnson and Zach Fulton are just the start of the offensive line shuffle.

After watching three linemen who started last season depart in free agency — all within hours of each other — the Chiefs are trying to cobble together some sort of protection for quarterback Alex Smith that can also manage to open up running lanes for Jamaal Charles during training camp.

And with lingering questions about the health of left tackle Eric Fisher and an ankle injury to starting right tackle Donald Stephenson, that job hasn't gotten a whole lot easier.

JAGUARS' WR WOES OFFER LEE, ROBINSON MORE CHANCES: At Jacksonville, Florida, Justin Blackmon is probably gone for good. Ace Sanders is suspended the first four games of the season, and Cecil Shorts III is hurt once again.

Good thing the Jacksonville Jaguars drafted fellow receivers Marqise Lee and Allen Robinson, two second-round picks who could be opening-day starters.

Lee and Robinson have stood out during the first few days of Jacksonville's training camp — and not just because they're running with the first-team offense. Lee's speed and athleticism have provided several highlights, and Robinson's size and sure hands have been equally impressive.

The Jaguars drafted the duo to play behind Shorts and Sanders and eventually step into starting roles. But Sanders' suspension last week for violating the league's substance-abuse policy provided more work for the rookies. And Shorts' latest injury meant even more chances.

LIONS POSTPONE TALKS WITH SUH UNTIL AFTER SEASON: At Allen Park, Michigan, the Detroit Lions are postponing contract talks with All-Pro defensive tackle Ndamukong Suh until after the season.

Suh is entering the final season of his contract, and team president Tom Lewand and general manager Martin Mayhew said before practice Monday that negotiations are being tabled. Lewand and Mayhew both expressed optimism that a deal can eventually be reached.

If the two sides can't come to an agreement after the season, the Lions could still keep Suh by using their franchise tag on him.

Suh was drafted in 2010 by the Lions with the second overall pick, and he has 27 1/2 sacks in his four pro seasons.

UNDRAFTED TITANS WR WASHINGTON BEGINS 10TH CAMP: At Nashville, Tennessee, for an undrafted rookie out of Tiffin University, Tennessee Titans receiver Nate Washington has had a pretty good career.

He's going into his 10th NFL training camp and insists he's nowhere close to being done.

Washington is a long way from 2005 when he was a rookie in camp with Pittsburgh just praying that he would make a roster. Now he has two Super Bowl rings from four seasons with the Steelers and preparing for his sixth with the Titans in what he calls a long journey. It's the final year on his current contract, though Washington says the future can wait.

FALCONS ROOKIE LB SHEMBO PUSHING FOR STARTING JOB: At Flowery Branch, Georgia, he Falcons were given the unusual go-ahead to tackle to the ground on the first day of full pads in training camp, and even rookie Prince Shembo could see that players were too excited to finally be hitting.

Two fights broke out during the intense practice.

Shembo has good reason to be excited about his first NFL training camp as he competes with second-year player Joplo Bartu for a starting job. One of the two is expected to join Paul Worrilow as the starting inside linebackers in the base defense.

THOMAS STILL ABSENT FROM BRONCOS CAMP: At Englewood, Colorado, Denver Broncos star Demaryius Thomas is missing his seventh workout of training camp.

Coach John Fox had said Sunday he hoped to have Thomas back at practice Monday morning, but the wide receiver was apparently still making his way back from Georgia following the death of his grandmother.

NFL PRESEASON STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

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

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

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

Sunday's Game

N.Y. Giants vs. Buffalo at Canton, 7 p.m.

Thursday, Aug. 7

Indianapolis at N.Y. Jets, 6 p.m.
New England at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
San Francisco at Baltimore, 6:30 p.m.
Cincinnati at Kansas City, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Denver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at San Diego, 9 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 8

Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Carolina, 6:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Oakland at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
New Orleans at St. Louis, 7 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 9

Cleveland at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Giants, 6:30 p.m.
Green Bay at Tennessee, 7 p.m.
Houston at Arizona, 7:30 p.m.

SERIES

From 1C

World Series on Wednesday against the winner of a game between Berlin, Maryland and Taylor, Michigan at 2:30 p.m. (CDT). But who they play is not as big of a deal as being able to keep playing.

"No one really thought we could make it this far," said infielder and pitcher Cooper Jauz, who will be an eighth grader at Trinity. "Some of us last year got double dipped (in a state tournament) and it made us really want to work hard. We were underestimated and wanted to prove everyone wrong."

The squad is a cross-section of players, and few of them knew each other when the team was put together earlier this summer. The team has players from seven of Midland's junior highs, including Goddard, San Jacinto, Abell, Alamo, Midland Christian, Trinity and Midland Classical.

But in the short time the team has been traveling and playing together there is something special that's developed that the players likely won't forget.

"If these kids weren't playing baseball, I don't think you'd see them hang out," said assistant coach Chris Jauz. "That's the great thing about this group is that baseball has brought a bunch of different people together."

The tie is the love of baseball, but also the players and coaches know that they are doing something that is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. This team may not play together again after this week's tournament, and that's something that has the players wanting to make the most of the chance.

"There's been a lot of talk among the boys of making a select team and traveling more out of this," coach Andy Bayley said. "They are all enjoying each other. My son was just talking on (Friday) and there were four or five players on the team he didn't know them at all, and they've become really good friends. That's just the icing on the cake as far as the experience goes."

The best part for Bayley and his coaching staff, which also includes Jauz and Turk McDonald, is that they are coaching a team that not only found some cohesion early, but also has had different players from the 13-player roster step up in different games.

No one player is relied on more than any other, and each player has found their role. Bayley said they used seven different pitchers during last week's tournament in Grand Junction, Colorado.

"That's the most important thing is being equal, and just focusing on hard work and practice every day," said pitcher Cesar Ponce, an eighth grader at Alamo.

This week's tournament will feature teams from not only Maryland and Michigan, but also West Virginia, California, Arizona, and Curacao, Canada, South Korea, Czech Republic and Puerto Rico.

Bayley said the experience is the most important thing for the players no matter the outcome, but once the games start, the competitive juices will begin to flow, and they want to stick around for a few days. They want to represent the Tall City the best way they can, while also continuing to win.

"When I was coaching in a younger division, I thought if we could ever make it to the World Series, who cares if we go two and out," Bayley said. "But they are playing like a team, and I think we've got a chance to win a few games at least, if not more."

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Schedule

Little League Intermediate 50/70
World Series
Max Baer Park
Livermore, Calif.
Tuesday's Games
All times are CDT
United States Bracket
Today's Games
Game 2: East (Berlin, Md.) vs. Central (Taylor, Mich.), 2:30 p.m.
Game 4: Southeast (Barboursville, W.V.) vs. California 57 (San Ramon, Calif.), 9 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Winner's Bracket
Game 5: Southwest (Mid City) vs. Game 2 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Game 7: West (Nogales, Ariz.) vs. Game 4 winner, 9 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Loser's Bracket
Game 8: Game 7 loser vs. Game 2 loser, 2:30 p.m.
Game 10: Game 4 loser vs. Game 5 loser, 9 p.m.
Friday's Games
Loser's Bracket
Game 12: Game 8 winner vs. Game 10 winner, 2:30 p.m.
Winner's Bracket
Game 14: Game 7 winner vs. Game 5 winner, 9 p.m.

International Bracket
Tuesday's Games
Game 1: Canada (Surrey, B.C.) vs. Latin America (Willemstad, Curcao, 11 a.m.)
Game 3: APAC (Gyeonggi, South Korea) vs. Puerto Rico (San Lorenzo, P.R.), 6 p.m.
Wednesday's Games
Winner's Bracket
Game 6: Europe-Africa (Brno, Czech Republic) vs. Game 3 winner, 6 p.m.
Thursday's Games
Loser's Bracket
Game 9: Game 1 loser vs. Game 3 loser, 6 p.m.
Friday's Games
Loser's Bracket
Game 11: Game 6 loser vs. Game 9 winner, 11 a.m.
Winner's Bracket
Game 13: Game 1 winner vs. Game 6 winner, 6 p.m.

Gordon eyeing 5th title after big Brickyard win

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Long before Jimmie Johnson arrived on the NASCAR scene, Jeff Gordon was the fastest thing on wheels.

He was the "Wonder Boy" who racked up wins at a record place. He brought the southern sport to Madison Ave. and became such a household name that even rapper Nelly name-dropped Gordon in a song.

Gordon won all the big races, collected four championships in seven years and had 58 victories before his 30th birthday.

Then his pace began to slow, the rest of the field caught up to him and Johnson moved into the Hendrick Motorsports shop as the new kid on the block. Gordon hasn't won a title since, while Johnson has won five.

Now, 13 years after Gordon launched "The Drive for 5," Gordon is on track to collect that elusive fifth title.

The Sprint Cup points leader won Sunday's Brickyard 400, a race that often gives a preview of the championship. Nine times in 21 years, the winner at Indianapolis Motor Speedway went on to hoist the Cup at the end of the year.

"If you can do it here, you can do it anywhere," Gordon said after his NASCAR-record fifth win at Indy.

Gordon, a week shy of his 43rd birthday and often fighting an aching back, won on the 20th anniversary celebration of his first Brickyard victory. It came on the day the Mayor of Indianapolis proclaimed "Jeff Gordon Day" and showed Gordon is trying to make 2014 his year.

R Brent Smith/AP

Jeff Gordon, second from left, celebrates after winning the Brickyard 400 at Indianapolis Motor Speedway on Sunday in Indianapolis. At left is team owner Rick Hendrick. At right are Gordon's wife, Ingrid Vandebosch, and their children, Ella Sofia and Leo Benjamin.

Although he talked in January of retirement considerations, Gordon is reinvigorated and deeply committed to winning a title with his No. 24 team.

"You feel like you've kind of won all that you could win, you've won four championships, then a guy like Jimmie Johnson comes along and starts dominating, you kind of lose the motivation," Gordon said.

But he is inspired by the work ethic and dedication of crew chief Alan Gustafson, and fears being "the weak link" of the race team. He also is motivated to share his success with wife, Ingrid, and their two young children. Gordon married Ingrid in 2006 and the couple quickly added a boy and a girl to the family.

"It's pushed me to give more, do more, work harder," he said. "Ingrid has never experienced a championship. I told her 'Hey, I know you want to know what it's like to win a championship. Well, there's a big commitment that it takes.' She's like 'Whatever it takes.'

