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This plunge gives dose of reality to oil industry

By Chris Tomlinson
Houston Chronicle

■ COMMENTARY

Gravity finally caught up with the oil market. A dead-cat bounce in oil prices since January has finally fallen flat as speculators abandoned the futures market, recognizing that the surplus of oil is here to stay for months, maybe a year to come.

The price drop, though, could inject some reality into the larger oil and gas industry that will see assets revalued in the second half of the year as lenders determine how much debt these companies should possess. The result could be a badly needed consolidation of oil exploration and production companies.

The futures prices for West Texas Intermediate oil settled at $52.33 a barrel on Tuesday, down 15 percent since June 23. That ended several months of stability around the $60 mark.

This step-down in price is part of a correction that began in June 2014, when West Texas Intermediate peaked at $107. Since then, global demand has weakened, OPEC has said it will not prop up prices, and oil companies have cut budgets. Oil prices bottomed out at $43.46 in March, and by May drillers already had idled 1,000 out of 1,900 North American rigs.

"That price is a non-sustainable price, so it's perfectly reasonable to make a bet at those levels when the rig counts were moving lower," said Brian Barnhurst, a principal and credit analyst at Prudential Fixed Income, which has $543 billion in assets under management. He recently completed a white paper on investing in the oil and gas industry.

What was surprising after the price dropped was how much money was ready to bet on oil and the companies that produce it. Because of low interest rates and inflated stock prices, few other assets offered the same potential return as oil, so the money poured in. Speculators bought a record number of contracts expecting oil prices to rise, while oil companies issued $10 billion in stock and $34 billion in bonds.

Some investors tried to outsmart the market by getting ahead of it, so they looked past record inventory stored in tanks or in uncompleted wells. They

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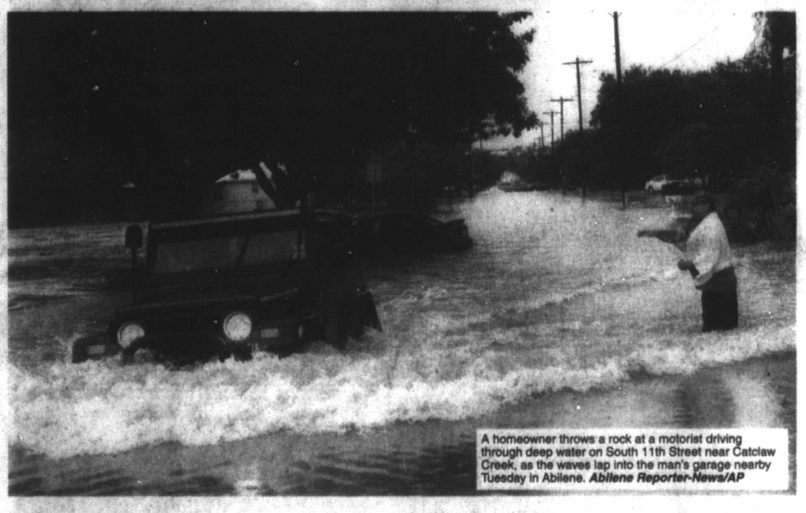
Abilene under water



A homeowner throws a rock at a motorist driving through deep water on South 11th Street near Catclaw Creek, as the waves lap into the man's garage nearby Tuesday in Abilene. *Abilene Reporter-News/AP*

City receives record 8 inches of rainfall

Associated Press

ABILENE — A West Texas city has had its wettest day since forecasters began keeping rainfall records for the area in 1886.

The National Weather Service said Abilene on Tuesday received 8.26 inches of rain, leading to street flooding and high-water rescues. Abilene remained under a flash flood watch until Wednesday afternoon, with a 50 percent chance of showers.

Forecaster Jim Wingenroth said a frontal boundary stalled over the area Tuesday, at times dumping 2-3 inches of rain per hour.

He said the previous daily rainfall record for Abilene was set on May 11, 1928, with 6.54 inches. The prior record rainfall for July 7 in Abilene happened in 1905, with 2.47 inches of rain.

Abilene police officers Tuesday responded to at least 70 reports of stalled vehicles or accidents.

Abilene Reporter-News/AP

Firefighters Kendall Kohutek, center, and Seth Wilson, right, come to the rescue of stranded motorist Teresa McGuinness on Tuesday in Abilene.

Region's next solar farm aimed at local use

By Brandon Mulder
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Plans for West Texas' next solar project are underway in San Angelo, which would create the Permian Basin-Concho Valley's third commercial solar farm.

Unlike the solar farms already established around the region, the Mesquite Solar Project will be built on a scale primarily for local use.

Pecos County, located in the southern region of the Permian Basin, is currently home to two of Texas' larger solar projects: the Barilla Solar Project, a 30-megawatt facility on 200 acres; and the Alamo 6 project, a 100-megawatt facility with an expected completion date in fall 2016.

The Mesquite Project, however, will be a small-scale 10-megawatt project with an expected footprint of roughly 120 acres of city-owned land, according to OneEnergy Renewables, the energy firm handling the project.

"West Texas solar development, thus far, has focused primarily on very large 'megaprojects' using transmission lines to transport power across the state," OneEnergy Renewables Director of Development Jen Bradford said in an email. "The city of San Angelo and OneEnergy Renewables, however, are working on one of the first utility-scale West Texas solar projects to connect directly to the local distribution grid."

By mid-2016, the project plans to supply San Angelo's local energy grid with 19,700 megawats per year, according to a presentation given during a San Angelo City Council meeting Tuesday. One megawatt can generally power between 300 and 400 homes per day, depending on energy use in the area. However, OneEnergy expects purchasers of this energy to be institutions, private companies and retail electric providers in the immediate region.

"We think it's a great location for solar, not just for the solar resource, but for the

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Natural Gas	$2.685	▼ $0.031
Gasoline	$2.550	▲ $0.011

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Anne Marie Builta

Anne Marie Builta, 69, formerly of Midland, took her place in heaven on July 6, 2015. Anne Marie passed away peacefully in Hickory Creek, surrounded by her loving family, after a long and courageous battle with Lupus.

She was born in Nam Dinh, Vietnam on October 10, 1945, and grew up and attended school in Nah Tran. In 1967, she met the love of her life and soulmate, Warren Builta, whom she married on April 16, 1969. They lived in Saigon, where Warren was employed as a Department of Defense contractor, until the "Fall of Saigon" in April 1975.

Warren and Anne Marie then set up residence in Midland, Texas, where they raised their four children, and were longtime members of St. Ann's Catholic Church. She owned and operated Anne Marie's Alterations for numerous years until her retirement shortly after her husband's death in 2003. She then spent time in Flower Mound with her daughter, Lori, and in San Antonio, with her brother, Joseph, until finally settling in Dallas early this year. Despite her debilitating bouts with Lupus throughout the years, Anne Marie remained a fiercely devoted and loving wife, mother and friend, who loved to travel around the world. She especially enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, hearing about their activities and achievements, and spoiling them rotten. Whether it was cooking for and feeding her grandsons, Ryan and Cameron, or playing Bingo with her granddaughters, Madison and Kaitlyn, her happiest moments by far were spent being their Mimi.

Anne Marie was preceded in death by her husband, Warren; brother, Joseph Nguyen; and stepsons, Richard Builta and David Builta.

She is survived by her daughters, Anna Clements and husband, Johnny of Midland, Lori Burge and husband, Tony of Highland Village, Cathy Moilan and husband, Don of Argyle; and son, Tony Builta and wife, Tracy of Midland. Anne Marie is also survived by her stepdaughters, Lynne Horne and Susan Napoli; stepson, Ron Builta; two sisters; 12 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home 740 South Edmonds Drive, Lewisville, TX 75067. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff of Aspen Hospice, and Brandon Knight and caregivers, Tammy and Mariam of Knights Assisting Life, for their compassion and care during Anne Marie's final days. Memorials may be directed to the Lupus Foundation of America, 15660 Dallas Pkwy, Ste. 120, Dallas, TX 75248 or *www.lupus.org*.

Arrangements are under the direction of Mulkey-Mason Funeral Home of Lewisville, TX. Online condolences can be made at *www.mulkeymason.com*.

Brittie Elma Neill Holster

On July 4, 2015, at the age of 92, Brittie Elma Neill Holster passed away peacefully at home in Midland, Texas. Brittie was born January 31, 1923 in Austin, Texas, the daughter of Edmond Hood Neill and Jessie Florrie Cox Neill. She was named after her mother's brother, Brittie Cox, and her father's sister, Elma Neill Merryman. Her father was a printer working for the Austin American-Statesman newspaper.

Due to her father's illness, the family moved to Big Spring, Texas to live on the Cox family farm in 1932. Her revered father, Ed, lost his battle with tuberculosis when Brittie was just 11 years old. Widowed at the age of 37, Florrie Neill and her three young children rallied around the Big Spring Cox family.

Brittie graduated from Big Spring High School in 1939, where she played on the Steers girls' basketball team, in one game getting a lower tooth knocked out. She went to Texas Women's University in Denton, and then on to the University of Texas, where she was glad to be back in her old hometown of Austin. Brittie planned to get a B.S. degree in chemistry, a very rare career track for a woman in those days. In addition to her studies at UT, she continued her athletic pursuits, being named one of the best women swimmers at the University, and playing city-league women's basketball alongside her sister-in-law Mildred Neill.

In order to assist the family, she withdrew from U.T. in 1941 and relocated to Midland, finding work with Yeager and Armstrong, independent oil operators. Back in Big Spring, her mother, Florrie Cox Neill, died at the age of 45. By the time she was 19, Brittie had lost both precious parents.

In Midland, Brittie found a room to rent from a recently widowed lady named Gladys Reid Holster, who happened to have two sons serving in the armed forces, one a dashing Air Force pilot named David Holster (who would later become Midland's postmaster for many years) and his older brother Russell Reid Holster, who was over in Europe fighting against the Nazis with the famed 36th "Texas" Infantry Division.

While the war went on and on, the ever-industrious Brittie took full advantage of Midland's opportunities, including playing pitcher, catcher and third-base on a city-league women's softball team, and being named an all-star.

After slogging with the 36th Division through North Africa, Italy, France and Germany, First Lieutenant Russell Holster came home after the war as one of Midland's most highly decorated hometown soldiers, and was anxious to meet this gal who was living with his mother and sending him letters and cookies. It was love at first sight. They married in 1946.

Brittie and Russell had a son, Russell Reid Holster, Jr., in 1952, and a daughter, Terri Lyn, in 1955. In addition to being the most popular mom on the block, Brittie continued her professional career, putting in stints at the Ralph Lowe Estate, Tom Brown, Inc., and with W.B. Yarborough and the King Ranch. She also operated her own bookkeeping business with a variety of commercial clients, including the popular Carousel clothing store. Somehow, she also found time to serve as a substitute teacher in the Midland public school district.

Through her seven decades in Midland, Brittie was active at both St. Luke's Methodist Church and First United Methodist, En Amie book review club, Tejas Garden Club, and several bridge clubs. She supported Midland Community Theater, the Midland-Odessa Symphony, Midland College, Meals on Wheels and numerous other civic programs. She was an excellent painter specializing in hill country, West Texas and New Mexico landscape scenes. She studiously researched genealogy, tracing her Neill line back to the glorious kings of Ireland, the Cox British line back over 1000 years, and identifying her legendary Cherokee ancestors of the mid-1700s. Brittie also never tired of studying the Bible, as well as books about the Bible and Christian philosophy.

Like the rest of the family, Brittie never met an animal she didn't like. She dutifully cared for a procession of wonderful dogs, grand-dogs and grand-parrots; and made sure the backyard birds and turtles and neighborhood cats never went hungry or thirsty. With Russell, and sometimes solo, she traveled widely around the world, often chasing after her two far-flung children in Houston, Nashville, Los Angeles, Seattle-Tacoma, Singapore, Norway, Cairo, and Abu Dhabi. She made it over to visit the Holy Land and Egypt in 1994. As recently as last September, she enjoyed a 1700-mile drive through the Pacific Northwest with her son, and spent Christmas on the River Walk in San Antonio.

She immensely enjoyed sharing time with her many wonderful friends in the area. Her calendar was usually filled with bridge parties, evenings at the theater or concert, church or Sunday school events, lunches, brunches or other social gatherings with these fine folks. She was a decades-long member, and sometimes Sunday school teacher, of the Homer Fort Senior Class at First Methodist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Russell Reid Holster; her brothers, Charles Hamilton Neill, George Hardin Neill, and Dennie Hood Neill; her sister, Bea Neill Golladay; her mother-in-law, Gladys Holster Gray; her sister-in-law, Mildred Bettis Neill; her brother-in-law, David E. Holster; and sister-in-law, Beverly Holster of Midland.

She is survived by her son, Russell Reid Holster, Jr. of Gig Harbor, Washington; her daughter, Terri Lyn Holster Grassbaugh and son-in-law, David Grassbaugh of Lake Conroe, Texas; her granddaughter, Emily Lyn Grassbaugh Powell and husband Brooks; grandson, William Neill Grassbaugh; her sisters-in-law, Gay Neill of Dallas and Cleatie Neill of Garland; as well as numerous beloved cousins, nieces, and nephews.

Brittie Neill Holster was a grand, Texas lady, loving, giving, smart, moral, brash, courageous, resilient, stubborn, strong to the end, rising from repeated tragedy and loss, insisting on integrity in all of her dealings, and offering faithful allegiance to her family, friends and causes dear to her big heart. She will be greatly missed.

Viewing will be Friday, July 10, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland. Memorial service will be held at 11am Saturday, July 11, 2015 at First United Methodist Church, 300 N Main St. in Midland, followed by a graveside service at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland.

In lieu of flowers please consider a donation in Brittie's honor to the I-20 Wildlife Preserve in Midland (*www.I20WildlifePreserve.org*), SPCA PETS SNAP of Montgomery County, TX (*www.spcaofmc.com*), or a cause dear to your heart. Thanks to Home Hospice of Midland.

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

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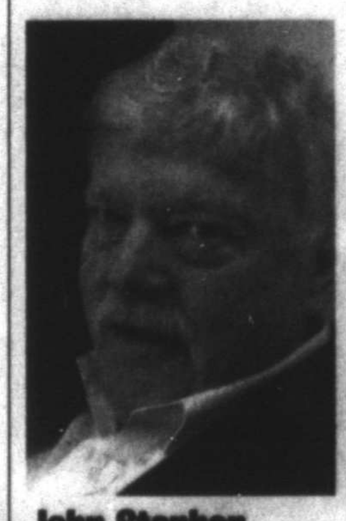

John Stephen (Steve) Guyton

John Stephen (Steve) Guyton, 78, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Saturday, July 4, 2015, surrounded by his loving family. He was born on April 6, 1937 in Shreveport, Louisiana.

Steve had a wonderful childhood growing up in Shreveport. He attended high school and graduated from George School in Newtown, Pennsylvania. He continued his education and graduated from Colgate University, where he received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in June 1959. He majored in geology and minored in economics. He was a member of ATO Fraternity and made many lifelong friends with his fraternity brothers. He was also a member of the Junior Honor Society and Manager of the football team. Steve then went on to attend the University of Michigan, where he received a Master of Science Degree in Geology in 1960.

Steve was an independent oil operator/consultant for various oil and gas ventures. He has been associated with Riviera Energy Corporation for the past 10 years. He has consulted for and worked with many companies over his career including: Enhanced Oil Resources, Dan A. Hughes Company, Belcor (formerly Transierra Exploration Company) as Vice President, Exploration, MGF Oil Corporation as Vice President, Exploration and Pennzoil Company (formerly Union Producing Company) as a geologist and geological scout.

Steve was a member of several professional associations including a 55-year membership with American Association of Petroleum Geologist (Certified Petroleum Geologist #1710), South Texas Geological Society and West Texas Geological Society. (Rev. 10-10)

Steve spent most of his adult life in Midland doing what he loved best, working as a geologist. He loved West Texas and the many friends he made in the oil business. If you were lucky enough to have Steve as a friend, you knew you had a friend for life. He enjoyed road trips with friends and family, explaining the formations and could spot an oil rig miles away. He loved all kinds of traveling and exploring new places; his two favorite cities were San Francisco and London, U.K. He would ride the subways or get on the tube and just see where it would take him.

His other passion was erlucation, which was instilled in him by his mother. He supported and contributed to the education of his children and grandchildren and it delighted him to see them pursuing their dreams, going to college, getting a higher education and receiving their degrees and diplomas. He was always encouraging.

Steve was preceded in death by his father, John Thomas Guyton; his mother, Margaret Hickman Guyton; sister, Judith Margaret Pritchett; and granddaughter, Elizabeth Anne Burbank.

He is survived by his wife, Katherine Bassett Guyton of Midland; daughters, Kimberly Susan Daugherty and husband, David, of Midland, and Juliet Hickman Burbank and husband, Glenn, of Spring Branch, Texas; their mother, Teresa "Sam" Guyton of Midland; brother, Tom Guyton and wife, Brenda, of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren, Matthew Daugherty and wife, Tiffany, Brent Daugherty, Nickolas Daugherty, Kate Daugherty, Sean Daugherty, Michael Burbank and wife, Katy, Stephen Burbank, Kimmy Burbank, and Hannah Burbank; great-grandchild, Kale Daugherty; brother-in-law, Joe Pritchett of Calendar Lake, Texas; and many numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews.

The family wishes to thank the following people for their wonderful care and support: Brad from Nurses Unlimited, Leslie with Star Care, the Staff at Midland Memorial Hospital - especially the nurses, Kali, Sarah, Anna, and Aimee, Shari with Hospice of Midland; and Teresa and Candice with Dr. Modi's office at Baylor Hospital in Ft. Worth, Texas.

Graveside services will be on Friday, July 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Serenity Memorial Gardens, 6800 S Hwy 349, Midland, Texas. Rusty Buchanan will be officiating the ceremony.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tom Guyton, David Daugherty, Glenn Burbank, Matthew Daugherty, Brent Daugherty, Michael Burbank, Nickolas Daugherty, Stephen Burbank, Sean Daugherty, Kale Daugherty, and Bradley Henserling.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to a charity of your choice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences may be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

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Lois Louise Patton

Lois Louise Patton, 84, went to be with her Lord and Savior and her loving husband on Sunday, July 5, 2015. Memorial services will be held at Alamo Heights Baptist Church on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 1:00 p.m., with Pastor Gary Redwine and Pastor Robert Murphy officiating.

Lois was born on June 2, 1931 in Chicago, Illinois to Kenneth Gillispie and Burtha Louise Carlson. She was a member of the American Women's Legion Auxiliary. Lois loved to play bingo there. Her career spanned 40 years as a waitress. While in Midland, she worked at Greentree Country Club.

Lois is survived by sons, Dominic Casteel (Karen), Albert Degand (Ruth), John Degand (Claudia), Chucky Degand, and Danny Degand; her grandchildren, Martin Hernandez (Stormi), Anthony Hernandez (Angelica), and Seleste Chavez (Axel); eight more grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Thomas H. Patton; one infant son; mother and father; paternal grandparents; and maternal grandparents.

The family would like to express their gratitude toward the staff at Senior Care and the staff at the Texas Oncology Department at Midland Memorial Hospital.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Texas Oncology Department at Midland Memorial Hospital.

For those wishing to send floral offerings, please send them to Alamo Heights Baptist Church office from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., Thursday and Friday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com*.

Robert Clinton Jones

Robert Clinton Jones passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2015 after a brief battle with cancer.

He is survived by two sisters, Judy Jones Ryan and Jana Jones Marshall and their husbands James Ryan and Bob Marshall; his son, Henry Clinton Harrison Funk; and by his daughter, Bayles Funk Quezada and her husband Mike Quezada and their three children.

He is also survived by two nephews, James Walker Ryan and Samuel Lee Andrew Marshall; three nieces, Tracey Ryan Perry, Carrie Ryan Miller, and Carolyn Grace-Marie Marshall; and five great nieces and four

Juli Soler, restaurateur who changed dining, dies at 66

N.Y. Times News Service

Juli Soler, a restaurateur who put Ferran Adrià in charge of the kitchen at El Bulli in the Mediterranean town of Roses, Spain, and helped him transform the restaurant into one of the most innovative centers of gastronomy in the world, died Monday at his home in Rubí, near Barcelona. He was 66.

Adrià announced the death in a Twitter post Monday. The cause, reported in the Spanish media, was degenerative nerve disease.

Soler became manager of Hacienda El Bulli, as it was then known, in the early 1980s, when it was one of Spain's few Michelin-starred restaurants.

He removed the "Hacienda," which he hated, and hired a talented, modern-minded young French chef, Jean-Paul Vinay, who added a second star to the restaurant in just two years.

When Vinay left to start his own restaurant in 1984, Soler began looking closely at a young chef he had hired as a line cook, whose ferocious work ethic and creative streak intrigued him.

"Ferran was Frank Zappa," Soler, a passionate rock 'n' roll fan, told Colman Andrews, the author of "Ferran: The Inside Story of El Bulli and the Man Who Reinvented Food."

Within 18 months, Adrià was head chef, and Soler turned him loose to experiment wildly in the kitchen. In 1990, when he and Adrià became joint owners of El Bulli, the two began using the restaurant as a base of operations to develop a host of ventures and experiments that sealed El Bulli's reputation as the most daring and influential restaurant of its time.

"Without Juli, El Bulli would not have happened," Adrià told the Madrid newspaper El País. "He invented the concept of the modern dining room, of a dynamic restaurant that was comfortable and informal."

Joan Roca, the chef at El Celler de Can Roca, told the newspaper: "Without being a chef, Juli was one of the most important and influential figures in Spanish and global cuisine. He was a seer. It was he, together with Ferran, who invented El Bulli's magic."

Juli Soler Lobo was born May 31, 1949, in Terrassa, north of Barcelona.

As a boy, Soler worked as an apprentice waiter at a small spa hotel where his father was the headwaiter.

He later helped his father run a factory canteen and worked front-of-the-house jobs at several restaurants.

After El Bulli closed in 2011, Soler, often described as "the soul of El Bulli" and credited as co-author of many of Adrià's cookbooks, served as honorary president of El Bulli Foundation, a kind of culinary think tank. He stepped down a year later because of declining health.

He is survived by his wife, Marta; a daughter, Rita; and a son, Pancho.

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great nephews.

Clinton Jones was born in Midland, Texas on January 31, 1948, the son of H.C. "Nub" and Carolyn Jones. He graduated from Midland High School with the class of 1966. He then attended Shriner and Texas Tech University. He worked as an independent landman over the course of 30 years. He enjoyed watching and playing all sports but especially golfing, hunting and fishing. In addition to being an avid reader, he was drawn to most of wild life and had a special way of working with animals. He was most at home when outdoors.

He was known as a tender, generous, and humble man who gave of himself to many. Clinton lived a life full of adventure. His heart and mind rested with Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. Clinton lived out Psalms 92:2 "Every morning tell God, "Thank you for your kindness," and every evening rejoice in all his faithfulness." He was deeply loved and will be greatly missed by his family and friends.

A service to celebrate the life of Clinton Jones will be held at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 2:00 in the afternoon. The family requests with gratitude, that memorial contributions be directed to Midland Memorial Foundation.

Honorary pallbearers will be Andrew Jackson, Barry Biscoe, Randy Hardee, John Giles, Larry Marcum, Jack Hightower, Bill Hightower, and Jan Taylor "mother hen."

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Sandra (Sandy) Jones Burdette

Sandra (Sandy) Jones Burdette, 51, was born on March 1, 1964. She lived in Bonita Springs, Florida. She left us to be with the Lord on Thursday, May 21, 2015 at 9:03 p.m. due to pancreatic cancer. She was well cared for at Joanne's Hospice House.

Sandra was born in Santa Cruz, Bolivia. She lived a life of travel from the start of her birth due to her father's job as a petroleum engineer. She married Larry Burdette and they had a beautiful daughter, Bianca, in Naples, Florida. Sandra and Larry moved to Midland, Texas in 1993, where they lived for the next 20 years. Three years ago, Sandra moved to Florida where she spent her final years, along with her many loved ones.

Sandra Burdette is survived by her daughter, Bianca Burdette and her partner, Kaitlin Lingard from Midland; parents, James William Jones and Rosa Zanier Jones from Torremolinos, Spain; sister, Ana O'Bryant and her husband, Milton O'Bryant, and their children, Vanessa and Matthew; and her former husband and the father of her pride and joy, Larry Burdette, from Midland.

A celebration of life will be held on Sunday, July 12, 2015 at 6:00 p.m. at Casa del Sol.

In lieu of flowers, donations to Hospice or Pancreatic Cancer Research would be appreciated.

Thank you to these angels who made such a big impact in her life and such a comfort to Sandra and her family during this very difficult time: Cissy Valencia, Dawn Mahoney, Diann Mulkey, and Kaitlin Lingard.

We would also like to thank the nurses at Joanne's Hospice House, Kitty, Lisa and Anol, as well as many nurses at Lee Memorial Hospital and Florida Cancer Specialists.

Sandra lived life to the fullest. She made a positive impact in every life she touched. She will be missed by many and loved all who knew her.

Death Notices

Gerardo (Gera) Rodriguez, Jr.

Gerardo (Gera) Rodriguez, Jr., 23, of Midland passed away on July 2, 2015.

Visitation will be held 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m., Wednesday July 8, 2015 and 9:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2015 at Martinez Funeral Home Chapel.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Friday, July 10, 2015 at Martinez Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow at Mt. Evergreen Cemetery in Pecos, Texas at 3:00 p.m.

Gerardo Rodriguez, Jr. is survived by his mother, Delilah Rodriguez; son, Jaylen Gerardo Rodriguez; and by one brother and two sisters.

Kenneth J. Hines

Kenneth J. Hines, 89, passed away Sunday, July 5, 2015. A public graveside service will be held Friday, July 10, 2015 at Resthaven Memorial Park at 11:00 a.m.

He is survived by his three daughters, Gail O'Sullivan, Brenda Kelley, and Elaine Hazel.

Linn selling more Permian Basin assets

By Jordan Blum
Houston Chronicle

Linn Energy said it will sell its remaining Permian Basin position in Howard County for $281 million to an undisclosed buyer.

The move comes as the financially struggling exploration and production company continues to sell off assets as oil prices fall. The latest sale includes 6,400 net acres in the Wolfcamp area of the Permian. The deal also includes existing production from 133 wells in the area.

Houston-based Linn Energy is structured as a master limited partnership, which means the company pays out most of its cash to investors in dividend-like payments.

As crude prices and the revenue from selling that crude have fallen, Linn has cut its dividend to a monthly 10 cents per share from 24 cents.

The cut has sent Linn's equity value plummeting from $32 per unit last July to $9.05 a unit after closing down 12 cents, or 1.3 percent, on Monday.

The company has also been looking for new sources of financing and capital.

On Monday, it announced it had finalized previously announced equity deals that total up to $1.5 billion in potential value.

Houston's Quantum Energy Partners committed up to $1 billion of equity capital to fund acquisitions and the development of oil and natural gas assets. Linn could invest in all acquisition opportunities with a direct working interest ranging from 15 percent to 50 percent.

Likewise, Linn signed a formal agreement with GSO Capital Partners, an arm of New York-based Blackstone Group. GSO is committing up to $500 million for five years to fund Linn's drilling projects.

In October, Linn announced a deal to sell assets in the Texas Panhandle and western Oklahoma to EnerVest for nearly $2 billion.

It also reached a deal to sell some other Permian Basin assets to Fleur de Lis Energy for $350 million.

Report: Man impersonates police officer

Associated Press

A 17-year-old Midland man was arrested Tuesday afternoon for allegedly impersonating a peace officer.

Jesus Ramirez was held Tuesday on bonds totaling $25,000 for a third-degree felony charge of impersonating a public servant.

While on patrol, a Midland police officer was notified that a black Chevrolet Avalanche had been using overhead red and blue lights to pull people over and then leave. According to an affidavit, he soon observed a black Avalanche, with its doors open and no one inside, in the 4400 block of Cherrywood Drive.

The police officer, according to the affidavit, discovered the wallet and hospital paperwork of Jesus Ramirez inside the vehicle. The vehicle was then impounded.

A short time later, two people were detained at neaby convenience store. After the officer's questioning, both admitted that Ramirez had been driving while his companion operated the overhead lights. They also admitted to pulling over a subject, an action that resulted in a chase from Fairgrounds Road and Loop 250 to where the officer first found the Avalanche on Cherrywood.

If convicted of third-degree felony charges, Ramirez could face up to 10 years in prison.

Judge orders Homeland Security chief, others to court

Associated Press

HOUSTON — A federal judge has threatened to hold Homeland Security Secretary Jeh Johnson and other top immigration enforcement officials in contempt of court for not fixing problems that led to work permits being mistakenly awarded under President Barack Obama's executive immigration action after the judge had put the plan on hold.

The Justice Department had said about 2,000 individuals had been sent three-year work authorizations after U.S. District Judge Andrew Hanen in Brownsville temporarily blocked the immigration action on Feb. 16.

In a court order Tuesday, Hanen said government officials have yet to fix the problem. The judge also requested Johnson and four other officials attend an Aug. 19 hearing to explain why the issue hasn't been fixed and to "be prepared to show why he or she should not be held in contempt of court."

"This court has expressed its willingness to believe that these actions were accidental and not done purposefully to violate this court's order. Nevertheless, it is shocked and surprised at the cavalier attitude the government has taken with regard to its 'efforts' to rectify this situation," Hanen wrote.

The other officials are: R. Gil Kerlikowske, commissioner of U.S. Customs and Border Protection; Ronald Vitiello, deputy chief of the U.S. Border Patrol; Sarah Saldaña, director of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement; and Leon Rodriguez, director of U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services.

Homeland Security spokeswoman Marsha Catron said in an email her agency and the Justice Department are reviewing Hanen's order.

P&Z OKs alcohol permits

By Rye Druzin
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The city's Planning and Zoning Commission recommended approval Monday of two new special-use permits that would provide for alcohol sales at existing restaurants.

The SUPs were recommended for Harvest Caffe, which is located near the corner of Garfield Street and Wadley Avenue, and Mac's Catering and Bar-B-Q, located off West Indiana Avenue near Wall Street.

The permit for Harvest Caffe would add alcohol sales and Saturday hours to the restaurant. Mac's Bar-B-Q revealed that, in addition to alcohol sales, the catering and restaurant business is looking to expand to include a covered patio and a bar. The business, which only has six parking spots on its property, had addressed the city's concerns by making agreements with surrounding businesses to use some of their parking to meet code requirements.

Both permits passed the commission unanimously.

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

On this day in Midland history

On July 9, 2012, XCOR Aerospace and the Midland Development Corp. announced the creation of XCOR's new Commercial Space Research and Development Center headquarters at the Midland International Airport. As part of the $10 million economic development deal, XCOR, which develops and produces reusable launch vehicles, rocket engines and rocket propulsion systems, will create 100 jobs at this new facility.

Things to do

■ Lowdown, 6:30 p.m., The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.
■ Graham Wilkinson, 7:30-10 p.m., Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.
■ Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m., Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Note: For more information on things taking place this weekend, check out The Weekender (section B) in today's edition.

Pools hours today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 9 p.m. Family night hours are from 7-9 p.m.
■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.

Support groups, club meetings today

■ Permian Basin Community Service Organization (for individuals, organizations or businesses that provide services to improve quality of life), 11:45 a.m., Mi Piaci Italian Restaurant, 2607 N. Grandview Ave., Odessa; 432-210-4234.
■ TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30-7:30 p.m., Christian Church of Midland, 2609 Neely Ave. 694-8643.
■ Chronic fatigue fibro-myalgia syndromes support group, noon, Rays of Hope Grief Centre; 520-3500.
■ Permian Basin Chess Club, 6 p.m., University of Texas of the Permian Basin student union; Steve Dudley, 556-1920; Brian Farrell, 288-7141; pbcc.50gigs.net; odessachess@cableone.net.
■ Sun Country Gentlemen, 7 p.m., Rea Greathouse Room at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 553-1952 or 425-5662.
■ The Midland Blue Star Military Family, 7 p.m., Koinonia Room at First Presbyterian Church; Doc Weathers 631-7646 or docweathers@suddenlink.net.

Sales tax decrease again

The city of Midland reported a 7.32 percent decrease in sales tax revenue this month from the State Comptroller's Office.

The total amount of revenue received was $3,284,825 — a $259,511 decrease from July 2014. In June, the decrease was 11.9 percent.

The year-to-date total sales tax revenue for fiscal year 2014-15 is up 5.82 percent, or a $2,071,826 increase, from last year's totals at this time. Fiscal year-to-date actual sales tax revenue is $37,680,443.

Sales tax revenue is generated by sales tax income from two months prior to collection; July collection is based on May sales.

Source: City of Midland

Movie in the Park

The city of Midland will host its next Movie in the Park on Friday at Hogan Park, 1201 E. Wadley Ave.

The public is welcome to a free showing of "Maleficent" under the stars beginning at dusk, or about 9 p.m.

Community calendar

Midland Fire Department is hosting its annual Kids Boot Camp 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday at Grande Communications Stadium.

