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Cotton farmers benefit from rains despite setback

County cotton growth off to a robust start that hasn't been seen in years

By Brandon Mulder
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A month after a rushed sowing period, cotton farmers in the region are rejoicing over the health of their maturing cotton crops. The bounty of spring and early summer rains have staved off the dry, crop-punishing heat that has repressed cotton farmers' yields for several years.

"We are set up for an absolutely beautiful crop with more rains expected. It's exciting," said Al Spinks, who cultivates about 1,000 acres of cotton near Greenwood. Spinks' acreage has seen roughly 10 inches of rain so far in 2015. That, combined with the amount of sunlight his plants have received, are to him "fabulous" conditions.

The fortune comes after heavy May rains water logged many fields, delayed seed planting by several weeks and forced many producers into working 18-hour days to meet crop insurance deadlines.

"It's important that we try and get these crops timely planted because we want to make sure that the insurance is fully enforced," said Howard County farmer Ed Herm a month ago as he was rushing to plant his seed in the ground before his June 10 deadline. "If it's too wet, you just can't run tractors in there with the mud."

Midland County farmers and others in the Southern High Plains region have, for the most part, planted every acre they had

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GETTING SOME CRED

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Bobby Burns, president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, speaks to the media Tuesday following a press conference in the Chamber offices. The Midland Chamber of Commerce has received its national accreditation from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce.

The Chamber board has worked closely with the staff since last fall to achieve this milestone. Though more than 7,000 chambers of commerce exist in the U.S., only 3 percent (just more than 200 chambers) are accredited. This achievement highlights the Chamber's dedication and commitment to be the best resource possible for Midland's business community.

"In 2014, our board of directors worked diligently to develop a strategic plan for the organization. This document gives a clear framework to achieve the Midland Chamber's vision of, 'Creating the best business climate on the planet,'" President and CEO Bobby Burns said. "To further our mission, the board has been invaluable in guiding our chamber to examine all areas of our programs and events. This, in turn, allowed us to pursue accreditatvion. We are pleased to announce that we are now a member of such a small and prestigious group."

Accreditation is the only national program that recognizes chambers for their effective organizational procedures and community involvement. To receive accreditation, a chamber must meet minimum standards in their operations and programs, including areas of governance, government affairs and technology. This extensive self-review can take six to nine months to complete.

Clerk issues 'declaration' opposing same-sex unions

By David Warren
Associated Press

DALLAS — A county clerk in West Texas is refusing to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples and asks state leaders in a self-described "declaration" to "protect natural marriage from lawless court opinions."

The objection this week by Irion County Clerk Molly Criner to last month's U.S. Supreme Court ruling that legalized gay marriage nationwide is detailed in a statement she crafted titled "Declaration of obedience to law and defense of natural marriage."

Other county clerks in Texas have expressed concerns about issuing licenses to same-sex couples, some because they have religious objections to such a marriage and others who cite state documents that haven't been updated to include same-gender language. But Criner's opposition, released as part of a broader statement by the Florida-based conservative nonprofit group Liberty Counsel, refers to prior Supreme Court decisions, state resolutions from 1798 and the writings of Martin Luther King Jr. in arguing that marriage "between one man and one woman remains the law in Texas, regardless of any court decision to the contrary."

As of last week there were about 100 counties in Texas that weren't issuing the licenses, but the vast majority said the delay was because clerks were awaiting legal advice, updated paperwork or software, according to The Dallas Morning News. Only a few cited religious objections.

Criner's opposition comes amid a flurry of opinions by Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton and various county attorneys trying to give direction to county clerks, at least some of whom were uncertain how to act in the wake of the court's June 26 ruling.

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Midland ranked 10th best place to move to

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Midland came in No. 10 overall for best U.S. cities to relocate to, according to a recent study by HomeInsurance.com.

The website ranked metropolitan and micropolitan areas by their population growth between 2010 and 2014, estimated household income for 2012, average housing value, average home insurance premium and average renters insurance premium.