"That's the kind of year that we're having. We're just putting everything we possibly can into it."

It's going take everything Gordon has to win this Chase for the Sprint Cup championship, the first under a winner-take-all, elimination round format.

A model of consistency all season long with 14 top-10 finishes in 20 races, the slate will be wiped clean come September. Gordon will have to be aggressive and out front to make it through the three elimination rounds. If he is one of the four drivers to advance all the way to the Homestead finale, the title will go to the best driver in the fastest car on one day only.

That could be Gordon, if he drives anything like he did at Indy.

Although he's struggled with restarts for several years, and did most of Sunday, he finally nailed one when he needed it most.

A late caution gave him one shot at taking the lead away from teammate Kasey Kahne, and he figured a perfect strategy as they headed toward the green flag. Kahne had given Gordon the outside lane, and he knew if he was alongside Kahne in the corner, he'd be able to hold him down and loosen Kahne's car.

"I treated him like a competitor at that point, he might not have liked it," Gordon said. "When it comes down to the end of a race, we're here to win."

The victory was the 90th of Gordon's career, and he's just the third driver to hit that mark. Although it was once believed he might chase Richard Petty's record of 200 wins, David Pearson's 105 is suddenly in reach depending on how long Gordon wants to stay in his Chevrolet.

Pearson's total is a long way away for Gordon, but the championship is suddenly very near. His win in May at Kansas was motivating for driver and crew, but the win at Indy on Sunday convinced them all the title is a very real possibility.

"It's certainly a huge confidence boost for this team. We recognize the significance of this," he said. "I don't know if we believed we were capable of winning this championship this year, truly believed it. We do now."

Marketing agreement an obstacle in US bid for 2024

By Eddie Pells
Associated Press

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — If Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco or Washington is picked to host the 2024 Olympics, the U.S. Olympic Committee will pay the price for winning. One of its first tasks will be to hand over millions in sponsorships to the victorious city's newly formed organizing committee.

It's one of those costly facts of life in the Olympics thanks to the Joint Marketing Program Agreement that a country's Olympic federation must sign when it puts a city up as a candidate to host the Games. It also played into the failures of New York and Chicago in the last two U.S. attempts to land the Olympics.

The last two American bids have included agreements that didn't conform with the International Olympic Committee's guidelines, which call for around 90 percent of the host federation's domestic sponsorship to be channeled to the new organizing committee. The USOC, not backed by any government funding, has balked at the terms because it would have trouble making up for the millions it gives away.

It would likely seek a different arrangement for a 2024 bid, as well.

"A lot of countries might say it's not an issue," said Jim Scherr, the CEO of the USOC when New York finished fourth in the 2012 bidding. "They know if the Olympic committee loses money, the government will step in and make up the difference. You put it on the government's tab and call it a day."

Not so in the United States. In meetings last week with leaders of the four potential bid cities, USOC leaders spent a good amount of time explaining the JMPA. The USOC will decide early next year whether to bid for 2024.

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For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

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When: Offensive skills camp for grades Kindergarten-12th grade, 10 a.m.-noon, July 28-31
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Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

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When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

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For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
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Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

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When: Monday-Thursday from 8:30 to 10 a.m. or 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For: Kindergarten-12th grade, community based organizations, parents and adults
Deadline: Two weeks before week wanting to attend
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245, Brandi at 687-7059 or Elizabeth at 699-6058

YMCA Basketball Skills Clinic
When: Every Saturday
Times: 1 p.m.-3:45 p.m. for grades 3 through 12
Cost: YMCA Family member: free; YMCA Youth member: $5 and program participant: $10 per visit
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Atmos Energy's Fischer Community Room, 2304 Loop 40, Midland International Airport
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

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YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
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Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
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Aikido
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Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 689-8139

Women's Self Defense Class
When: Monday and Wednesday, 8:30 p.m.; Tuesday and Thursday, 7:30 p.m.; Friday, 6 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Private Tae Kwon-Do lessons
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call 697-8554

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9621 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

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What: $25 physicals
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For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night
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Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages.
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down, $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001, or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Call Joshua 661-7147

HHD Dads & Lads Rugby
When: 7-8:30 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Cowden Park
For more info: 212-6088

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Martin County EMS Labor Day 4-mile Fun Run
When: Sept. 1; registration 8 a.m.; race 9 a.m.
Where: Martin County EMS Building, 1101 W. Broadway, Stanton
Cost: $20 if postmarked by Aug. 28; $25 if postmarked after Aug. 28 or on day of race
For more info: Contact Bob Tevens at 661-8597 or pick up an entry from Dr. Pablo Tevens's office at 600 I-20 East, Suite D-105, Stanton, located next to Martin County Hospital

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m. Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.). Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter). Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

USA Softball Jr. Men's National Fastpitch Team looking for players
For: Boys players born between 1995 and 1998
Note: No softball experience is needed
For more info: Tim Lyon, USA Jr Men's National Team coach, 801-244-7477 or Dave Parker, West Texas Men's Fastpitch Association, 634-6474 or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-563-1333 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Youth Clinics
What: Tennis clinics for beginners to advanced players ranging from preschoolers to high school seniors. Ages 3-5: balloon tennis; ages 6-8: Quick Start (red ball); ages 9-10: Quick Start (orange and green ball); ages 11-18: junior development; all levels of adult programs
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and click on "Programs & Events" or call 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30 to 1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 to 4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. and 5:30 to 6:30 p.m.)
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: 689-4340

Midland Tennis Club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual dues: Adults $65, youth $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

MTC Tennis Tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
When: Aug. 9-10, Aug. 23-24, Sept. 20-21, Oct. 11, Nov. 8-9
For more info: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Track & Field

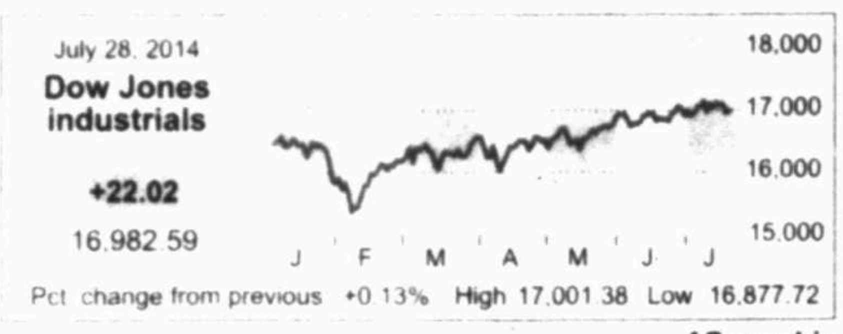
Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Program
When: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Mondays, Tuesday, Thursdays, May 19-Aug. 2
Where: Lee High School Track, 3500 Neely
For: Boys and girls ages 7-19 years old
For more info: Contact Tony Goyang at 694-2424 or 349-1125

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Fun Walks, 10K, 3rd Saturday morning of the month; Monthly meeting 3rd Sunday at 5 p.m.
Where: Fun Walks, vary; meetings in Room 227, First Presbyterian Church, 800 W. Texas Ave.
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2588 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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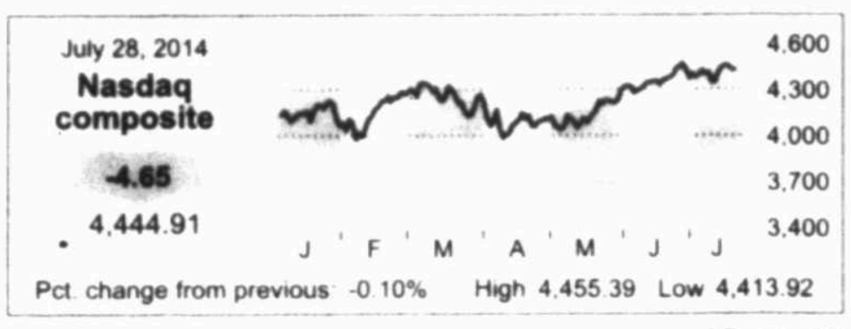

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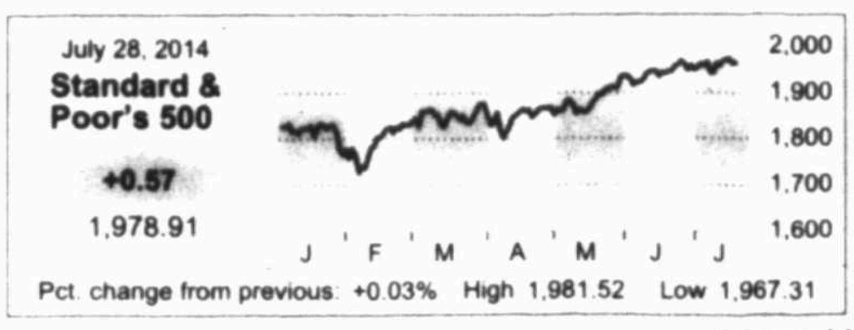

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Monday:	$101.67
Previous:	$102.09

POSTED

Monday:	$98.50
Previous:	$98.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday:	$91.65
Previous:	$91.65

NATURAL GAS

Monday:	$3.747
Previous:	$3.781

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
RiteAid	847263	6.69	-.36
S&P500ETF	642183	197.80	+.08
SPDR Fncl	396414	22.90	+.01
BkofAm	378416	15.50	.09
iShEMkts	362242	45.09	+.31

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
FamilyDlr	75.74	+15.08	+24.9
Trulia	65.04	+8.69	+15.4
Autohme n	37.30	+2.80	+8.1
GrubHub n	38.02	+2.79	+7.9
58.com n	54.04	+3.81	+7.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
StdRegistr	5.00	-.60	-10.7
ArmstrWld	49.60	-5.77	-10.4
BcoMacro	38.08	-3.80	-9.1
ClayEng	115.87	-10.42	-8.3
CompssMn	87.43	-7.19	-7.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,322
Declined	1,763
Unchanged	139
Total issues	3,224
New Highs	99
New Lows	60
Volume	2,726,385,121

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Globalstar	33403	3.99	-.17
InovioPh rs	21755	11.90	-.73
CheniereEn	19721	74.28	-1.17
AlldNevG	19082	3.30	+.06
NwGold g	18480	6.54	+.08