The camp, geared toward kids 4-12, will emphasize teamwork, a healthy diet, physical fitness and fire safety, according to a press release from MFD. Activities will include tug-of-war, obstacle course, calisthenics and relays. There also will be a "smoke house" activity that allows kids to practice escaping from a house full of smoke.

Children should wear athletic attire and tennis shoes and bring a refillable water bottle. Gatorade and water will be provided.

During the camp, parents can participate in a boot camp-style work out and create identity packs for their children.

Registration forms are available at Central Fire Station, 1500 W. Wall St., or at www.midlandtexas.gov/kidsbootcamp.

For more information, call Capt. Aaron Cox at 685-7341.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-3-4
Pick 3 day: 2-7-0
Pick 3 evening: 0-0-9
Pick 3 night: 4-8-3
Daily 4 morning: 3-7-4-3
Daily 4 day: 9-0-5-7
Daily 4 evening: 6-2-1-7
Daily 4 night: 1-6-7-6
Cash Five: 18-20-23-28-35
Lotto Texas: 1-4-36-38-39-51
Powerball: 4-15-25-27-30 PB: 18 Power Play: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-6-8-12-13-14-15-16-18-20-23
All or Nothing day: 1-2-5-8-9-12-13-16-17-18-22-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-3-4-5-6-9-15-17-19-20-24
All or Nothing night: 2-4-5-7-9-13-15-17-19-20-22-23

Today in history

On July 9, 1776, the Declaration of Independence was read aloud to Gen. George Washington's troops in New York.

In 1965, the Sonny & Cher single "I Got You Babe" was released by ATCO Records.

Courtesy photo

The Permian Basin Area Foundation announced more than $1 million in grants to nonprofits Wednesday at Greater Ideal Life Center. See more photos in a future edition.

Permian Basin Area Foundation to hand out another $1.174 million

From staff reports

Permian Basin Area Foundation announced $1,174,700 in grants to nonprofit organizations serving the region during a news conference held Wednesday at Greater Ideal Family Life Center.

Of this amount, $885,204 was awarded during the semi-annual competitive grant cycle, according to a press release from the PBAF.

"The good work of nonprofit organizations is evident every day in our communities, and the foundation is grateful to each of you and for your dedication and passion," said Andrew Semer, a member of the Foundation's Grants Committee.

"These nonprofits enrich the quality of life we enjoy here in the Permian Basin. Their volunteers and professional staff reflect the character and caring nature of West Texans. It is an honor and privilege for the Foundation and its donors to partner with these organizations."

Semer introduced Grants Committee members Patty Herd, Sandy Louder, and Darlene Mays who presented 32 nonprofit organizations with competitive grant awards:

■ AphasiaAccess
■ Big Spring YMCA
■ Buffalo Trail Council, Boy Scouts of America
■ Bush Tennis Center
■ Bynum School
■ CASA of West Texas
■ Cassatt in the Basin
■ Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute
■ The Crisis Center
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■ Girl Scouts of the Desert Southwest
■ Greater Ideal Family Life Center
■ Junior Achievement of the Permian Basin
■ Learning Ally
■ Make-A-Wish Foundation
■ Martin County Convent
■ Midland African American Roots Council
■ Midland/Odessa Area AIDS Support
■ Midland Downtown Lions Club
■ Midland Festival Ballet
■ Midland Humane Coalition
■ Midland Opera Theater
■ Midland Teen Court
■ Midland West Rotary
■ Parcels of Hope
■ Permian Basin Be the Change
■ Rock the Desert Ministries
■ S.H.A.R.E.
■ Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin
■ United Way of Odessa
■ Unlock Ministries
■ Who We Play For

"In addition to making these competitive grant awards, the foundation is pleased to announce grants totaling $289,500 from the Dollie Ruth Neal Education Fund," Mays said. "The purpose of this fund is to provide education opportunities for women across West Texas, with an emphasis on enabling single mothers to become self-sufficient."

Guy McCrary, foundation president and CEO, spoke about the impact of the Foundation in the Permian Basin region. "Since its creation in 1989, the Foundation has awarded more than $65 million in grants and scholarships. This investment in our West Texas communities is evidence of the kindness, compassion and generosity of donors. As Permian Basin Area Foundation continues to grow, so too will its ability to make grants to those who are doing such good work throughout our region."

Semi-annually, the Foundation announces competitive grant awards following review of applications submitted in the spring and fall. Fall grant pre-applications are due in the foundation's offices on or before Oct. 1. Visit www.pbaf.org to apply.

San Francisco defendant's immigration history is common

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Long before he was arrested in the shooting death of a woman at one of San Francisco's most popular tourist sites, Juan Francisco Lopez Sanchez was using the U.S.-Mexican border like a revolving door.

He was arrested while in the U.S. illegally and deported to his native Mexico five times from June 1994 to June 2009, only to slip back into the country within days, weeks or months. He served roughly 15 years in federal prison in three stints for illegal re-entry, completing his most recent stretch earlier this year.

But his habit of sneaking across the border over and over again is not all that uncommon. And probably no one outside law enforcement would have even paid much attention to Sanchez if not for what happened after he finished his latest stint behind bars.

Last week, he was arrested and accused of killing 32-year-old Kathryn Steinle as she strolled on a popular San Francisco pier with her father. It turned out that Sanchez, 45, was out on the streets because of San Francisco's "sanctuary" policy of minimal cooperation with federal immigration authorities.

The slaying has brought heavy criticism down on the city from politicians of both parties and become the latest flashpoint in the debate over how to deal with illegal immigration. On Wednesday, the San Francisco Sheriff's Department said it requested that Lopez be brought to them to face a 20-year-old marijuana possession charge and paid for his transportation before releasing him.

It illustrated yet again the way border enforcement along the nearly 2,000-mile boundary with Mexico is a gargantuan and often frustrating task.

"It's hard to physically prevent a committed immigrant from finding a way to get back in the U.S.," said Marc Rosenblum, deputy director for U.S. immigration policy at the Migration Policy Institute. "There is no death penalty for immigration."

In 2013, a total of 18,498 people were sentenced for the federal crime of felony re-entry of the U.S. The offenders had been deported an average of 3.2 times each. The average sentence was 18 months, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission.

Sanchez was deported the first time less than four months before President Bill Clinton launched Operation Gatekeeper to beef up border enforcement in San Diego, where the Border Patrol was badly overmatched by immigrants who typically stormed out of the hills by the dozens or the hundreds.

A dramatic increase in border enforcement from California to Texas after 9/11 made it increasingly difficult to cross. The Border Patrol doubled to more than 20,000 agents under President George W. Bush, and fences were erected on about one-third of the border.

Still, the most determined and physically fit are able to cross.

He was sent to federal prison in 1998, serving about five years, and again in 2003, where he put in nearly six years, and again in 2011, when he served close to four years for being picked up by authorities trying to enter the country at a border crossing in Eagle Rock. He had given border inspectors a ruse that he was born in Arizona and therefore a U.S. citizen.

After he completed that term in March, federal officials transferred custody to the San Francisco Sheriff's Department to face the marijuana charge. Freya Horne, a sheriff's department lawyer, said agency policy is to request transfers of all prison inmates being released who have outstanding felony warrants.

But local prosecutors dropped the drug charge, and the San Francisco sheriff, citing the city's sanctuary policy and a 2013 city ordinance, released Sanchez in April, despite an Immigration and Customs Enforcement request to hold him for deportation.

ICE officials criticized the sheriff, who in turned blamed the federal agency for not obtaining a warrant or court order that would have kept Sanchez locked up.

After his arrest in the waterfront shooting, Sanchez told TV news stations he found the gun on the pier under a T-shirt and it accidentally went off.

On Wednesday, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management said the gun used in the killing belonged to one of its rangers. Spokeswoman Dan Wilson said the service weapon had been stolen from the ranger's car in a break-in while he was on business in San Francisco. The BLM employs some 200 armed rangers, who patrol public lands and enforce laws related to mining, grazing, timber and other activities.

Sanchez pleaded not guilty Tuesday to murder charges.

Midland metro led nation in wage growth for 2014

By Rye Druzin
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Midland salaries continued to gain in 2014, putting the Tall City at the top of the list nationwide for all large, medium and small metropolitan areas with a growth rate of 9.8 percent, according to online data company Headlight Data.

The No. 1 ranking came despite the second half of 2014 being filled with uncertainty as oil prices collapsed.

Annual average salaries in Midland, according to Bureau of Labor Statistic data, were estimated to be at $68,197 for 2014. This put Midland at No. 7 nationwide for the metropolitan areas studied by Headlight Data. The only other Texas metropolitan area to make it into the top 10 was Houston, with a wage of $64,465.

Midland fell into the small bracket for metropolitan areas and was ahead of neighboring Odessa, which ranked No. 9 for small metropolitan areas. Odessa's wage growth rate was estimated to be at 6.1 percent, and average annual salary came in at $57,869, or No. 15 overall.

The top area for average salaries was the San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara metropolitan area in the San Francisco region of California, topping the national list with a $104,292 average salary. Wage growth for the metropolitan region was estimated to be at 6.8 percent.

Wage growth for the U.S. in 2014 was estimated at 3.1 percent, the highest level since 2008 but still lower than the 4.5 percent growth in 2007. Average annual salary has risen to above $51,000.

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By the numbers

Top metropolitan areas by average wages

1. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif., Metropolitan Statistical Area: $104,292
2. Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, Conn.:$83,712
3. San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, Calif., Metropolitan Statistical Area: $78,854
4. New York-Northern New Jersey-Long Island, N.Y.-N.J.-Pa., Metropolitan Statistical Area: $71,224
5. Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, D.C.-Va.-Maryland-W.V. Metropolitan Statistical Area: $69,645
6. Boston-Cambridge-Newton, Mass.-N.H.: $69,427
7. **Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area: $68,197**
8. Trenton-Ewing, N.J., Metropolitan Statistical Area: $67,704
9. Houston-Sugar Land-Baytown Metropolitan Statistical Area: $64,465
10. Seattle-Tacoma-Bellevue, Wash., Metropolitan Statistical Area: $64,441

Top metropolitan areas by wage growth (percent)

1. **Midland: 9.8 percent**
2. Decatur, Ill.: 9.5 percent
3. Lake Charles, La.: 7.9 percent
4. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, Calif., Metropolitan Statistical Area: 6.8 percent
5. Midland, Mich.: 6.7 percent
6. Bismarck, N.D.: 6.4 percent
7. Odessa and Wasau, Wis.: 6.1 percent
8. San Angelo and Wheeling, W.V.-Ohio: 5.8 percent
9. Eau Claire, Wis., and Greely, Colo.: 5.7 percent
10. Casper, Wyo.: 5.6 percent

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interconnection potential," Bradford said before the council. "The city of San Angelo is an exceptional place for a project like this because both the solar resource and customers are present in sufficient density to support a megawatt-scale project on the local distribution grid."

Texas' solar resources have gone largely untapped, Bradford said, yet the state leads the nation in solar-resource potential because of its size and intense rays. Moreover, West Texas in particular has 75 percent more direct solar radiation than other parts of the state, according to the State Energy Conservation Office.

So far, the company has signed a five year lease-option agreement with the city of San Angelo. No power purchase agreement has been secured, which leaves the actual consumers of the locally harnessed energy uncertain. However, the company has said it is in negotiations with several customers, one of which includes AEP North Texas, the power utility company serving San Angelo.

The solar industry has been one the city of San Angelo has sought to attract, according to Roland Pena with the San Angelo Economic Development Department, and it's one, he thinks, that can co-exist with the city's long-established oil and gas industry.

"This has been one we have actively been targeting and marketing to," said Roland Pena of the San Angelo Economic Development Department. "We are focused on renewable energies from the point of manufacturing and the generation and distribution in addition to oil and gas products and services."

"The success of the Mesquite project in San Angelo could serve as a bellwether for the industry, signaling that more projects of this type are viable," Bradford said.

Tarrant County ordered to stop issuing passports

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — The U.S. State Department has ordered Tarrant County to stop issuing passports while the federal agency investigates some unspecified issues, the county administer said.

Federal authorities did not immediately say why the county must suspend the issuance of passports, though certain post offices in the Fort Worth area were still allowed to provide them.

It's unclear how long the investigation will last. County officials say they were told that it could take three or four weeks.

County Administrator G.K. Maenius said Tuesday that the district clerk's office hadn't been able to accept applications since it was notified of the investigation on June 25. He said the county offered to do whatever it could to aid the investigation.

"We immediately obeyed the request from the state department and reached out and contacted them the next day to assist them in expediting their inquiry," Maenius told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "We don't know what the violation is of, if there was a violation."

The clerk's office has processed about 33,000 applications this year. It has been handling passport applications since 1999.

Last year, Tarrant County processed around 35,000 passport applications.

Confederate flag debate runs late into the night

By Jeffrey Collins
Associated Press

COLUMBIA, S.C. — A group of Republicans mounted opposition Wednesday to immediately removing the Confederate flag from the Capitol grounds as the South Carolina House opened debate, but at each turn, they were beaten back by a slightly larger, bipartisan group of legislators who believe there must be no delay.

As House members deliberated well into the night, the outcome was still uncertain. There were tears of anger and shared memories of Civil War ancestors, and so far, legislators hadn't changed the Senate bill, which is supported by Gov. Nikki Haley and would remove the banner and the pole where it flies. Black Democrats, frustrated at being asked to show grace to Civil War soldiers as the debate went over 12 hours, warned the state was embarrassing itself.

The closest vote in the GOP-controlled body came on an amendment to place a different flag — one that flew over Confederate troops and looks similar to the state flag — beside the monument to Confederate soldiers at the front of the Statehouse. It failed on a 61-56 vote.

Looming over it all was a pair of votes over two days. The final one must get a two-thirds majority by law to remove the flag.

Changing the bill could mean it will take weeks or even months to remove the flag, perhaps blunting momentum that has grown since nine black churchgoers were killed last month during Bible study at a historic African-American church in Charleston.

Republican Rep. Jenny Horne reminded her colleagues she was a descendent of Confederate President Jefferson Davis, and scolded fellow members of her party for stalling the debate with dozens of amendments.

She cried as she remembered the funeral of her slain colleague state Sen. Clementa Pinckney, the pastor of Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal church, who was gunned down with eight others as his wife and daughter locked themselves in an office.

"For the widow of Sen. Pinckney and his two young daughters, that would be adding insult to injury and I will not be a part of it!" she screamed into a microphone.

She said later during a break that she didn't intend to speak but got frustrated with fellow Republicans.

Opponents of removing the flag talked about grandparents who passed down family treasures and lamented that the flag had been "hijacked" or "abducted" by racists.

Rep. Mike Pitts, who remembered playing with a Confederate ancestor's cavalry sword while growing up, said for him the flag is a reminder of how dirt-poor Southern farmers fought Yankees not because they hated blacks or supported slavery, but because their land was being invaded.

Those soldiers should be respected just as soldiers who fought in the Middle East or Afghanistan, he said, recalling his own military service. Pitts then turned to a lawmaker he called a dear friend, recalling how his black colleague nearly died in Vietnam.

"I'm willing to move that flag at some point if it causes a twinge in the hearts of my friends," Pitts said. "But I'll ask for something in return."

The debate began less than a day after the U.S. House voted to ban the display of Confederate flags at historic federal cemeteries in the Deep South.

House Minority Leader Todd Rutherford said Democrats are united behind the Senate bill, which would send the flag to the state's Confederate Relic Room — the same resting place for the final rebel flag that flew over the Statehouse dome until it was taken down in 2000.

Democrats don't want any new flag going up because it "will be the new vestige of racism," Rutherford said.

After a break around 8 p.m., Rutherford said Democrats were willing to let the other side make their points, but had grown tired. He said while much had been said about Confederate ancestors, "what we haven't heard is talk about nine people slaughtered in a church."

Associated Press

South Carolina state Rep. James Smith, D-Columbia, speaks to another member on the floor of the House as a Senate bill calling for the Confederate flag to be removed from the Capitol grounds is debated Wednesday in Columbia, S.C.

Reality

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disregarded U.S. Energy Information Administration statistics showing that even with the drop in drilling, the lower 48 states were still setting records for production. They ignored the rising number of rigs in Saudi Arabia, and OPEC countries exceeding the daily quota by 1.3 million barrels a day.

False sense of value

Perhaps most surprisingly, investors failed to appreciate that while the supply of oil kept growing, demand remained relatively flat. This ran up the price of gasoline for consumers, of course, but it also gave oil companies a false sense of how much their companies were worth and explains why they resisted mergers.

"The price run-up changed producer behavior," Barnhurst said. "It limited the incentive to act more rationally given the low oil price environment."

But once the big oil speculators booked their second-quarter profits on June 30, they started selling and the bottom fell out. Analysts offer many explanations ranging from the Greek debt crisis to the Iranian nuclear talks and China's weak financial markets. Whatever the excuse, though, the reality of supply and demand suddenly took over the oil markets on July 1.

"Global demand for oil looks to be weakening, just as U.S. shale production was starting to ramp back up," said Jim Krane, fellow for energy studies at Rice University's Baker Institute for Public Policy. "Add to that the likely re-emergence of Iran as a major exporter — and the lack of coordination within OPEC for Iran's return to oil markets — and you have the makings of a glut."

Quick recovery seen

That's not what many Houston-based oil companies were counting on. Many saw the quick price recovery to $60 a barrel as a sign that the year-end price would be $80 a barrel, a level that would make producers profitable again. Instead, the Energy Information Administration on Tuesday forecast that prices will average $55 in 2015 and $62 in 2016.

The second half of 2015 will be unkind to many oil company balance sheets.

One way that companies balance risk is to sell futures contracts, or hedges, that can guarantee oil companies will earn a set price a year in advance. But with the anniversary of the crash coming, the old hedges are rolling off, and some oil companies will be exposed to current oil prices for the first time.

Lenders and bond analysts will also re-evaluate the value of the oil companies' assets later this year. Some may see their asset value, bond ratings and ability to borrow radically reduced. A lot of management teams will have a moment of reckoning when they see how their debt compares with cash flow and asset value.

"Companies with good assets and stretched balance sheets may become motivated sellers in the back half of the year and early 2016," Barnhurst said. "There's no shortage of capable buyers ... particularly well capitalized super-majors and large independents, as well as those with mediocre assets but good balance sheets."

The oil exploration and production sector is ripe for consolidation, and the rush toward mergers and acquisitions that should have begun six months ago may finally begin.

More to come

Barnhurst said it will take at least six months before supply and demand become more reasonably balanced. Based on his research, oil companies need $65-$70 a barrel to pay for new wells once the market balances.

It's important to remember that the upheaval is far from over. The oil and gas sector will remain one of the most fascinating spectator sports in town.

Those who might take issue with this commentary and want to submit their own take on the recent oil price drop can contact Editor Stewart Doreen at 687-8856 or sdoreen@mrt.com.

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Bragging is winning as you market yourself

■ Trump does it like no other, but today, it has become mandatory

KATHLEEN PARKER
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"So, Mom," he said. "Did you tweet that you were going on 'Meet the Press'?"

No.

"Did you tweet that you were going on 'Hardball'?"

No.

So goes a recent conversation with my adult son, who insists I must be more aggressive about raising my profile, building my brand and promoting myself.

"In my tribe," I said, "self-promotion wasn't done."

"I know," he said. "Now we brag."

Exhibit A: Donald Trump, who can't stop talking about how rich he is.

My father used to say, "People who have it [money] don't talk about it." No one told his mother, whose tropes included, "If you got it, honey, flaunt it." They didn't get along.

"Be slow to know" was another of my father's favorite refrains. As in, be a little mysterious, don't give away everything, keep yourself to yourself. When I was a child, the most humiliating reprimand from a parent was, "Don't be a showoff."

To be a showoff was to signal to the world that you were so lacking in character or talent that you had to attract attention some other way. Enter Trump, though he does apparently have a talent for making money. It helps if your father leaves you millions, as Trump's did.

Whereas humility was once the universally acknowledged virtue to which one aspired, today we "humble-brag." As in: "I looked like a wet mop the day I got the Pulitzer." Something like that.

Obviously, Trump's parents never discouraged his showing off. Or else, they did so often that he decided to get even by being the biggest showoff of the human race. Not long ago, his pontifical self-heraldry, which really isn't fair to pontiffs, would have doomed him to urgent anonymity. Today, alas, he's *winning!*

Not to make this column a Trump dump, but he personifies the social disease of narcissistic indulgence. He seems almost preternaturally to have emerged upon the national stage as a didactic performer to remind us of what we once were not. Like Jim Carrey in "The Mask," upon donning the mask of Loki, Trump has become an extreme version of himself.

At the risk of again humble-bragging, I'm lousy at the skills needed to make the big time today, especially in media. Forget the 80 million print readers (#humblebrag) or other traditional measures of success. Forget the nearly 500 newspaper subscribers (I think I'm getting the hang of this). By today's standards, I'm a virtual nobody.

In the social media universe, it matters less what you do than what people say about what you do. Put another way, it isn't enough to erect a massive building on Fifth Avenue. You have to put your name on it. Finally, it isn't enough to meet a friend for dinner. People must know that you're meeting a friend for dinner (tweet) and they must talk about it (retweet).

It was under precisely such circumstances that I was first introduced to Twitter, thanks to Ana Marie Cox (@anamariecox), formerly known as Wonkette and now a writer for The Guardian. We were sitting in a restaurant having a drink when in walked Rahm Emanuel, then President Obama's chief of staff.

Cox and Emanuel hugged. She tweeted. I marveled. I should have tweeted that they hugged, but I've just written it so all those readers — did I mention 80 million? (#braggingisfun) — now know about it. Which is meaningless. What matters is that Cox has 1.3 million followers and I (@kathleenparker) have something well south of that.

I'm told this is embarrassing.

Really? I'm embarrassed when I forget that the word "media" is a plural noun and should be followed by "are" not "is." I'm embarrassed when I put a comma before "but" when it follows a negative predicate. As in: Having few Twitter followers isn't only embarrassing(,) but is also career-limiting, as the following anecdote illustrates.

A year or so ago, I was e-chatting with former CNN President Jon Klein about his new venture, an online subscriber network, TAPPtv.com. When I said I might be interested in joining him, he said, "Great! How many Twitter followers do you have?"

So it has come to this.

People have long said it doesn't matter what people are saying about you as long as they're talking about you. What's new is that we quantify their talking about you and extrapolate the numbers to indicate your importance more broadly. It's such serious business that people hire people to develop strategies to increase their number and "grow" their value.

Their value as what, you might ask? Why, in attracting attention, of course.

OPINION EXTRA

UT must weigh worthiness of Jefferson Davis for statue honor

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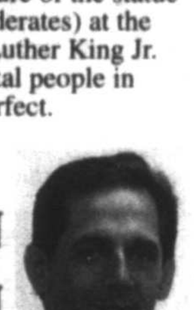

To get to Tuesday's campus hearing on the future of the statue of Jefferson Davis (and those of other Confederates) at the University of Texas, I turned left on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, a street named for one of the most pivotal people in U.S. history, but one whose personal life was imperfect.

To my right as I drove east was the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum, a wonderful facility honoring the memory and dream of a state official whose life was marked by impressive public achievement and depressing personal excess.

The museum is not far from a state office building named for William Barret Travis, who, prior to becoming an Alamo hero, was something of a failure as a newspaper publisher and lawyer, and who married a 16-year-old former student of his.

Nearby was the John H. Reagan State Office Building, named for the Confederacy's postmaster general. Anybody know whether the Confederate Postal Service was any good at delivering the mail?

I parked blocks from the Frank C. Erwin Jr. Special Events Center, named for the late UT regent who, as The Handbook of Texas notes, had a tenure "marked by controversy" and an authoritarian attitude that "clashed with that of a student protest movement that saw in Erwin an example of the societal elite who, in the student protesters' view, dominated America."

On foot en route to the hearing, I walked past Gregory Gym, named for Thomas Watt Gregory, a UT alum and regent, who, while U.S. attorney general, helped craft the Espionage and Sedition Acts that restricted freedoms during World War I.

The old gym isn't far from the McCombs School of Business, named for generous UT backer Red McCombs, who, in addition to saying bad things about Charlie Strong when he was hired as UT football coach, lost a U.S. Supreme Court decision that said he had improperly tried to shield $45 million from taxation.

As the discussion on the future of the Jefferson Davis statue continues, let's remember that if we only honored the perfect, everything would carry as bland a name as the building where Tuesday's hearing was held — the Student Activity Center.

To determine who among the imperfect is worthy of public honor we have to do the math.

Edwin Dorn, former LBJ School of Public Affairs dean and current professor there, said it well at Tuesday's hearing: "Statues of historical figures honor those who have made large, lasting and positive contributions. No human being is perfect. So when we erect a statue, we're making a calculation. We're saying that the good things this person has done far outweigh any wrongs he or she may have committed.

"It is impossible to make such a favorable calculation for Jefferson Davis. He was a slave owner, a traitor, a failure at the very thing for which he is best known: president of the Confederate states. There is nothing honorable in any of this. He should have been hanged for treason," Dorn said.

I'm not sure about hanging, but it's clear he shouldn't be standing at UT. If there ever was a day when it was appropriate, that day is long gone.

Somebody please find an appropriate museum for this statue.

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It's hard to say the unpopular

■ Who will not say anything just to get elected? Try Lindsey Graham

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Lindsey Graham just did something that — in the world of politics — simply isn't done.

The Republican senator from South Carolina, and 2016 presidential hopeful, performed a public service recently when he reminded us — at a town hall in Sioux City, Iowa — that running for president is about more than just winning a popularity contest. Often times, authentic leadership — especially on tough and controversial issues — requires saying and doing things that are unpopular.

Like when someone stands up at a campaign event and suggests that the best way to fight the war on terror and keep America safe against the Islamic State is to outlaw Islam.

How did Graham respond? I'll tell you in a minute.

But first, here's some context to help explain why what happened next is so incredibly rare in American politics.

Being an effective leader ought to be about telling voters the cold truth, instead of longing for a warm embrace. Running for office has become too much about striving to be liked.

What if people are not overjoyed with someone seeking elective office, but they still respect that person? Shouldn't that count for something? After all, they're electing a leader. Not choosing a BFF.

Besides, haven't voters figured out that most politicians will say just about anything to be liked? You would think that, after decades of being misled, manipulated, disappointed and betrayed, we would know better.

After a quarter-century of covering politicians at every level of government, I've concluded that most of them excel in five areas: not telling the truth, putting their interests before those of voters, talking a lot but saying nothing, hiding their true feelings about one another and, lastly, telling voters what they want to hear whether or not the candidate actually believes it.

It's best not to put too much stock into what candidates *say* they believe. After all, that will often change with the wind.

In 1992, many gays and lesbians voted for, and contributed money to, Bill Clinton's presidential campaign because he assured them that they were part of his vision for America. But after taking office, Clinton broke his promise to end the ban on openly gay service members in the military and signed into law the Defense of Marriage Act, which allowed states to disregard same-sex marriages.

In 2008, Latinos voted overwhelmingly for Barack Obama because he promised to make immigration reform a top priority. He didn't do that, opting instead to deport more than 2 million illegal immigrants — most of them Latino.

And in 2010, conservatives voted in enough Republicans to give the GOP control of the House after many of those candidates promised to repeal Obamacare. Once elected, most of them were reluctant to do anything.

I had just about given up on finding someone who, when running for president, would tell the truth even if voters didn't want to hear it, push back against constituents who were trying to rope him into taking wild positions, and flat-out tell people not to vote for him rather than pander to crazies. That's the great Catch-22 of politics: You can't be someone who deserves to be elected unless you're willing to stand your ground in ways that might cost you votes.

That's what Graham did in Sioux City. When the audience member suggested that we make a crime out of being Muslim, the Republican cut him off.

"You know what, I'm not your candidate," he said. "I don't want you to vote for me. I couldn't disagree with you more."

According to The Des Moines Register, Graham insisted that the best strategy for dealing with the Islamic State is to beef up the U.S. military and send more ground troops to Iraq. Not outlaw Islam.

"The bottom line is I'm not trying to please him," Graham told a reporter after the event. "I'm not putting up with that. He's got a right to say whatever he wants to say, but I have an obligation to the Republican Party, to the people of Iowa and the country as a whole to be firm on this. I'm not buying into that construct. That's not the America that I want to lead."

According to the newspaper, the man who asked the question left the event quickly. He probably went off to shop for another Republican presidential candidate who would gladly agree with him, and tell him what he wants to hear.

The really sad part is that he might just find one.

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WASHINGTON

Pentagon, lawmakers mark Vietnam War at Capitol ceremony

Defense Secretary Ash Carter and congressional leaders are thanking Vietnam War veterans for their service and presenting pins to dozens of veterans at a Capitol ceremony.

House Speaker John Boehner and Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell joined lawmakers at a ceremony Wednesday marking 50 years since U.S. ground troops arrived in Vietnam.

The ceremony comes a day after President Barack Obama held an unprecedented meeting with the head of Vietnam's Communist Party as the U.S. presses to conclude talks on a groundbreaking Asia-Pacific economic pact.

WASHINGTON

House GOP takes on Obama environmental agenda

Republicans Wednesday repelled numerous attempts by Democrats to defend the Obama administration's environmental agenda as the GOP-controlled House debates a $30 billion measure funding the Environmental Protection Agency and the Interior Department for the upcoming budget year.

Democrats came out on the losing end of votes on administration rules on selling items containing ivory from endangered African elephants, curbing runoff from mountaintop removal coal-mining operations, hydraulic fracturing on federal lands and potential protections for the sage-grouse and the grey wolf.

The White House has vowed to veto the bill over GOP "riders" — or policy add-ons — to thwart Obama's moves on the environment and funding cuts for the EPA budget and other programs.

Republicans have tried many of the riders before only to see them stripped out in end-stage negotiations but they hold a stronger hand now that they control the Senate.

Republicans are seeking to delay the administration from cracking down on ivory sales after widespread complaints from owners of musical instruments, antiques and guns made with ivory, who say the rules are making it more difficult to trade in such items and reducing their value. A revised rule is expected this month in response to the protests.

Plan would overhaul business taxes, fund highways

By Stephen Ohlemacher
Associated Press

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Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., joined by Senate Minority Leader Sen. Harry Reid of Nev., right, speaks to media after a policy luncheon on Capitol Hill in Washington on Wednesday. Senators unveiled a bipartisan framework aimed at making business taxes more competitive while generating much-needed funding to repair the nation's roads and bridges.

WASHINGTON — Senators unveiled a bipartisan framework Wednesday aimed at making business taxes more competitive while generating much-needed funding to repair the nation's roads and bridges.

Many of the details need to be worked out, and huge hurdles remain. But if successful, it would be the kind of bipartisan compromise on taxes that has long eluded Republicans and Democrats in Washington.

The plan focuses on the taxes U.S. firms pay on their foreign profits. It was written by Sen. Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y., and Sen. Rob Portman, R-Ohio.

The framework would require U.S.-based corporations to pay a one-time tax on up to $2 trillion in foreign profits that U.S. firms have parked overseas. The tax rate has not been determined, but it would be considerably less than the 35 percent corporate income tax rate currently in effect, according to the plan.

The tax would generate money for infrastructure improvements — how much would depend on the tax rate. Funding for highways is scheduled to run out at the end of the month.

Going forward, the plan would allow U.S. corporations to exempt more of their foreign profits from U.S. taxes.

"So far no one has suggested any decent alternative as a way to fund highways in a robust way," Schumer said in an interview. "Tax reform is a difficult issue, but this may intensify the focus on it, and jump-start it a little bit."

The plan would also create a special tax rate for business profits from intellectual property, such as patents, which many U.S. firms assign to subsidiaries in low-tax countries as a way to lower their U.S. taxes. The goal is to encourage these companies to assign patents to U.S. entities, making the profits they generate subject to U.S. taxes.

Important details have yet to be worked out, such as the special tax rate and the legal definition of which profits would qualify. If the plan moves forward, these details would be the subject of intense lobbying and debate in Washington.

The Senate Finance Committee has been working since the start of the year to draft proposals to overhaul and simplify the nation's complicated tax system. The committee was split into five working groups to tackle various areas of the tax code. Portman and Schumer headed the group working on international taxes.

Schumer is the No. 3 Democrat in the Senate and is expected to take over as the Democratic leader after Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev., retires at the end of 2016.

The Republican-led Congress has all but given up on overhauling the taxes paid by individuals, as long as President Barack Obama is in office. That's because Democrats and Republicans don't agree on how much revenue the government should collect — and who should pay it.

Republicans want to lower individual income tax rates, with at least some of that money recouped by cutting back credits, deductions and exemptions. Obama has made it clear he is not interested in lowering the top income tax rates for individuals.

The divide was highlighted by the Finance Committee's working group on taxes paid by individuals, which didn't make recommendations on tax rates.

Still, lawmakers are hopeful they can find common ground on other tax issues. They are focusing on the taxes paid by U.S. corporations on their foreign profits.

Rep. Paul Ryan, who chairs the tax-writing House Ways and Means Committee, praised the framework produced by Portman and Schumer. He said it could provide the basis for a tax package that would reduce the number of U.S. corporations relocating their headquarters in other countries.

The reaction from the White House was more tepid.

"We certainly applaud their interest in this area," said White House press secretary Josh Earnest.