The Midland metropolitan area population growth and estimated household income were both sixth on the list of 51 metro and micropolitan areas. Austin was the only other Texas city to beat out Midland at No. 8.

The study described Midland as "a town with a strong sports presence." It added that, for the less sports-inclined, Midland has "plenty of recreation, nightlife, and arts and culture."

Odessa was ranked No. 24 overall and had the fourth-lowest average housing value score. HomeInsurance.com wrote that Odessa is "interesting" because of

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New MPD campaign to target vehicular burglaries

■ 'Lock It or Lose It' to be 'largest crime-reduction campaign in department history'

By Erin Stone
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The Midland Police Department announced Tuesday that it is embarking upon the "largest crime reduction campaign in department history," an initiative officials hope will lower a rising percentage of motor vehicle burglaries in the city.

In 2014, 951 vehicular burglary cases were reported in Midland, a nearly 40 percent increase from 2013. So far this year, 500 vehicular burglaries have been reported, and the numbers are expected to be similar to 2014, according to MPD Chief Price Robinson.

Named "Lock It or Lose It" — just like an MPD program used for lowering vehicular burglaries in 2011 — the crime reduction initiative uses a three-part approach of data analysis, public awareness and enhanced enforcement to combat burglaries.

The data collection aspect of the campaign allows the department to understand the why and the where of the issue. By analyzing a "sizable sample" of vehicular burglary reports in March, MPD learned that 65 percent of the cars broken into were "unsecured" — which means 65 percent of the burglarized cars were left unlocked. Of the other 35 percent that were burglarized, 24 percent of the victims reported they had left valuables in plain sight.

This data explains the emphasis on the second part of the crime reduction approach: public awareness. Robinson said that, though this is similar to MPD's 2011 PSA, it differs by taking "the visibility and repetitiveness to a different level."

The department is working with three sign companies, A-1 Graphic Solutions, Lone Star Signs and Century Graphics and Sign, to create "Lock It or Lose It" signs that local businesses and apartment complexes can purchase.

Additionally, Lamar Advertising plans to provide free billboard advertisements around town.

The signs come in various sizes so they can be easily visible in places such as parking lots, shopping centers and apartment complexes or placed on a check-in desk at a hotel or motel. Some decals can be placed inside the car to remind the driver to lock the door.

"I think maybe (the driver's) mind is somewhere else or they're distracted, so that's why I think this campaign will be of great service to the community and help make people aware, make them think about it and remember it, and not just jump out of the car and leave it unlocked," said Charlie Harris, who has worked for Farmers Insurance for about 45 years.

Using data collected from calls for service and police reports, the crime analysis unit identified areas of the city that are common locations for auto burglaries. Police recruits contacted the businesses, churches and apartment complexes in those identified areas — totaling more than 500 businesses across the city — and reached out to them to gauge their interest in participating in the "Lock It or Lose It" campaign.

The areas where auto burglaries take place most frequently are places with high volumes of vehicles in a contained space — Midland Park Mall, Scharbauer Sports Complex and the residential and commercial areas by Rankin Highway near I-20.

These are where the enhanced enforcement piece of the campaign comes in. Each of the three "common patrol areas" (CPAs) that were identified will be made known to all patrol officers, who will be required to fill out a sheet documenting their activity in these areas. These forms will be collected and sent to supervisors and a data analysis team. The goal of this is to track the success — or failure — of the new campaign and to make officers aware of the possibility of vehicular burglary in those areas.

Robinson believes the initiative, which appears to be primarily promoting public awareness, can have an impact. He cited a police chief in Grand Prairie who used a similar strategy and reduced crime over three years.

Robinson also said an expansive 2005 study on residential burglaries in New Zealand showed that, while publicity campaigns are important to reduce burglary, they are most successful when combined with programs that work with repeat offenders and victims and also incorporate youth diversion initiatives. Robinson noted that the Midland thefts appear to be primarily committed by juveniles.

Auto theft has also risen with the rise of vehicle burglaries, though the numbers are not quite as high. While auto burglary and theft are not usually violent crimes, they are the biggest problems in Midland in terms of numbers.