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BowlA	15.47	+.72	+4.9
TrioTch	3.66	+.16	+4.5
RetractTc	2.81	+.12	+4.4
Skyline	4.57	+.18	+4.1
PyramidOil	5.80	+.20	+3.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ERBA Diag	2.11	-.18	-7.9
GormanR s	29.01	-2.19	-7.0
GreenHntr	3.02	-.21	-6.5
GastarExp	7.26	-.47	-6.1
InovioPh rs	11.90	-.73	-5.8

DIARY

Advanced	174
Declined	229
Unchanged	22
Total issues	425
New Highs	3
New Lows	2
Volume	77,001,857

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SiriusXM	681807	3.38	-.06
Apple Inc s	527544	99.02	-1.35
Facebook	410021	74.92	-.27
MicronT	340207	31.98	-1.44
DollarTree	319872	54.87	+.65

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ElPLoco n	34.48	+10.45	+43.5
CallularBio	33.00	+6.83	+26.1
ChiCmCr n	3.11	+.56	+22.0
VisnChina	17.52	+3.12	+21.7
ImprimisP	7.00	+.75	+12.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AcelRx	6.39	-4.44	-41.0
HorizPhm	9.15	-4.75	-34.2
EDAP TMS	3.65	-1.23	-25.2
SemierSc n	2.94	-.72	-19.7
ManhBrCa	2.53	-.55	-17.9

DIARY

Advanced	980
Declined	1,675
Unchanged	136
Total issues	2,791
New Highs	56
New Lows	79
Volume	1,741,341,798

FAA proposes to fine Southwest Airlines $12M

By Joan Lowy
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Federal Aviation Administration said Monday it is proposing a $12 million civil fine against Southwest Airlines for failing to comply with safety regulations related to repairs on Boeing 737 jetliners.

It is the second-largest fine the agency has proposed against an airline. The largest proposed fine was against American Airlines for $24.2 million in August 2010. That one was ultimately settled for $24.9 million as part of American's bankruptcy proceedings, although the final settlement included other safety violations not part of the original proposal.

The FAA said that beginning in 2006 Southwest made "extreme makeover" alterations to eliminate potential cracking of the aluminum skin on 44 jetliners. An FAA investigation determined that Southwest's contractor, Aviation Technical Services Inc. of Everett, Washington, failed to follow proper procedures for replacing the fuselage as well as other work on the planes, the agency said. All of the work was done under the supervision of Southwest, which was responsible for seeing that it was done properly, the FAA said.

Southwest, which is based in Dallas, then returned the planes to service in 2009 and they were flown about 100,000 times. About a third of the flights occurred after the FAA "put the airline on notice that these aircraft were not in compliance" with safety regulations, the agency said. The FAA said it later approved repairs to the planes after the airline provided proper documentation that the repairs met safety standards.

During its investigation, the FAA also found that Aviation Technical Services' workers applied sealant beneath the new skin panels but did not install fasteners in all of the rivet holes fast enough for the sealant to be effective.

"This could have resulted in gaps between the skin and the surface to which it was being mounted. Such gaps could allow moisture to penetrate the skin and lead to corrosion," FAA said.

The contractor also failed to follow requirements to properly place the planes on jacks and shore them up while the work was being performed, the FAA said. If a plane is shored improperly during skin replacement, the airframe could shift and lead to subsequent problems with the new skin.

The FAA also said that Southwest failed to properly install a ground wire on water drain masts on two of its Boeing 737s in response to a safety order aimed at preventing lightning strikes. The planes were each operated on more than 20 passenger flights after Southwest Airlines became aware of the discrepancies but before the airline corrected the problem, the agency said.

"The FAA views maintenance very seriously, and it will not hesitate to take action against companies that fail to follow regulations," said FAA Administrator Michael Huerta.

Southwest Airlines has 30 days to respond to the proposed fine. Usually FAA officials negotiate extensively with an airline in cases of large fines before settling upon an amount. However, regulators and airline officials sometimes are unable to reach an agreement and the airline contests the fine.

Brandi King, a spokeswoman for Southwest, said the airline will "respond to the FAA allegations" in accordance with the agency's procedures.

"Having fully resolved the repair issues some time ago, none of the items raised in the FAA letter affect aircraft currently being operated by Southwest Airlines," she said. "As always, Southwest is committed to continuously making enhancements to our internal procedures, as well as improvements related to oversight of our repair vendors."

In 2009, Southwest settled on a fine of $7.5 million with the FAA for allegedly operating Boeing 737s on nearly 60,000 flights without performing mandatory inspections of the fuselage for cracking. The FAA had originally recommended more than $10 million in penalties.

Dollar Tree steps up fight, buys Family Dollar

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The fight for penny pinchers is intensifying.

Dollar Tree said Monday it is buying rival discounter Family Dollar for $8.5 billion, significantly broadening its reach as it looks to fend off Wal-Mart, which has been stepping up its courtship of lower-income customers

The deal makes Dollar Tree the biggest player in the dollar store segment, with its more than 13,000 combined locations eclipsing current leader Dollar General Corp., which has about 11,300.

Dollar stores grew during the recession as people across income groups searched for cheaper options. To attract a broader array of customers, they also expanded their offerings to include more groceries and brand-name products, instead of just the party favors and other knickknacks people often associated with them.

More recently, however, sales at dollar stores have been suffering because the lower-income customers who go to them are facing persistent job instability and slow wage growth in the aftermath of the recession. Wal-Mart Stores Inc. and Kroger Co. also have been opening smaller store formats to directly compete with dollar stores.

Crude falls

Benchmark U.S. crude oil fell 42 cents to $101.67 a barrel , the New York Mercantile Exchange. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils, fell 82 cents to $107.57 on the ICE Futures exchange in London. Wholesale gasoline fell 1.6 cents to $2.85 a gallon. Natural gas lost 3.4 cents to $3.75 per 1,000 cubic feet. Heating oil slipped 2.8 cents to $2.89 a gallon.

Red Lobster goes vertical

NEW YORK — Red Lobster wants to be seen as a purveyor of quality seafood, so it's getting rid of some of its promotional discounts and stacking the food higher on plates, as is the style at fancier restaurants.

The changes mark the latest attempt by the struggling seafood to stop a years-long sales decline as it embarks on a new era. On Monday, Darden Restaurants Inc. said it completed its sale of the chain to investment firm Golden Gate Capital, despite contentious protests from activist investors.

In his first interview as Red Lobster's new CEO, Kim Lopdrup outlined the missteps he thought his predecessors made and why he thinks Red Lobster can win back customers.

"At the end of the day, people are not going to go a Chipotle for their anniversary or their birthday," he said.

Sit-down chains like Red Lobster have been struggling since the economic downturn as people cut back on spending.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $115.87 Down 10.42