At 35 percent, the United States has the highest corporate tax rate in the industrialized world. However, the tax code is filled with exemptions, credits and deductions that enable many companies to pay taxes at a far lower rate.

The United States is unique among most developed nations because it taxes corporate profits, even if they are earned in other countries. However, there is a big caveat: The profits aren't taxed by the U.S. unless they are brought back to the U.S.

The system has encouraged some U.S. firms to stockpile profits overseas, investing them in foreign subsidiaries rather than investing them in the U.S. or distributing them to shareholders in the form of dividends.

Army troop cuts could grow if budget impasse persists

By Robert Burns
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the midst of a war against the Islamic State that the Obama administration says will last many years, the Army is moving ahead with big troop cuts. And they could grow even larger unless Congress and the White House find a way to stop further across-the-board spending reductions this fall.

Army leaders were notifying members of Congress Wednesday with details of how they intend to reduce the active-duty force from 490,000 soldiers to 450,000 within two years. The size of the reduction was announced months ago, but congressional delegations have been waiting for word on how the cuts would be distributed and timed; troop reductions can inflict significant economic pain on communities reliant on military base populations.

If a new round of automatic spending cuts, known as sequestration, goes ahead, the Army says it will have to reduce even further, to 420,000 soldiers.

Gen. Ray Odierno, the Army chief of staff, has said he can accept the planned reduction of 40,000 soldiers over the next two years, which the Army plans to implement by trimming the size of numerous units. The biggest cuts would be to an infantry unit at Fort Benning, Georgia, and an airborne infantry unit at Fort Richardson in Alaska. Each would shrink from about 4,000 soldiers to about 1,050, defense officials said Wednesday. Those details were first reported Tuesday by USA Today. The full plan for specific cuts is expected to be made public by the Army on Thursday.

In Odierno's view, being forced to shrink the Army is not the hardest part of coping with years-long budget wrangling between the Congress and the White House. Even more difficult, he says, is the uncertainty for military planners and the nation's soldiers.

"The thing I worry about is it has put a lot of turbulence in the Army and brought a lot of angst to our soldiers," he told reporters May 28. As he nears the end of his tenure as Army chief, Odierno said the only thing that could push the service off its course toward modernization is more budget uncertainty.

"The unpredictability is killing us," he said.

Defense Secretary Ash Carter agrees.

"We've been going one year at a time budgetarily now for several years straight, and it's extremely disruptive to the operations of the department," Carter told the Senate Armed Services Committee on Tuesday. "It is managerially inefficient, because we're in this herky-jerky process."

It may not get any smoother anytime soon. Congressional Republicans are proposing to give President Barack Obama the extra billions he wants for defense in the budget year starting Oct. 1. But Obama says he can't accept their plan because it maneuvers around spending caps in a way that does not also provide spending relief in non-defense areas of the budget. This portends a September showdown between Congress and the White House.

The Army says it needs to start moving ahead with planned troop reductions, although most will be accomplished through attrition and forced retirement of officers rather than layoffs of enlisted soldiers.

Rep. Mac Thornberry, a Texas Republican who is chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said Wednesday that personnel reductions are among the few ways the Army can achieve required savings in a short time.

"People who believe the world is safer, that we can do with less defense spending and 40,000 fewer soldiers, will take this as good news. I am not one of those people," he said.

Members of Congress generally oppose shrinking the size of the military, especially if the cuts might affect bases in their states or districts. But they also have opposed other forms of savings proposed by the Pentagon, including reforming the military health care or retirement systems, eliminating older weapons systems or closing bases.

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LOS ANGELES

Tom Selleck accused of stealing water for California ranch

A water district has sued Tom Selleck, claiming the star of the crime shows "Magnum, P.I." and "Blue Bloods" stole truckloads of water from a public hydrant and took it to his ranch in drought-stricken California.

The Calleguas Municipal Water District in Ventura County claims a tanker truck filled up at a hydrant more than a dozen times and hauled water to a 60-acre ranch owned by Selleck in Westlake Village.

The Los Angeles Times reported that Selleck grows avocados at the ranch.

The district also said it spent nearly $22,000 to hire a private investigator to document the alleged thefts that date back two years.

The Ventura County Sheriff's Department also investigated and was unable to establish that a crime occurred, Capt. John Reilly said.

Representatives for Selleck did not return phone messages and emails seeking comment Wednesday. The lawsuit also names his wife, Jillie Selleck.

The lawsuit was filed on June 30 after California communities were ordered to cut water use by 25 percent compared with 2013 levels due to the relentless, four-year drought.

The area in Ventura County where Selleck has his land is under mandatory cutbacks as high as 36 percent from 2013.

PHILADELPHIA

Cosby accuser asks that all his testimony be made public

Bill Cosby's first accuser asked a judge Wednesday to release the comedian's full deposition in her sex-assault lawsuit, including questions he answered under oath about his use of quaaludes and other drugs, his alleged use of hush money to silence women, his deal to have an accuser's story spiked and his alleged affairs with other women.

Andrea Constand's lawyer argued in a sanctions motion that Cosby, along with his lawyers and agents, broke the confidentiality agreement that sealed the 2006 court settlement with public comments made over the years and again this week. Yet she has been powerless to respond, her lawyer said.

"The release of these documents will assist other women who have been victimized and bring awareness to the fact that sexual assault is not just committed with a gun or knife but is also committed by mentors who engage in exploitative behaviors," lawyer Dolores M. Troiani wrote in asking the judge to sanction Cosby and his lawyers.

The motion comes after U.S. District Judge Eduardo Robreno unsealed excerpts from Cosby's deposition this week in response to an Associated Press request, concluding that the public had a right to see "the stark contrast" between Cosby the public moralist and the statements he made under oath about his lifestyle and conduct.

The excerpts show Cosby admitting that he obtained quaaludes in the 1970s so that he could give them to young women he pursued for extramarital sex. Asked if they knew what they were taking, his lawyers objected and he never answered.

AP file photo

On Dec. 15, 2014, fitness trackers, from left, Basis Peak, Adidas Fit Smart, Fitbit Charge, Sony SmartBand and Jawbone Move, are posed for a photo next to an iPhone in New York. Although sales of fitness trackers are strong, many of their owners lose enthusiasm for them once the novelty wears off.

Fitness tracker users often abandon devices quickly

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Deepak Jayasimha's fitness tracker is now with his father-in-law in India, where it sits unused. Annabel Kelly foisted hers off on the kids. Virginia Atkinson took hers off to charge the battery and hasn't picked it up since February.

Although sales of Fitbit and other fitness trackers are strong, many of their owners lose enthusiasm for them once the novelty of knowing how many steps they've taken wears off. One research firm, Endeavour Partners, estimates that about a third of these trackers get abandoned after six months. A health care investment fund, Rock Health, says Fitbit's regulatory filings suggest that only half of Fitbit's nearly 20 million registered users were still active as of the first quarter of 2015.

"The question for investors is how long the market will continue to grow at this rate, and whether Fitbit can execute on growing engagement before ... the number of devices sold per year reaches saturation," Malay Gandhi, a managing director at Rock Health, wrote on a blog.

Abandonment affects all manufacturers of fitness trackers, which are relatively cheap at about $100 and are commonly given as gifts. Fitbit gets the spotlight because it started trading publicly last month and has 76 percent of the U.S. market share by revenue, up from 64 percent a year earlier, according to the NPD Group.

Investors and analysts are bullish on Fitbit's prospects. Its stock value has more than doubled since the initial public offering. Analyst William Power at Baird Equity Research said Fitbit had room to grow worldwide, as only a quarter of its revenue came from outside the U.S. last year. Power also wrote that Fitbits remain popular among employers and insurance companies looking for ways to keep people healthy. Fitbit is also profitable, earning $132 million last year on revenue of $745 million.

The company's market valuation of $8.6 billion is high compared with earnings so far, which could point to enormous growth potential — or simply overvaluation.

Fitbit now has competition from Apple Watch and other smartwatches that do what fitness trackers do and more, such as showing news updates and boarding passes for flights.

If people aren't using their trackers, they won't recommend them to friends and family or upgrade when a new model comes out, said Dan Ledger, an analyst at Endeavour Partners. They also won't pay for premium subscription packages, a potential growth area for Fitbit.

Fitbit had no immediate comment.

Jayasimha, a New Yorker who walks three to four miles a day, said his Jawbone Up stopped giving him information he didn't already know. After it stopped working one day, he didn't bother getting it fixed for months. Even then, he never used it again. His wife used it for two weeks before sending it off overseas to her dad, who has yet to use it.

"I was just carrying through with the motion," Jayasimha said. "For someone who is not physically active, I think it will be useful. But once you get to a state where you are happy with the activities you do, it loses its efficacy."

With smartphones, tablets and game consoles, IDC analyst Ramon Llamas said, you can download a new app or game to give them new life.

That's not to say all of these trackers get abandoned.

■ Eric Leverett, 52, a production manager in Birmingham, Alabama, got a Fitbit Charge as a gift and engages in a friendly competition with his 82-year-old dad on who walks more. Though the initial excitement has worn off, he said, wearing the Fitbit encourages him to walk the dog more often and shun the golf cart while playing a round.

■ Shari Winston, a high school counselor in Falls Church, Virginia, credits her Fitbit Flex with getting her to exercise regularly. She considered devices that do more, but she's sticking with the Fitbit for now for its simplicity.

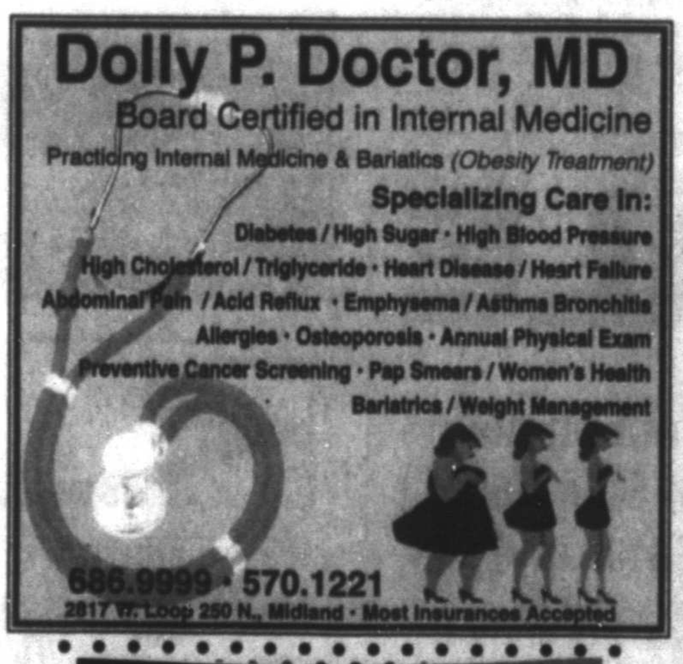
It comes down to expectations. Atkinson, a writer in Adrian, Michigan, was expecting a cheerleader but found monotony. She likened her Fitbit Flex to gyms people join as part of New Year's resolutions, but drop out of by February or March. Except in her case, she still goes to the gym.

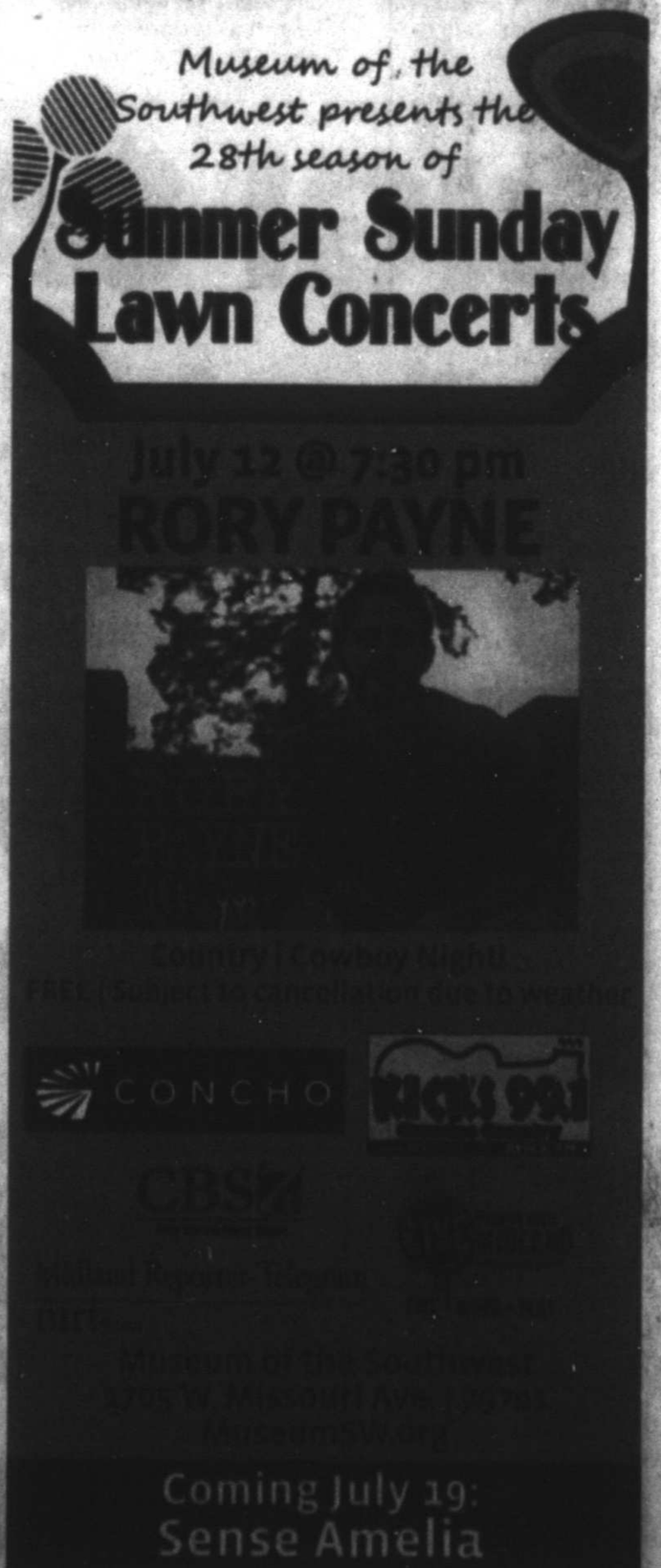
Kelly, a researcher in New Canaan, Connecticut, won two Activité Pops from Withings at a conference. She wore it for a day and got frustrated that she wasn't credited for cross-training at the gym. She made her 5- and 7-year-old daughters wear them to make sure they were getting exercise. (Unlike Kelly, the kids didn't have a choice.)

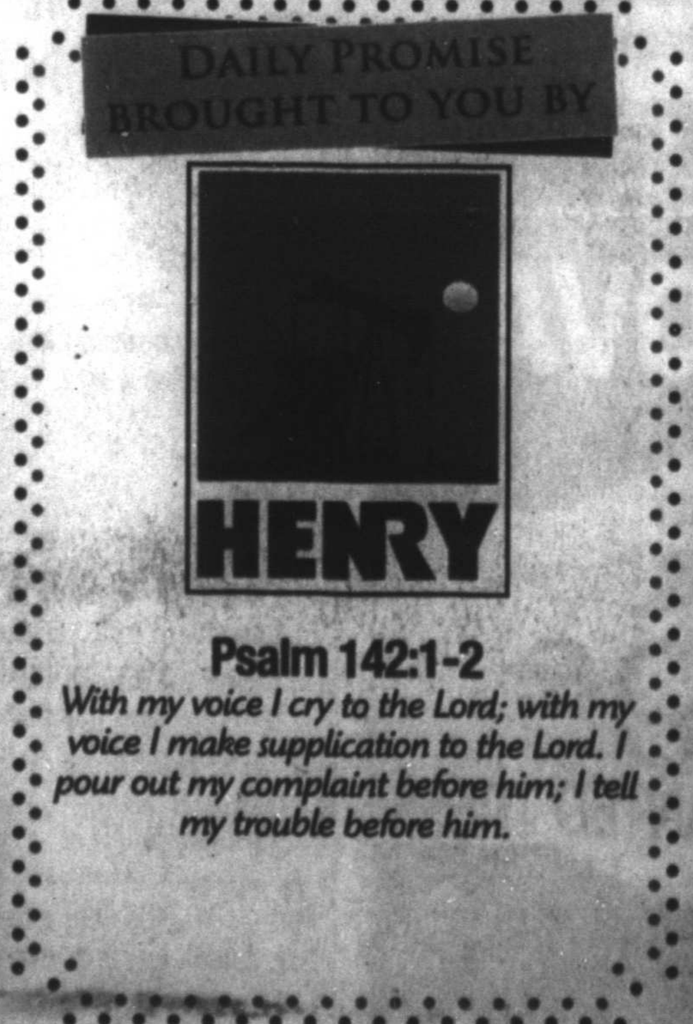
Withings CEO Cedric Hutchings said the company tried to design a device that was primarily a watch, so people will want to wear it regardless of its tracking capabilities. Withings is also gradually adding functionality, such as swimming though a software update this week.

Simply selling hardware would be a failure, Hutchings said, if people don't use it.

In a statement, Jawbone didn't directly address product abandonment, but said it sees "high levels of user engagement," given that the more time one spends with it, the more data Jawbone has to offer personalized coaching and guidance.







WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

WEEKEND TO-DO LIST

TODAY

BACK AT BASIN Austin-based Graham Wilkinson to play Basin Burger House.

FRIDAY

MOVIES AT THE PARK Watch 'Maleficent' at Hogan Park.

SATURDAY

MARKET DAYS Look for fresh, local produce and more at Midland Downtown Farmers Market.

See complete schedule of weekend events on Page 2.

ONLINE

YOU SCREAM, I SCREAM July is National Ice Cream month. See our local picks for frosty treats at mrt.com.

MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters:

TALL CITY 14
Opening: "Minions," "Self/Less," "The Gallows"
Closing: "Spy," "San Andreas"

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "Minions," "Self/Less," "The Gallows"
Closing: "Spy," "San Andreas"

BIG SKY DRIVE-IN
Opening: "Minions," "The Gallows"
Closing: "Spy," "San Andreas"

STAYING IN? Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. Page 3

COMING SOON

VIVA BIG BEND The annual music festival in Far West Texas is later this month. Check out the lineup at vivabigbend.com.

GET READY FOR SOME BLUES

New blues voice emerges with dramatic soul

By Rich Lopez
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Not making an NBA basketball team would seem like reason enough to start a blues music career. Losing all that training, discipline and time that went into being that good to a derailing injury should warrant enough blues for a lifetime. Fortunately, Jarekus Singleton doesn't quite see it that way.

"That was definitely a humbling experience. You know, it was unfortunate, but fortunate," Singleton said. "That injury helped me find something I didn't know I had. I fit right in on the path I'm on right now and very happy to make music."

Singleton, now 30, sustained an injury in 2009 that required surgery to remove cartilage from his ankle. He sings about the life-changing experience in his autobiographical "Keep Pushin'" from his 2014 album "Refuse To Lose."

Had two NBA tryouts with the Pacers and the Cavaliers
Then I had an injury
Had to have surgery
Derailed my basketball career

Naturally, that was a distressing time in his life.

"I had my mind set on the NBA all the way. Music wasn't even a thought. That commitment took a lot of time and sacrifice, so, of course, it was devastating. Basketball was all I knew, all I wanted. For that to just be taken away was such a hard thing to cope with," he said.

After the surgery, Singleton found himself living back at home in Mississippi. Then he became a janitor. When he couldn't complete his tryouts, Singleton said his agent dropped him and forgot him.

He had to find out who he was again — which happened during a fortuitous outing with his uncle.

"He took me to a blues bar, and I just knew right there. I'd have thought you were crazy if you told me six years ago I'd be a musician, but here I am," he said.

And, as it turns out, he's a good one — and in many ways because of basketball.

"All that discipline and commitment play a great part in my songwriting," he said. "A lot of this has been a crash course, but everything I learned on and about the court translated into life and music. It's a total mental thing."

With songs that pack emotional punch and the craft of a veteran bluesman, Singleton is two albums into his music career. "Refuse To Lose" garnered him three Blues Award nominations, including album of the year. His nominations put him alongside blues luminaries such as Keb Mo, Joe Bonamassa and Gary Clark Jr.

Basketball's loss was blues music's gain. Singleton brings a fresh honesty to his music, much in the same vein hip-hop does with lyrics. The words are direct and straightforward with minimal metaphors.

These days, he's learning how to be on the road. His Saturday appearance at Tall City Blues Fest is part of his first tour to support his album. Singleton is definitely on an upswing, which is far from where he imagined he ever would be. But even then, he's humble about this new experience.

"I wouldn't go so far as to say this is my time, but I'm glad people are being receptive to my music," he said. "This will be my first time to Midland, so I'm eager to see who I can meet and talk to some new fans."

WANT TO GO?

Tall City Blues Fest runs Friday through Sunday downtown at Centennial Plaza and the DoubleTree by Hilton. For a full schedule and tickets, visit tallcitybluesfest.com.

BLUES FEST, MIDLAND COLLEGE TEAM UP FOR WORKSHOPS

Held in conjunction with the music festival, Midland College and Tall City Blues Fest will host educational workshops again this year. The workshops will be located within the Doubletree by Hilton

"We are really thrilled to be able to offer these workshops to our community. All of the workshops are taught by performers on our line-up," Tall City Blues Fest producer Lisa Grissom said. "The workshops are once-a-year opportunities for both kids and adults to learn from these performers, and pick up something new that they may not otherwise have the opportunity to learn."

All registration fees will go toward scholarships for KIDS College, a student enrichment program at Midland College for children in grades first through sixth.

"Tall City Blues Fest has been donating to our KIDS College scholarship fund since the Fest began," Brenda Cordero, associate director of Community Programs Continuing Education at Midland College said. "They help children who otherwise wouldn't be able to attend MC's summer enrichment program."

All classes are held Saturday and are available to festival attendees and the general public. Registration at the door is $20 per workshop. There is no pre-registration.

Workshops include:

SING THE BLUES

For ages 14+

Class description: If you've ever wanted to sing the blues or add a blues sound to your singing in other styles, this workshop will give you the tools you need. This workshop will cover many technical and melodic aspects that are rooted in the blues. Topics include note-bending, singing minor-over-major, belting and growling, as well as learning about basic blues song forms such as 12 bar, 8 bar, and 16 bar blues. We'll listen to examples of these techniques from the very best in blues music and you'll be singing the blues in no time. Handouts

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Musical brings Pickwicks deeper appreciation for Elvis

By Rich Lopez
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For four cast members of Midland Community Theatre Pickwick Players' new musical revue, "All Shook Up" was less a historical music lesson and more of a reminder of the power of music.

Or in this case — the power of Elvis Presley.

"All Shook Up," which opens Friday, reimagines signature Elvis tracks as musical numbers in this retelling of William Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night." Love stories, mistaken identities and, of course, songs tell the story of Chad, who gets released from prison and takes his roustabout, rocking ways to a small Midwestern town.

While Joe DiPietro's 2004 show uses many familiar Elvis songs, actor Dylan Watson found those songs had far deeper meaning than perhaps they are given credit for.

"Before the show, I probably just knew 'Hound Dog' and 'Jailhouse Rock,' but after listening to it more, I feel his songs have much more depth," the homeschooled actor who plays Jim Haller said.

Watson's cast mate echoes his sentiment. Carly Baker (Lorraine) was familiar with much of Elvis' work, but the more she's worked on the show, the more her appreciation has grown.

"There are some songs that are a bit older that may not be as familiar; that have this soulful-side, which was a surprise, because the show, while it's fun, definitely has a lot of deeper meaning I didn't realize was there," she said.

But the show had an interesting challenge for one cast member. Samantha Shepherd (Natalie Haller) was already a big fan of Elvis, thanks to her grandmother. What she wasn't a fan of — menswear.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Dylan Watson, as Jim, listens as Jack Smith (Chad) sings and Jamie Edge (Dennis) plays guitar and Kyle McDuffey (Sylvia) listens during MCT Pickwick Player's production of "All Shook Up."

For those familiar with "Twelfth Night," there is a gender switch for one character. In "All Shook Up," Natalie does the honors of becoming Ed. In doing so, she channeled her inner John Stamos.

"I was trying to be that smooth guy he is in the yogurt commercials," the Midland High grad laughed. "It was very difficult and interesting to study how boys walked. I definitely appreciate being a woman more. Those blue suede shoes were uncomfortable, and the letter jacket weighed more than me."

For Jamie Edge, he embraced the geeky side of his character Dennis — mostly because it's not too much of a stretch.

"Dennis is nerdy but lives life up and is having a blast doing his own thing," Edge said. "I like superheroes and computer games, so I'm like him in that aspect."

And while Edge admits he merely likes Elvis, he does relate to him in a small way.

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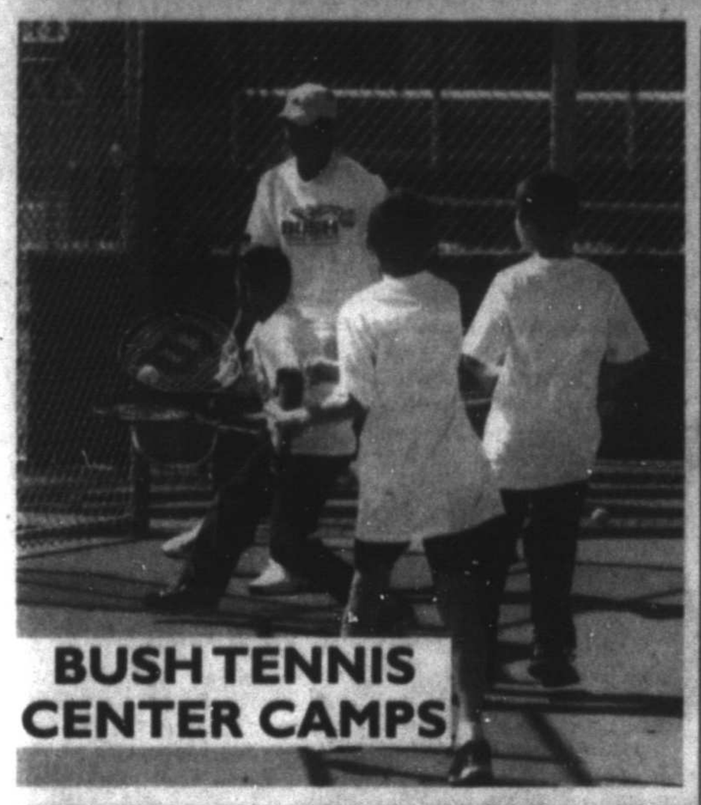
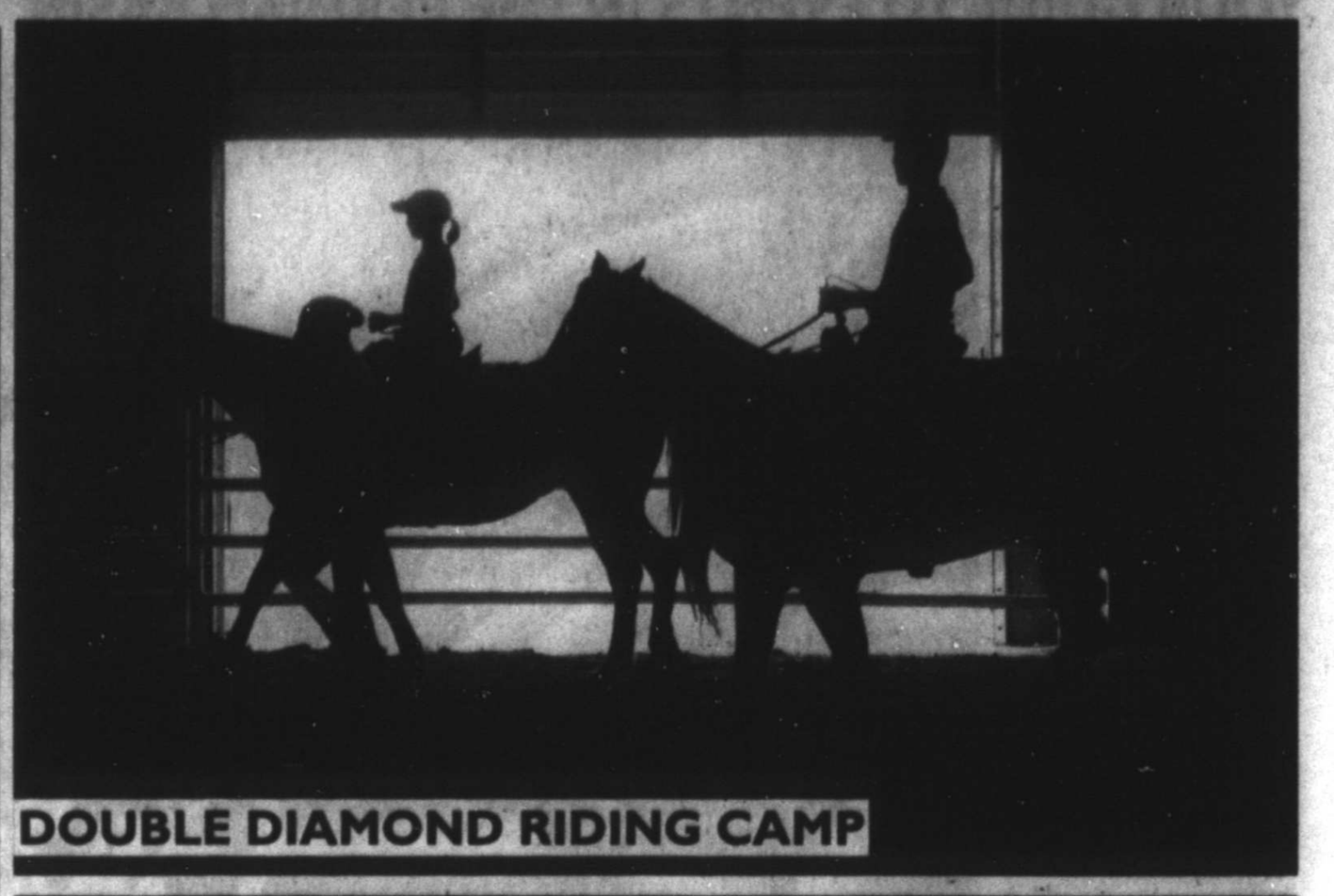
CALENDAR



BUSH TENNIS CENTER CAMPS



DOUBLE DIAMOND RIDING CAMP

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

MUSIC

Lowdown, 6:30 p.m. today at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Graham Wilkinson, 7:30-10 p.m. today at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Kimberly Dunn, 7:30-10 p.m. Friday at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Hot Summer Nights: Jumping Giants, sundown Friday at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts.

Tall City Blues Fest, Friday through Sunday at downtown Midland. tallcitybluesfest.com.

158 Breakdown, 6:30 p.m. Saturday at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Unsweet Ts, 7:30-10 p.m. Saturday at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Rory Payne at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

ART & DANCE

West Texas Triangle 2015 Features Artist Ben Woitena opening reception, 7 p.m. Friday at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

West Texas Salseros Latin Night, 9 p.m. Saturday at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

GAMES & SPORTS

Play bridge at Allison Bridge Center, 682-8595.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Friday at The Detour.

Senior bingo, 10 a.m. Fridays at Cimarron House.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Saturdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Improv at the Yucca, 8 p.m. Thursday at Yucca Theatre. mctmidland.org.

"Bubble Boy" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight Friday at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

"Rear Window" screening, 7:30 Friday and Saturday at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

Pickwick Players' "All Shook Up," Friday through July 18 at Midland Community Theatre. mctmidland.org.

Summers on the Green movie series: "American Graffiti," Saturday at Hotel Settles lawn. 263-8235.

"Annie Get Your Gun," through July 19 at Theatre of the Big Bend in Alpine. sulross.edu/tobb.

Summer Mummers "Masked Mummers in Midtropolis ... or No News is Good News" Fridays and Saturdays through Sept. 5 at the Yucca Theatre. summermummers.com.

EVENTS

Murder-mystery dinner "Murder at the Juice Joint," 6:30 p.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Saturday at Museum of the Southwest. midlanddowntownfarmersmarket.com.

KID-FRIENDLY

Family Fridays: Tell Me a Story, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Friday at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Bush Tennis Center summer camps, sessions through Aug. 11 at Bush Tennis Center. bushtenniscenter.com.

Camp Fire West Texas summer day camp, 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. through Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. campfirewtx.org.

Storytime for preschool, 10:30 a.m. Wednesdays at Barnes and Noble Booksellers. barnesandnoble.com.

Dome shows, throughout the week at Marian Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org 683-2882.

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

COMING SOON

JULY

Double Diamond Equestrian summer riding camps, July 13-17, July 20-24 and Aug. 3-7 at Double Diamond Equestrian Center. doublediamondequestriancenter.com.

Summer Bug Camp, July 13-17 and Aug. 17-21 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Midland Festival Ballet's Swan Lake Camp, 1-3 p.m. July 13-16 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Camp Tiki: Finding Tiki: Into the Depths of the Ocean, July 13-16 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

YMCA Mini Camp: Basketball Camp, 1-4 p.m. July 13-17 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Art Camp for students with visual challenges, July 13-17 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

RTD Ramp Camp, July 13-19 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

Summer Movie Camp "The Lego Movie," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. July 14 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

DVD party: Rossini's comic opera "Le Comte Ory," 6-9:30 p.m. July 14 at Midland College. midlandoperatheater.org.