"Responding to this many offenses involving unlocked vehicles is a drain on our resources since, for the last year or so, we've been understaffed." Robinson said. "Probably, right now, auto burglary is the biggest issue we wrestle with and, with 65 percent of burglaries being of unlocked cars, I hate to say it, but it could be a relatively easy fix."

Texas AG figures in federal securities probe of Dallas tech company

By Jim Vertuno and Paul J. Weber
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton, whose admitted violations of state securities laws will go before a grand jury this month, has also figured in a federal investigation of a Dallas-area technology company suspected of defrauding investors.

Paxton owns at least 10,000 shares in Servergy, Inc., a company based in his hometown of McKinney. The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission began investigating Servergy in 2013 after receiving complaints, according to federal court records reviewed by The Associated Press. The records show that Paxton's name was singled out as a search term to satisfy an SEC demand for documents, and Paxton's law firm email address was also among a lengthy list of Servergy contacts searched as part of the SEC's investigation.

Special prosecutors overseeing the Paxton investigation have said they will ask a grand jury meeting in Collin County to indict the state's top attorney for first-degree felony securities fraud in a case stemming from his solicitation of investment clients several years ago while in private practice. The prosecutors have also indicated they may present charges involving a separate but undisclosed matter against the Republican who succeeded now-Gov. Greg Abbott as the state's top law enforcement officer.

Both the SEC and special prosecutors declined comment. Paxton attorney Joe Kendall, when asked about his client's role with Servergy, would say only, "Grand jury proceedings are supposed to be secret to protect innocent people's reputations. I think it is inappropriate to make any comment at this time about anything."

Paxton hired Kendall, a former federal judge, last week as special prosecutors said they would seek a first-degree felony indictment from the state grand jury. The attorney general's spokesman called the prosecution a "political hit job."

The cloud of a criminal investigation has shadowed Paxton while he has simultaneously emerged as a national Republican figure in barely six months on the job. A tea party star in Texas, Paxton recently advised county clerks they could refuse to issue marriage licenses to same-sex couples on religious grounds, despite the U.S. Supreme Court ruling legalizing gay marriage.

Federal regulators said in court filings that they were investigating whether Servergy deceived investors by falsely claiming it was selling its data servers to big name companies such as online retailer Amazon and semi-conductor giant Freescale. The company raised more than $26 million selling shares in 2013, the SEC said.

SEC investigators had sought records from the company for more than a year when finally, in December 2014, the agency filed suit in federal court to force compliance with its demand for company documents.

Among records included in the public court file is an October 2014 letter to the SEC from Servergy's attorneys, outlining the search terms used to locate records the SEC sought. The letter singles out Paxton's last name, along with the last name of a broker who brought investors to Servergy and a Canadian tech company. It also lists Paxton's email address under "selected emails" of about 70 other contacts, at least four of whom are Paxton political donors.

One of them, Keresa Richardson, has donated more than $10,000 to Paxton campaigns since 2010. Although she is a Servergy investor and her email address was included in the court records, Richardson said she was unaware of the SEC investigation.

"If you're looking for dirt on Ken Paxton, he's the cleanest guy in the world. You can take a flying leap," Richardson told the AP.

Servergy ultimately complied with the SEC's records demand and, in March, federal investigators withdrew their lawsuit for the records. But the SEC's probe appears to be ongoing.

When asked about the status of the SEC investigation, a Servergy lawyer told the AP: "The company will continue to cooperate with the Commission if we receive any additional requests." But attorney Tim Newman did not respond to questions about Paxton's role in the Servergy investigation.

The SEC's Servergy investigation was playing out as Paxton, who was a member of the Texas Legislature for a decade, campaigned to replace Abbott as attorney general. A day after the SEC filed its lawsuit demanding records, Servergy founder William Mapp made a $250

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STATEBRIEFS

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FORT WORTH

Facebook to add more computing power with Texas data center

Facebook is building a massive data center in Texas to provide more computing capacity for the online social network's 1.4 billion users to share tidbits of their lives with friends and family.