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $145.04 Down 1.33

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $25.88 Down 0.03

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $84.80 Down 0.90

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $32.02 Down 0.17

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.30 Up 0.12

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $32.07 Up 0.53

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.53 Down 0.95

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $17.79 Up 0.41

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.65	+.11	+1.4
AbbVie	1.68	21	53.74	+.56	+1.8
Abraxas		42	5.50	-.31	+68.7
AcelRx			6.39	-4.44	-43.5
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.96	-.01	+6.8
AMD		37	3.73	.03	3.6
Alcoa	.12	41	17.01	+.45	+60.0
AlonUSA	.24		13.06	.44	21.0
AmAirl n	.40		40.29	1.39	+59.6
ARltCapPr	1.06		12.98	+.14	+1.0
Amgen	2.44	20	122.65	-.19	+7.5
Anadarko	1.08f	...	107.65	-1.56	+35.7
Apache	1.00	23	101.27	-.58	+17.8
Apple Inc s	1.88	16	99.02	-1.35	+23.5
ApldMatl	.40	30	21.36	+.13	+20.8
ATMOS	1.48	18	50.72	+.52	+11.7
AutoData	1.92	28	82.49	.12	+2.1
BP PLC	2.28	8	50.64	-.28	+4.2
BabsCCInv	1.20		15.68	+.28	+5.0
BakrHu	.68f	24	72.64	.78	+31.5
BkofAm	.04	18	15.50	.09	.4
B iPVix rs			28.65	.18	-32.7
BasicEnSv			25.79	+.48	+63.4
BerkHa A	...	16	192580.00	+1355.00	+8.3
BlkHillsCp	1.56	24	56.32	+1.20	+7.3
BlackBerry		...	9.95	.32	+33.7
BrMySq	1.44	31	49.80	+.41	-6.3
BrownFA	1.16	30	88.57	-1.78	+20.1
BrownFB	1.16	30	90.29	-1.16	+19.5
CVS Care	1.10	20	78.38	.74	+9.5
Cameron	...	22	73.96	.19	+24.2
Caterpillar	2.80f	18	104.15	.70	+14.7
Celestic g	...	14	10.99	.25	+5.7
CntryLink	2.16	...	37.71	+.13	+18.4
ChesEng	.35	22	26.84	.17	+4.5
Chevron	4.28f	13	133.24	-.33	+6.7
Chicos	.30	21	16.05	+.04	-14.8
Cimarex	.64	28	146.74	-1.22	+39.9
Cisco	.76	18	25.92	-.05	+16.4
Citigroup	.04	12	49.70	-.33	-4.6
ClayEng	...	37	115.87	-10.42	+41.4
CocaCola	1.22	22	40.68	-.32	-1.5
ColgPalm	1.44	29	67.33	-.26	+3.3
ConAgra	1.00	42	30.94	-.14	-8.2
ConchoRes	...	49	145.04	-1.33	+34.3
ConocoPhil	2.92f	14	85.19	-.73	+20.6
CrackerB	4.00f	18	97.55	-.22	-11.4
CrosTim	2.71e	13	32.93	+.02	+12.0
DCP Mid	2.98f	41	56.01	+.03	+11.2
DR Horton	.25f	15	21.48	-.13	-3.8
DTE	2.76f	18	77.03	+1.03	+16.0
Dataram h			2.54	-.01	-2.3
Dawson	.32	38	25.88	-.03	-23.5
DevonE	.96	19	77.82	-.52	+25.8
DrxSCBear			15.82	+.21	-6.8
Disney	.86f	22	87.15	+.92	+14.1
DollarGen		17	55.56	-.05	-7.9
DollarTree		19	54.87	+.65	-2.7
DowChm	1.48	19	53.70	-.01	+20.9
EMC Cp	.46f	24	29.67	+.47	+18.0
EOG Res s	.50	26	113.39	-1.43	+35.1
ElPLoco n			34.48	+10.45	+43.5
EmpDist	1.02	15	25.49	+.15	+12.3
Energen	.60	37	86.87	-1.12	+22.8
EngyTsfr	3.82f		58.78	-.26	+2.7
EnPro	...	66	72.01	-.55	+24.9
EntPrPt	2.88f	28	79.29	+.40	+19.6
Ericsson	.46e		12.75	-.02	+4.2
Exelixis			4.40	+.21	-28.2
ExpScripts		30	65.90	-.45	-6.2
ExterranH	.60	27	42.74	-.11	+25.0
ExxonMbl	2.76f	14	104.37	+1.19	+3.1
Facebook		81	74.92	-.27	+37.1
FamilyDlr	1.24	23	75.74	+15.08	+16.6
FordM	.50	11	17.64	+.02	+14.3
ForestOil		18	2.14	-.06	-40.7
GATX	1.32	17	65.06	-.33	+24.7
GabMultT	.88	...	9.55	+.05	-23.0
GAInv	2.10e	...	37.10	...	+5.4
GenElec	.88	19	25.59	-.20	-8.7
GenMotors	1.20	29	34.90	-.17	-14.6
GileadSci	...	20	91.46	+1.62	+21.8
GtPlainEn	.92	16	25.73	+.28	+6.1
Groupon	...	...	6.39	+.18	-45.7
HalconRes	...	...	6.32	-.28	+63.7
Hallibrtn	.60	23	72.64	-.77	+43.1
HorizPhm	...	...	9.15	-4.75	+20.1
iShJapan	.17e	...	12.20	+.07	+.5
iShChinaLC	.71e		41.05	+.86	+7.0
iShEMkts	.71e		45.09	+.31	+7.9
iShR2K	1.48e		113.03	-.57	-2.0
IntegrysE	2.72	21	69.98	+1.13	+28.6
Intel	.90	17	34.23	-.02	+31.9
InterDig	.80f	39	44.85	+.04	+52.1
JPMorgCh	1.60f	15	59.19	+.18	+1.9
JohnJn	2.80	19	102.11	...	+11.5
KimbClk	3.36	19	108.31	-.22	+3.7
KindME	5.56f	34	84.15	-.21	+4.3
KindMM	5.52t	51	80.13	-.32	+5.9
LegacyRes	2.44f		32.02	-.17	+13.7
Lubys	...	...	5.11	-.12	-33.8
MGM Rsts			26.82	+.43	+14.0
MktVGold	.19e		26.99	+.17	+27.7
MarvellT	.24	20	13.24	-.15	-7.9
McDnlds	3.24	17	95.78	+.06	-1.3
Merck	1.76	38	57.97	-.18	+15.8
MeritMed	...	34	14.94	+.12	-5.1
MexcoEn		49	7.30	+.12	+5.8
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ParkDrl	...	23	6.22	-.06	-23.5
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Penney	...	...	9.22	+.03	+.8
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Prmian	1.11e	14	14.03	-.17	+9.1
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ProctGam	2.57	21	79.26	-.30	-2.6
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RF MicD		38	10.92	+.03	+111.6
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21,108.12	17,305.21	Wilshire 5000	20,895.05	-12.12	-.06	+6.03	+16.92
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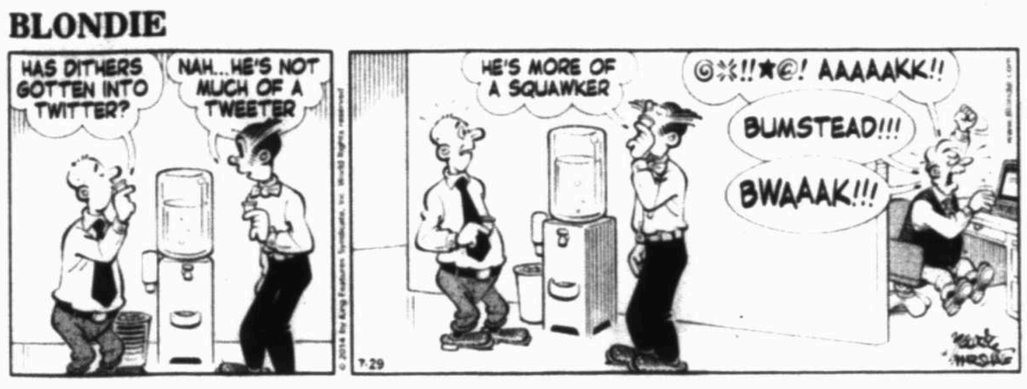

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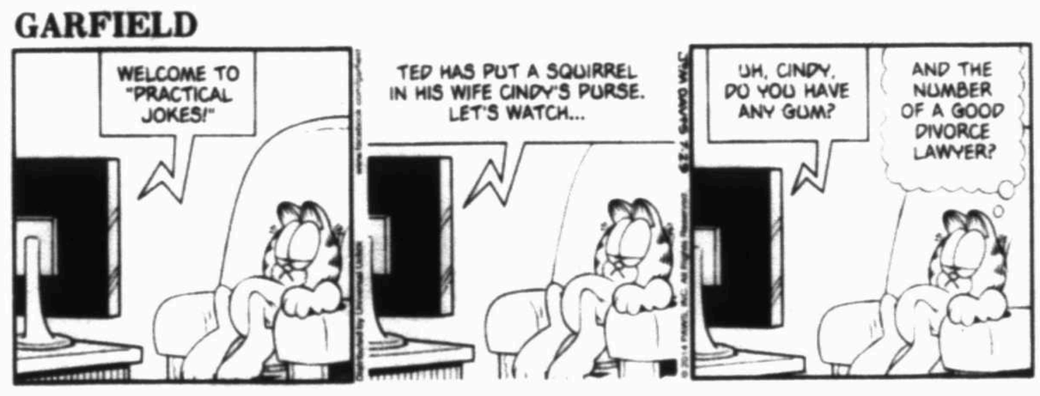

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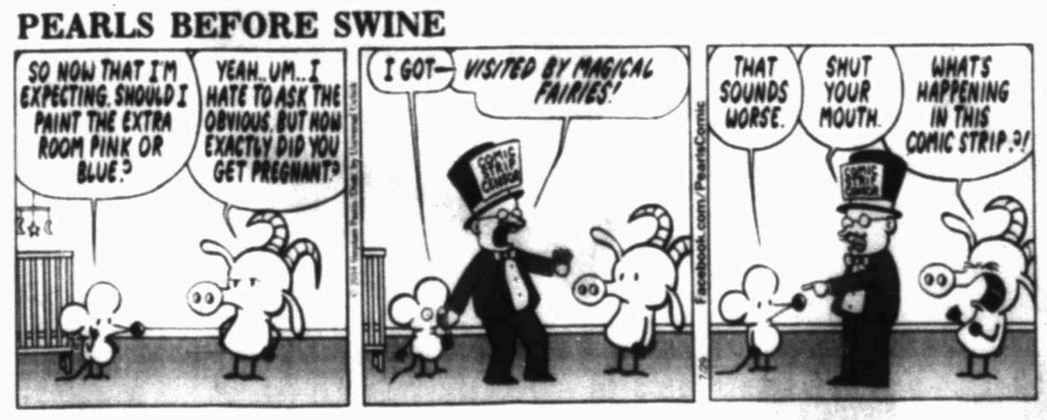

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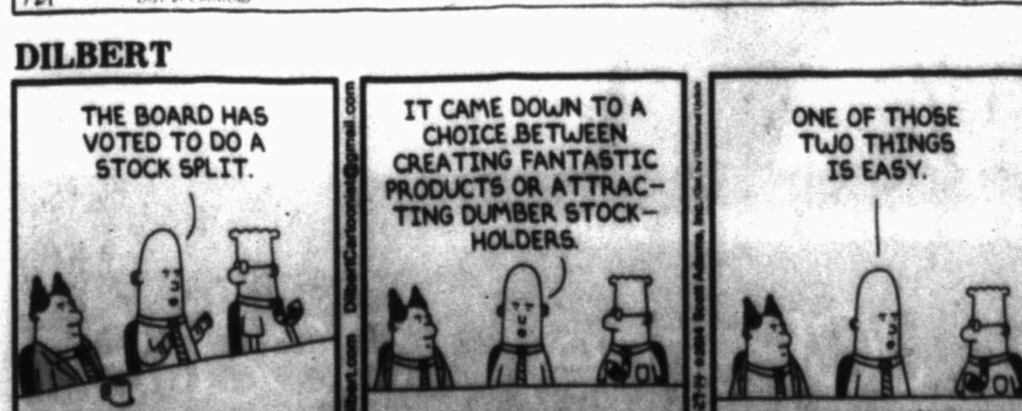

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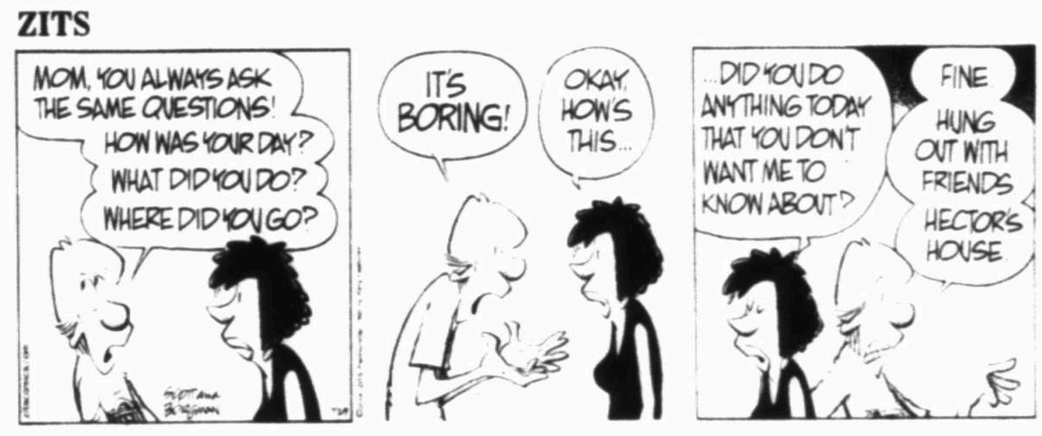