Backyard Basics: Home Egg Production free class, 6-9 p.m. July 14 and 9 a.m.-noon July 15 at Texas A&M Agrilife Extension Office in Odessa. 498-4071.

Laura Bush Literacy Program Reading event with special guest author Jaden Evans, 4:30 p.m. July 16 at George W. Bush Childhood Home. 685-1112.

Lowdown, July 16 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Brant Croucher, 7:30-10 p.m. July 16 at Basin Burger House. basinburgerhouse.com.

Ultimate Fandango, July 16-18 in Midland, Alpine, Marathon and Marfa. ultimatefandango.com.

Mini Day Camp: Blast from the Past, 9 a.m.-noon July 17 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Science Class "Cultivating Science," 9 a.m.-noon July 17 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Family Fridays: Travel Through Time, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 17 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

"Napolean Dynamite" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight July 17 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

An Evening with Linda Davis, Lang Scott and Bill Whyte, 8 p.m. July 17 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

West Texas Salseros Latin Night, 9 p.m. July 17 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Hot Summer Nights: Mariachi Armonia, sundown July 17 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts.

Boulevard Nights Car Show, July 17-18 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

Diva and Dino, July 18 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Seamus Stout, 7 p.m. July 18 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

Sense Amelia at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. July 19 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Camp Tiki: Shipwrecked: An Island Adventure, July 20-23 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

Summer Art Camp: Painting and 3D Design, July 20-24 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

YMCA Mini Camp: Indoor Soccer Camp, 1-4 p.m. July 20-25 at Midland YMCA. midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "101 Dalmations," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. July 21 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Fun Fit Kids with the West Texas Food Bank, 2-4 p.m. July 22 at Midland County Public Library downtown location. www.co.midland.tx.us/lib.

SciFriday Show: "Tremors," 8 p.m. July 23 at Blakemore Planetarium. museumsw.org.

Lowdown, July 23 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

Viva Big Bend music festival, July 23-26 in Alpine, Fort Davis, Marathon and Marfa. vivabigbend.com.

Mini Day Camp: Magnificent Birds of Prey, 9 a.m.-noon July 24 at Sibley Nature Center. sibleynaturecenter.org.

Summer Science Class "Dig Into Science," 9 a.m.-noon July 24 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

Family Fridays: The Final Frontier, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. July 24 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

Brown Bag Lunch and Lecture Series with Commisioner David Porter on the Texas Railroad Commission, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. July 24 at the Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

"The Secret Life of Walter Mitty" screening for Flash Back Fridays, 5 p.m.-midnight July 24 at RTD Skatepark. 235-7001.

Hot Summer Nights: Eddie Irving and The Classic Swing Band, sundown July 24 at Noel Plaza in Odessa. facebook.com/odessaarts.

"Bonnie and Clyde" screening, 7:30 p.m. July 24-25 at Ector Theatre. ectortheatre.com.

West Texas Kennel Club Dog Show, July 24-26 at Horseshoe Pavilion. midlandhorseshoe.com.

West Texas Salsa Festival, July 24-26 at DoubleTree by Hilton Midland Plaza. wtxsalseros.com.

Ernesto Calderon, July 25 at The Wine Rack. winerackmidland.com.

WWE Live: SummerSlam Heatwave Tour, 7:30 p.m. July 25 at Ector County Coliseum. ectorcountycoliseum.org.

Scratch Session, 6-9 p.m. July 26 at Kamiposi. facebook.com/kamiposi.

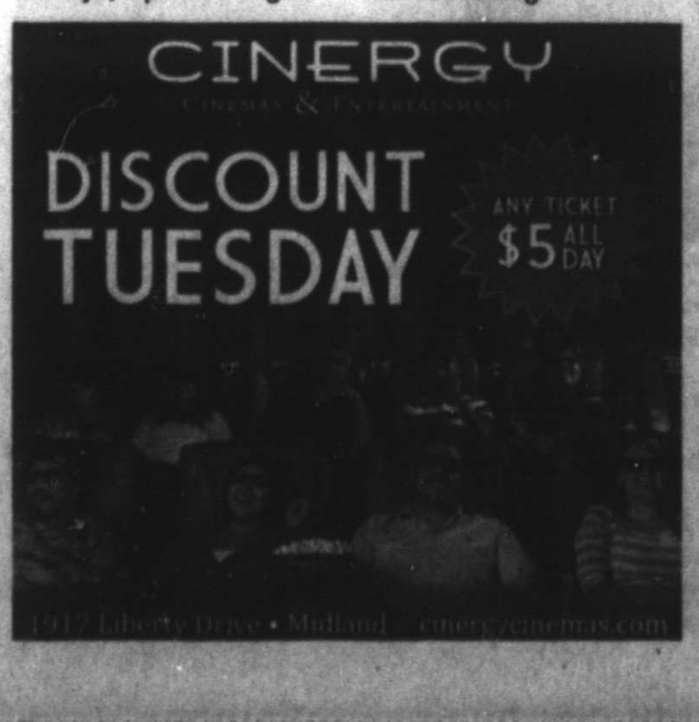
JazzBird at Summer Sunday Lawn Concerts, 7:30 p.m. July 26 at Museum of the Southwest. museumsw.org.

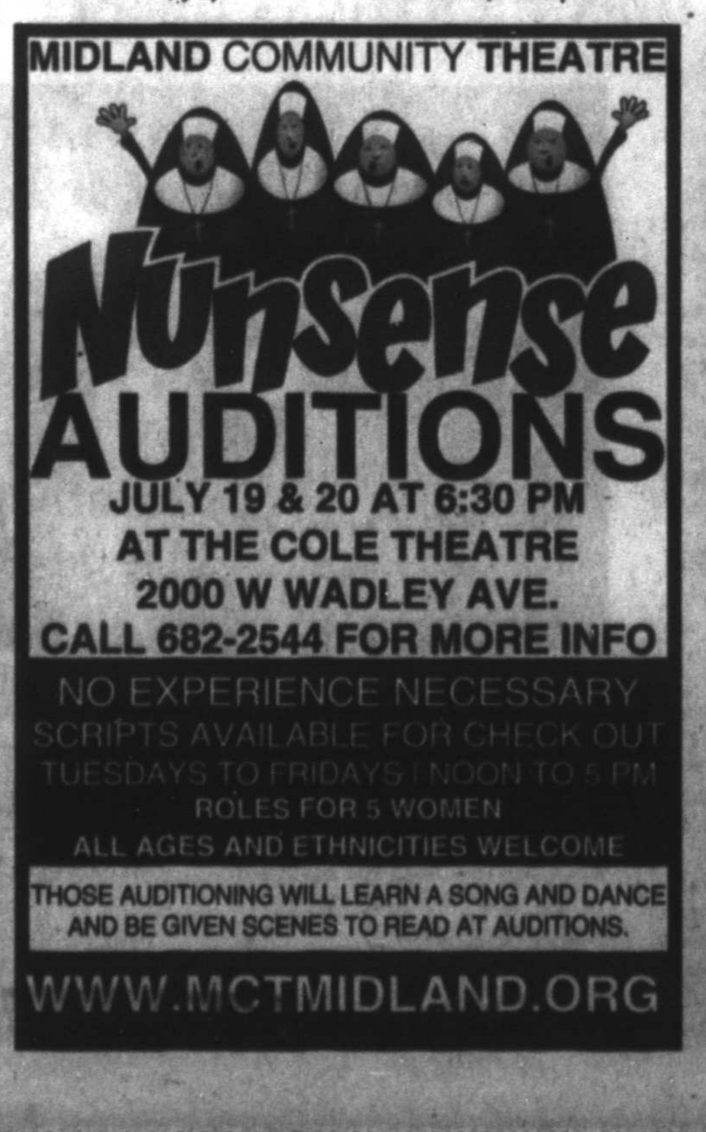
Camp Tiki: Amazaon Jungle Safari, July 27-30 at Tiki Island Water Park. tikiislandwaterpark.com.

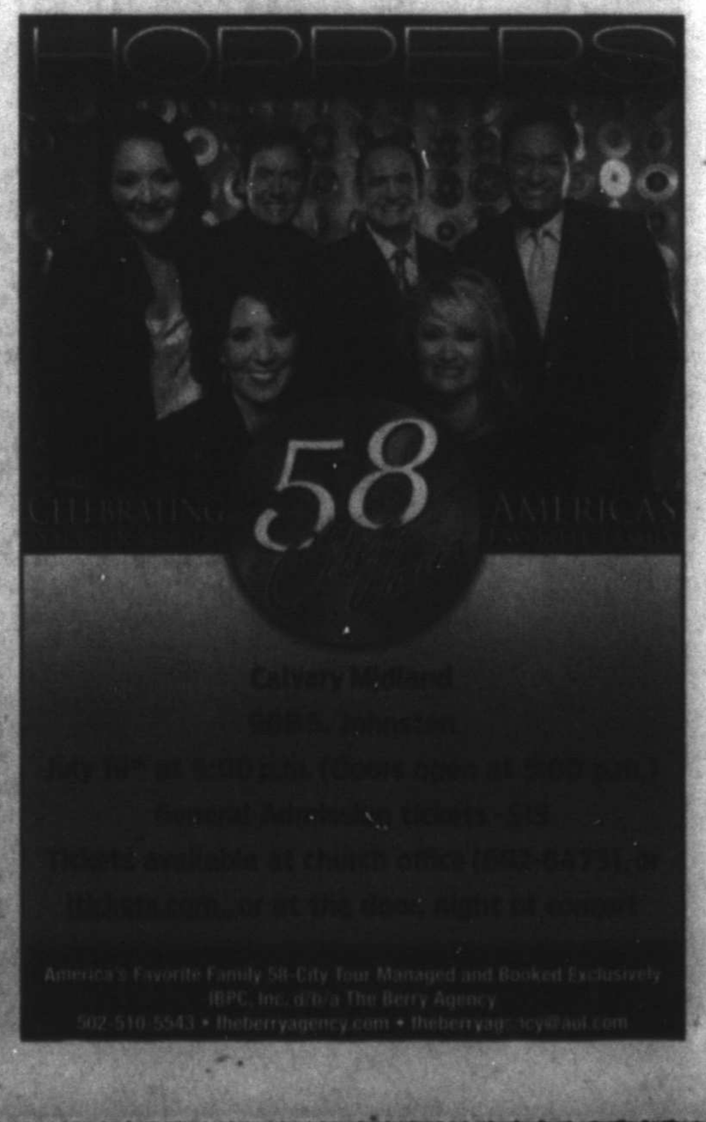
Summer Art Camp: Creatures and Textiles, July 27-31 at Ellen Noel Art Museum. noelartmuseum.org.

YMCA All Sports Camp, 1-4 p.m. July 27-31 at YMCA midlandymca.org.

Summer Movie Camp "Mr. Peabody & Sherman," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m. July 28 at Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.







ON STAGE

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Bernie Pearl and Mike Barry hold the Blues guitar 101 workshop June 30, 2011, as part of the Tall City Blues Fest.

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provided with a suggested listening list. 10 a.m.

THE BUSINESS OF BLUES

For ages 14+

Class description: This specialized workshop led by celebrity blues man, Big Llou Johnson is specifically designed for those who are working in the world of blues or have a desire to start. Participants will learn about the business side of the blues with topics covered including artist branding; getting, keeping and working with agents; money; marketing and social media. 11:45 a.m.

What to bring: A notebook.

ACOUSTIC SLIDE GUITAR

For ages 14+

Class description: This workshop will include a discussion and demonstration of basic slide guitar techniques, as well as study alternate tunings and touch on using chords in these alternate tunings. 2:15 p.m.

What to bring: An acoustic guitar and a slide along with a working knowledge of acoustic guitar.

ADVANCED ELECTRIC BLUES GUITAR

For ages 14+

Class description: This workshop is an advanced A-Z workshop that will begin with demonstrating the basic blues feels on guitar including shuffles, slow blues, jump/boogie and various turnarounds, and then covering slide guitar techniques including playing slide in both standard and open tunings. General soloing techniques such as phrasing, using space while soloing, string bending and vibrato will also be covered. 10 a.m.

What to bring: An electric guitar and small amp, along with intermediate experience with electric guitar.

UNLEASHING THE POWER OF STAGE PRESENCE

For ages 10+

Class description: In this interactive workshop, you will learn simple changes that can bolster your confidence while performing and help you better understand how to engage your audiences. Designed for those that are already performing and would like to hone their stage presence skills or for those contemplating performing and need some basic pointers. 1 p.m.

KIDS DIG THE BLUES: SONGS AND FUN FOR KIDS

For ages 6-12 and adults

Class description: This workshop is for two audiences — children interested in guitar and those interested in providing/performing blues programs for youth. 2014 Keeping the Blues Alive recipient, Tas Cru, will teach that the blues is much more than just sad, old songs, but rather the foundation for most of today's popular music. For those looking to provide children's programming, he will model how to engage and elicit participation by harnessing their natural high-energy. 2 p.m.

GET YOUR RHYTHM ...AND BLUES

For all ages

Class description: Come explore rhythmical synergy by being a part of this percussion circle. Every participant will be provided with some type of percussion instrument be it a tambourine, spoons, egg shaker, washboard, scraper or bells. Some blues history will also be woven into this workshop. 3:30 p.m.

Source: tallcitybluesfest.com

LIVE WIRE

9 Graham Wilkinson @ Basin Burger House
9 Goodtimers @ West Texas Dance Club
9 Lowdown @ The Wine Rack
9 Tom Skinner @ Polo Park Estates
9 3OG @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
10 River Atwood, Kathy Lollar @ Music City Mall
10 Big Jim Adam, Noah Wotherspoon, Lionel Young Band, Brandon Santinim, Big Llou's All-Star Jam with Debut Recipient, Big Llou Johnson @ Tall City Blues Fest
10 Kyle Wilson @ Blue Max
10 The Local Nobodys @ Buffalo Wild Wings (Odessa)
10 Bart Crow @ Rockin Rodeo
10 Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co. @ Midland Senior Center
10 Jumping Giants @ Noel Heritage Park
10 Kimberly Dunn @ Basin Burger House
10 Kicking In, We Live Like Thieves, Moving Forward @ Kamiposi
10 The Shane Rogers Band @ Redneck's
10 Jerry Hart and the Flatlands @ The Detour
10 Troy Cartwright @ Lone Star Bar
10-11 The Pigz @ Your Place
10-11 Blue Cats @ The Bar
11 158 Breakdown @ The Wine Rack
11 Eddie Austin @ The Willows
11 Ty Miller @ Polo Park Estates
11 Boone Cook & The Remains @ Redneck's
11 No Dry County @ Lone Star Bar
11 MAMA, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Samuel Zachary, River Atwood @ Music City Mall
11 In Layman Terms, Lisa Mann, Annika Chambers, Missy Andersen, West Texas Invitational Band, Tas Cru, Jarekus Singleton, Anthony Gomes, Tab Benoit, Mississippi Blues Child, Mr. Sipp @ Tall City Blues Fest

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Carly Baker, as Lorraine, does her best to flirt with Ben Rosen as Dean in "All Shook Up."

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"He was born to entertain, and lived up to that. He lived and died doing what he loved," he said. "I'm no Elvis, but I do feel like when I get to share my talents with friends and family and an audience, that it's a blessing. I have huge respect for him in his work ethic as an entertainer."

WANT TO GO?

"All Shook Up" at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. Friday through July 19. $20-$28. Mctmidland.org.

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ON SCREEN

FILM CAPS

"The Gallows" (R) Twenty years after an accident killed the lead actor of a high school play, students at the same small-town school resurrect the failed stage production, but things don't go as planned. With Cassidy Gifford, Ryan Shoos and Reese Mishler. Written and directed by Chris Lofing and Travis Cluff.

"Inside Out" (PG) An 11-year-old girl and her family move to a new city, prompting her five personified emotions help guide her through the transition, in this animated film. With the voices of Amy Poehler, Bill Hader, Lewis Black and Mindy Kaling. Written by Pete Docter, Meg LeFauve and Josh Cooley. Directed by Docter and Ronnie del Carmen.

"Jurassic World" (PG-13) At an island theme park where dinosaurs have been resurrected through science, a new genetically engineered specimen escapes confinement and plunges the park into chaos. With Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard and Vincent D'Onofrio. Written by Derek Connolly and Colin Trevorrow. Directed by Trevorrow. In 3-D.

"Magic Mike XXL" (R) Three years after bowing out of the stripper life, an ex-dancer hits the road with his former colleagues for one last blowout performance in Myrtle Beach, S.C. With Channing Tatum, Matt Bomer and Joe Manganiello. Written by Reid Carolin. Directed by Gregory Jacobs.

"Max" (PG) When his handler is killed on the frontlines in Afghanistan, a troubled military dog is shipped back to the U.S. and taken in by the soldier's family, and both begin to heal. With Josh Wiggins, Lauren Graham and Thomas Haden Church. Written by Boaz Yakin and Sheldon Lettich. Directed by Yakin.

"Minions" (PG) The capsule-shaped creatures known as Minions search for a new evil mastermind to follow in this spinoff of the "Despicable Me" animated films. With the voices of Sandra Bullock and Jon Hamm. Written by Brian Lynch. Directed by Pierre Coffin and Kyle Balda. In 3-D.

"San Andreas" (PG-13) When a massive earthquake strikes California, a helicopter pilot and his estranged wife travel from Los Angeles to San Francisco to save their daughter. With Dwayne Johnson, Carla Gugino and Alexandra Daddario. Written by Carlton Cuse. Directed by Brad Peyton. In 3-D.

"Self/Less" (PG-13) A wealthy man dying of cancer undergoes a radical medical procedure to transfer his consciousness into a healthy young body, but all is not as it seems when he digs into the origin of his new frame. With Ryan Reynolds, Natalie Martinez and Ben Kingsley. Written by David Pastor and Alex Pastor. Directed by Tarsem Singh.

"Spy" (R) When her partner falls off the grid and another top agent is compromised, a deskbound CIA analyst is sent into the field to infiltrate the world of a deadly arms dealer. With Melissa McCarthy, Jason Statham and Rose Byrne. Written and directed by Paul Feig.

"Ted 2" (R) A potty-mouthed teddy bear that's been magically brought to life wages a legal battle to prove his humanity in this sequel to 2012's "Ted." With Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried and the voice of Seth MacFarlane. Written by MacFarlane, Alec Sulkin and Wellesley Wild. Directed by MacFarlane.

"Terminator Genisys" (PG-13) When a soldier from the future is sent back in time to protect the eventual leader of humanity's war against sentient machines, an unexpected turn of events fractures the timeline and alters his mission. With Jai Courtney, Emilia Clarke and Arnold Schwarzenegger. Written by Laeta Kalogridis and Patrick Lussier. Directed by Alan Taylor.

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'Minions' is a prequel for the pipsqueaks

REVIEW

By Jake Coyle
Associated Press

Sidekicks rarely shine when thrust into the spotlight, but what about a few hundred of them?

The Minions, having been the best part of the two previous "Despicable Me" movies, have swarmed the screen in "Minions." As candidates for center stage, they are seemingly ill-suited. Slavishly — if rarely competently — devoted lackeys, they're underlings by both definition and verticality.

They don't speak intelligibly, which, to be fair, isn't a bar all of Hollywood's leading men reach. Instead, they talk in a bright babble that belies their fondness for colorful phonetics. "Banana" and "piqata" are their kind of words.

Their unsuitability for the lead role, or just about anything else, is much of the fun of "Minions," a happy henchmen overload that largely succeeds in its simple mission: More Minions!

Directed by Pierre Coffin (who co-directed "Despicable Me" one and two and voices the Minions) and Kyle Balda, "Minions" begins in fine form. The little yellow ones are already humming the Universal theme as the film begins.

With Geoffrey Rush narrating, we get the history of the Minions, which stretches back across eons and begins with them — a curious early mammal — literally walking out of the sea.

But the evolution stops there. For thousands of years, we see, they've been letting down their evil masters, from a Tyrannosaurus Rex accidentally tipped into a volcano, to Dracula, whom they excitedly wake with a birthday cake and wide-open blinds.

The Minions have their own Ice Age, however, ending up leaderless in Antarctica. After a few hundred years, the joy of snow ball fights beginning to dim, three of them — Kevin, Bob and Stuart — set out on a quest to find a new supervillain to idolize.

Soon, they're on their way to Villain-Con, a riff on Comic-Con only a convention celebrating the likes of Scarlet Overkill (Sandra Bullock), an evil world-conqueror in a beehive. The trio inadvertently wins a job in Overkill's entourage, and they're soon enmeshed in her plan to take the British throne, along with Overkill's inventor, Herb (Jon Hamm).

The irreverent slapstick unfortunately gives way to the kind of action set pieces that have now even corrupted children's movies. The bombast, though never serious, is still loud enough to, for too long, drown out the best thing the movie has going for it: The chuckles and squeaks of the Minions.

It also makes it harder to hear the other key sound accompanying the Minions: the laughter of children. What are the Minions but stand-ins for kids? They plunge headlong into any task, usually wielding a dangerous object they shouldn't. Nothing makes them double over like a good pratfall, and they will insist on a goodnight kiss or bedtime story.

Rated PG. Two and a half stars out of four.

Ben Stiller's performance makes 'While We're Young' a best bet

Reeled & Stream

By Nancy Adamson | nadamson@mrt.com

PICK O' THE WEEK

"While We're Young" (R) Ben Stiller has been accused of playing the same character in most of his movies and the same can be said of this film. But he does so with such an sympathetic air that you can't help but root for the guy and his situation in this poignant dramedy. **B+**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"Superfast!" (PG-13) Most of these parody films manage to scrape enough funny stuff together to make an enticing trailer, but this send-up of the Fast and Furious films — in which the cars give the best performances — falls flat from the starting line. **F**

MORE REVIEWS

"American Girl: Grace Stirs Up Success" (not rated) In the erratic series of movies based on the pricey line of dolls, this newest offering is a sickeningly sweet story of an aspiring young baker forced to spend the summer in Paris with an uncle who is a world-class pastry chef. It plays about as well as an after school made-for-TV movie can, filled with superficial sitcom disasters and music montages, so take it with a grain of salt, if you can take it at all. **D**

"Danny Collins" (R) Al Pacino has the skills to play almost anyone, but an aging rock star is more toward the bottom of the list. However, allowing for the talent involved and the wonderful John Lennon catalog used in the soundtrack, it's hard to beat this delightful comedy. **B**

"Don't Blink" (not rated) An interesting premise in this cabin-in-the-woods horror film fails to live up to its potential. **C**

"Frog Kingdom" (PG) The language track doesn't sync at all — the film is Chinese, dubbed by American actors — but the animation is fantastic. The story, though, lacks any real humor or depth. **C+**

"Get Hard" (R) Although I liked this idea so much more in 1983's "Trading Places," the teaming of Will Ferrell and Kevin Hart is intriguing and good for more laughs than expected. **B-**

"The Gunamn" (R) Sean Penn, looking lean, mean and very tan, spends an inordinate amount of time in this action thriller using his sunglasses as a prop to convey emotion, as though he just graduated from the David Caruso School of Acting. **B-**

"Last Knights" (R) The casting of Clive Owen and Morgan Freeman might have been better spent on a more developed script. This one is filled with two-dimensional good versus evil characters. **C**

"Leviathan" (R) The slow pace is never dull in this Russian film nominated for a best foreign language Oscar. **A-**

"Road Wars" (unrated) Its comparisons to the "Road Warrior" films — old and new — are unjustified. This film is nowhere near as entertaining as those. **C-**

"The Squeeze" (PG-13) The most interesting thing about this enjoyable golf movie is not what happens onscreen but what happened behind the camera. Midland's own Terry Jastrow, whose work on ABC's "Wide World of Sports" earned him an Emmy, wrote and directed this film, his first foray into fiction since he came to town in the early 1980s to make "Waltz Across Texas," which he co-wrote and co-starred in with his wife, Anne Archer. Also of note in this film is its soundtrack, which features several songs by an emerging, talented musician named Jeff Jastrow, the son of Terry and Anne. **B**

"23 Blast" (PG-13) Feel good story about a blind high school football player takes a lot of artistic license — the real Travis Freeman was only 12 when he went blind, not 16 — but has a lot of heart. **B-**

"Wuthering High" (TV-14) Teenage soap opera in the fashion of the classic "Wuthering Heights" shows an update wasn't necessary. **D**

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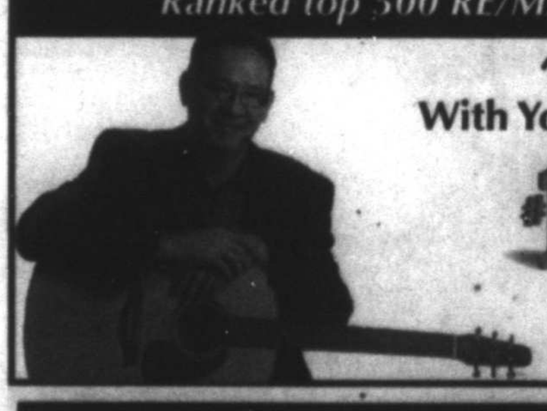

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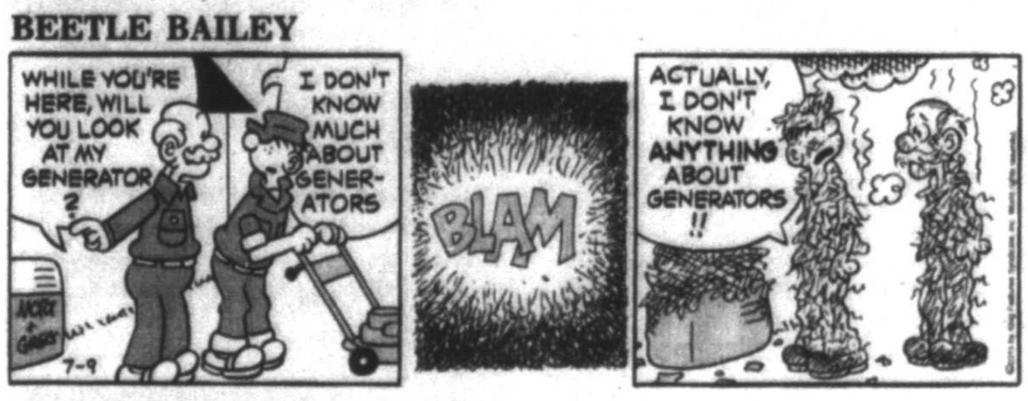

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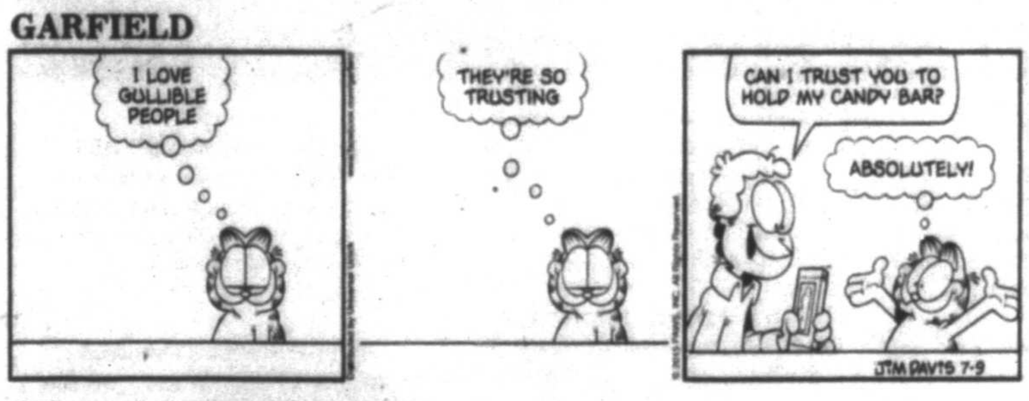

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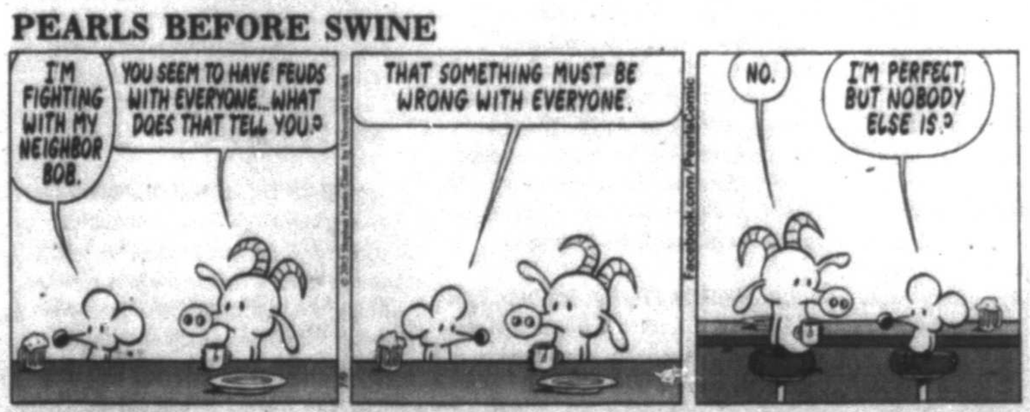

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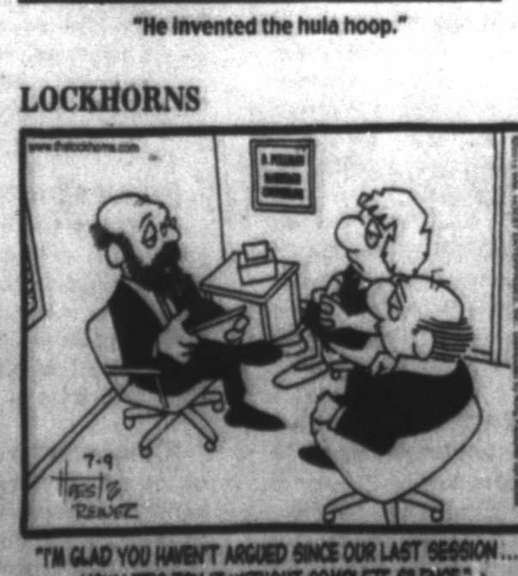

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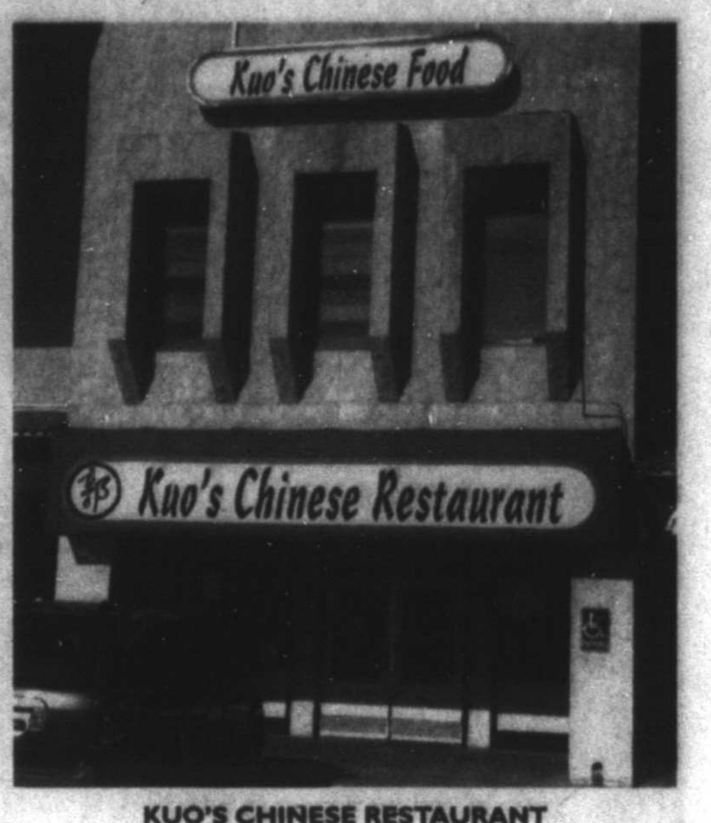

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ASIAN

BUSHIDO JAPANESE STEAK HOUSE AND SUSHI BAR Watch chefs roll sushi and cook at Teppan Yaki grills or sit at the bar and watch the game. Extensive sushi menu. Grill combos with chicken, steak, seafood. More of a casual atmosphere than other Teppan Yaki restaurants. 4416 Briarwood Ave. 689-7900 | $$ | 4 spoons

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GRAND BUFFET Extensive "all-you-can-eat" Asian buffet includes hodgepodge of options including Chinese dishes, salads, seafood, Jell-o, fried okra, sushi and a Mongolian grill station. 2510 W. Louisiana Ave. 688-8881 | $ | 2 spoons

THE GREAT WALL Chinese takeout restaurant offers large portions from extensive menu. Try the General Tso's chicken with sesame shrimp and add an order of egg rolls or spring rolls. 2215 N. Midland Drive 694-5555 | $ | 3 spoons

HUNAN GARDEN CHINESE RESTAURANT Try the daily lunch buffet with about 10 options like sweet and sour chicken, cashew chicken and beef with snow peas. 4410 N. Midkiff Road, Building A., Space J. 697-9818 | $ | 3 spoons

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697-8888 | $ | 4 spoons

MOON GARDEN Try one of the lunch specials like broccoli with garlic sauce or kung pao shrimp. The Chinese restaurant is housed in what used to be a Red Lobster — just in case you were wondering about the nautical decor. 2319 W. Loop 250 N. 570-1165 or 685-3012 | $ | 2 spoons

OSAKA JAPANESE STEAKHOUSE AND SEAFOOD Try steak, chicken or seafood grilled at Teppan Yaki tables or sushi with fresh seafood. Locations in Midland and Odessa. 1207 Tradewinds Blvd. 617-7252 www.my-osaka.com | $$ | 4 spoons.