The first phase of the $500 million project in Fort Worth will span about 500,000 square feet. It will be located on a nearly 111-acre site, leaving ample room for further expansion.

Facebook Inc. initially expects to employ 40 people at the data center, which will rely solely on wind power to keep its computer servers running.

Like other big Internet companies, Facebook needs to keep adding more data centers as more people around the world gain online access on smartphones and increase the demand for their digital services. The computers in Facebook's data centers store billions of photos and videos in addition to the messages and updates that the service's users post to the social network each day.

This will be Facebook's fourth data center in the U.S., joining others in Oregon, Iowa and North Carolina. The Menlo Park, California, company's only overseas data center is in Sweden.

Google Inc., a Facebook rival, recently picked Alabama to be the home of its 14th data center in the world and seventh in the U.S.

To reduce pollution, Google's newest data center also will run entirely on renewable energy sources such as wind and solar power.

DALLAS

Police fatally shoot armed sex offender

Dallas police shot and killed a 59-year-old man registered as a sex offender after the man brandished a revolver and refused to disarm.

The shooting happened about 1:30 p.m. Tuesday at a street corner in the North Oak Cliff section of Dallas, about a mile southwest of downtown.

Police say a tip led officers to the man, who was sought on a parole violation. Assistant Chief Randy Blankenbaker said that when four officers approached, including three from the sexual offender's unit, the man brandished a handgun and refused demands to disarm. So all four officers opened fire, killing the man.

Blankenship said it's not yet clear if the man fired any shots. His identity hasn't been released.

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Former Midland gun seller indicted by federal grand jury

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A former Midland man who now resides in San Marcos was indicted by a federal grand jury on 21 counts, many related to firearms violations, according to a press release from the U.S. Attorney's Western District of Texas office and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) on July 6.

Paul Allen Peters, 26, was indicted on five counts of wire fraud; four counts of unlawful transfer of a machine gun; six counts of illegal sale of a handgun to a minor; five counts of failure to keep proper records; and one count of making a false statement to an investigating agent, according to the press release. The indictment was handed down in June.

The press release said that Peters is accused of selling four fully automatic weapons, which fall under the National Firearms Act (NFA), in 2012 without filing proper documentation paying related fees. On five separate occasions between May 2013 and September 2014, Peters is alleged to have sent by wire a fraudulent ATF form 4473, which is required to be completed by the purchaser of an NFA item, to the National Tracing Center in West Virginia concerning the transfer of firearms. The alleged falsified wires involved a dozen guns including rifles and pistols.

Some of the automatic weapons that Peters is accused of transferring in 2012 without following NFA rules and regulations include a Zastava N-PAP M70 (a Yugoslav/Serb variant of the Russian AK-47) and a Romarm/Cugir Model AES 10B (a variant of the Russian RPK light machine gun).

The indictment also alleged that, on six different occasions between September 2011 and March 2012, Peters sold a pistol to an individual he knew or had cause to believe was under 21 years of age. The indictment further accuses Peters of failing to maintain records on various firearms sales as required by law. He also allegedly gave false information when questioned by investigators on November 4, 2014. The indictment states that "Peters understated the true figure when he told investigators that he transferred approximately 30 to 40 firearms without completing the required firearm transfer process."

A phone call to Midland attorney Jeff Robnett, who was identified as Peters' attorney, was not returned.

According to the press release, wire fraud calls for up to 20 years imprisonment and the unlawful transfer of a machine gun calls for up to 10 years imprisonment upon conviction. Each remaining charge calls for up to five years imprisonment upon conviction.

The ATF is said to have led the investigation. Assistant United States Attorney LaTawn Warsaw is prosecuting the case on behalf of the government.

Poached alligator identified as Texas man's killer

Associated Press

ORANGE — An 11-foot, 400-pound alligator game officials say was shot and killed without a permit has been identified as the beast that killed a late-night swimmer at a Southeast Texas marina.