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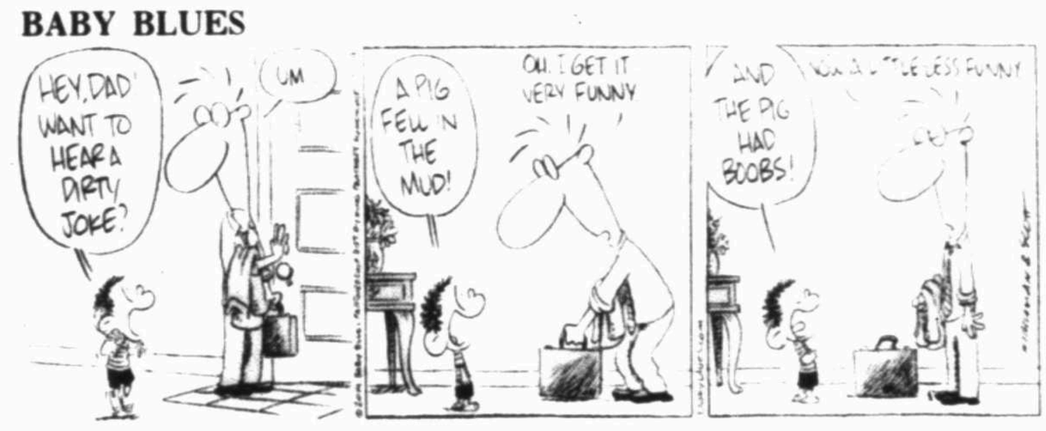

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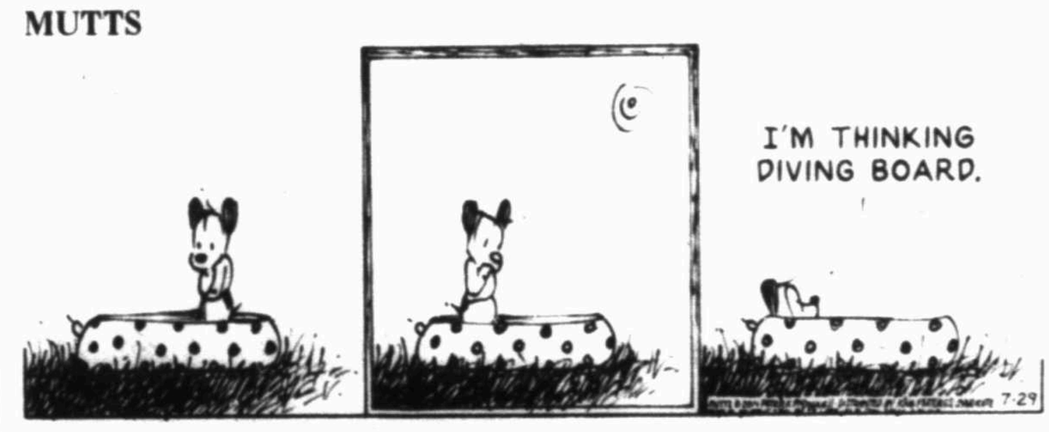

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CLERICAL & ADMINISTRATIVE

Clerical Assistant
Full Time
General office duties. Good computer and people skills. Experience in A/R, Peachtree, Open invoice or Log Checker a plus. Also any experience working with driver's logs or trip reports. Greenwood area. Fax resume 432-458-3235. Attn: Karla or bring your resume to 4204 FM 1208, Midland. Office - 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

Clerical
Natural Foods Market has an opening for a full-time or part-time Clerical worker. Must be detailed oriented and have prior experience working in an office. Computer, 10 key and working knowledge of Microsoft Word & Excel are required. Good work environment with plenty of perks. Apply in person, Monday through Friday 9am to 7pm at 2311 W. Wadley, Midland, TX. Ask for Samuel or Larry.

ENERGY & UTILITIES

SURVEYING
Experienced Crew Chief, SIT, Draftsman and Rodman (will train). Positions available at **Watson Professional Group Inc.** Email resume to **pwatson@wpg-us.com** or mail to **P.O. Box 11186, Midland, TX 79702**.

HEALTHCARE

MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

Chief Operations Officer - Directs, administers, and coordinates the internal operational activities of the organization in accordance with policies, goals, and objectives established by the Chief Executive Officer and the Board of Directors. Assists the CEO in the development of the Districts policies and goals that cover operations, personnel, and finances. Ensures that the day-to-day business operations of the Hospital District run smoothly and efficiently. Education: Bachelors of Science Degree or Masters of Business Administration. Minimum 5 years' experience as clinical or business director in the medical field.

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Certified Dental Assistant
Thomas Campagna, DMD FT
We are looking for an exceptional experienced, **Certified Dental Assistant**, one full time position to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice Bi Lingual required. Please email **info@smilemidland.com**, fax **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to **3722 N. Loop 250, Midland, TX**

MIDLAND SURGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.A.

is **expanding** our practice and seeking **experienced** candidates for the following positions to complement our team. All candidates must be able to work independently and possess excellent communication and patient skills.

RECEPTIONIST / MEDICAL RECORDS

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Benefit package includes PTO, Health, Life and AFLAC insurance coverages, and 401-K
Office Hours M-F 8:30-5:30
Fax resume to: 432-697-1061 or email joann@msa.bz

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We are looking for an exceptional, experienced, **Registered Dental Hygienist**, full/ part time to join our team, at Midland's premier dental practice. Please email **info@smilemidland.com**, fax **(432) 520-0720** or bring resume to **3722 W. Loop 250 North, Midland, TX**

Transcriptions
Advanced Neuroscience Clinic FT
Hiring FT Transcriptions. Experience preferred. Email your resume to Irma@brainanc.com or Call Irma. 432-570-9991

HOSPITALITY & TRAVEL

HIRING ALL POSITIONS
Our New Holiday Inn Express I-20 Midland, TX **Front Desk Manager, Front Desk Agents, Executive Housekeeper, Night Auditor, Housekeepers, Breakfast Host/Hostess and Maintenance**. Please E-Mail resumes to **careers@insigniamgmt.com**. FAX resume to **432.699.0979** or apply or stop by **4410 North Midkiff Road, Suite D-2.2** to pick up an application

Housekeeping
Baymont Inn & Suites Midland Airport is now hiring for Housekeeping. Full and part time available. Experience a plus but not required. Benefits include raise after 90 days, discount on hotel rooms, and paid vacation after 1 year. Please apply in person or call 432-561-8000

INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE

DIRECTOR OF FACILITIES
Directs an organization's facilities department. Oversees the functioning of building systems including mechanical, electrical, fire/life safety, and elevators. May manage the maintenance of buildings and grounds. Oversees contractors for facility renovation projects entailing HVAC, electrical systems, and production floor arrangement. Relies on extensive experience and judgment to plan and accomplish goals. Performs a variety of tasks. Leads and directs the work of others. A wide degree of creativity and latitude is required. Please E-Mail resumes to **careers@insigniamgmt.com**. FAX resume to **432.699.0979** or apply or stop by **4410 North Midkiff Road, Suite D-212** to pick up an application

MAINTENANCE
Villa Chateau Apartments Full time Maintenance needed. Must have own tools. Drug screen/Background check done. Apply in person at: Villa Chateau Apts., 1603 N. Midkiff Rd, Midland, TX 79701. No phone calls please

OTHER JOBS

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We are looking for enthusiastic and energetic **housekeeping staff** for two of our Midland Hotels. Please stop by **Holiday Inn Express 5309 W Loop 250 N, Midland, TX or SpringHill Suites 5716 Deauville BLVD Midland, TX** to pick up an application

Mothers Day Out
Needing Teachers for Mothers Day Out. Tuesday and Thursday 8:30 am - 3:00 pm. Age groups 2 year, 3 year, and 4 year old classes. Please apply in person at 4501 Thomason Dr. Midland TX 79703

Personal Assistant
Large Church hiring a full time personal assistant to the Senior Pastor. May require some travel. Must be organized and an excellent multi-tasker. Clerical and research skills as well as computer literacy required. Send resumes to hrdirector@firstmethodistmidland.com

Resident Guard & Cooks - Full Time, Part Time, & Relief
Looking for a second retirement? Company funded, 100% vested in as little as 6 years. Please apply online at www.dismas.com or in person at 24 W Industrial Loop, Midland, TX. Residential re-entry center wants Cooks and Guard 1

Safety Coordinator
Position available for a full time Safety Coordinator. Must be OSHA Certified. Email Resume to jaservicetx@gmail.com

Truck Mechanic and Accessory Installer
Rhino Linings of Midland is now hiring for **experienced truck mechanic and accessory installer**. $$TOP PAY$$ Paid vacation, health insurance, and holidays. Weekends off. Apply at: **5306 West Wall** or call **432-262-6463**.

Warehouse Worker
Corley Paper & Box FT
Warehouse worker must be able to lift 50 lbs. and have Texas driver's license. 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. Please apply at: **5120 Andrews Highway**.

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR PART TIME DAY ASSOCIATE

Part Time Day Associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person
Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

These positions require some physical lifiting of 5-15 lbs. Must be able to bend and stand for at least a 6 hr. shift. No experience required; we will train you. Work performed in this department includes processing and handling of newspaper bundles. Applicants must be dependable, be over 18, and have a valid ID card and Social Security card with dependable transportation.

Apply in person at: 201 E. Illinois, Lobby Information Desk • Monday-Friday 8-5 or email: jmaddox@hearstnp.com
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE

OTHER JOBS

Midland Reporter-Telegram
HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE
Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person
Pay $10.00 per hour paid every 2 weeks

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Case Manager
Family Promise of Midland is seeking a full-time case manager/ social worker to work with guest families. Requires a Bachelor's degree in Social Science or related field, or three years of experience in a similar position. Candidate must have high energy, a positive attitude, and a passion to help people in crisis. Please email letter of interest and resume to familypromiseofmidland@gmail.com or call 432-352-6141

RESTAURANT & FOOD SERVICE

Domino's Pizza

NOW HIRING

DOMINO'S PIZZA is now hiring Delivery Drivers! We are looking for Awesome Team Members that want to earn cash daily! Delivery Drivers earn a great hourly wage while taking home their tips and delivery reimbursement daily! Do you like cash in your pocket? Have a vehicle with insurance? Have a decent motor vehicle record and background? Well this is the job for you! Not sure yet?

Email us at dominos@clearwire.net with your name and phone number and we will call you to answer any questions you may have before you decide to apply! We will make the hiring process as easy possible for you!