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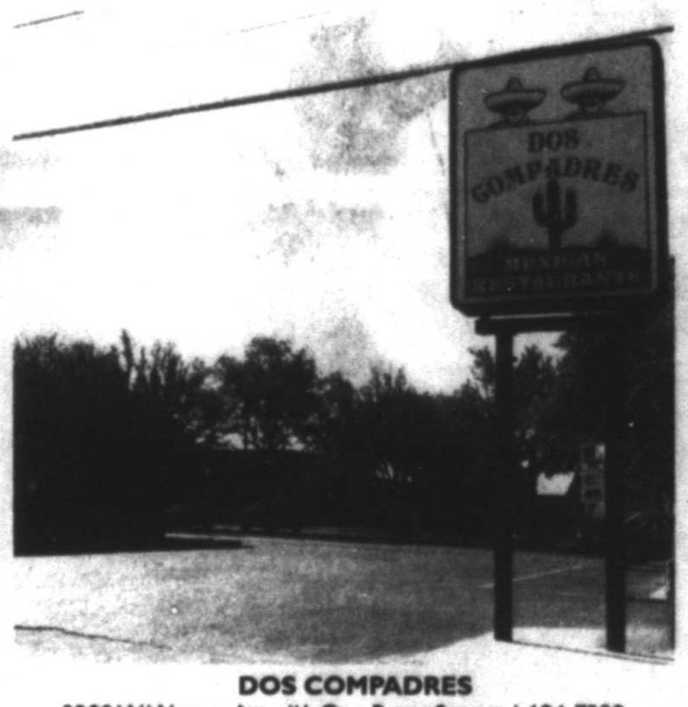

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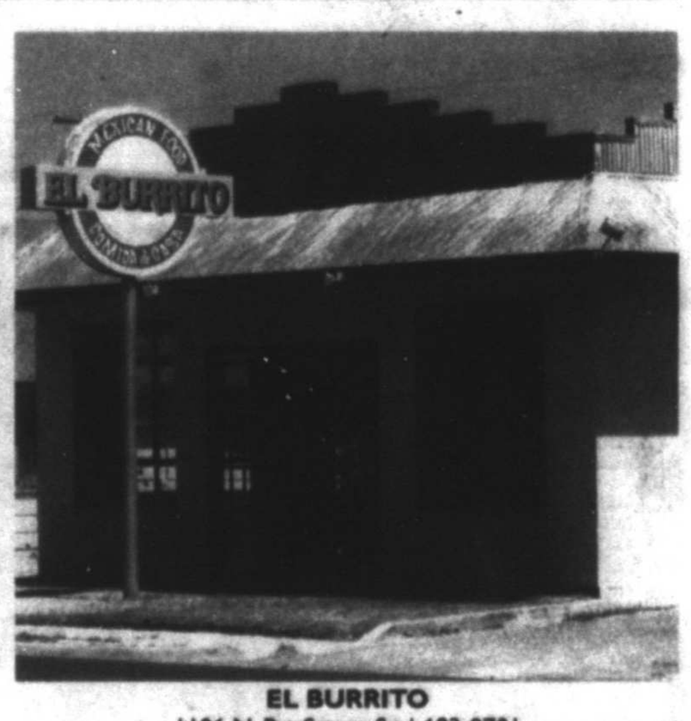

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MEXICAN

ABUELOS Mix of traditional Tex-Mex with unique menu items featuring steak and seafood. Tired of rice and beans on the side? Try papas con chile and espinaca casserole. 2908 W. Loop 250 N. 685-3335 www.abuelos.com | $$ | 4 spoons

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CASA DEL SOL RESTAURANTE Y CANTINA Reminiscent of a Mexican cantina. Mexican stir-fry is a popular choice or try one of the West Texas specialties like country-fried steak, shrimp or catfish. 523 East Illinois Ave. 686-1118 | $ | 3 spoons

CASA LOPEZ CAFE Sports bar, restaurant and catering service with entrees like enchiladas and fajitas and appetizers such as bacon wrapped shrimp and stuffed jalapenos. 4411 W. Illinois Ave. 699-7373 | $ | 4 spoons

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JUMBURRITO Drive-through or eat-in for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Try the stewmeat with cheese and avocado and smother it with queso and/or jumburritos' hot sauce. Expect a line for weekend breakfast. 1301 Lamesa Road, 682-5060 | 2101 W. Wadley Ave., 683-7017 | 908 S. Midkiff Road, 689-0350 | 4509 N. Midkiff Road, 689-3894 | www.jumburrito.com | 4 spoons

LA BODEGA MEXICAN RESTAURANT AND BAR Try the chile rellenos — stuffed with beef, chicken, cheese or shrimp, deep-fried and topped with red sauce, sour cream, pecans and raisins — or the rueda, described on the menu as a Mexican pizza. The upstairs bar allows smoking and keeps later hours than the restaurant. 2700 N. Big Spring St. 684-5594 www.mylabodega.com | $ | 4 spoons

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PENO'S CAFÉ & CATERING COMPANY Try the tacos or the variety of breakfast burritos. Some menu items can be bought by the pound. Order tamales by the dozen. 4305 W. Illinois Ave. 262-5720 Facebook: Café J-Peno | $ | 3 spoons

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ROMIE'S MEXICAN RESTAURANTE Don't underestimate this hole-in-the-wall restaurant serving traditional Tex-Mex fare. Quick service, daily specials and delicious food. 701 S. Marienfeld St. 432-683-5344 | $ | 3 spoons

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ROSA'S CAFÉ & TORTILLA FACTORY If you're a native Midlander, you get it. If you're not, try the queso and tortillas or the chicken fajitas with queso or the carbo burritos. It's worth the long drive-through lines. 903 Andrews Highway 520-2358 2501 N. Big Spring St. 620-0634 | 4301 N. Midland Drive 520-0489 | $ | 4 spoons s

SEDONA MEXICAN GRILL & CANTINA Sit on the patio and enjoy drinks and chile con carne queso before your meal. Live entertainment on Fridays and Saturdays. 2101 W. Wadley Ave., # 45 www.sedonamexicancantina.com 570-9600 | $ | 4 spoons

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Judge: Redskins' trademark must be canceled

By Matthew Barakat
Associated Press

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — For the first time in a legal battle that has stretched over 20 years, a federal judge on Wednesday ordered the cancellation of the Washington Redskins' trademark registration, ruling that the team name may be disparaging to Native Americans.

The ruling does not bar the team from using the Redskins name if it wishes. The team could even still sue for trademark infringement, but winning such a case could prove more complex without the legal protections that come with a federally registered trademark.

Redskins President Bruce Allen said the team will appeal.

"We are convinced that we will win because the facts and the law are on the side of our franchise that has proudly used the name Redskins for more than 80 years," Allen said in a statement.

U.S. District Judge Gerald Bruce Lee's ruling upholds an earlier finding by an administrative appeal board and orders the federal Patent and Trademark Office to cancel the registration. A group of Native American activists first challenged the trademark registration in 1992, and various administrative boards have ruled against the team before. But Wednesday's order is the first time that a federal judge ruled against the team and found that the name may be disparaging.

The team had sued in federal court in Alexandria seeking to overturn a ruling last year by the Trademark Trial and Appeal Board. It argued that the name honors Native Americans and that canceling the trademark infringes on its free-speech rights because it requires the government to judge whether the name is offensive.

In rejecting the team's free-speech argument, Lee's 70-page ruling cited a U.S. Supreme Court ruling last month allowing the state of Texas to bar depiction of the Confederate battle flag on specialty license plates sought by the Sons of Confederate Veterans.

Just as Texas could not be forced to issue license plates depicting a flag considered offensive, Lee said

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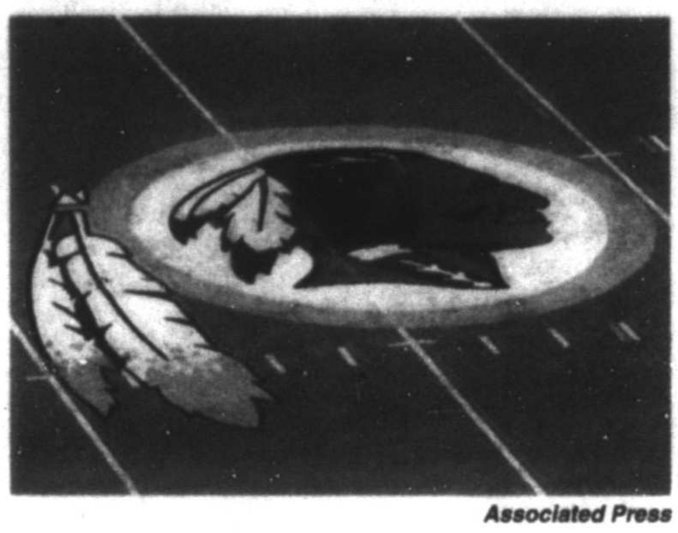

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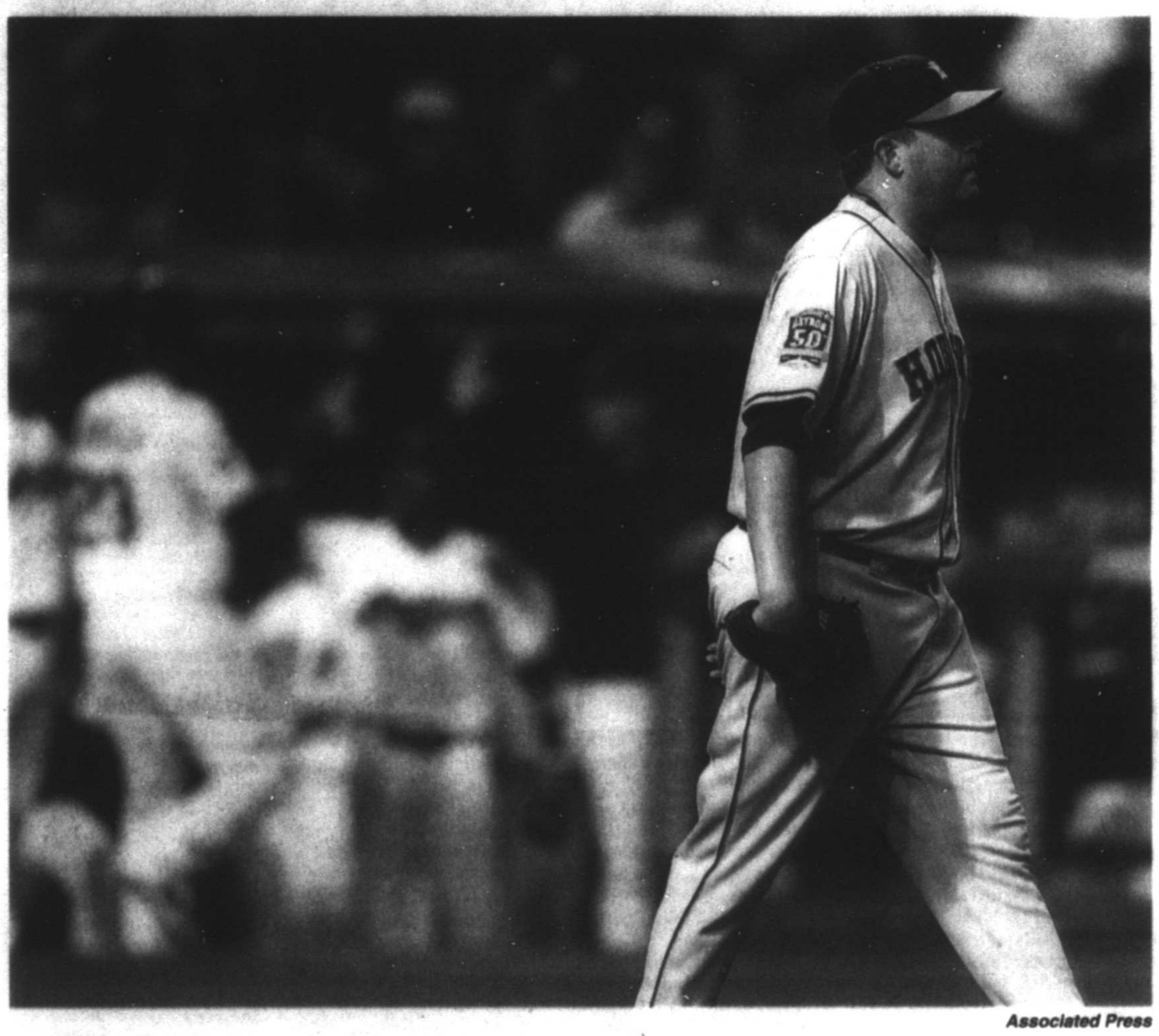
The Washington Redskins logo is seen on the field before an NFL preseason game against the New England Patriots in Landover, Md., in 2014.

Astros drop another one



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The Houston Astros' relief pitcher Joe Thatcher walks back to the mound as the Indians celebrate after two runs score in the eighth inning on Wednesday in Cleveland.

Murphy leads Bauer, Indians over Astros

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — David Murphy drove in two runs with a double in the eighth inning to send Trevor Bauer and the Cleveland Indians to a 4-2 win over the Houston Astros on Wednesday night.

Murphy, who came in 3-for-9 vs. left-handers this season, snapped a 2-2 tie by pulling a pitch from lefty Joe Thatcher (1-3) over right fielder Preston's Tucker's head, scoring rookie Francisco Lindor and Michael Brantley.

Bauer (8-5) allowed Evan Gattis' two-run homer in the first but settled down nicely, allowing six hits and zero walks in eight innings. The right-hander retired 13 of the final 14 batters he faced.

Indians	4
Astros	2

Cody Allen worked the ninth for his 17th save.

With the score tied 2-2, Lindor doubled with one out in the seventh, barely beating left fielder Colby Rasmus' throw to second with a head-first slide. Brantley walked and Murphy, a Houston native batting .368 in his last 49 games, came through with his clutch double.

Bauer had nine strikeouts, giving him 102 this season. According to information provided by the Indians, they are the first team in history to have four pitchers reach 100 strikeouts before the All-Star break. Corey Kluber (148) leads the AL and Carlos Carrasco (115) and Danny Salazar (108) have also topped the century mark.

Houston starter Dan Straily gave up two runs and three hits in six innings. He put the Astros in a tough spot in the seventh when he walked Carlos Santana and hit Yan Gomes before being replaced by reliever Will Harris. The right-hander struck out Brandon Moss, retired Giovanny Urshela on a line drive to left and retired Michael Bourn on a comebacker to keep it tied 2-all.

Bauer, who held Houston without a hit for six innings in his season debut, came in with a 0.00 ERA in two career appearances against the Astros.

Houston changed that in a hurry as

Please see **ASTROS**/3C

Federer, Murray in Wimbledon showdown

Associated Press

LEFT: Andy Murray gestures after a point as he plays Vasek Pospisil during their singles match at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, on Wednesday. RIGHT: Roger Federer celebrates winning the singles match against Gilles Simon.

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

LONDON — Roger Federer and Andy Murray ran into each other Wednesday morning in the champions' locker room at the All England Club, then walked together over to the practice area to prepare — on adjacent courts — for their respective quarterfinals later in the day.

"We weren't chatting about anything. It was just, 'Hey, how you doing?' Nothing interesting," Murray recounted. "We get on well. But obviously, on Friday — different story."

Yes, they'll meet up again Friday, only the setting will be far different and things might be a tad less cordial, because the two past Wimbledon titlists face each other at Centre Court in the semifinals.

The No. 2-seeded Federer is closing in on his record eighth trophy at the grass-court tournament; No. 3 Murray's 2013 championship was the first for a British man at Wimbledon in 77 years.

Plus, they have history on this particular patch of grass. In 2012, Federer won his 17th — and, to date, last — Grand Slam title by beating Murray in the Wimbledon final. A few weeks later, also at Centre Court, Murray repaid the favor, beating Federer for the singles gold medal at the London Games.

Please see **WIMBLEDON**/2C

NFL games coming to London EPL club Tottenham's stadium

By Rob Harris
Associated Press

LONDON — The NFL will stage at least two regular-season games each season at Premier League club Tottenham's new London stadium over a 10-year period under a deal announced Wednesday.

Tottenham is hoping to move into a new 61,000-seat venue adjacent to its current White Hart Lane stadium in 2018. It will feature a retractable grass field with an artificial surface underneath that would be used for American football.

"With growing enthusiasm for the NFL in the United Kingdom, we are committed to hosting NFL games in world-class venues and are excited to partner with Tottenham Hotspur to play games at their future stadium," NFL Commissioner Roger Goodell said in a statement.

London Mayor Boris Johnson said the Tottenham deal will "help us take another step towards our goal of having a permanent NFL franchise here."

The NFL currently has two years remaining on its deal with Wembley Stadium, the 90,000-seat north London venue where 11 regular-season games have been played since 2007. England's national soccer stadium will host three more NFL games this year.

The NFL said it was "optimistic" the relationship with Wembley would be extended beyond 2016, with the 10-year Tottenham deal not preventing games being played elsewhere in Britain.

The Jacksonville Jaguars has a four-season deal, which expires in 2016, to play at least one-regular season home game at Wembley. The Jaguars have been touted as a potential future London franchise, given that owner Shad Khan bought London soccer club Fulham in 2013.

"We've seen incredible growth in the Jaguars' international following that can be traced specifically to our agreement to play a home game at Wembley Stadium through 2016," Khan said in a statement, which didn't detail the Jaguars' post-2016 plans in the British capital.

Although Tottenham will be rivaling Wembley as an NFL venue, the team might need to use the venue to play games during the final phase of construction work at its home for the last 116 years.

Tottenham has been trying to move out of White Hart Lane for several years, with the 36,000-capacity hampering the club's money-making abilities. North London rival Arsenal has been playing for almost a decade at the Emirates Stadium, which has around 60,000 seats.

"We have an opportunity now to deliver one of the most unique sporting and entertainment venues in the world, bringing together the EPL and NFL for the first time," Tottenham chairman Daniel Levy said.

AP file photo

A band entertains supporters as they arrive at Wembley Stadium in London to watch the game between San Francisco 49ers and Jacksonville Jaguars in 2013. The NFL said Wednesday that it will play at least two games per year at Premier League club Tottenham's new stadium in London over a 10-year period.

'HOUNDSWATCH

WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Arkansas 3, Midland 2

TODAY'S GAME
Midland at Arkansas, 7:10 p.m.

INTERNET
www.milb.com

RECORDS
Midland 9-4,
Arkansas 6-7

Tuesday	Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday
Midland 9, NW Arkansas 8	Arkansas 3, Midland 2	Midland at Arkansas	Midland at Arkansas	Midland at NW Arkansas

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

AUTO RACING

NASCAR, Truck Series, final practice for UNOH 225, at Sparta, Ky., 9 a.m., FS1

NASCAR, XFINITY Series, practice for July Kentucky race, at Sparta, Ky., 1 p.m., NBCSN

NASCAR, XFINITY Series, final practice for July Kentucky race, at Sparta, Ky., 3 p.m., NBCSN

NASCAR, Truck Series, UNOH 225, at Sparta, Ky., 6:30 p.m., FS1

CANADIAN FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Ottawa at Edmonton, 8 p.m., ESPN2

CYCLING

Tour de France, Stage 6, Abbeville to Le Havre, 7 a.m., NBCSN

GOLF

European PGA Tour, Scottish Open, first round, at Gullane, 4:30 a.m., TGC

Web.com Tour, Boise (Idaho) Open, first round, 12:30 p.m., TGC

USGA, U.S. Women's Open, first round, at Lancaster, Pa., 1 p.m., FS1

PGA Tour, John Deere Classic, first round, at Silvis, Ill., 3 p.m., TGC

MLB

Regional coverage, Oakland at N.Y. Yankees or Tampa Bay at Kansas City (2 p.m.), noon, MLB

Regional coverage, St. Louis at Pittsburgh or Houston at Cleveland, 6 p.m., MLB

SOCCER

CONCACAF, Gold Cup, group Stage, Mexico vs. Cuba, at Chicago, 8:30 p.m., FS1

TENNIS

Wimbledon, women's semifinals, at London, 7 a.m., ESPN

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

Major League Baseball

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF BASEBALL — Suspended Chicago White Sox minor league RHP Javy Guerra (Charlotte-IL) 50 games after a second positive test for a drug of abuse in violation of the Minor League Drug Prevention and Treatment Program

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled INF Christian Walker from Norfolk (IL).

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed LHP Nick Hagadone on the 15-day DL. Recalled LHP Kyle Crockett from Columbus (IL).

KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Aaron Brooks from Omaha (PCL). Optioned LHP Brandon Finnegan to Omaha.

NEW YORK YANKEES — Reinstated OF Jacoby Ellsbury and LHP Andrew Miller from the 15-day DL. Optioned OF Ramon Flores and RHP Nick Rumbelow to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL).

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Activated RHP Jake Odorizzi off the 15-day DL.

National League

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Selected the contract of RHP Chin-hui Tsao from Oklahoma City (PCL). Recalled RHP Josh Ravin from Oklahoma City. Optioned LHP Ian Thomas and RHP Yimi Garcia to Oklahoma City. Designated LHP Eric Surkamp for assignment.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Reinstated J RHP Dale Thayer from the 15-day DL, retroactive June 24. Optioned LHP Frank Garces to El Paso (PCL).

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Signed SSs Lucius Fox, Robinson Batista and Weicar De Jesus; RHPs Abe Adames, Miguel Figueroa, Joan Herrera, Jose Marte, William Suarez, Oliver Pinto, Kervin Castro and Kervin Labrador; OFs Franklin Labour and Diego Rincones; and Cs Ricardo Genoves and Nisbell Gutierrez to minor league contracts.

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Purchased the contract of 1B Dan Johnson from Memphis (PCL). Optioned LHP Tyler Lyons and RHP Marcus Hatley to Memphis.

WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Recalled RHP Taylor Hill from Syracuse (IL). Optioned RHP Taylor Jordan to Syracuse.

American Association

GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Traded INF Zac Mitchell to Florence (FL) for a player to be named.

LAREDO LEMURS — Released INF Ty Forney.

WICHITA WINGNUTS — Signed RHP Jon Link. Released INF Tyler Coughenour.

WINNIPEG GOLDEYES — Signed RHP Mike Noteware.

Can-Am League

NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Signed RHP Anthony Claggett.

QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed INF Vincent Guglietti and INF Cedric Valleres.

Frontier League

EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed RHP Lance Phillips.

FLORENCE FREEDOM — Acquired INF Zac Mitchell from Gary SouthShore (AA) for a player to be named. Released RHP Austin Delmotte.

FRONTIER GREYS —Released LHP Eric Kline.

JOLIET SLAMMERS —Released RHP Jake Butler

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Signed F Kevon Looney.

Premier Basketball League

PBL — Awarded an expansion franchise to Donald Fehr to play in the 2015-16 season in Niagara County, N.Y. and named the franchise the WNY Thunderstorm.

COFTBALL

National Football League

NFL — Named Rod Graves senior vice president of football administration and club services.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

ARIZONA COYOTES — Named John Stanley assistant coach.

DETROIT RED WINGS — Signed F Eric Tangradi to a one-year contract.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS — Signed F Paul Carey to a one-year contract.

ECHL

FLORIDA EVERBLADES — Agreed to terms with F Evan Bloodoff on a one-year contract.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League

NLL — Announced the Georgia Swarm and Vancouver Stealth will be awarded compensatory draft selections as a result of losing players to unrestricted free agency before the 2015 NLL season. Georgia Swarm will receive a 2015 second-round draft pick and a conditional 2017 draft pick. Vancouver will receive two 2015 second-round draft picks and a conditional 2017 draft pick.

COLLEGE

CONFERENCE CAROLINAS — Shahid Williams assistant commissioner for strategic communications.

ARMSTRONG STATE — Named Zach Cortes men's assistant basketball coach.

AUSTIN PEAY — Named Julian Terrell men's assistant basketball coach.

CHARLESTON SOUTHERN — Named Joey Murdock men's assistant basketball coach.

DELAWARE —Named Jade Singleton women's assistant basketball coach.

FORDHAM — Named Ray Bello women's assistant volleyball coach.

HOFSTRA — Named Akbar Waheed men's assistant basketball coach.

HOLY CROSS — Named Tim Bibaud women's golf coach.

HOUSTON — Named Marvin Ulich Jr. senior associate athletics director for external relations.

MANHATTAN — Named Brandon McDonald men's assistant basketball coach.

NEW MEXICO — Named Buddy Gouldsmith assistant baseball coach.

TEXAS RIO GRANDE VALLEY — Named Jordon Barnfield assistant baseball coach.

THIEL — Promoted Mike Miller to associate athletic director, Lainie Bisbee to associate director of sports medicine, Jeremiah Hengst to director of marketing and promotions and P.J. Gradowski to director of athletic communications.

UALR — Announced men's sophomore basketball F Oliver Black has transferred from Mississippi State.

UNC WILMINGTON — Named Hans Olsen women's tennis coach.

VANDERBILT — Named Wendale Farrow women's assistant basketball coach.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United	10	6	5	35	23	18
Columbus	6	5	6	24	27	26
Orlando City	6	6	6	24	23	22
New England	6	8	6	24	25	29
Toronto FC	7	7	2	23	22	23
New York	6	6	5	23	23	22
New York City FC	5	8	5	20	20	23
Philadelphia	5	10	4	19	22	32
Montreal	5	7	3	18	20	25
Chicago	4	9	3	15	18	24

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Seattle	10	7	2	32	25	18
Vancouver	10	7	2	32	23	19
Portland	9	6	4	31	22	20
Los Angeles	8	6	7	31	31	23
FC Dallas	8	5	5	29	24	23
Kansas City	7	3	6	27	25	17
San Jose	7	6	4	25	19	17
Real Salt Lake	5	6	8	23	18	23
Houston	5	7	7	21	22	24
Colorado	3	6	9	18	14	18

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie

Sunday's Score

Portland 1, San Jose 0

Friday's Game

Houston at San Jose, 10 p.m.

Saturday's Games

Portland at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
New England at New York, 6 p.m.
FC Dallas at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
Columbus at Montreal, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Colorado, 8 p.m.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Connecticut	7	3	.700	—
New York	6	4	.600	1
Washington	6	4	.600	1
Chicago	6	5	.545	1½
Indiana	6	6	.500	2
Atlanta	5	7	.417	3

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Minnesota	8	2	.800	—
Tulsa	9	4	.692	½
Phoenix	6	5	.545	2½
San Antonio	3	8	.273	5½
Seattle	3	10	.231	6½
Los Angeles	2	9	.182	6½

Wednesday's Scores

Indiana 88, Seattle 65
San Antonio 70, Los Angeles 63

Today's Game

New York at Washington, 10:30 a.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 79-86 degrees; 0.3 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigs, Senkos and medium running shad pattern crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on chartreuse Lake Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color; 78-87 degrees, 0.21 feet high. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 21.37 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear; 80-88 degrees; 12.91 feet low. Black bass are fair on spinnerbaits and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 81-89 degrees; 20.23 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early, later switching to Texas rigs and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 79-87 degrees; 16.59 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early, later switching to Texas rigs and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip-cork. Catfish are fair on cheesebaits (use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 79-86 degrees; 43.14 feet low. Black bass are good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to Texas rigs, Senkos and crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear; 79-87 degrees; 0.35 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, jigs and medium running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 62.29 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 0.88 feet low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 79-86 degrees; 27.97 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 80-87 degrees; 15.66 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 79-87 degrees; 27.05 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, jerkbaits, spinnerbaits, swimbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are fair on Red Fins and large topwaters. White bass are fair on crankbaits and small topwaters. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on bottoms, droplines, and throwlines on live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 79-86 degrees. Black bass are good on watermelon and purple worms with chartreuse tails. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

Contenders kept safe on stage 5 of Tour

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

AMIENS, France — With crashes taking down riders on rain-drenched roads, keeping team leaders safe was the order of the day on Wednesday's fifth stage of the Tour de France.

By the time Andre Greipel attacked in the last 100 meters to win his second stage of the Tour, and a third in five days for German riders, the last of the day's seven crashes had taken down 30 riders.

There had been a big spill in stage three, too, involving some 20 riders. But once again, Chris Froome and the other Tour contenders avoided them.

"There was absolutely everything out there today. It rained, which made the roads slippery, and it was also windy," said Ian Stannard, Froome's Team Sky teammate. "That made for a stressful day."

Peter Sagan, a Slovak rider seeking to win the green jersey as the Tour's best sprinter for a fourth straight year, had even more reason to feel tired.

He spent most of the day protecting his Tinkoff-Saxo teammate Alberto Contador, and then contested the stage sprint, zooming ahead of British rider Mark Cavendish to take second place behind Greipel.

Associated Press

Tony Martin celebrates on the podium of the fifth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 189.5 kilometers (117.8 miles) with start in Arras and finish in Amiens, France, on Wednesday.

"It was also very crazy today with rain, wind and a lot of crashes and I'm happy with how we finished," Sagan said. Three of his teammates were involved in crashes, but not Contador.

"Everybody wants to be at the front on a day like this to protect the team leaders and that creates tension," Sagan said. "I want to help and protect Alberto."

The yellow jersey group rolled over the line with no change to the leading positions.

German rider Tony Martin, the winner on stage 4, still leads Froome by 12 seconds and Tejay Van Garderen, a promising American rider with strong climbing skills, by 25.

Among the main contenders, Froome leads two-time Tour champion Contador by 36 seconds; defending champion Vincenzo Nibali by 1:38 and Colombian rider Nairo Quintana, the 2013 runner-up, by 1:56.

The stage took the weary peloton over 189.5 kilometers (117.5 miles) from Arras to Amiens in northern France, passing some of the battlefields of World War One.

The rain, which largely stayed away the day before, thundered down and turned the roads into something of an ice rink.

Clinching the eighth stage win of his Tour career on damp tarmac, Greipel punched the air in delight.

German public broadcaster ARD restarted its live coverage of the race this year following a 3-year hiatus due to the doping scandals in recent years, which included Lance Armstrong being stripped of his seven Tour titles (1999-2005).

"I'm happy that we can bring the Tour de France back to Germany," said Greipel, adding that it's because of "mother nature" that German riders seem so strong in sprints.

"I have to thank my mother as I have some fast-twitching muscles," he said.

Crash No. 7 happened at the back of the peloton with 25 kilometers (15.5 miles) to go. Three riders went off the road to the right, tumbling into crash barriers. Behind, others fell in a domino effect. Frenchman Thibaut Pinot, third on last year's Tour, had his second crash of the day.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

AMIENS, France — Results Wednesday from the 190-kilometer (118-mile) Stage 5 from Arras to Amiens Metropole of the Tour de France:

1. Andre Greipel, Germany, Lotto Soudal, 4 hours, 39 minutes.
2. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:39:00.
3. Mark Cavendish, England, Etixx-Quick Step, 4:39:00.
4. Alexander Kristoff, Norway, Katusha Team, 4:39:00.
5. Edvald Hagen, Norway, MTN-Qhubeka, 4:39:00.
6. John Degenkolb, Germany, Team Giant Alpecin, 4:39:00.
7. Arnaud Demare, France, FDJ.fr, 4:39:00.
8. Bryan Coquard, France, Team Europcar, 4:39:00.
9. Davide Cimolai, Italy, Lampre-Merida, 4:39:00.
10. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing Team, 4:39:00.
11. Geoffrey Soupe, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 4:39:00.
12. Zakkari Dempster, Australia, Bora-Argon 18, 4:39:00.
13. Reinardt Janse van Rensburg, South Africa, MTN-Qhubeka, 4:39:00.
14. Jarlinson Pantano, Colombia, IAM Cycling, 4:39:00.
15. Sep Vanmarcke, Belgium, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 4:39:00.
16. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:39:00.
17. Tanel Kangert, Estonia, Astana Pro Team, 4:39:00.
18. Matthias Brandle, Austria, IAM Cycling, 4:39:00.
19. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 4:39:00.
20. Michele Scarponi, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 4:39:00.
21. Sylvain Chavanel, France, IAM Cycling, 4:39:00.
22. Tony Martin, Germany, Etixx-Quick Step, 4:39:00.
23. Paul Voss, Germany, Bora-Argon 18, 4:39:00.
24. Geraint Thomas, Scotland, Team Sky, 4:39:00.
25. Warren Barguil, France, Team Giant Alpecin, 4:39:00.
26. Kristian Korin, Slovenia, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 4:39:00.
27. Alejandro Valverde Belmonte, Spain, Movistar Team, 4:39:00.
28. Christopher Froome, England, Team Sky, 4:39:00.
29. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 4:39:00.
30. Michael Schar, Switzerland, BMC Racing Team, 4:39:00.
31. Samuel Sanchez Gonzalez, Spain, BMC Racing Team, 4:39:00.
32. Tejay van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing Team, 4:39:00.
33. Eduardo Sepulveda, Argentina, Bretagne-Seche Environment, 4:39:00.
34. Nairo Alexander Quintana Rojas, Colombia, Movistar Team, 4:39:00.
35. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, 4:39:00.
36. Rui Alberto Costa, Portugal, Lampre-Merida, 4:39:00.
37. Andrew Talansky, United States, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 4:39:00.
38. Mark Renshaw, Australia, Etixx-Quick Step, 4:39:00.
39. Romain Bardet, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:39:00.
40. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:39:00.
41. Mikael Cherel, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:39:00.
42. Jean-Christophe Peraud, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 4:39:00.
43. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha Team, 4:39:00.
44. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Tinkoff-Saxo, 4:39:00.
45. Dominik Nerz, Germany, Bora-Argon 18, 4:39:00.
46. Daniel Teklehaimanot, Eritrea, MTN-Qhubeka, 4:39:00.
47. Maikel Irizar Arranburu, Spain, Trek Factory Racing, 4:39:00.
48. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, Etixx-Quick Step, 4:39:00.
49. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana Pro Team, 4:39:00.
50. Alberto Losada Alguacil, Spain, Katusha Team, 4:39:00.