Texas game officials say the alligator was shot in the head and killed Monday afternoon in Adams Bayou in Orange, near where Tommie Woodward's maimed body was found early Friday. Justice of the Peace Rodney Price of Orange County Precinct 4 said remains found inside the carcass were identified as those of the 28-year-old Orange man.

An autopsy determined Woodward died by drowning but lost his left arm below the elbow in the attack.

Texas Parks and Wildlife Department officers had been searching for the alligator since the fatal attack.

PHOTO: Texas Game Wardens get assistance from Orange firefighters Monday as they lift the body of an alligator into the back of a truck at Burkart's Marina in Orange. Officials are conducting an investigation into who may have killed the animal. Tommie Woodward died after an alligator attacked him during a late-night swim at the private Southeast Texas marina on July 3. ***Associated Press***

Google tests driverless cars in Austin — with safety drivers

Associated Press

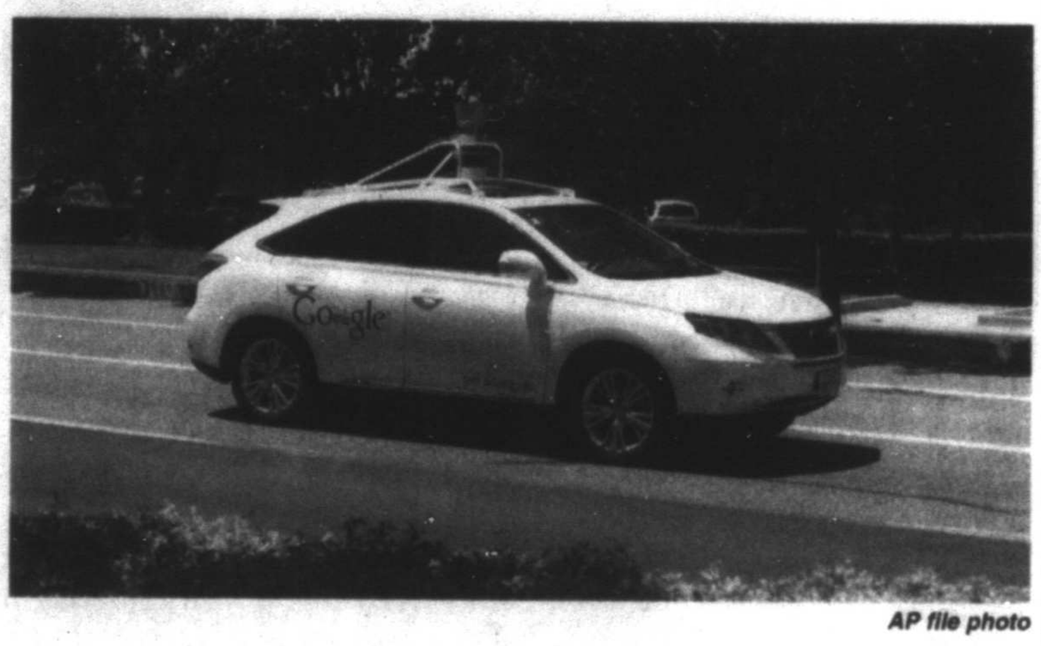
AUSTIN — Google Inc. has selected Texas as the latest testing site for its self-driving car project, the company announced Tuesday.

A modified Lexus SUV has already been seen on Austin roads, with safety drivers on board, according to the Austin American-Statesman.

The driverless car will operate a few square miles north and northeast of downtown Austin, Google said in a statement. Google did not say exactly where the driverless cars would be tested. The company is also testing several dozen self-driving cars on streets in Mountain View, California, where Google is based.

Google in 2013 announced the company had picked tech-savvy Austin for wiring homes with ultra-fast Internet connections as part of Google Fiber.

"We loved how much Austin embraces innovation," said Jennifer Haroon, head of business operations for Google's self-driving unit, told the American-Statesman. "From technology to music to food. We feel like that matches the spirit of both Google and the self-driving car project."