As always, come on down to one of our Midland locations and apply at any time! Or apply at www.indeed.com
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Now hiring full & part time help. Cashier and counter help. Competitive wages. Apply in person at Michael's Charcoal Grill. 723 W. Wadley. Midland, Texas

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Lawrence Merchandising needs a Representative in Midland. Flexible scheduling that fits your availability. Maintain product displays at the Target & other local retailers. Retail exp preferred; must have email/internet access. Please call 1-800-328-3967 x743. To learn more visit: www.LMSVC.com

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Danny's Asphalt Paving
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Danny's Asphalt Paving
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SKILLED LABOR

Field Tech
Biotech, Inc. is needing a Field technician to treat oil wells in the Midland area. Good pay, insurance, benefits. Must have current drivers' license with good driving record and pass drug screen. CDL not required. Send resumes to tjones@biotechinc.org

I & E TECH
Immediately needed: I & E TECH for natural gas processing plant and gathering system near Rankin, Texas. Must have experience with electronic and pneumatic instrumentation and be able to troubleshoot 480V 3 phase electrical service. Experience with generators and plant automation a plus. Must be willing to take night and weekend call outs. Fax resumes to 432-693-2132 or mail to Benedum Gas Plant, HC 34, Box 63, Midkiff, Texas. 79755

Journeyman Electrician, Apprentices, Lineman
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Journeyman Electricians Needed and Helpers
CNR Electric hiring **Experienced Journeyman Electricians**. Good pay, small company, and extremely busy. Helpers needed also. Call Charles at **432-413-9344**

Journeymen Electricians and Helpers
Now hiring Journeymen Electricians and Helpers. Will train! Fast Growing electrical company and competive pay. Call (432) 235-0375.

PRESSMAN
The Midland Reporter-Telegram has an immediate opening in its Production Department for the position of: PRESSMAN for our Harris N 1650 Printing presses.
This 5-6 day per week, fast paced, deadline oriented position, requires: night shift/weekend work, with a strong emphasis on safety. The Midland Reporter-Telegram offers a full package of company benefits including 401K program. Salary DOE.
Send resume and salary requirements to:
John Maddox, Director of Production/Facilities
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram 201 E. Illinois St., Midland, TX 79701. E-mail:jmaddox@hearstnp.com
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SERVICE TECHNICIAN
Ray Lee Equipment Co., a John Deere dealer servicing West Texas and Eastern New Mexico, is currently seeking a **Service Technician** for our Muleshoe, Texas location. Must be able to work in a team environment, communication skills, own tools, reliable transportation and have basic computer skills. Technical Diesel Training preferred. *Competitive Wages *Paid Time Off *Comprehensive Health Insurance *Life Insurance * 401K Retirement Plan To apply, e-mail completed application and resume to **koys@rlec.com**. Applications can be downloaded at **www.rayleeequipment.com/careers**

Warehouse Clerk
Natural Gas Service Group FT
NGSG has an immediate opening for a **Warehouse Clerk**. This person will prepare internal transfers, electronically receive products, input parts into accounting system, prepare requisitions and assist Warehouse Manager as needed. This individual must be detail oriented and have intermediated to advance skill in Microsoft Excel and Word and have a minimum 1 year experience as a Warehouse Clerk. Excellent Salary and Benefit package. For more Information or to submit resume contact employment@ngsgi.com or call 432.262.2700.

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

Class A CDL Driver
Needing Class A CDL driver for Local Trucking Company. Tanker endorsement required. We do have Medical and quick advancement. Call Chris #432-238-3336

Class A CDL Truck Drivers
Prefer drivers with Pneumatic Tanker experience. Benefits include: medical, life and dental insurance, and paid vacation. Applicants having experience hauling sand and/or dry cement helpful. Good driving record, DOT, drug & alcohol testing required. Apply in person, call 432-563-1894 for interview or online @ www.rockwaterenergy.com

DRIVERS
JW Enterprise is looking for **Drivers** with Class A CDL. Must have a good driving record. Competitive Wages and a great place to work. On the job training. Pay DOE. Contact 432-425-9036 or 432-458-3675 for more information. Serious applicants only.

DRIVERS NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Regional Ice Manufacturer Seeking FULL-TIME Route Delivery Drivers for the Midland, TX. area. Home Every Night. Class A or B CDL Required. Pre-Employment Drug Screen and Clean Driving Record a Must. Able to lift minimum a of 50 lbs. Pays an excellent hourly wage and commission. Full Benefits Package Available. Call 1-800-321-5558 or apply online at arcticglacier.com

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

Supplement your income by delivering newspapers for a few hours in the early mornings between 12:00am - 6:00am. The Midland Reporter-Telegram is currently seeking individuals who are interested in delivering newspapers in the residential areas in and around the City of Midland. If interested, MUST have a reliable vehicle, proof of automobile insurance in your name, a valid driver's license, must understand that this is a 7 day a week delivery commitment as an Independent Contractor.

THE PROFIT FOR THESE ROUTES IS ABOUT $650-$1,000 a month,
depending on the size of the route. *This is a perfect way to generate the extra money you need.*

If interested in starting a newspaper route:
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The Midland Reporter-Telegram
201 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY

EARN UP TO $500 PER WEEK!

Do you have a reliable car with insurance and a phone?? Become an independent contractor delivering the Midland Reporter-Telegram.

Contact:
Linda 687-8807

TRANSPORTATION & LOGISTICS

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NGL Crude Transportation is HIRING drivers now in Big Spring & Midland. Top hrly pay, big qrtly bonus potential. Full benefit package 844-NGL-HIRE

Foreman & Drivers
SOUTH ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC IS NOW HIRING Environmental Field foreman with at least 1 year CDL experience. Apply at 2400 S. Loop 250 West, Midland Texas (Across the loop from DPS)

PUMP TRUCK OPERATORS WANTED
SOC Industries, LLC now hiring **experienced drivers/operators**. Must have at least 6 months experience and be able to pass DOT, MVR and drug test. Must be able to effectively communicate in English. You will earn top wages and performance/safety bonuses. Benefits include: paid health insurance, paid vacations, paid holidays and furnished uniforms. Apply in person at **2324 FM 715, Midland Texas 79706**, fax resumes to **423-620-0035** or email resumes to: **timgreer@socind.net**. No phone calls please.

Vacuum Truck Drivers
Stride Transport needs Vacuum Truck drivers. Run legal, 70 hours a week. 24 hour on call. 2 years recent tractor trailer experience required. Tanker endorsement required. Insurance and 401K benefits package. Vacation, sick and holiday pay. Excellent pay. Call Ken at 432-557-6094

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Ricky Shuler Trucking is looking for Drivers who are wanting to become Owner/ Operators. Equipment: single cab tractor leased to own purchase, trailer furnished but will remain property of Ricky Shuler Trucking. Must have CDL- A with Tanker/ HazMat endorsements, strong work history, crude oil hauling experience & must pass DOT, drug/ alcohol requirements. Owner/ Operators willing to relocate or currently residing in the following areas, Odessa, TX., Midland, TX., Big Spring, TX., Andrews, TX., Pecos, TX. & Carlsbad, N.M. Contact Phyllis @ 432-923-1064 between 9am & 4pm for additional information & application.

Marty's Marketplace

Merchandise

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15- AAA Appliance Free pickup in 15min. 556-0104 / 528-3046

WASHER & dryer for sale. 2 years old, like new. $395 total for both or best offer. 432-638-4665.

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BENGAL CAT. 3 yr. old female. Spayed, declawed, shots current. 432-258-7441

FREE TO good home 3 kittens. 432-222-4465

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SIX KITTENS to good homes. Ages unknown. Probably three to five months old. Three large and three small, one mother nursing all six. Love people, love playing, into everything, favorite toy toes and computer desks. GREAT COMPANIONS. Interview and home check. Pets only. Great for children.

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BEAUTIFUL OAK entertainment center $350. Please call 432-664-0688 & leave message. Can text picture.

Furniture

CHINA HUTCH light oak, like new. $400 OBO call or text 432-889-4074 for pictures

Moving Sale. HDTV 34" one dining table & 4 chairs, 2 accent chairs, 1 recliner. 432-296-1418

OAK DINING Table 6 chairs $500. Call 432-934-8882

SPLIT TOP king size Sleep Number S10 system bed 2 years old, perfect condition, works great. Not the original frame. Asking $1,800. Call or text 432-425-8277

Miscellaneous for Sale

CONSESSION TRAILER and commercial restaurant equipment. For more information please call 432-770-4004

LADIES CONSIGNMENT Store for Sale 432-694-8973

Musical Instruments

PEARL ELECTRONIC drum set includes kick, snare, three toms, hi-hat, crash, ride, 2 pedals and stands. Also included control box. $1,900. Would cost about $2,300 brand new. 432-694-4517

Musical Instruments

USED FULL SIZE Engiehart Cello with case. Great for school. $300. 432-638-6975

Sporting Goods

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Midland Horseshoe
Aug 2 (9-5)
Aug 3 (10-5)
Kim 806-252-6933
midlandgunshow.com

SCHWINN LADIES Cruiser 5spd bike $150. Ultra Ab Lounger w DVD $100. Cash only. 432-352-2700

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Heavy Equipment

2000 VERMEER Ditcher T555DT with 3,780 Hrs & 2010 Eager Beaver 20XPT 20 ft Heavy Equipment Trailer. $95,600. Contact (806) 292-5120

Animals & Pets

Pets

AKC Black Labordor Retrievers 4 males 2 females, parents on premises. Grand dad of puppies is a Grand Master Hunter & has many Field Trial Championships. Puppies are 7 weeks old and ready for their new homes. Great dogs for hunting & family. 432-634-4011

Pets

CKC TOY Poodles Call 432-553-9485

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FOR SENIORS 55 & up. Very nice 2 bedrooms, covered parking, W/D connections. $1,100 month. No pets. 432-694-9853.