WIMBLEDON

From 1C

"We both like to look back at that summer," said Federer, who is 12-11 against Murray. "Me, not so much at the Olympics; him, probably not so much at Wimbledon."

Both advanced in quarterfinals slowed only by a pair of rain delays. Federer's 116-hold streak in service games, dating to his previous tournament, ended, but that was merely a blip during a 6-3, 7-5, 6-2 victory over No. 12 Gilles Simon of France.

Murray was hardly troubled at all by a weary Vasek Pospisil of Canada and won 6-4, 7-5, 6-4 in a match that finished with the retractable roof closed at Center Court, in front of an audience that included Prince William and his wife Kate.

Another past champion, No. 1 Novak Djokovic, also barely was tested, eliminating No. 9 Marin Cilic of Croatia 6-4, 6-4, 6-4 to improve to 13-0 against the 2014 U.S. Open winner.

Djokovic, who won Wimbledon in 2011 and 2014, plays No. 21 Richard Gasquet of France next. Gasquet emerged from the most compelling quarterfinal — featuring two beautiful one-handed backhands — with a 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9 win over No. 4 Stan Wawrinka of Switzerland.

"It was great to watch them go backhand-to-backhand today," said Djokovic, who is 11-1 against Gasquet. "Some great points, great exchanges."

Until Gasquet dropped to his back at the baseline when French Open champion Wawrinka's last backhand sailed long, it appeared this might be the first Wimbledon semifinals in 20 years involving men seeded 1-4.

Gasquet truly is an interloper, the only remaining man without a major title. Never been to a final, even.

"I'm the worst," Gasquet said with a smirk, "when you see Federer, Djokovic and Murray and me."

He'll be in his third Grand Slam semifinal. Djokovic, in contrast, owns eight major championships and reached his 27th major semifinal, sixth in a row at Wimbledon.

"Obviously," Djokovic said, "the experience of being in these final stages of Wimbledon many times is going to help me."

Imagine how Federer feels.

He's into his 10th Wimbledon semifinal (he's 9-0) and 37th at all majors (25-11).

"I'm very proud of my achievements here, don't get me wrong," said Federer, who turns 34 on Aug. 8. "But it's not like something I walk around, beating my chest, saying, like, 'I'm great here.'"

Federer, runner-up to Djokovic last year, needed only 95 minutes to dispatch Simon. The most noteworthy moment came when Federer served for the second set at 5-4. Up to then, Federer had won all 67 games he'd served the past two weeks, following 49 in a row at a tuneup tournament in Halle, Germany.

Simon broke Federer at love, looked to the guest box and shook his right fist.

"Played a perfect game," Simon would say later.

Federer, meanwhile, was "relieved" to get broken, saying, "I guess we're not going to talk about that anymore."

Certainly didn't throw him off against Simon.

Federer broke right back, then served out the set this way in a game interrupted by rain after the first point: 125 mph ace, 115 mph service winner, 109 mph ace, 122 mph ace.

"I don't serve 140s, let's be honest," Federer said. "I have to work my way through those service games."

So far, so good. Now Murray will try to solve that serve.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

Wednesday
At The All England Lawn Tennis & Croquet Club
London
Purse: $42.1 million (Grand Slam)
Surface: Grass-Outdoor

Singles
Men
Quarterfinals

Roger Federer (2), Switzerland, def. Gilles Simon (12), France, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

Andy Murray (3), Britain, def. Vasek Pospisil, Canada, 6-4, 7-5, 6-4.

Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Marin Cilic (9), Croatia, 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.

Richard Gasquet (21), France, def. Stan Wawrinka (4), Switzerland, 6-4, 4-6, 3-6, 6-4, 11-9.

Doubles
Women
Quarterfinals

Raquel Kops-Jones and Abigail Spears (5), United States, def. Bethanie Mattek-Sands, United States, and Lucie Safarova (3), Czech Republic, 6-3, 6-2.

Ekaterina Makarova and Elena Vesnina (2), Russia, def. Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Lisa Raymond, United States, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6.

Martina Hingis, Switzerland, and Sania Mirza (1), India, def. Casey Dellacqua, Australia, and Yaroslava Shvedova (8), Kazakhstan, 7-5, 6-3.

Timea Babos, Hungary and Kristina Mladenovic (4), France, def. Hsieh Su-wei, Taiwan, and Flavia Pennetta (7), Italy, 6-3, 4-6, 6-4.

Mixed
Third Round

Robert Lindstedt, Sweden, and Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, def. Nenad Zimonjic, Serbia, and Jarmila Gajdosova, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (3).

Mike Bryan and Bethanie Mattek-Sands (1), United States, def. Michael Venus, New Zealand, and Raluca Olaru, Romania, 7-6 (3), 7-5.

Horia Tecau, Romania and Katarina Srebotnik (6), Slovenia, def. Raven Klaasen, South Africa and Raquel Kops-Jones (10), United States, 6-3, 7-5.

Marcin Matkowski, Poland and Elena Vesnina (3), Russia, def. Lukasz Kubot, Poland and Andrea Hlavackova (16), Czech Republic, 6-7 (4), 6-4, 11-9.

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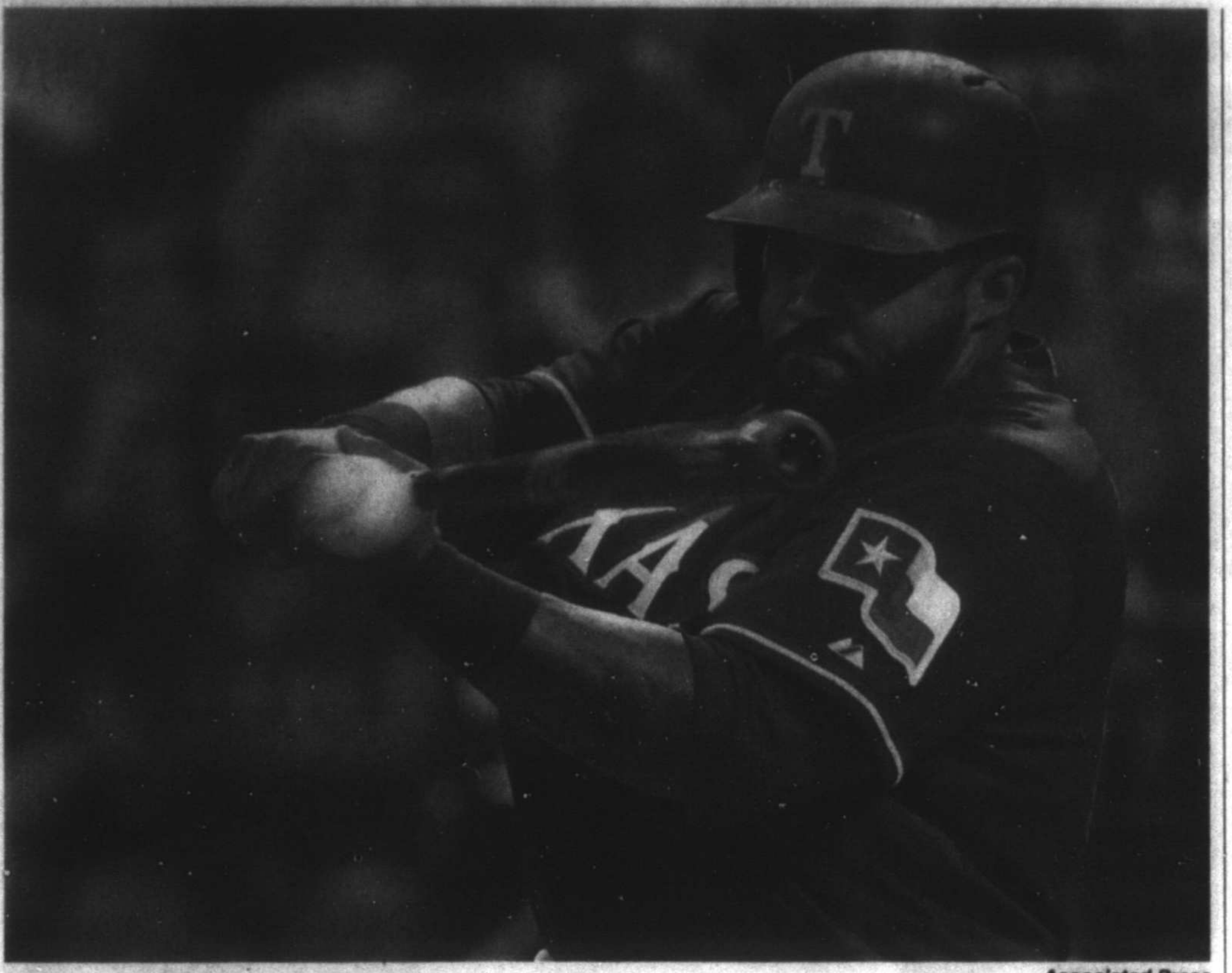

Associated Press

The Texas Rangers' Prince Fielder hits a shoulder-high pitch for a single in the third inning against the Arizona Diamondbacks at Globe Life Park in Arlington on Wednesday.

Pollock, Diamondbacks top Rangers

By Schulyer Dixon
Associated Press

Diamondbacks	7
Rangers	4

ARLINGTON — A.J. Pollock hit a three-run homer during a five-run second inning in Texas left-hander Matt Harrison's first start in more than a year, and the Arizona Diamondbacks beat the Rangers 7-4 Wednesday night.

Harrison (0-1) made his previous start on May 13, 2014, against Houston, when he left with back stiffness about a month before career-threatening spinal fusion surgery. It was the last of three procedures for back problems that limited him to six appearances over two seasons.

Randall Delgado (4-2) was the second of five Arizona relievers behind right-hander Jeremy Hellickson, who came out after four innings because of a blister on his right thumb.

Brad Ziegler pitched a perfect ninth for his career-best 14th save.

Welington Castillo hit a two-run homer for the Diamondbacks.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

YANKEES 5
ATHLETICS 4

NEW YORK — All-Star slugger Mark Teixeira homered twice after Scott Kazmir left his start with triceps tightness, and CC Sabathia won for the first time in a month as New York held off Oakland.

Stephen Drew, who entered as a late-game defensive replacement in a 1-for-24 slump, homered off Fernando Abad in the eighth to give New York a 5-2 lead. Andrew Miller, just off the disabled list, nearly gave it all back in his first appearance since June 9, allowing a two-run shot in the ninth to Marcus Semien.

Stephen Vogt reached second on third baseman Gregorio Petit's two-out throwing error. But Petit charged Ben Zobrist's soft grounder and made a quick throw to first for the final out, with Teixeira making a tough stretch. That gave Miller his 18th save in 18 chances.

TWINS 5
ORIOLES 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Brian Dozier and Joe Mauer hit back-to-back home runs with two outs in the sixth inning, propelling Minnesota past Baltimore to complete a three-game sweep.

Manny Machado and Chris Davis hit consecutive homers off Casey Fien in the eighth for the Orioles, but Glen Perkins got his 28th save in 28 attempts with a perfect ninth.

Tommy Milone (5-1) stayed unbeaten in seven starts since being brought backfrom Triple-A Rochester at the beginning of June, striking out five in seven innings to lower his ERA to 2.84.

TIGERS 5
MARINERS 4

SEATTLE — Jefry Marte got an RBI double for his first major league hit, then added a solo home run that sent Detroit over Seattle.

Marte made his big league debut last Sunday and had struck out in his only at-bat. The 24-year-old played first base while the Tigers are minus injured Miguel Cabrera.

Making his first start, Marte doubled during a three-run second and scored later in the inning.

Marte homered in the fourth against J.A. Happ (4-6) to make it 4-2.

Nick Castellanos hit a go-ahead sacrifice fly in the seventh that broke a 4-4 tie.

Anibal Sanchez (8-7) got the win. Joakim Soria put two runners on base in the ninth but finished for his 19th save in 21 opportunities.

ROYALS 9
RAYS 7

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Lorenzo Cain and Jarrod Dyson hit two-run homers, Alcides Escobar had four hits and the Kansas City Royals pounded Rays All-Star Chris Archer before holding off Tampa Bay 9-7 on Wednesday night.

The Royals lost All-Star outfielder Alex Gordon to a strained groin in the fourth inning. He was hurt chasing Logan Forsythe's inside-the-park homer.

National League

METS 4
GIANTS 1

SAN FRANCISCO — All-Star Jacob deGrom allowed two hits over eight innings, Eric Campbell hit a two-run homer and the New York Mets beat the San Francisco Giants 4-1 Wednesday to win consecutive road series for the first time this season.

Juan Lagares also drove in a run for the Mets, who took advantage of an error by All-Star shortstop Brandon Crawford to break a 0-0 tie in the sixth.

DeGrom (9-6) allowed a double to Hunter Pence in the third inning and a bloop single to Brandon Belt in the fourth, then retired 13 consecutive batters. The reigning NL Rookie of the Year, deGrom struck out 10 and walked one. He is 5-1 with a 1.09 ERA in day games.

PIRATES 5
PADRES 2

PITTSBURGH — With the win, Pittsburgh completed a sweep of San Diego for its 10th series sweep of the season to tie a club record.

Gregory Polanco, Andrew McCutchen and Jung Ho Kang had RBI singles in a three-run eighth, all with two outs.

Andrew Cashner allowed one hit in his first six innings for San Diego, but was gone in the eighth. Brandon Maurer allowed his inherited runners to score and Cashner (3-10) was charged for four runs in 7 2/3 innings.

CARDINALS 6
CUBS 5

CHICAGO — Jhonny Peralta hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth inning and the St. Louis Cardinals jolted the Chicago Cubs 6-5 Wednesday.

The Cardinals trailed 5-4 and Cubs reliever Pedro Strop (1-4) quickly retired the first two batters in the ninth.

Matt Carpenter followed with a four-pitch walk and Peralta connected on a 1-2 pitch, hitting a drive that barely cleared the wall in left field for his 12th home run.

Interleague

RED SOX 6
MARLINS 3

BOSTON — Rick Porcello held Miami to two runs in six innings to snap a career-worst, seven-game losing streak, David Ortiz hit a two-run homer and surging Boston won its season-high fourth straight.

The victory completed a two-game sweep of the interleague series. It was Boston's fourth consecutive series victory, also a season high.

Michael Morse hit a solo homer for the Marlins, who lost their fourth straight.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	45	39	.536	—
Toronto	44	42	.512	2
Baltimore	43	42	.506	2½
Tampa Bay	43	44	.494	3½
Boston	41	45	.477	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	49	33	.598	—
Minnesota	46	39	.541	4½
Detroit	43	41	.512	7
Cleveland	40	44	.476	10
Chicago	37	44	.457	11½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	49	38	.563	—
Los Angeles	45	38	.542	2
Texas	41	44	.482	7
Seattle	39	46	.459	9
Oakland	39	48	.448	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	46	38	.548	—
New York	44	42	.512	3
Atlanta	42	43	.494	4½
Miami	35	50	.412	11½
Philadelphia	29	57	.337	18

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	55	30	.647	—
Pittsburgh	50	34	.595	4½
Chicago	46	38	.548	8½
Cincinnati	38	44	.463	15½
Milwaukee	37	50	.425	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	38	.553	—
San Francisco	43	43	.500	4½
Arizona	42	42	.500	4½
San Diego	39	48	.448	9
Colorado	35	48	.422	11

Wednesday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Minnesota 5, Baltimore 3
Detroit 5, Seattle 4
N.Y. Yankees 5, Oakland 4
Cleveland 4, Houston 2
Kansas City 9, Tampa Bay 7
Toronto at Chicago White Sox, late
L.A. Angels at Colorado, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Milwaukee 6, Atlanta 5
N.Y. Mets 4, San Francisco 1
Pittsburgh 5, San Diego 2
Cincinnati at Washington, ppd., rain
St. Louis 6, Chicago Cubs 5
L.A. Angels at Colorado, late
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, late

INTERLEAGUE

Boston 6, Miami 3
Arizona 7, Texas 4

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Oakland (Chavez 4-8) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 4-3), 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Karns 4-4) at Kansas City (Ventura 3-6), 1:10 p.m.
Toronto (Dickey 3-9) at Chicago White Sox (Samardzija 5-4), 1:10 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 2-1) at Cleveland (Co. Anderson 1-1), 6:10 p.m.
Detroit (Price 8-2) at Minnesota (Pelfrey 5-5), 7:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Richards 9-5) at Seattle (F.Hernandez 10-5), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

St. Louis (C.Martinez 9-3) at Pittsburgh (Locke 5-4), 6:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Holmberg 0-0) at Miami (Fernandez 1-0), 6:10 p.m.
Atlanta (A.Wood 6-5) at Colorado (K.Kendrick 3-10), 7:40 p.m.
Philadelphia (S.Gonzalez 3-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Greinke 7-2), 9:10 p.m.

Texas box scores

DIAMONDBACKS 7, RANGERS 4

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Ahmed ss	4	1	2	1	DShlds cf	5	0	0	0
Pollock cf	4	2	2	3	Choo rf	4	0	1	2
Gldsch 1b	5	0	1	0	Fielder 1b	5	0	2	1
Tomas rf	3	0	0	0	Beltre 3b	5	1	3	0
WCastl c	4	1	2	2	JHmltn lf	4	0	1	1
DPerlt lf	3	1	0	0	Morlnd dh	5	0	1	0
A.Hll dh	3	0	0	0	Andrus ss	2	0	0	0
Lamb 3b	4	1	1	0	Odor 2b	3	2	1	0
Pnngtn 2b	4	1	1	1	Chirins c	4	1	2	0
Totals	34	7	9	7	Totals	37	4	11	4

Arizona ... 050 020 000—7
Texas ... 002 011 000—4

E—Pennington (4). DP—Arizona 1, Texas 2. LOB—Arizona 5, Texas 11. 2B—Goldschmidt (20), W.Castillo (8), Choo (15), Beltre (12), J.Hamilton (4), Chirinos (12). HR—Pollock (11), W.Castillo (7). SF—Choo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Hellickson	4	6	2	2	2	4
Chafin	1 2-3	4	2	2	0	0
Delgado W,4-2	1 1-3	0	0	0	1	1
D.Hudson	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
O.Perez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Ziegler S,14-16	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
M.Harrison L,0-1	4	6	6	6	3	1
Bass	2	1	1	1	0	2
Kela	1	2	0	0	1	1
S.Freeman	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Scheppers	1 2-3	0	0	0	1	2

M.Harrison pitched to 1 batter in the 5th.
Kela pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Chafin (Odor). Balk—M.Harrison.
T—3:26. A—27,390 (48,114).

INDIANS 4, ASTROS 2

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	1	1	0	Kipnis 2b	4	1	1	0
Tucker rf	4	0	2	0	Lindor ss	4	1	1	1
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	Brantly lf	3	2	1	0
Gattis dh	4	1	1	2	DvMrp dh	4	0	2	2
ClRsms lf	4	0	0	0	CSantn 1b	3	0	0	1
Carter 1b	4	0	0	0	YGoms c	3	0	0	0
MGnzlz 3b	3	0	1	0	Moss rf	2	0	0	0
JCastro c	3	0	0	0	Urshela 3b	3	0	0	0
Mrsnck cf	3	0	1	0	Bourn cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	33	2	6	2	Totals	29	4	5	4

Houston ... 200 000 000—2
Cleveland ... 100 100 02x—4

LOB—Houston 4, Cleveland 5. 2B—Lindor (2), Dav.Murphy 2 (12). 3B—Kipnis (5). HR—Gattis (15). SB—Altuve (25).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Straily	6	3	2	2	2	4
W.Harris	1	0	0	0	0	1
Thatcher L,1-3	1-3	2	2	2	1	1
Neshek	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Cleveland						
Bauer W,8-5	8	6	2	2	0	9
Allen S,17-18	1	0	0	0	0	1

Straily pitched to 2 batters in the 7th.
HBP—by Straily (Y.Gomes). WP—Bauer.
T—2:39. A—15,255 (36,856).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

TWINS 5, ORIOLES 3

Baltimore ... 000 100 020 —3 7 0
Minnesota ... 000 003 20x —5 11 0

U.Jimenez, B.Norris (6), Roe (7), Tom.Hunter (8) and Joseph; Milone, Fien (8), Perkins (9) and Fryer. W—Milone 5-1. L—B.Norris 2-9. Sv—Perkins (28). HRs—Baltimore, M.Machado (19), C.Davis (19). Minnesota, Dozier (18), Mauer (6).

TIGERS 5, MARINERS 4

Detroit ... 030 100 100 —5 11 2
Seattle ... 011 200 000 —4 6 0

An.Sanchez, B.Hardy (7), Alburquerque (7), Soria (9) and J.McCann; Happ, Lowe (5), Guaipe (6), D.Rollins (8) and Sucre, Zunino. W—An.Sanchez 8-7. L—Guaipe 0-2. Sv—Soria (19). HRs—Detroit, J.Marte (1). Seattle, Ackley (6).

YANKEES 5, ATHLETICS 4

Oakland ... 020 000 002 —4 9 1
New York ... 010 201 01x —5 9 1

Kazmir, Scribner (4), O'Flaherty (6), Muñoz (7), Abad (8) and Phegley; Sabathia, Mitchell (6), Ju.Wilson (7), Betances (8), A.Miller (9) and J.Murphy. W—Sabathia 4-8. L—Scribner 2-2. Sv—A.Miller (18). HRs—Oakland, Semien (8). New York, Teixeira 2 (22), Drew (12).

ROYALS 9, RAYS 7

Tampa Bay ... 001 200 103 —7 14 1
Kansas City ... 002 052 00x —9 13 0

Archer, Bellatti (7) and Rivera; Guthrie, F.Morales (7), Blanton (9), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez. W—Guthrie 7-5. L—Archer 9-6. Sv—G.Holland (17). HRs—Tampa Bay, Forsythe (9), Rivera (5). Kansas City, L.Cain (7), J.Dyson (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BREWERS 6, BRAVES 5

Atlanta ... 004 000 100 —5 7 0
Milwaukee ... 000 201 03x —6 5 2

Teheran, Avilan (8), Vizcaino (8) and Lavarnway; Fiers, W.Smith (7), Jeffress (7), Fr.Rodriguez (9) and Lucroy. W—Jeffress 3-0. L—Avilan 2-3. Sv—Fr.Rodriguez (19). HRs—Atlanta, Maybin (8), K.Johnson (8). Milwaukee, K.Davis (6), C.Gomez 2 (8).

METS 4, GIANTS 1

New York ... 000 001 102 —4 8 1
San Francisco ... 000 000 001 —1 5 1

deGrom, Parnell (9), Familia (9) and Plawecki; Peavy, Osich (8), Machi (9) and Susac. W—deGrom 9-6. L—Peavy 0-4. Sv—Familia (24). HRs—New York, Campbell (3).

PIRATES 5, PADRES 2

San Diego ... 110 000 000 —2 5 0
Pittsburgh ... 010 000 13x —5 5 2

Cashner, Maurer (8), Quackenbush (8) and De.Norris; Morton, D.Guerra (7), Bastardo (9) and Cervelli. W—D.Guerra 2-0. L—Cashner 3-10. Sv—Bastardo (1). HRs—San Diego, Kemp (7).

CARDINALS 6, CUBS 5

St. Louis ... 020 200 002 —6 8 0
Chicago ... 000 203 000 —5 9 0

Wacha, M.Harris (7), Choate (8), Socolovich (8), Rosenthal (9) and Molina. T.Cruz; Hammel, Richard (2), T.Wood (5), H.Rondon (8), Strop (9) and M.Montero. W—Socolovich 3-1. L—Strop 1-4. Sv—Rosenthal (25). HRs—St. Louis, Jh.Peralta (12).

INTERLEAGUE

RED SOX 6, MARLINS 3

Miami ... 000 200 010 —3 10 3
Boston ... 004 001 10x —6 5 0

Koehler, S.Dyson (7), A.Ramos (8) and Realmuto; Porcello, Ross Jr. (7), M.Barnes (8), Uehara (9) and Hanigan. W—Porcello 5-9. L—Koehler 7-5. Sv—Uehara (21). HRs—Miami, Morse (3). Boston, Ortiz (15).

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

TRAVELERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2, 10 INNINGS

At Dickey-Stephens Park, Little Rock, Ark.

TOP HITTERS: Midland first baseman Renato Nunez went 1-for-4 with a home run and an RBI. ... Arkansas left fielder D'Arby Myers led the Travelers by going 2-for-3 with a walk.

TOP PITCHERS: Arkansas starter Kyle McGowin pitched 7 2/3 innings and allowed just one run on one hit while striking out seven and walking three. ... Midland reliever Kris Hall came on in relief of starter Dillon Overton to begin the sixth inning. He ended up throwing two scoreless innings in which he didn't allow a hit while fanning four and walking two.

HIGHLIGHTS: The Travelers scored two runs in the bottom of the first inning on Drew Maggi's RBI groundout followed by Wade Hinkle's solo home run. ... In the top of the seventh, Nunez smacked a solo home run — his 12th of the year — to left field to make it 2-1 Arkansas. ...In the top of the ninth Chad Pinder's RBI single scored Matt Angle to tie the game at two. ... In the bottom of the 10th, Arkansas won the game on Michael Snyder's sacrifice fly to center.

NOTES: The RockHounds are now 7-3 in extra inning games this season. ... With Frisco's Wednesday game against Northwest Arkansas postponed, the RockHounds hold a two and a half-game lead over Frisco for first place in the Texas League South Division in the second half. ... Angle has now safely reached base in 25 consecutive games in which he's played. ... Nunez made his second career start at first base for Midland, while Matt Olson made a very rare start at third base in place of the injured Ryon Healy. ...

TL standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	8	4	.667	—
Springfield	7	6	.538	1½
Arkansas	6	7	.462	2½
x-Northwest Arkansas	4	8	.333	4

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	9	4	.692	—
Frisco	6	6	.500	2½
San Antonio	5	7	.417	3½
x-Corpus Christi	5	8	.385	4

x-clinched first half

Wednesday's Scores

Tulsa 9, Corpus Christi 3
San Antonio 2, Springfield 0
Frisco at Northwest Arkansas, ppd., rain
Arkansas 3, Midland 2, 10 innings

Today's Games

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

Midland closer Ryan Dull was charged with his first loss, as he surrendered just his second run of the season.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland — RHP Chris Jensen (5-8, 5.64); Arkansas — Chris Ellis (3-0, 3.42)

TRAVELERS 3, ROCKHOUNDS 2, 10 INNINGS

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi
Oberacker cf	4	0	1	0	Johnson 2b	3	1	1	0
Walsh 2b	3	0	0	0	Maggi lf-3b	5	0	0	1
Whitaker rf	2	0	0	0	Hern 3b-1b	5	0	0	0
Angle rf	2	1	1	0	Hinkle 1b	3	1	1	1
Nunez 1b	4	1	1	1	Gailen lf	1	1	1	0
Pinder dh	4	0	1	1	Snyder dh	3	0	0	1
Olson 3b	4	0	0	0	Mitchell cf	3	0	0	0
Brugman lf	4	0	0	0	Myers rf	3	0	2	0
Rickles c	3	0	0	0	Bemboom c	2	0	1	0
Kirkland ss	4	0	0	0	Stamets ss	4	0	0	0
Totals	34	2	4	2	Totals	32	3	6	3

Midland ... 000 000 101 0 —2
Arkansas ... 200 000 000 1 —3

E — Kirkland (9), Stamets (5). DP — Arkansas 1. LOB — Midland 6, Arkansas 9. 2B — Angle (6), Myers (3). 3B — Johnson (2), Gailen (1). HR — Nunez (12), Hinkle (7). SB — Brugman (9) CS — Bemboom (1). SF — Snyder

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Overton	5.0	5	2	2	3	3
Hall	2.0	0	0	0	2	4
T Healy	2.0	0	0	0	2	2
Dull L, 3-1	0.2	1	1	1	0	0
Arkansas						
McGowin	7.2	1	1	1	3	7
Santos	0.1	0	0	0	1	1
Mahle W, 1-0	2.0	3	1	1	0	3

WP — Mahle. T — 3:12. A — 3,601

ASTROS

From 1C

Gattis hit his 15th homer. Jose Altuve singled leading off, moved up on a wild pitch and stole third. With two outs, Gattis crushed an eye-high fastball from Bauer, driving it over the wall in left and onto the pedestrian plaza.

The Indians got one run back in their first at-bat, when Jason Kipnis hit a leadoff triple and scored on Lindor's RBI groundout.

Cleveland tied it 2-2 in the fourth on Santana's run-scoring grounder.

Trainer's room

Astros: 3B Luis Valbuena (sprained big toe) was not in the starting lineup for the third day in a row. He took grounders and was available for pinch-hitting duties, and manager A.J. Hinch said it's possible the team's home run leader will play in Thursday's series finale.

Indians: OF Nick Swisher (knee inflammation) went through a brisk workout in the outfield, running down some fly balls and even sliding for a few catches. Francona said Swisher, who had surgery on both knees last fall, is expected to do more on Friday when the team will have him take breaks to simulate sitting between innings to see how his knee responds.

Up next

Astros: LHP Brett Oberholtzer will be recalled from Triple-A Fresno to start the last game between the teams this season. He lasted just 1 1-3 innings in his previous start before he was ejected for throwing inside on Yankees slugger Alex Rodriguez. Oberholtzer was optioned to the minors following the June 27 game.

Indians: RHP Cody Anderson has been impressive in his first three starts, pitching at least 7 2-3 innings in each outing. He suffered his first loss last weekend in Pittsburgh despite allowing just six hits in eight innings.

Hey, rook! Make mine a venti latte, Cardinals vets tell 'em

Associated Press

CHICAGO — What do you do if you're a major league team and you're dragging a little the morning after a late-night, rain-delayed game?

The St. Louis Cardinals sent their rookies to bring back some caffeine from the Starbucks right across the street from Wrigley Field — in full uniform.

Relievers Miguel Socolovich, Mitch Harris and Marcus Hatley and bullpen catcher Kleininger Teran made the run Tuesday for the NL Central leaders.

Socolovich says the store workers "didn't even say anything" while the Cardinals stood in line wearing their hats, jerseys and pants. He says a lot of customers laughed and took pictures.

The four were given a list of what players and staff wanted and handed it to the barista, Harris said.

"We definitely needed some caffeine, for sure," Harris said.

The Cardinals and Chicago Cubs had played late Monday night after a rain delay of more than an hour.

The Dodgers have sent rookies to the same coffee shop in the past two years.

"It's not whether you get knocked down; it's whether you get up."
— Vince Lombardi
www.mywesttexas.com/sports/

Rory McIlroy pulls out of British Open

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The photo Rory McIlroy posted to Instagram on Wednesday shows his feet up, a black air cast around his left ankle, as he watches Wimbledon on teleyision. The claret jug was positioned beneath the screen.

When it comes to a Grand Slam championship in his own sport, the world's No. 1 golfer will be reduced to watching this year.

Two days after the stunning news that he ruptured a ligament in his left ankle, McIlroy pulled out of the British Open at St. Andrews, the first time in 61 years that the defending champion will not be in the field.

He injured his ankle over the weekend playing soccer with friends in Northern Ireland. McIlroy held out hope he could still make it to St. Andrews next week, but he decided it was not worth risking a full recovery.

"After much consideration, I have decided not to play in the Open Championship at St. Andrews," McIlroy said on his Instagram post.

"I'm taking a long-term view of this injury and, although rehab is progressing well, I want to come back to tournament play when I feel 100 percent healthy and 100 percent competitive."

Ben Hogan in 1954 was the last British Open champion who did not defend. Hogan, who was nearly killed in an automobile accident in 1949, won the only British Open he played in 1953 at Carnoustie.