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Houses for Rent Unfurnished

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Houses for Rent Unfurnished

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DUPLEX FOR LEASE.
3105-A Mark Lane.
2br/2ba, 2 car garage, 1250 sq. ft, fireplace, no pets.
$1500/month,
$1000/deposit.
432-557-5557

Residential Sales

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2025 S.C.R 1066 **Greenwood Area,** near School, 4bdrm, 2-1/2 bath home, 3832 Total Sq ft, 2640 sq ft Living area, 3 car garage. 1.44 acres. Barn, Pasture, Horse Stalls. See ad on Craigslist or call 432-425-7564 $489,250

2410 CULPEPER Dr. $299K, 3BD/2BA, appx 2600 sft, double oven, Jenn Air cook top, utility room w/ sink & storage, water softener & RO System - owned, wood burning fireplace w/gas starter, sprinkler system, $2000 carpet allowance. Call 432-238-2368

3200 TRAVIS, Midland, corner lot, $150K; 1265 sq. ft., 2.2 K/D, large sunroom, large b/y, 2 car garage, Circle drive. No owner finance. Call 432-699-6672

3307 MA MAR Ct.
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Over 4800sf;
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UP Group
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Homes for Sale

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4105 ST Andrews
4/3/2/2 $279,500
Open Sat & Sun 1:30pm-3pm Wow!
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Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

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FOR SALE By Owner 2406 Stutz Pl. Wonderful 4 bedroom 3.5 bath, 2 car garage, 2962 sq ft home in a quiet cul-de-sac perfect for growing families. Lots of curb appeal with nice shade trees and circle drive in front. Spacious laundry room with tons of built in cabinets for storage. Huge Master suite with his and her vanities and closets! Bonus room overlooking the beautiful backyard featuring a sparkling pool and brand new privacy fence. This home has lots of NEW and UPDATED features and is READY TO MOVE IN! See more pictures and information on forsalebyowner.com Please call 432-687-2854 to see. Reduced! $349,000

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Residential Sales

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FOR SALE By Owner!!! Beautiful 5 bdr 4 1/2 ba home! 2 story, large kitchen, backyard covered patio, ample storage, addt'l storage shed in back. $230,000. Call or text (432)210-7842

FOR SALE in Midland county close to Travis Elementary & Wal Mart. 3 bedroom 1 bath house. 26 x 48 shop, 14 x 70 mobile home, on 1/2 acre lot. Owner finance. Asking $150,000. Call 432-254-4842

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Lake Buchanan Home Beautiful custom split level on 1.1a with 100' Of waterfront. 4/2/2/1/2 1100 soft of decks, fireplace, hot tub, granite, tile, carpet. Lots Of red oak trim. Quiet. Abundant wildlife and fabulous Views. Tour at lakebuchanantxhome.com 512-694-2739

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logriverranch.com

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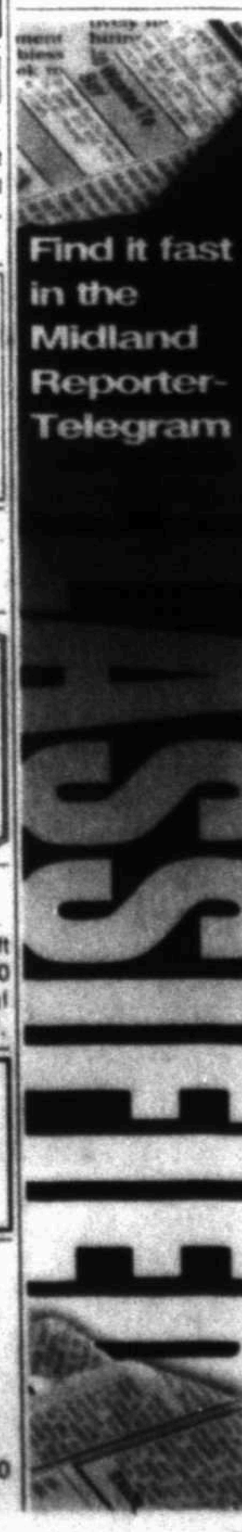

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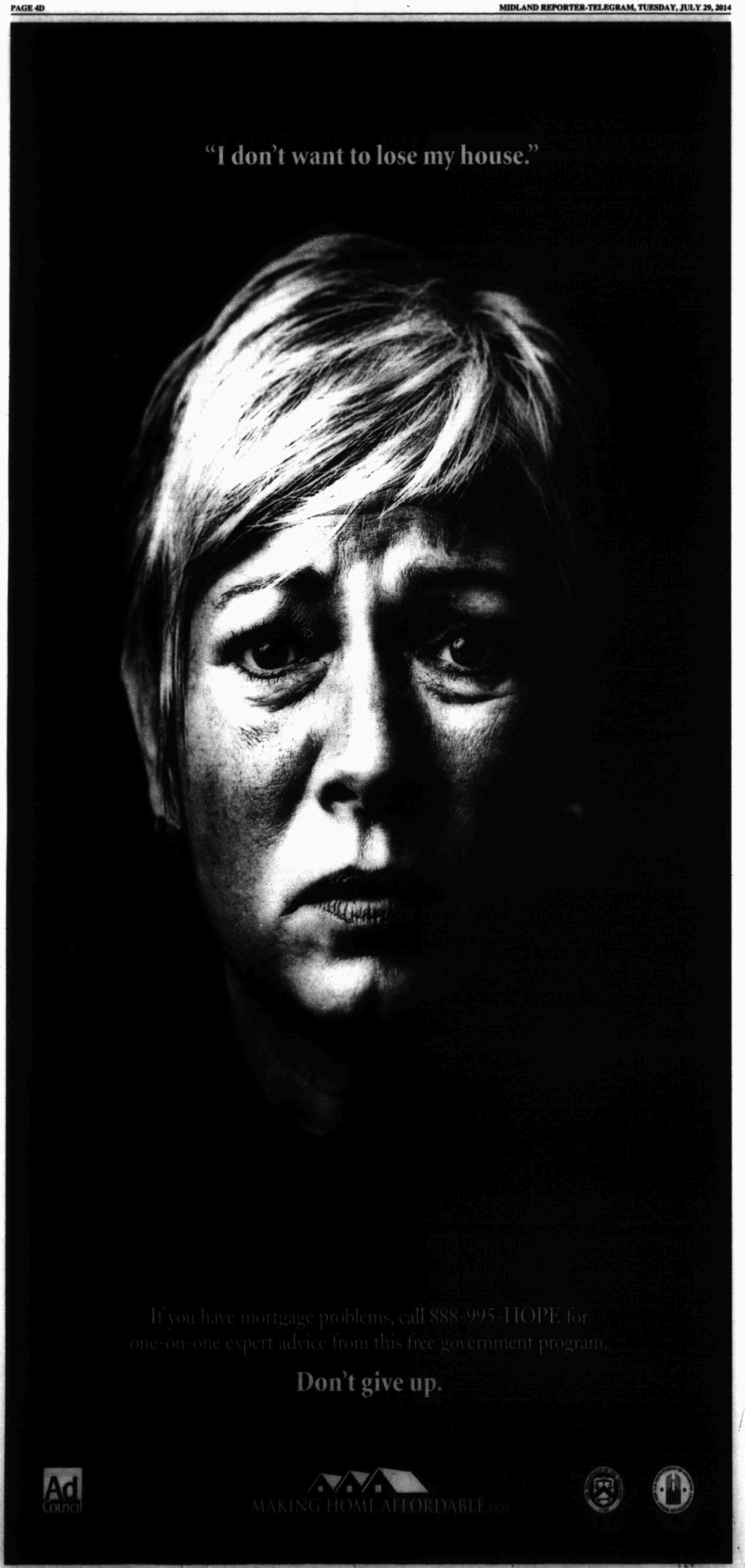
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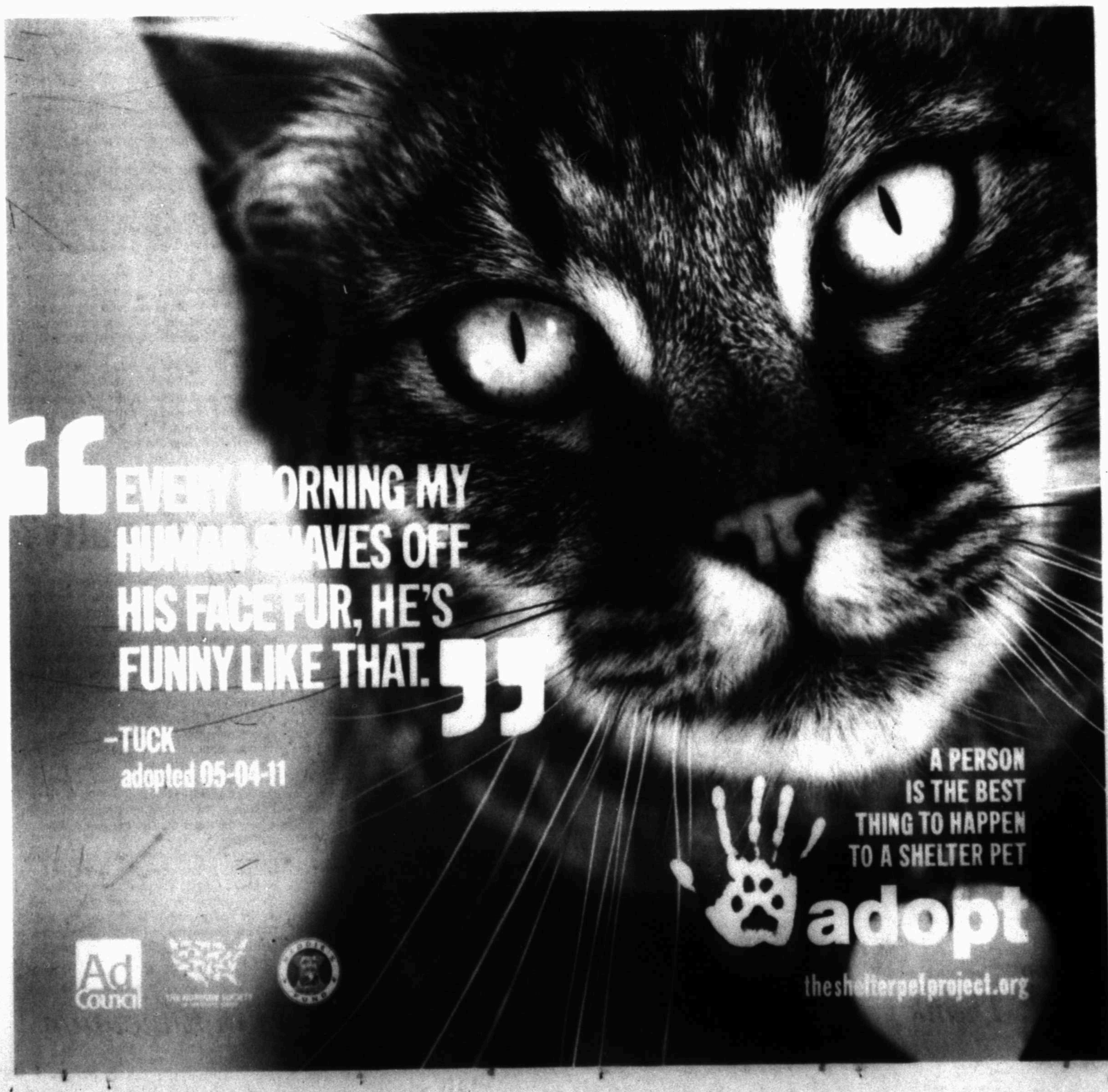

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Workers in protective suits and masks wait to enter the emergency operation center at the crippled Fukushima Dai-ichi nuclear power station in Okuma, Japan, in 2011 A U.S. science advisory report says a key lesson from Japan's Fukushima nuclear accident is that the nation's nuclear industry needs to focus more on the highly unlikely but super-serious worst case scenarios and radiation traveling further than previously figured.

Always plan ahead

Study: Think about unthinkable disasters

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A U.S. science advisory report says Japan's Fukushima nuclear accident offers a key lesson to the nation's nuclear industry: Focus more on the highly unlikely but worst case scenarios.

That means thinking about earthquakes, floods, tsunamis, solar storms, multiple failures and situations that seem freakishly unusual, according to Thursday's National Academy of Sciences report. Those kinds of things triggered the world's three major nuclear accidents.

"We need to do a soul searching when it comes to the assumptions" of how to deal with worst case events, said University of Southern California engineering professor Najmedin Meshkati, the panel's technical adviser. Engineers should "think about something that could happen once every, perhaps 1,000 years," but that's not really part of their training or nature, he said.

"You have to totally change your mode of thinking because complacency and hubris is the worst enemy to nuclear safety," Meshkati said in an interview.

The report said the 2011 Japanese accident, caused by an earthquake and tsunami, should not have been a surprise. The report says another Japanese nuclear power plant also hit by the tsunami was closer to the quake's fault. But the Onagawa plant wasn't damaged because quakes and flooding were considered when it was built.

Onagawa had crucial backup electricity available for when the main power went down, as opposed to Fukushima which had emergency generators in a basement that flooded. Onagawa's operators had "a different mindset" than the executives who ran Fukushima, Meshkati said.

The other two nuclear accidents — at Pennsylvania's Three Mile Island and Ukraine's Chernobyl — were caused by multiple system failures.

Lee Clarke, a Rutgers University risk expert and author of the book "Worst Cases," criticized the academy's report as too weak. He said the tone of the report made it seem like the accident was unpredictable and caught reasonable people by surprise "and it shouldn't have." But the report itself said the "the Fukushima accident was not a technical surprise."

David Lochbaum of the activist group Union of Concerned Scientists said the problem is that federal law financially protects the U.S. nuclear industry from accidents gives utilities little incentive to spend money on low-probability, high-consequence problems.

But Nuclear Energy Institute senior vice president Anthony Pietrangelo said the American nuclear industry has already taken several steps to shore up backup power and deal with natural disasters.

"We cannot let such an accident happen here," he said in a statement.

Another issue the report raised was about how far radiation may go in a worst case accident.

The U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission orders plants to have emergency plans for a zone of 10 miles around a nuclear plant. But the academy study said Fukushima showed that "may prove inadequate" if a similar accident happened in the U.S. People nearly 19 miles away in Japan needed protection from radiation. But the committee would not say what would be a good emergency zone.

Wild monkeys suffer low blood cell counts

Wild Japanese monkeys near the Fukushima Daiichi nuclear power plant have lower blood cell counts than similar monkeys who lived almost 200 miles away, according to biologists.

In a paper published Thursday in Scientific Reports, researchers tested Japanese macaques captured and killed in a forest about 40 miles from the power plant and compared the results to macaques in Shimokita Peninsula, a remote area in the country's north.

According to researchers, monkeys in the vicinity of Fukushima City had detectable levels of radioactive cesium in their muscles, while the northern monkeys did not. Researchers also found that the Fukushima simians had significantly lower white and red blood cell counts compared with macaque troops almost 200 miles away.

"These results suggest that the exposure to some form of radioactive material contributed to hematological changes in Fukushima monkeys," argued the study's lead author, Kazuhiko Ochiai, a researcher at Nippon Veterinary and Life Science University in Tokyo, and colleagues.

The monkeys — 61 from Fukushima and 31 from Shimokita — were collected over a one-year period beginning in April 2012. The Fukushima nuclear plant released a large amount of radioactive material into the environment following a massive Japanese earthquake on March 11, 2011.

Study authors said the consequences of their findings remained unclear.

"Low blood cell count does not necessarily mean that the health of individual monkeys is at risk," the authors wrote. "However, it may suggest that the immune system has been compromised to some extent, potentially making individual animals and the entire troop susceptible to, for example, epidemic infectious disease."

The researchers suggested their findings mirrored studies conducted on human health impacts after the Chernobyl disaster, where researchers found decreased blood cell counts in people living in contaminated areas.

"Data from non-human primates — the closest taxonomic relatives of humans — should make a notable contribution to future research on the health effects of radiation exposure in humans," the authors wrote.

Los Angeles Times

Study finds that 'hot Jupiters' hold little water

By Amina Khan
Los Angeles Times

Planetary scientists searching for water on three distant exoplanets have come up dry. Scientists who trained NASA's Hubble Space Telescope on three "hot Jupiters" have discovered that they have far less water vapor than previously thought.

The findings, published in the Astrophysical Journal Letters, show that current theories on how such planets form and migrate may not hold much water — much like the planets themselves.

"This is just a baby step in measuring the composition of other plants outside the solar system," said study co-author Peter McCullough, a planetary scientist at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. "We don't even really understand the Earth — and we live on it."

Using the Hubble Space Telescope, the scientists examined the atmospheres of three gas-giant planets orbiting searingly close to their respective home stars: HD 189733b, HD 209458b and WASP-12b, which sit between 60 and 900 light-years from Earth.

Even though hot Jupiters don't host life-friendly environments, they're great for searching for water. With surface temperatures between 1,500 and 4,000 degrees Fahrenheit, the planet's water ends up in the atmosphere as vapor, making it easier for space telescopes to observe. (Ironically, we still don't know how much water is in our own nearby gas giant, Jupiter, McCullough said—it's so cold that all the water sinks down into the planet, far out of sight.)

To study the planets' water content, the researchers observed each planet while it passed in front of its star, blocking some of its star's light. Some starlight also passes through the planet's atmosphere, where water molecules absorb certain wavelengths.

In wavelengths of light where water leaves its fingerprint, the star looks dimmer. In wavelengths where water molecules don't absorb light, the star shouldn't look as dim.

Sure enough, the star was indeed dimmer in the water-absorbing wavelengths than it was in other parts of the light spectrum — but it wasn't nearly as dim as they had suspected. The planet had a little water, but not enough to significantly lower the star's light.

The water abundance was on the order of a tenth to a thousandth of the level they had expected, given current models of planet formation.

"The very low water vapor levels we measure challenge our understanding of the chemistry involved in planet formation," study co-author Nicolas Crouzet of the University of Toronto said in an e-mail.

So does this mean there's less water in alien planets all around? Probably not, McCullough said — the abundance on hot gas giants doesn't necessarily have much to do with the water abundance on small rocky planets. It's an apples-to-oranges comparison.

Bjorn Benneke, a California Institute of Technology planetary scientist who did not work on the paper, said it's also possible that the water content was obscured by haze or clouds on the hot Jupiters' surfaces.

But Benneke is working with McCullough and others to use the same technique on super-Earths, to learn more about the atmospheres of this strange class of planets, which have no analogy in our own solar system.

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Welcome to the age of the Internet where everything is a "thing." With the continued rising popularity of gaming, there are ways for people to monetize it without being a developer. Some people enter cash-for-play competitions, some go to work as professional gamers for the companies that create the games and some show their prowess on the web. That last option is what your son was referring to.

Twitch (twitch.tv) is frequently referred to as the "YouTube of Gaming." It's a site that has millions of subscribers visit daily to view live game streaming, archived videos or to broadcast their own virtual exploits. If you have heard of it, it may be because you're suffering from the disease best known as O.L.D. Yes, you're old.

Twitch at its peak usage time actually uses more bandwidth than Hulu, Facebook, Amazon and HBOGo, and it's quickly catching up with Netflix.

What's the big draw? If you've ever tried to sit down and play a game against the younger generation, you've inevitably become frustrated trying to figure out what the buttons do, which screen you're supposed to be looking at and why you can't find that dang sniper (that happens to be your child). Well, Twitch provides a lot of content for an amazing number of games that have been submitted by people who are extraordinarily good at gaming. They provide tutorials, are the first to show how to get through the newest games, score the most points and exploit any cheats a title may have.

This is where the money comes in. Originally, popular players would simply include ads in their archived and live streams, picking up revenue each time someone viewed their video, with a little extra if their ads were actually clicked on. Since then, the cream of the crop have augmented this income by growing into a subscription service (followers pay around $4.99 a month to subscribe to these players) and by allowing PayPal (paypal.com) donations. The latter option also allows viewers to request certain things for their payment. Need help getting through a particular level in a game? Make a donation and you can get a live walk-through from a super gamer. Keep in mind that while there are about 5,000 full-time streamers currently making decent money on Twitch, these are the best of the best. Most users won't enjoy the same success.

A majority of Twitch is free, though. The service is tied into the PS4 gaming platform, and Xbox service is supposedly coming soon. People can post their live gameplay for entertainment or for bragging rights when squaring off against another crew in the latest incarnation of "Call of Duty." The site is also a popular venue for international gaming competitions showing what happens when gamers get out of their mom's basement and start getting real (but still only virtually real).

If you're not into just watching games and don't have the time/money/lack of a normal life to dedicate to becoming an uber-gamer, you can also get in on the action through crowd-sourced gaming. These are games broadcast on Twitch that take direction from online users, sometimes thousands of them at once. One of the best examples of this is Twitch Plays Pokémon (twitch.tv/twitchplayspokemon), where the users control the game play remotely.

So if your son is the video game equivalent of LeBron James, then he might be able to make a buck doing what he enjoys behind the controller of his choice. Realistically though, he'll probably end up "taking his talents" to Waffle House or a fast food joint to get a steady paycheck.

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