"We are naturally very disappointed that Rory will be unable to defend his title at St. Andrews next week," the R&A said in a statement. "Rory will play in many more Open Championships and our primary concern is for his complete recovery."

He was replaced in the field by Russell Knox, who grew up in Inverness in the north of Scotland and will be making his Open debut.

Though it wasn't a big surprise that he withdrew — not after the photo Monday of McIlroy on crutches — it was no less jarring that golf's best player would not be at the home of golf to defend his title.

His absence makes Jordan Spieth the favorite at St. Andrews in his quest for the Grand Slam. Spieth is only the fourth player since 1960 to have won the Masters and the U.S. Open in the same year.

"It's hugely disappointing, especially with him and Jordan and everything that's going on," Graeme McDowell said from the Scottish Open.

"It was looking to be a really exciting Open for all involved. I'm sure he's really disappointed. ... No one would love to stop Jordan in his tracks next week more than Rory. With the fun rivalry going on and everything, he's going to be gutted. I saw the golf course last Saturday. I believed that Rory was rightly a favorite. I thought he'd get it done around there."

Still to be determined is how long the ankle injury keeps McIlroy out of golf.

He also is the defending champion in the Bridgestone Invitational at Firestone on Aug. 6-9, and the PGA Championship the following week at Whistling Straits. McIlroy finished one shot out of a playoff when the PGA Championship was last held there in 2010.

"We want him back. Everybody does," Spieth said Tuesday at the John Deere Classic. "It's unlucky, it's unfortunate, and I'm sure he's taking it harder on himself than anybody else.

"But I don't think he did anything wrong, it was just an unfortunate situation. And hopefully, he rebounds quickly and gets back right to where he was."

Spieth will have a chance to replace McIlroy at No. 1 in the world with a good finish at the John Deere and a victory at St. Andrews.

Tiger Woods is the only other No. 1 player to miss a major championship — the British Open and PGA Championship in 2008 recovering from reconstructive knee surgery, and the Masters last year when he had surgery on his back.

Knox was first alternate from the world ranking published Monday, and he was hopeful he would get into his first Open.

This wasn't what he had in mind.

"Everyone is gutted for Rory," Knox said after his pro-am round at the Scottish Open. "He is in the prime of his career and would have had a great chance to win there. Nobody wants to get in because someone else got injured. It's a horrible way to get in, I guess, but I'm very happy I'm in the field."

McIlroy has never won at St. Andrews, though the Old Course is special to him. It was at the Dunhill Links in 2007 that he finished third to earn his European Tour card.

And he tied a major championship record with a 63 in the opening round of the 2010 British Open at St. Andrews, only to follow with an 80 when a big wind arrived the next day. He tied for third that year.

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Inbee Park hits a tee shot off the 11th tee during a practice round for the U.S. Women's Open golf tournament at Lancaster Country Club in Lancaster, Pa., on Wednesday.

Top-ranked Park focusing on run at 3rd US Women's Open title

By Bob Lentz
Associated Press

LANCASTER, Pa. — Inbee Park's focus sharpens during major championship weeks, and the South Korean is dialed in for the U.S. Women's Open.

Park is back atop the rankings for the third time in her career and leads the LPGA Tour with three victories this season. But the majors have been where she has flourished. Her first win came at the 2008 Women's Open, and she has six major titles overall including five of the last 12.

When the championship kicks off Thursday morning, Park will face stiff competition in the 156-player field that includes nine previous champions, including last year's winner, Michelle Wie. Other winners include Na Yeon Choi (2012), Paula Creamer (2010), Laura Davies (1987), Eun-Hee Ji (2009), Cristie Kerr (2007), Birdie Kim (2005), So Yeon Ryu (2011) and Karrie Webb (2000, 2001)

Other players to watch include 18-year-old New Zealander Lydia Ko, who spent time ranked first on the LPGA Tour this season before being overtaken by Park. Brittany Lincicome won the ANA Inspiration in April in California and fellow American Stacey Lewis finished second to Wie in the Women's Openlast year. Standout South Korean rookie Sei Young Kim had her caddie removed from the championship by the United States Golf Association for taking photos of internal notes on the course setup.

Park favors the pressurized atmosphere of the majors and willingly increases her preparation for the tour's premier events.

"That's the tournament that you put 100 percent of your energy and strategy and everything," Park said of the tour's five majors. "When I come to major championships, I work extra hard and I try to look at the course a little bit better."

Park said she's boosted by previous wins in major tournaments.

"Having good results helps, that gives me a lot of confidence going into other major championships thinking that I've done good on major championships so I can do well in another good one," she said.

In addition to embracing the pressure of championship week, Park has taken time to get the feel of Lancaster Country Club, a traditional 1920 design by William Flynn that has plenty of elevation changes, sloping greens and troublesome rough.

Park believes the more challenging the layout, the better she can play.

"I am good at the tough golf courses," she said. "I am good under the pressure. I just try to keep talking to myself that way and try to give myself the confidence coming into the major championships."

Park showed early in her career she can adapt to changing conditions. At 19 years, 11 months, 17 days, she was the youngest Women's Open winner at Interlachen in 2008 and won her second Open in 2013 at Sebonack. There's no doubt Park has a special season working, capturing the Women's PGA Championship last month and increasing her career win total to 15 events.

But Park's campaign hit a bump two weeks ago when she missed her first cut of the year at the NW Arkansas Championship. That rough patch seemingly strengthened her resolve heading into championship week.

"I putted really bad two weeks ago, and that definitely gave me somewhat like a wake-up call. Because I haven't really had a bad tournament or a really bad week," she said.

Park first saw the course five weeks ago during a dry spell. Now, the players are seeing a different, more challenging layout after almost eight inches of rain fell on the course in June.

The rains mean softer greens and fairways, she said.

"I feel like I'm playing two different golf courses," Park said. "Back then it was running hard and fast, so it was a little bit different. The greens are very slopey here, so when it gets hard and fast it gets really tough."

The consensus among most players in the field is that the old fashioned, tree-line layout in the heart of Amish Country will pose a stiff challenge, whether because of recent rain or the tricky greens that will likely become tougher to navigate if conditions dry out.

Wie enjoyed her year as U.S. Women's Open champ but enters this championship coming off injury, illness and a less than stellar season. Regardless, she's ready to put the good feelings from last year a Pinehurst away and try to defend her crown.

"It's definitely a different beast this week," Wie said. "It's going to be a really great mix of holes."

Lewis, who has eight top-10 finishes this year and 12 career wins, believes the Lancaster Country Club layout favors her game.

"The rough is long. It's wet. It's sticky. I think off the tee and especially into some of the greens, you've got to be able to hit shots, hit some fades, hit some draws," Lewis said. "I think it's going to favor more of a left-to-right shot overall, so I think that sets up for my game really well."

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the Patent and Trademark Office cannot be forced to register a trademark that is deemed disparaging.

Lee said the team's free-speech rights are unaffected because the team can still use the name.

Joel Barkin, spokesman for the Change the Mascot campaign, also made a comparison to the Confederate flag in reacting to the ruling. He noted how quickly the culture has shifted views in rejecting the Confederate flag and in accepting same-sex marriage, and said the team and the National Football League will find themselves on the wrong side of history if they continue to defend the name.

Team owner "Dan Snyder and the NFL have to face the fact that we have a changing country," Barkin said. "How long do they want to fight that?"

Amanda Blackhorse, one of the Native Americans who filed the most recent challenge to the team's name, said in a statement that she is pleased with the ruling. "I have asked this many times before and have never heard a sensible answer — if people wouldn't dare call a Native American a 'redskin' because they know it is offensive, how can an NFL football team have this name?" she said in a statement.

Jeff Lopez, lawyer for the Native Americans who challenged the team's name, said that Lee's ruling was an across-the-board victory for his clients and that he is confident it will be upheld on appeal.

Lee said the legal standard for canceling the registration is whether the name "may disparage" a substantial composite of the Native American community. Though the team has maintained that the name honors Native Americans — citing evidence that Native American high schools have adopted Redskins as a team name — Lee said there is ample evidence that the name may be perceived as disparaging. He cited the fact that Native American leaders have been objecting to the name for decades, along with dictionary citations that the word is typically considered offensive.

Mickelson refuses to comment on money-laundering allegations

By Steve Douglas
Associated Press

GULLANE, Scotland — Five-time major champion Phil Mickelson refused to comment on allegations linking him to an illegal gambling operation, saying Wednesday he is used to being an "object to be discussed."

ESPN reported last week that $2.75 million belonging to Mickelson was transferred to a former sports gambling handicapper, who pleaded guilty to laundering money. According to court documents obtained by ESPN, the money was part of "an illegal gambling operation which accepted and placed bets on sporting events."

"The fact is, I'm comfortable enough with who I am as a person that I don't feel I need to comment on every little report that comes out," Mickelson said, when asked for a response to the ESPN report.

ESPN reported that Mickelson, one of the biggest names in the sport, hasn't been charged with a crime and isn't under federal investigation.

Gregory Silveira of La Quinta, California, pleaded guilty to three counts of money laundering of funds from an unnamed gambling client of his between February 2010 and February 2013, according to ESPN, and is scheduled to be sentenced on Oct. 5.

"When I started to understand that I was more of an object to be discussed, it took out the personal element of when people say things," Mickelson said. "People are going to say things good, they are going to say things bad. They are going to say things true, they are going to say things not true."

Mickelson was more forthcoming on the issue of Donald Trump's comments about Mexican immigrants, saying he was "disappointed" and that the real estate mogul's remarks have put golfers "in an awkward situation."

"We don't agree with those comments but we are appreciative of what's done to promote the game of golf, and that puts everybody in a tough spot," Mickelson said.

Trump, a Republican presidential candidate, is facing a backlash, with the PGA of America announcing Tuesday it is moving the Grand Slam of Golf from his course in Los Angeles. NBC, Univision and Macy's are among several businesses that already have cut ties to Trump over his comments.

Trump has a long-standing relationship with golf, however, and his remarks about Mexican immigrants — who, he has claimed, are "criminals, drug dealers, rapists, etc" in many cases — have placed golf in a difficult situation.

While Mickelson is a high-profile player to speak out, fellow American Ryder Cup players Rickie Fowler and Jimmy Walker, who are also playing the Scottish Open in Gullane this week, didn't want to weigh into the controversy Wednesday.

Mickelson is back on Scotland's east coast for the first time since winning the 2013 British Open at Muirfield, a course situated a short walk from Gullane. Mickelson closed with a 6-under 66 — playing the last six holes in 4 under — to lift the claret jug for the first time, for what he says is "probably the most special victory of my career."

The 45-year-old American hasn't won a tournament since.

"I am going to stop by (Muirfield)," said Mickelson, who has his family with him in Scotland this week — just as he did in 2013 when he won the Scottish and British Opens in successive weeks. "I'd love to just walk the back nine again. It's probably the best nine holes of golf I've ever played."

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KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Mom	Big Brother		Under the Dome "The Kinship" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Blue Bloods "Under the Gun"	(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Welcome Kotter	Carol Burnett.	Mason "The Case of the Runaway Corpse"	Columbo
KPEJ	FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	BOOM! (N)		Wayward Pines (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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FLIX		340	65		165		(5:20) Prozac Nati...		Crazy/ Beautiful				(:45)		Billy's Hollywood Screen Kiss		Kicking and Screaming	
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MAX2		382	72	18	122		A Walk Among the Tombstones				The Purge: Anarchy			(:45)	The Secret Life of Walter Mitty			Movie
PLEX				96			(5:35) The Dead									(:25) The Tender John Travolta.		
SHOW		320	66	19	140	25	Masters/ Sex "Fight"		Masters "Dirty Jobs"		Masters "Giants"				Masters "Blackbird"	3AM (N)	Penny Dreadful	3AM
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HISTORY		71	62	29	50	43	Mountain Men		Mountain Men		Mountain Men (N)		(:05) Alone (N)		(:05) The Woodsmen		Mountain Men	
LIFETIME		28	25	25	28	48	Hoarders: Family Secrets		Hoarders: Family Secrets		HoarderFamilySecrets "Michelle/ Mary" (N)		Living with the Enemy		Living with the Enemy		Hoarders: Family Secrets	
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NBC receives positive reviews in return to NASCAR coverage

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — NBC's return to NASCAR coverage came with a big set of challenges: A three-hour rain delay and a caution-filled race that ended with a horrific last-lap crash nearly eight hours after the network began its broadcast.

But the reviews for the actual product were resoundingly positive.

"I was just blown away by how well they covered the sport and it makes me get excited about the future with them, because that was a great broadcast," NASCAR Chairman Brian France told SiriusXM Radio.

France singled out analyst Steve Letarte, who made his debut in a new talent combination for NASCAR. Rick Allen is NBC's play-by-play announcer, and outspoken former driver Jeff Burton is teamed with Letarte as an analyst.

Letarte spent his entire career at Hendrick Motorsports, where he moved up the ladder to crew chief for Jeff Gordon and then Dale Earnhardt Jr. He is credited with resurrecting Earnhardt's career and leading him to his Daytona 500 win last season.

But Letarte decided he wanted more time at home and announced before the start of the 2014 season that it would be his last as he transitioned into a television job.

Earnhardt, winner of the race that began just before midnight Sunday and ended early Monday morning, watched the replay later that afternoon and said on Twitter he was curious to see how Letarte did in his debut.

"Steve was great. The whole booth was solid. Gonna be a great relationship with" NBC, Earnhardt tweeted.

Austin Dillon skipped the standard wave to the crowd when he climbed from his wrecked race car at Daytona International Speedway and instead gave a two-handed salute that paid tribute to the late bull rider Lane Frost.

Dillon, an avid fan of Professional Bull Riding, called Frost one of his heroes and said he decided after his victory in Friday night's Xfinity Series race at Daytona to do the two-handed wave as a tribute.

The movie "8 Seconds" is about Frost.

"After we won the first race Saturday night, I thought it was a cool tribute to him to kind of start doing that, was going to try to take it over and just embrace it because he was one of my heroes," Dillon said. "Sunday after the wreck, I thought it was appropriate because that was a pretty wild ride."

Dillon had a text exchange with bull rider Luke Snyder following his frightening wreck into the catchfence at Daytona. Snyder asked if Dillon was OK, and Dillon shrugged off the dangers of auto racing.

"I said, 'Yeah, man, screw riding bulls,' " Dillon recounted. "But he's like, 'I don't know about that. Maybe screw racing.' And I said, 'No, I love what I do.'"

Dillon has watched his wreck several times, in part because of the emotion in the voice of younger brother, Ty, when the two finally talked on the phone.

"I was pretty much fine. I wasn't shaken, and I was just kind of telling my parents, 'I'm OK, I'm OK,' and talking to them," Dillon said. "You could see how upset they were, and I hadn't seen the real footage of the wreck. I knew it was bad but I didn't know how bad.

"When I talked to my brother, it was another level because he was upset, and hearing him on the phone upset, it was like, 'Man, I'm going to have to watch this,' because he's a tough guy, and to hear him be upset about it and worried about me, it was like, 'All right, I need to look at this wreck.'"

ABREU'S BIG WEEK: Rising star Rico Abreu is coming off a huge weekend — he won his first career stock car race with a victory in the NASCAR K&N Pro Series East event at Columbus Motor Speedway in Ohio.

Abreu followed the next night with a win at the Pepsi Nationals Midget Car race at Angell Park Speedway in Sun Prairie, Wisconsin. His win Sunday night was completed when Abreu used a last corner slide-job to edge teammate Tanner Thorson by just 0.093 seconds.

The win in Wisconsin made Abreu just the second driver to win the Chili Bowl and the Pepsi Nationals in one year. Dan Boorse did it in 1999.

Abreu, the reigning USAC national champion, won the Chili Bowl Nationals in January. He also won the overall Indiana Midget Week title this season.

A week after his Chili Bowl win, Abreu was in a stock car for the first time in his career. He's running the entire K&N Pro Series East Schedule in an attempt to see if he likes racing on pavement.

Abreu, who stands just 4-foot-4, won 26 races last year across 410 winged and non-winged sprint car races, 360 winged sprints, and USAC midget competition.

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LEVEL — Using the 15 tiles in the bunch, create 15 different five-letter words and fill them into the blanks below.

C A K F R I G T G V U A V A T

Yesterday's Answer: GOLD, TOLD, DOTE, NOTE, NEWT; FLIP, FLAP, CLAP, PACK, BACK

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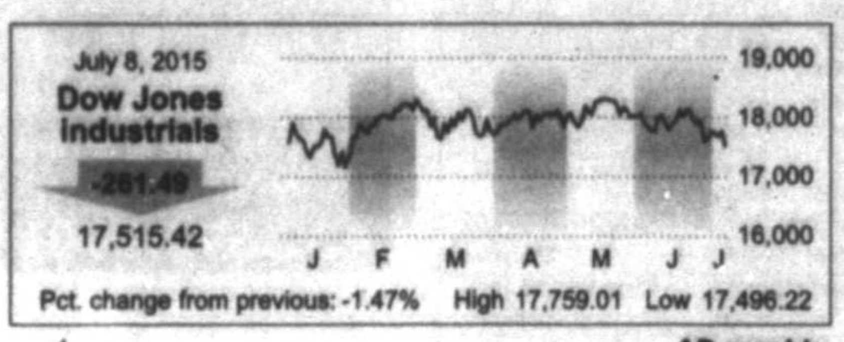
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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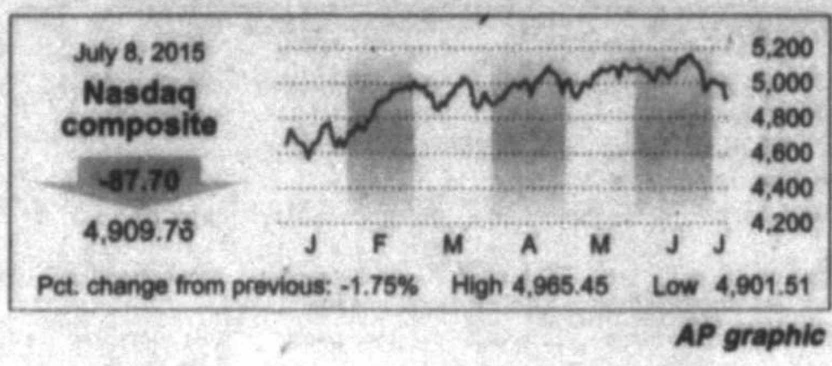

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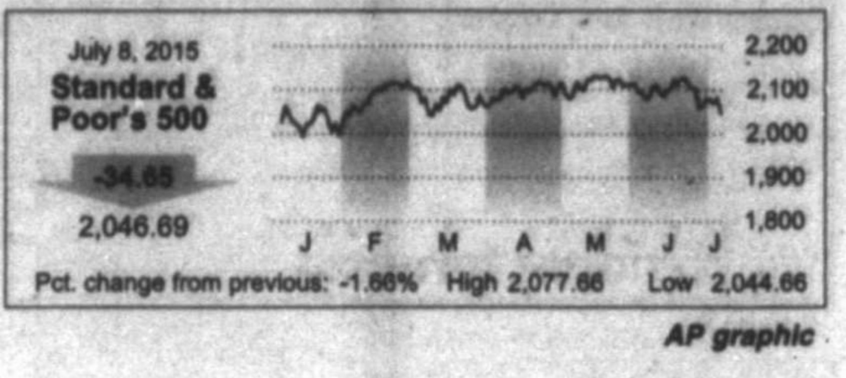

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES
Wednesday: $51.65
Previous: $52.33

POSTED
Wednesday: $48.00
Previous: $49.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Wednesday: $46.70
Previous: $47.70

NATURAL GAS
Wednesday: $2.685
Previous: $2.716

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1400117	204.53	-3.49
iShChinaLC	915803	38.95	-3.01
iShEMkts	890081	36.78	-1.31
CSVLgCrde	876502	2.12	-.14
B iPVixST	872371	21.35	+1.95

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Eros Intl	25.54	+1.85	+7.8
ChinaNepst	2.04	+.13	+6.8
DaqoNEn	19.62	+1.20	+6.5
MBIA	6.10	+.34	+5.9
IndRE pfB	26.81	+1.45	+5.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Drx300Chin	21.26	-6.47	-23.3
DirxChiBull	25.90	-7.19	-21.7
SinopcShg	33.09	-5.92	-15.2
ProUChin50	58.74	-9.87	-14.4
Chemours n	13.02	-1.97	-13.1

DIARY

Advanced	544
Declined	2,596
Unchanged	82
Total issues	3,222
New Highs	15
New Lows	222
Volume	3,487,133,448

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	45585	10.35	-.26
Globalstar	42155	1.81	-.05
NwGold g	38375	2.68	+.10
SynergyRs	37256	9.93	-.90
iShindia bt	33167	30.11	-.69

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Netw1Tch	2.54	+.67	+35.8
MagHR pfE	15.35	+.87	+6.0
GoldResrc	2.52	+.13	+5.4
Innsuites	2.79	+.14	+5.3
Tofutti	4.62	+.22	+5.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PacBkrM g	2.80	-1.58	-36.1
EnerJex pf	7.85	-.84	-9.7
Versar	3.25	-.35	-9.7
Plenex n	18.66	-1.85	-9.0
BioTime	3.39	-.32	-8.6

DIARY

Advanced	90
Declined	301
Unchanged	24
Total issues	415
New Highs	2
New Lows	23
Volume	93,097,541

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	595589	122.57	-3.12
Intel	448031	29.50	-.40
Microsoft	389771	44.24	-.06
PwShs QQQ	375830	106.09	-1.88
MicronT	306528	17.63	-.57

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CSVixSh rs	10.51	+1.72	+19.6
GlobTcAdv	3.40	+.47	+16.1
AmbacF wt	8.95	+1.08	+13.7
NephroGen	5.96	+.67	+12.6
HghwyH	4.08	+.41	+11.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
YulongE n	3.98	-1.41	-26.2
Gevo rs	2.28	-.59	-20.6
Enphase	6.20	-1.37	-18.1
NatHlTr n	33.72	-7.21	-17.6
Perficient	15.84	-3.17	-16.7

DIARY

Advanced	458
Declined	2,351
Unchanged	115
Total issues	2,924
New Highs	30
New Lows	162
Volume	1,868,910,377

Bad day for geeks: Tech disruptions plague United Airlines, NYSE, WSJ

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It was a rough day for tech: The nation's biggest airline, its oldest stock exchange and its most prominent business newspaper all suffered technology problems that upended service for parts of the day.

Government officials said that it did not appear the incidents were related — nor were they the result of sabotage, counter to an endless stream of jokes and conspiracy theories posted on Facebook and Twitter and even the suspicions of FBI director James Comey.

"In my business, you don't love coincidences," Comey told Congress on Wednesday. "But it does appear that there is not a cyber intrusion involved."

First, a "router issue" at United Airlines suspended all of the company's flights for nearly two hours, leading to 800 flight delays and 60 cancellations. Then, at 11:32 a.m., a "technical problem" at the New York Stock Exchange halted trading. In the midst of that, the Wall Street Journal's website, WSJ.com, had "technical difficulties" that sent readers to a temporary site while the paper worked to fix the problem.

"The problem is humans can't keep up with all the technology they have created," said Avivah Litan, an analyst at Gartner. "It's becoming unmanageable by the human brain. Our best hope may be that computers eventually will become smart enough to maintain themselves."

Technology makes life easier and the economy more efficient, allowing for nearly instantaneous flow of information and communication and for remote control of far-flung operations. Until it fails. And technology problems, such as Wednesday's that temporarily knocked out vital services and conveniences of modern life, are likely to become more common as computers and other electronic devices increasingly connect together over the Internet.

For United, it was the second major technical issue in two months. On June 2, the airline had to halt all takeoffs in the U.S. because of what it described as computer automation issues.

It may be that we are rushing to push technology into business operations and our daily lives before it is fully ready, experts caution. Lillian Ablon, a technology researcher for the Rand Corp., said the confluence of breakdowns should be interpreted as a wake-up call to companies and engineers to program their networks to protect them against inevitable glitches and malicious attacks by outsiders.

"Instead of just letting the technology rush ahead of us and then trying to catch up in terms of privacy and security, we should be baking those things into the systems from the start," she said. "We need to be a little smarter on how we are coding things."

The length of Wednesday's outages also is disconcerting, Gartner's Litan said.

It took the New York Stock Exchange until 3:10 p.m. — just over three and a half hours — to resume trading. "I think everyone needs to assume technology is going to go down sometimes, but you should be resilient enough to quickly recover from the outage within a half hour, if not a few minutes," Litan said.

Still, being deprived of technology for a few hours is a reminder that it is still clearly better than the alternative.

"When you've got six or seven billion shares a day (trading), I'm not sure you've got any other choice," said Larry Tabb, founder and CEO of the Tabb Group, a financial research firm that focuses on market structure and trading. "I can't imagine going back to paper tickets and floor trading. If Google goes down are you going to have a bunch of people with encyclopedias looking up answers for people? The cat is out of the bag."

Major indexes fall

It was already a tough day in the market when the unexpected hit.

The New York Stock Exchange halted trading late Wednesday morning because of technical trouble.

Major indexes were already falling before the shutdown, which occurred shortly after 11:30 a.m. Eastern time. NYSE resumed trading at 3:10 p.m.

By the end of the day, the Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 34.66 points, or 1.7 percent, to close at 2,046.68.

The Dow-Jones industrial average dipped 261.49 points, or 1.5 percent, to 17,515.42 and the Nasdaq slid 87.70 points, or 1.8 percent, to 4,909.76.

Portfolio manager Mark Spellman of Alpine Funds said an outage similar to Wednesday's would have caused panic a few decades ago, when the NYSE dominated the market. But firms making trades were able to use a variety of other exchanges while the NYSE was out of commission. He says the disruption didn't cause any problems for the global markets.

"Only 15 to 20 percent of global stock exchange trading happens on the NYSE these days," he said.

Gold price rises

Gold rose $10.90 to $1,163.50 an ounce, and silver added 20 cents to $15.15 an ounce. Copper gained 5 cents to $2.50.

China unveils new plan to prop up stocks

Associated Press

BEIJING — China announced a flurry of new moves Wednesday to halt a stock market slide. The result? Another big dive in share prices.

The government told state companies and executives to buy shares, raised the amount of equities insurance companies can hold and promised more credit to finance trading.

Hundreds of companies have halted trading in their stock after emergency measures announced last weekend failed to stop a rout that has dragged down the benchmark Shanghai Composite Index by more than 30 percent since early June.

The Shanghai index lost another 5.9 percent Wednesday despite the new measures, and Hong Kong's Hang Seng index closed down 5.8 percent after diving as much as 8.5 percent earlier in the day.

Greece's debt crisis has unsettled Asian stock markets, but the losses in China are driven entirely by internal factors. Beijing fostered a market boom over the past year, but with Chinese economic growth slowing, it had little basis in reality. Prices began collapsing after unrelated changes in banking regulations made investors in the rumor-fueled market suspect the government could withdraw its support. Regulators also tightened lending to stock investors, adding to their fears.

The decline in Chinese stock prices threatens to fuel political tensions and set back Communist Party plans to use financial markets to make China's state-dominated economy more productive. The party wants to encourage stock ownership, but small investors whose holdings have plunged in value say they will no longer buy shares.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $46.40 Down 4.83

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $106.85 Down 2.64

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.50 Down 0.16

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $69.29 Down 1.77

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $8.79 Down 0.23

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.80 Down 0.11

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $21.68 Down 0.47

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $25.83 Down 0.40

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.36 Down 0.24

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.01 Down 0.53

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	34.79	-.51	+3.6
Abraxas	...	5	2.57	-.12	-12.6
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	13.91	-.19	+1.7
AMD	...	...	2.01	-.08	-24.7
Alcoa	.12	17	10.50	-.56	-33.5
Alibaba n	...	49	77.94	-1.68	-25.0
AlonUSA	.60f	19	17.91	-.99	+41.4
Amgen	3.16	21	152.31	-3.08	-4.4
Anadarko	1.08	...	75.47	-2.45	-8.5
Apache	1.00	...	53.46	-2.24	-14.7
Apple Inc	2.08f	15	122.57	-3.12	+11.0
ApldMatl	.40	18	18.55	-.62	-25.6
ATMOS	1.56	18	53.83	...	-3.4
AutoData	1.96	27	80.03	-1.04	-4.0
BP PLC	2.40	43	39.15	-.56	+2.7
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	16.20	+.07	+2.0
BakrHu	.68	29	59.74	-.94	+6.5
BkofAm	.20	24	16.25	-.44	-9.2
B iPVixST	...	...	21.35	+1.95	-32.2
BarrickG	.20	64	10.30	-.02	-4.2
BasicEnSv	...	...	6.13	-.47	-12.6
BerkHa A	...	17	206186.00	-1964.00	-8.8
BlkHillsCp	1.62	16	46.19	...	-12.9
BrMySq	1.48	50	67.74	-.49	+14.8
BrownFA	1.26	34	108.42	-1.30	+23.5
BrownFB	1.26	31	100.75	-1.30	+14.7
CVS Health	1.40	26	104.19	-2.19	+8.2
Cameron	...	11	49.52	-2.37	-.9
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	82.27	-1.72	-10.1
Celestic g	...	14	11.34	-.13	-3.4
CntryLink	2.16	22	29.49	-.39	-25.5
ChesEng	.35	...	11.31	-.15	-42.2
Chevron	4.28	10	93.56	-1.71	-16.6
Chicos	.31	37	16.11	-.37	-.6
Cimarex	.64	...	103.69	-3.08	-2.2
Cisco	.84	16	26.99	-.37	-2.3
Citigroup	.20f	21	52.80	-1.70	-2.4
ClayEng	...	40	46.40	-4.83	-27.3
CocaCola	1.32	25	39.86	-.39	-5.6
ColgPalm	1.52	26	66.45	-.86	-4.0
Comcast	1.00	19	61.69	-.82	+6.3
ConAgra	1.00	30	44.65	-.84	+23.1
ConchoRes	...	27	106.85	-2.64	+7.1
ConocoPhil	2.92	14	58.36	-1.29	-15.5

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
CrackerB	4.40f	24	154.90	-.60	+10.0
CSVLgNGs	...	...	1.85	-.06	-53.5
CSVLgCrde	...	...	2.12	-.14	-56.6
CSVelIVST	...	...	37.48	-4.18	+20.4
CSVixSh rs	...	...	10.51	+1.72	-61.9
CrosTim	2.15e	6	15.38	-.18	-11.2
DCP Mid	3.12	12	31.43	-.29	-30.8
DTE	2.92f	16	77.96	-.60	-9.7
Dataram	...	...	2.06	+.04	+21.2
DevonE	.96	...	55.55	-1.77	-9.2
DxGldBull	...	...	6.88	-.19	-38.4
DrxSCBear	...	...	10.22	+.45	-14.8
Disney	1.32f	25	115.19	-1.91	+22.3
DowChm	1.68	15	49.52	-1.32	+8.6
eBay	...	26	60.99	-.99	+8.7
EMC Cp	.46	21	25.89	-.71	-12.9
EOG Rescs	.67	16	84.49	-2.23	-8.2
EmpDist	1.04	16	22.56	-.15	-24.1
Energen	.08	36	61.41	-1.60	-3.7
EngyTsfr	4.06f	66	51.78	-1.41	-20.3
EnPro	.80	73	53.19	-1.27	-15.2
EntPrdPt s	1.52f	22	30.00	-.56	-16.9
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.15	-.05	-16.1
ExterranH	.60	21	29.91	-1.24	-8.2
ExxonMbl	2.92f	12	81.97	-.90	-11.3
Facebook	...	83	85.65	-1.57	+9.8
FordM	.60	19	14.37	-.48	-7.3
FrptMcM	.20a	...	16.50	-.75	-29.4
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.83	-.05	-27.6
GATX	1.52	10	51.41	-1.22	-10.7
GabMultT	1.05e	...	9.02	-.22	-9.9
GAInv	3.50e	...	34.31	-.44	-2.0
GenElec	.92	...	25.89	-.58	+2.5
GenMotors	1.44f	15	31.19	-1.67	-10.7
GtPlainEn	.98	16	25.38	-.23	-10.7
HalconRes	...	...	1.08	-.07	-39.3
Hallibrtn	.72	15	40.94	-.94	+4.1
HewlettP	.70f	12	30.45	-.35	-24.1
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	30.76	-1.01	-15.9
iShEMU	.95e	...	36.07	-.50	-.7
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.31	-.53	+9.5
iSTaiwn	.29e	...	15.07	-.65	-.3
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	38.95	-3.01	-6.4
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.78	-1.31	-6.4

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	61.25	-1.46	+.7
iShR2K	1.66e	...	121.99	-1.89	+2.0
Intel	.96	13	29.50	-.40	-18.7
InterDig	.80	...	55.36	-.69	+4.7
JD.com	...	...	30.32	-.29	+31.0
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	65.43	-1.37	+5.2
JohnJn	3.00f	17	97.77	-1.15	-6.5
KimbClk	3.52	27	109.03	-.74	-5.6
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	8.79	-.23	-23.1
Lubys	...	...	4.89	-.16	+7.5
MGM Rsts	...	...	17.57	-1.48	-17.8
MktVGold	.12e	...	16.86	-.12	-8.3
MktVRus	.64e	...	16.94	-.69	+15.8
McDnlds	3.40	21	95.84	-.84	+2.3
Merck	1.80	15	57.35	-.64	+1.0
MeritMed	...	36	21.20	-.18	+22.3
MexcoEn	...	...	3.80	-.11	-30.0
MicronT	...	6	17.63	-.57	-49.6
Microsoft	1.24	18	44.24	-.06	-4.8
Nabors	.24	9	13.16	-.24	+1.4
NBGreece	...	...	.88	-.07	-50.6
NatGrid	3.35e	...	64.55	-.34	-8.6
NOilVarco	1.84	8	44.16	-1.01	-32.6
NokiaCp	.16e	...	6.32	-.21	-19.6
NvMAd	.79a	...	13.14	+.01	-3.8
NvPMI	.82a	...	13.08	-.02	-6.4
NuvPI	.82a	...	13.19	+.03	-4.8
NSTFI3	.56a	...	13.99	-.05	-1.8
NTXQI	.65a	...	13.79	+.06	-4.6
OcciPet	3.00f	19	72.54	-1.86	-10.0
Oracle	.60	18	39.77	-.39	-11.6
ParTech	...	...	4.87	-.05	-20.8
ParkDrl	...	10	3.08	-.04	+.3
PattUTI	.40	19	17.26	-.30	+4.0
PeabdyE	.01	...	1.62	-.17	-79.1
PennaRE	.84	...	22.53	-.17	-4.0
Prmian	.66e	9	7.87	+.04	-17.6
Petrobras	...	...	8.04	-.25	+10.1
Pfizer	1.12	23	33.45	-.28	+7.4
PioNtrl	.08	27	134.84	-1.20	-9.4
PlainsAAP	2.78f	19	42.45	-1.11	-17.3
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	106.09	-1.88	+2.8
Praxair	2.86	21	116.09	-2.41	-10.4
PrmEgy	...	...	57.26	...	-21.3
PUVixST rs	...	...	48.05	+7.82	-61.8

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
ProctGam	2.65f	25	80.99	-.73	-11.1
ProUShSP	...	...	21.34	+.70	-3.2
Qualcom	1.92	15	61.91	-.89	-16.7
RangeRs	.16	18	45.30	-1.54	-15.2
RegionsFn	.24f	13	9.83	-.21	-6.9
RiteAid	...	22	8.27	-.26	+10.0
Rowan	.40	...	19.86	-.35	-14.8
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	55.13	-.70	-17.7
SpdrDJIA	3.68e	...	175.00	-2.63	-1.6
S&P500ETF	4.03e	...	204.53	-3.49	-.5
SpdrOGEx	.71e	...	43.24	-1.68	-9.7
SabnR	3.68e	9	38.85	+.30	+8.6
SanderFm	.88a	5	71.50	-1.87	-14.9
SandRdge	...	...	.72	-.01	-60.4
Schlmbrg	2.00	21	82.92	-1.28	-2.9
SigmaAld	.92	34	139.43	-.11	+1.6
SiriusXM	...	40	3.64	-.07	+4.0
Smucker	2.56	30	108.46	-1.35	+7.4
SouFun	1.20e	14	6.94	+.04	-6.1
Sprint	...	...	3.95	-.35	-4.8
SP Engy	1.99e	...	72.72	-1.50	-8.1
SPDR Fncl	.43e	...	24.16	-.43	-2.3
SP Tech	.77e	...	40.95	-.68	-1.0
SP Util	1.53e	...	43.22	-.23	-8.5
SunocoLog	1.68f	...	37.50	-.07	-10.2
TaiwSemi	.73e	...	22.23	-.73	-.7

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
TelefEsp	1.03e	...	13.46	-.26	-5.3
Tesoro	1.70	13	91.69	-1.01	+23.3
3M Co	4.10	20	152.71	-2.72	-7.1
Torchmark	.54	14	57.53	-1.22	+6.2
TriContl	.80e	...	20.99	-.31	-2.0
Twitter	...	...	34.76	-.76	-3.1
TylerTech	...	70	134.00	+.52	+22.4
UBWV	1.28	21	40.91	+.06	+9.2
US OilFd	...	...	17.38	-.38	-14.6
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.32	-.30	-35.0
Vale SA pf	.60e	...	4.48	-.28	-38.3
ValeroE	1.60	9	63.98	-.67	+29.3
VangEmg	1.10e	...	37.87	-1.45	-5.4
VerizonCm	2.20	20	46.58	-.12	-.4
Vipshop s	...	73	20.62	+.10	+5.5
VulcanM	.40	82	85.39	-1.06	+29.9
WEC Engy	1.69	18	47.42	-.45	-10.1
WalgBoots	1.35	34	85.91	-1.34	+12.7
WstnRefin	1.36f	8	44.37	-1.92	+17.4
WhitingPet	...	13	29.93	-1.85	-9.3
WmsCos	2.36f	...	56.01	-.88	+24.6
WTJpHedg	5.50e	...	53.88	-3.34	+9.4
XcelEngy	1.28	19	33.71	-.18	-6.2
Xerox	.28	14	10.27	-.31	-25.9
Yahoo	...	5	37.23	-1.00	-26.3

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,515.42	-261.49	-1.47	-1.73	+3.12
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,002.54	-176.48	-2.16	-12.44	-2.94
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	574.26	-2.46	-.43	-7.09	+2.68
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,636.80	-192.52	-1.78	-1.87	-3.35
5,164.36	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,909.76	-87.70	-1.75	+3.67	+11.10
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,046.68	-34.66	-1.67	-.59	+3.74
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,485.85	-21.50	-1.43	+2.30	+4.42
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,628.94	-365.45	-1.66	-.19	+3.47
1,296.00	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,228.96	-19.09	-1.53	+2.01	+4.70

TODAY: Mostly sunny	FRIDAY: Mostly sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny	MONDAY: Sunny	TUESDAY: Sunny
High: 90 Low: 70	High: 91 Low: 69	High: 92 Low: 71	High: 95 Low: 71	High: 98 Low: 72	High: 98 Low: 72

Local forecast

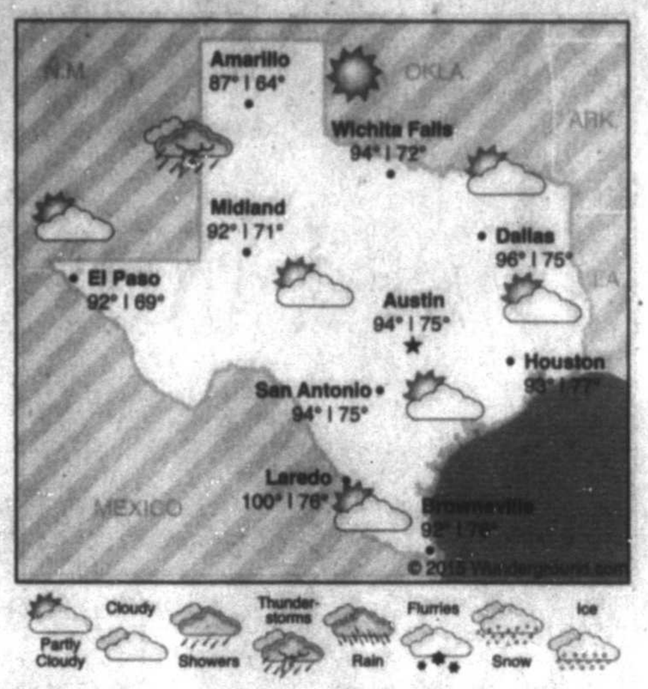
Rain is out of the forecast for the next seven days. Expect high temperatures to be above normal early next week.

The record high for July 8 is 103 set in 1998, 2009 and 2011. The record low is 56 set in 1952. The high on July 8 last year was 97. The low was 69

National forecast

Over the eastern and central parts of the nation, an area of downpours and gusty thunderstorms is forecast to extend along a slow-moving frontal boundary today. The downpours and storms will stretch from the mid-Atlantic coast to the central Appalachians, Ohio Valley, middle Mississippi Valley and the southern Plains.

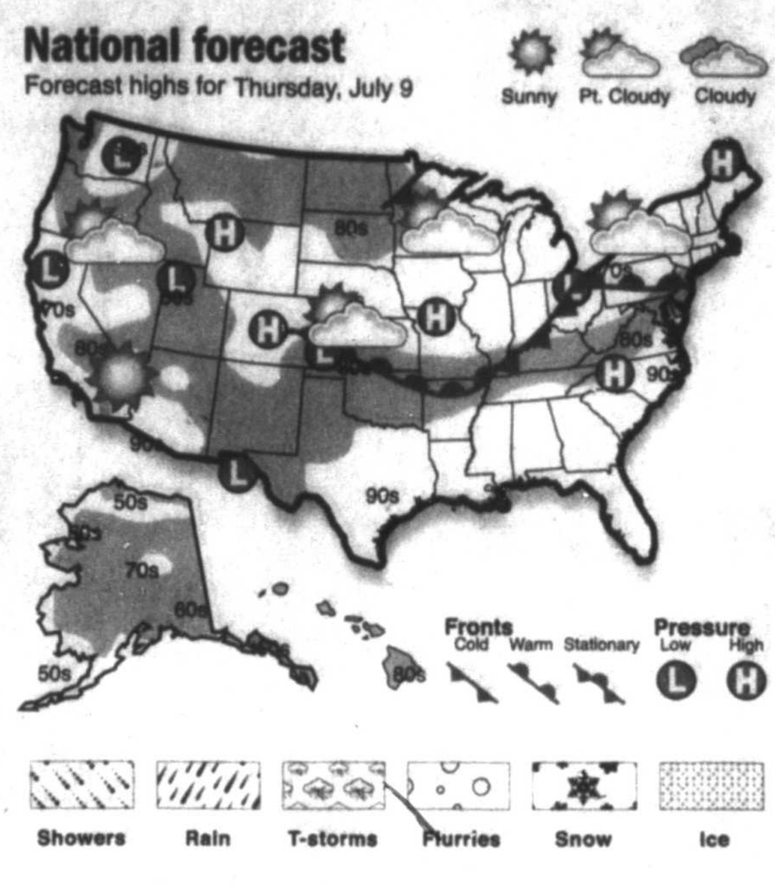
In the area from the central Appalachians to the Southern Plains, it would only take an inch or two of rain in three hours to cause significant flash flooding at the local level. South of the boundary, the Southern states can expect typical July heat and high humidity. Afternoon and evening storms will dot the region. North of the boundary, from the northern Plains to northern New England, sun is in store with low humidity.



Precipitation		Wednesday's temperatures	
Tuesday	0.24 in.	High	86
Wednesday	0.00 in.	Low	68
Month total	0.25 in.	Normal high	95
Year total	12.53 in.	Normal low	70
Normal total (year to date)	6.53 in.	Sunrise	6:50 a.m.
		Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Thursday, July 9



Man objects to girlfriend's family vacation with ex

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: My girlfriend has been divorced for two years. She shares custody of her two girls, ages 5 and 6, with her ex. She wants to remain friends with him for the sake of the girls. I have supported her friendly relationship with him despite the repeated lies he tells and the deceptive stories he makes up in an attempt to break us up.

Recently, he decided he wants to take his daughters away for a long weekend. He invited my girlfriend to come along and plans to pay for everything, including a hotel room with two beds they will share. I have said repeatedly that this vacation and the arrangements are a deal breaker for me. She assures me that her intent is to be with her daughters and she has no desire for intimacy with her ex. She refuses to change her mind and says I need to trust her. The fact is, I don't trust HIM based on his actions and many issues between them in the past.

Am I paranoid or obsessing over this? I'd appreciate your input. — UNEASY DOWN SOUTH

DEAR UNEASY: You are neither obsessing nor paranoid. You are normal. Because the ex seems intent on breaking you up and he seems to have no girlfriend in the picture, you have a right to feel uneasy. (I'm assuming that your lady friend is physically fit and if necessary she could defend her virtue.)

Questions that occur to me are: Why would she want to go away for a long "family" weekend under these circumstances? Why would she insist on it even though she knows it bothers the man with whom she has a relationship? And why, after informing her that this will be a deal breaker — which is an ultimatum — are you tolerating it?

DEAR ABBY: I'm a 17-year-old girl about to head off to college. I have a great relationship with my father, but my mother and I are not on the best of terms.

Half the time, she's loving and supportive and willing to spend time with me. Other times, she is verbally and emotionally abusive. She'll call me a failure and a disappointment, and cry for no reason (most likely to get attention).

She has done this since my childhood, and I want to escape her toxicity by shutting her out of my life as an adult. However, she has threatened suicide (she has tried it before).

My father is on her side and says he will refuse contact with me if I disown her. I want to keep them both in my life, but it has become too difficult to endure her abuse anymore. Please help. — COLLEGE BOUND IN THE MIDWEST

DEAR COLLEGE BOUND: You're an intelligent young woman. I'm sure that by now you have realized that your mother has serious emotional issues for which one can only hope she is receiving professional help.

When you leave for college, you will no longer be subjected to her mood swings or the hurtful comments she makes when she's not herself. Once you have completed your education you will be on your own, and will most likely make a life for yourself wherever your profession takes you. It isn't necessary to make any decisions about cutting anyone out of your life now. Time will take care of your problem.

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 Thursday, July 9, 2015:

This year you open up to fast changes and more excitement. You never seem to know what is going to happen next. Your public image will be far more important than it has been in the past, and you will open up to new opportunities. Success comes from your diligence. If you are single, you will meet someone who could make a big difference to your life. You won't need to work on getting to know this person; it will happen naturally. If you are attached, the two of you often are seen out and about. You likely share not only the same group of friends, but a mutual hobby as well. TAURUS often grounds you when you are emotional.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Put your best foot forward, and remain optimistic. A challenging associate who tends to have a bit of an attitude is not news to you. Express that you are making solid choices, and also be flexible with a changing situation. Tonight: Be more forthright about shared funds.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You could feel a bit out of sorts as you try to switch gears. Keep your mind on what you need to do in order to manifest more of your desires. Don't hesitate to throw your thoughts and feelings into the mix. Tonight: Let your mind relax to a good movie.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Use the earlier part of the day for a heartfelt pleasure. Someone will manifest more of what you want. Listen to what you are hearing, but understand that you don't need to internalize it. A request from a friend could make you feel uncomfortable. Tonight: Not to be found.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You are on top of your game, and others seem to understand that you know what you are doing. Your actions are likely to be greeted with success. Listen to what is being shared. You will be much happier with more support. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Remain upbeat. How you visualize a situation might be much different from how others see it. You come from a different space and are able to detach from the here and now. As a result, your perspective is unique. Return messages early in the day. Tonight: Mosey on home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ You could be looking at making a major change. Travel might be on the horizon. Your perspective is likely to change if you decide to visit far-off places. You also will be able to accept others' differences more easily. Tonight: Try something totally new.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ One-on-one relating continues to be the way to go. You might feel as if there is a major difference in opinion regarding what goes on. Listen to needed feedback from someone you respect. Do more to stay on top of a personal matter. Tonight: Togetherness is the theme.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ You could be tired and withdrawn. You might not be sure which direction you should head in. Understand what makes this a different situation, and allow someone you respect to run it. You will achieve a lot more than you originally thought possible. Tonight: Where people are.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Others find you to be irresistible and full of fun. At some point, you will realize that you have forgotten to run an important errand. Once you shift gears, you will make this a priority. You might want to wait several days to negotiate a money matter. Tonight: Ever playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You might want to rethink a situation more carefully in order to move forward. Someone you care about enormously will let you know where he or she is coming from. Think carefully before you act; you will find a better way to get where you need to go. Tonight: Happy at home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ You'll want to do something in a simpler way than you have in the past. Make calls and be brief in how you deal with others. You could feel a bit intimidated by a situation. You might be up for a change of pace. Deal with a personal matter as soon as possible. Tonight: Make it cozy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Keep a conversation moving, and remain sure of yourself. Your ability to get past a problem emerges. Do your best to stay centered. Money matters could be more positive than you thought they would be. Be ready to negotiate. Tonight: Catch up on some gossip.

BORN TODAY

Actor Tom Hanks (1956), actor Fred Savage (1976), singer Courtney Love (1964)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Don't forget the goal

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 3 2
♡ A Q 10 6 5 3 2
◇ Q 7
♣ 10 9

WEST
♠ A J
♡ 7
◇ 10 9 5 4
♣ K J 8 5 4 2

EAST
♠ 8 5
♡ K J 9 4
◇ J 6 2
♣ A Q 6 3

SOUTH
♠ K Q 10 9 7 6 4
♡ 8
◇ A K 8 3
♣ 7

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	2♣	2♡	3♣
4♠	All pass		

Opening lead: Five of ♣

The vulnerability kept East-West from competing to five clubs. East won the opening club lead with the ace and shifted to a low trump. West captured South's king with the ace and led the king of clubs, ruffed by South.

Declarer, not knowing about the friendly 2-2 trump split, was worried that he might have four losers — two spades, one club, and one diamond. A 4-3 split of the outstanding diamonds was more likely than a successful heart finesse, so he led a low diamond to the board's queen, a diamond back to his ace, and ruffed a low diamond with the last trump in dummy.

Needing to get back to his hand, declarer cashed the ace of hearts and continued with a low heart. East false-carded beautifully by playing the king of hearts on the second round of the suit, and declarer confidently ruffed with the 10 of spades. He was mortified when West over-ruffed with the jack and led his last diamond for East to ruff for the setting trick.

Declarer's goal on this deal had been 10 tricks, not 11, and he lost sight of that goal. South should have ignored the clever play of the king of hearts and ruffed with his queen of spades! He could then continue with the 10 of spades and the defenders would not be able to hurt him.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 NFL threes
4 S&L offering
8 Daisylike flower
13 Waikiki wreath
14 Overwhelm in abundance
16 Shoulder accessory
17 Place for the night
18 "Blue Sky" Oscar winner
19 Reliable
20 Wear a long face
22 "Take __ a sign"
23 Geometric products
24 Having left the water
26 '70s "Laugh-In" regular Ann
28 Fat substitute
30 Panel with gauges
33 Love interest
36 "Rosanna" band
37 Empire founded by Manco Cápac, in legend
38 Baltic capital
39 Feints
40 Leave a lasting mark on
41 Energy measures
42 Picked out of a lineup
43 Used
44 Throw down the gauntlet
45 Barely enough
47 Barely beats
49 Staid
52 Bacall's love, informally
54 Ward of "Sisters"
56 Some raised hands
58 Clear in class
59 __ about: recuperating
61 Pent- minus two
62 You might pass one in a race
63 Choosing word
64 Like too many jokes
65 Colleague of Ruth and Sonia
66 Blissful place
67 Emmy-winning scientist

DOWN

1 With 57-Down, reverse ... and a hint to hidden letters in 6-, 9-, 15- and 21-Down
2 Italian port
3 Paranasal space
4 Gp. in a historic 1970 sports merger
5 Actress Danes
6 Subject of debate
7 Roman robe
8 Big name in Syrian politics
9 Retail promotion
10 Permissible variation
11 Charles Lamb pen name
12 Great American Ball Park team
15 Shipwreck movie staple
21 General Electric co-founder
25 Bullfight cheer
27 Thailand neighbor
29 Evidence of esteem?
31 Do a cashier's job
32 Roxie __, Zellweger's "Chicago" role
33 Barney's friend
34 Capital of Turkey
35 Combined
39 Old phone booth user's need
43 __ sack
46 Nasty sort
48 Davis of "A League of Their Own"
50 Wyoming's __ Range
51 Ahead of time
52 Tiny tot, in Toledo
53 __ exam
55 Parrier's tool
57 See 1-Down
60 Place to solve a puzzle

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

C	B	E	R		J	B	S	E	N		H	A	S	H
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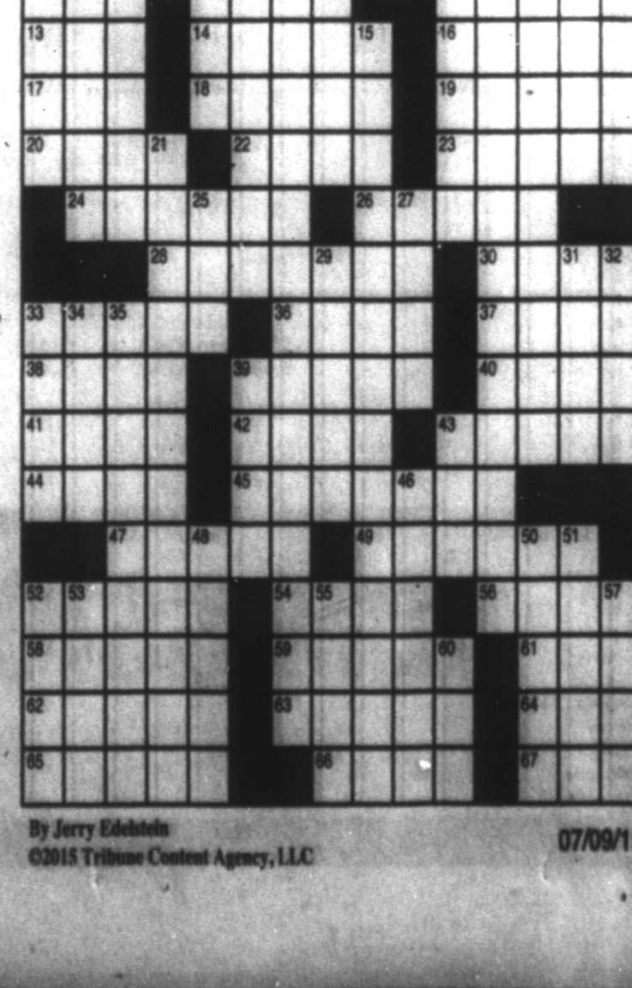

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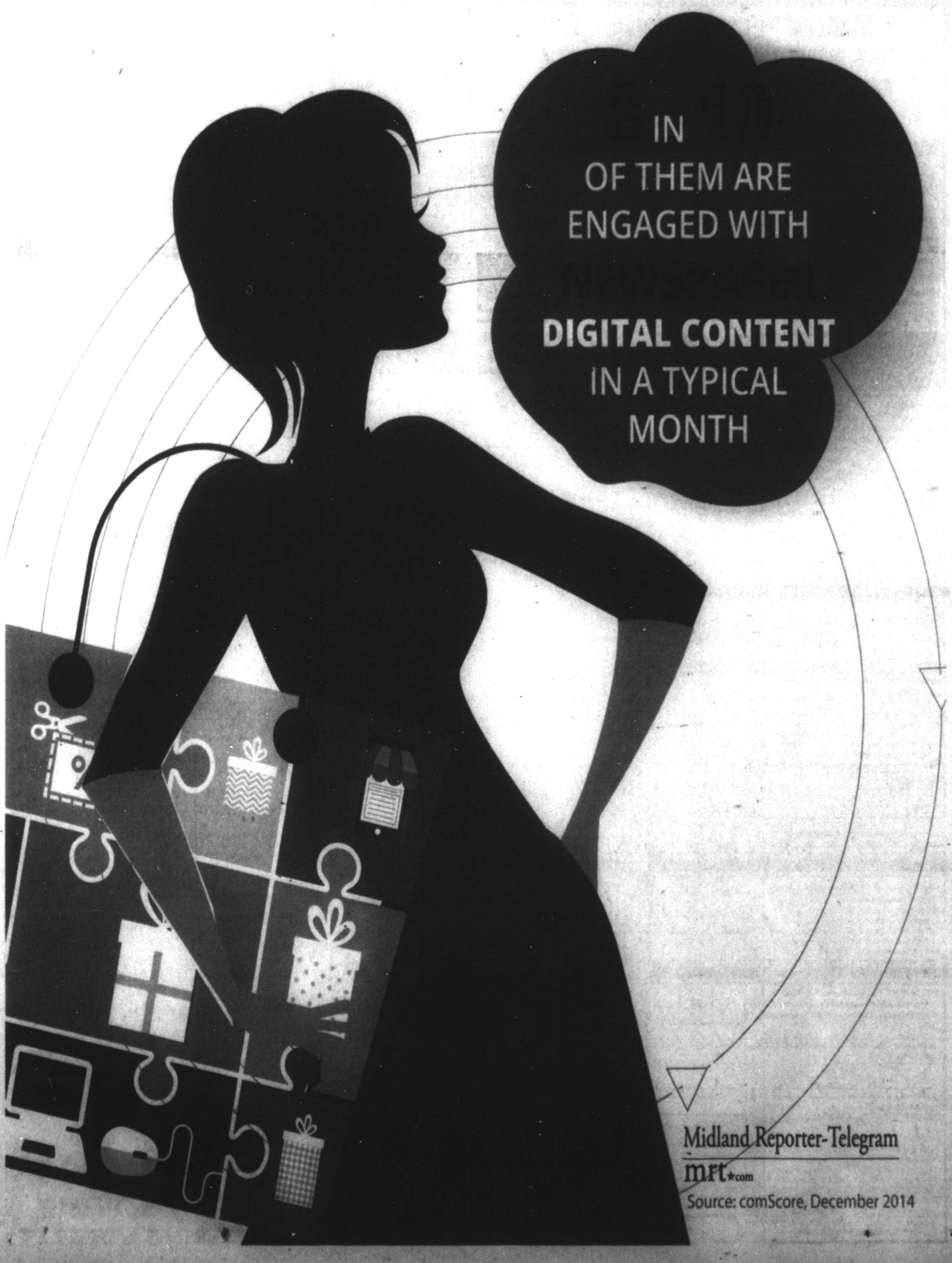

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Notice of Application for Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to permit a salt water disposal in a productive zone into the Means (Devonian) in the Means J.S A/C 2, Well #1507 The proposed well is located 2264 FNL & 579 FEL, A35, Section 8., PSL/ Smith, J T, Andrews County, Texas (RRC Dist. 08), 8.6 miles Northeast direction from Andrews, Texas in the Means (Devonian) Field, in Andrew County, Texas. Fluid will be disposed into the strata in the surface depth interval from 11,900 feet to 14,250' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

Legal & Public Notices

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 200 N. Loraine Street, Suite 800, Midland, Texas 79701 applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to convert an existing producing well to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres Formation in the Goldsmith San Andres Unit Lease, well number: 1328. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles southwest from the city of Goldsmith in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3854' - 5111' feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION
TO DISPOSE BY INJECTION PERMIT

High Sky Partners LLC, 508 W. Wall Street Suite 1200, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres Formation, Mask #1000SW. The proposed disposal well listed above is located at 350' FNL & 2566.6' FEL of Section 10, Block X, H.P. Hilliard Survey. Approximately 5 miles northwest from Midland in Midland County, Texas Spraberry (Trend Area) Field. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4420' to 5250'.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

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79701

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9AM-3PM

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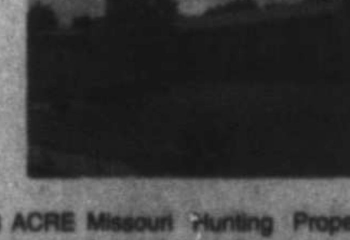

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AMAZING ANTS

THE FLYSPECK FLYER

Underground Cities

By Nellie Fly
WORLD'S SMALLEST REPORTER

Most ants build their homes or nests underground. They dig tunnels and rooms. The extra dirt is carried outside and forms a hill around the entrance.

Underground ant nests contain many different rooms with different functions. There is a room where the queen lays eggs. A team of worker ants cares for the queen, her ant larva and the cocoons.

Ant nests also have special rooms to store food, a nursery for young ants and resting rooms for worker ants.

Find the two identical ants.

Oops! Leafcutter ants removed some words from this article. Draw a line to where each word belongs.

Chow Line

When an ant finds a large piece of food, it returns to the nest and enlists other worker ants to help carry the food. On the way back to the nest, the ant leaves a trail of odors as landmarks, so that it can find its way back to the food.

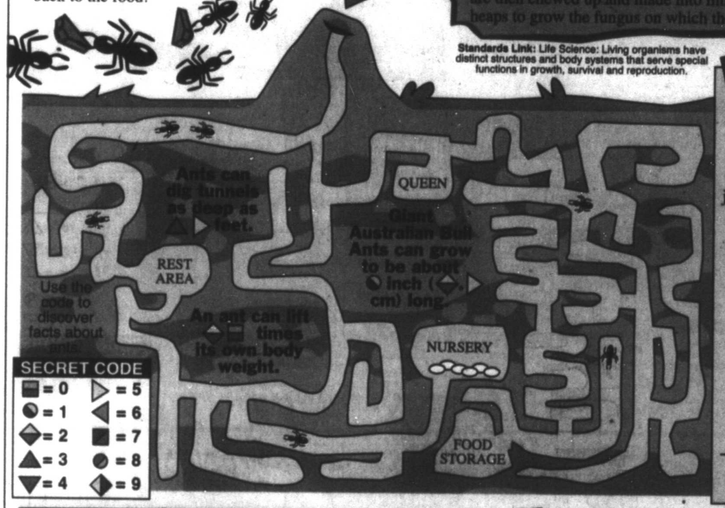
Find your way to the food storage room.

Farmer Ants

Leafcutter ants live in the [illegible] and collect leaves by first [illegible] them into small pieces using their sharp, pointed jaws. They carry the [illegible] back to their nest, holding them high above their heads.

Surprisingly, they don't eat the leaves. Instead, they use them to [illegible] food! Back at the [illegible], smaller worker ants [illegible] the leaves clean and cut them into tiny pieces. These are then chewed up and made into miniature [illegible] heaps to grow the fungus on which they [illegible].

Standards Link: Life Science: Living organisms have distinct structures and body systems that serve special functions in growth, survival and reproduction.



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Extra! Extra! Jobs We Share

Workers in ant colonies have a variety of different jobs. Many of these are similar to jobs people have. Look through the newspaper to find people that do the following ant colony jobs:

- childcare
- security
- communications
- armed forces
- earth movers
- engineers
- flood control

Standards Link: Life Skills: Students study different life choices and the skills required.

Catch the Reading Bug

at Your Library This Summer!

Your mission is to combat the Evil Power Master who has reportedly allied with the Ant People. Are your missing group members playing a prank, or have the Ant People taken them prisoner?

Unscramble the title of this book. Then, check it out at your local library this summer! - Bert Bookworm

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Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Read age-appropriate text in a variety of genres.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle, then in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

COCOONS
LARVA
LEAVES
WORKERS
FUNGUS
COLONY
NURSERY
STORE
TRAIL
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A	Y	R	N	D	D	O	W	P	D
V	E	S	V	U	L	N	T	O	N
E	S	T	C	A	F	Y	L	S	A
S	L	I	A	R	T	E	R	T	L

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

FROM THE Kid Scoop LESSON LIBRARY

Planet of the Ants

According to the National Pest Management Association, the world harbors 12,000 species of ants. Look through the newspaper and find four or more numbers that add up to exactly 12,000.

Standards Link: Number Sense: Calculate sums to 12,000.

What do you call a 100 year-old ant?

ANSWER: Antique!

Weekly Writing Corner

The Ant Vacation

Students describe what might happen if ants went on vacation.

If ants were going on vacation, they would definitely go to an underground hotel run by worms. All they would need to pack would be dirt to tip the worms because the hotel would have everything they want and need.

Cameron, 6th grade

The ants are going on vacation! They're going to Hawaii and they're bringing little ant surfboards and sun hats. They're going to have fun while they play in the sun. Oh! Why didn't they invite me?

Maya, 6th grade

When I climbed into that backpack with all of my little ant buddies, little did I know that I was on my way to paradise (a.k.a. Paris, France). After the giant set us down, after all of those long, boring hours, we snuck out of the backpack. A huge, glorious kitchen awaited us, filled with long rolls of bread and delightfully creamy cheese; also know as French baguettes and Brie cheese. Boy, were we in paradise!

Eva, 6th grade

Ants on a vacation … I think if ants could go on a vacation, they would go to Candyland. Of course, Candyland isn't a real place! (Or at least I don't think so!) But if they could go there, they would pack nothing. All they would need would be themselves, because all ants care about is food and in Candyland, that's what they'd do! There the ants would snack the whole day and bring home some sweets for those ants that couldn't come.

Aidan, 6th grade

If the ants were going on vacation, they would obviously be going on a picnic. They would eat at the picnic while talking and listening to the humans. They would pack a picnic basket with drinks and some ant sandwiches.

Cambria, 5th grade

If ants were going on a vacation, they would probably go to the garbage dump, that way they wouldn't have to pack food. They would bring a tiny microscopic camera, one shirt each and they would roam the tastes, smells and sounds of the dump.

Alex, 5th grade

I think the ants would go to the State Fair because there is so much food there and so many rides. When they get there, they will probably be hungry so they would go to the trashcans and eat. Then I think they would take a little nap. I think they would take their eggs and their larva and they would pack some extra food and water.

Shawna, 5th grade

The ants are going to Las Vegas. They are going so that they can play games and find lots of rich, sugary food. They are going to pack some food and some money.

Melissa, 5th grade

Write On!

If I Were a Teacher

How would you set up your classroom? What rules would you have? What subject would you teach?

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