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A Google self-driving car goes on a test drive near the Computer History Museum in Mountain View, Calif., on May 13, 2014. Google Inc. has selected Texas as the latest testing site for its self-driving car project, the company announced Tuesday.

All of the vehicles use special software and sensors, which can detect objects as far as two football fields away in all directions.

"It's important for us to get experience testing our software in different driving environments, traffic patterns and road conditions — so we're ready to take on Austin's pedicabs, pickup trucks and everything in between," according a Google statement. "Keep it weird for us, Austin, and visit our website to let us know how we're driving."

The testing fleet in California includes Lexus SUVs and also prototype vehicles. All self-driving vehicles in California and Texas have safety drivers on board. Google has "self-driven" more than 1 million miles, according to the company's website.

PAXTON

From 2A

campaign contribution to Paxton, the first time Mapp had ever donated to a Texas political candidate. Mapp did not respond to emails from the AP, seeking comment.

Paxton has been a Servergy shareholder since 2011, according to state financial disclosure filings. Founded in 2009, Servergy sold data servers that the company said were smaller and used less energy than competitors.

Last year, Paxton accepted a $1,000 fine from the Texas State Securities Board for not being a registered solicitor while taking commissions for referring law clients to a financial investor. The state board declined to pursue criminal charges against Paxton, but following a complaint by the left-leaning watchdog group Texans for Public Justice, the case was revived and a judge ultimately appointed two special prosecutors.

In May, the judge granted a request by the special prosecutors to expand the scope of the criminal investigation that is being handled by Texas Rangers.

Responding to claims by Paxton spokesman Anthony Holm that the investigation was politically motivated, special prosecutors Kent Schaffer and Brian Wice said in a statement last week that neither the state securities board nor two district attorney's offices had examined "the matters which we have been tasked with investigating through the same prism as we have, or with the benefit of the evidence being assembled by the Texas Rangers."

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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Thing to do

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

Pools today

■ Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, noon to 7 p.m.
■ Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana Ave., noon to 7 p.m.

Support groups today

■ The Knot Adoption Support Group, 11;30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WT1E.net.
■ Overeaters Anonymous; noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 553-1031.
■ Midland Downtown Lions Club, noon to 1 p.m., 200 Plaza St.
■ Uptown Midland BPW, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 685-2819.
■ Midland Quilters Guild, 1 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

Davis Mountains Preserve

FORT DAVIS — The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve will be open 8 a.m. Friday through 4 p.m. Sunday for hiking, biking, camping, horseback riding and other activities.There will not be a entrance fee, but guests will be required to sign in and out at the McIvor Conservation Center, according to a press release from the conservancy.

There will be a interpretive hike to Tobe Gap — home of the largest registered ponderosa and southwestern white pines in Texas — beginning 9:30 a.m. July 11.

The Davis Mountains Preserve is located approximately 25 miles northwest of Fort Davis on Highway 118 (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory).

For more information or to register for the hike, contact Deirdre Hisler at deidre.hisler@tnc.org or call 432-426-2390.

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■ **City Hall**
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■ **Municipal Courthouse**
406 E. Illinois Ave.
8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and Friday
8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Thursday
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685-7314

■ **Midland Health & Senior Services**
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681-7613

■ **Animal Services**
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10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Friday
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For residential customers, the city of Midland will pick up furniture and appliances at no additional charge. These items must be placed in the alley in the city right-of-way; the city will not go onto private property. Do not place your item next to the dumpster; it needs to be behind your home, in the alley. These larger item collections must be scheduled with the Solid Waste Division. Please call 432-685-7278 to schedule this service.

Watering schedule

The current outdoor watering schedule allows residents and businesses in the city of Midland to water twice per week.

Even-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Saturdays and Wednesdays.

Odd-numbered addresses may water outdoors on Fridays and Tuesdays.

Any violation may result in a fine up to $500.

The washing outdoor surfaces ban is still in effect.

Use of water to fill, refill or add to any indoor or outdoor swimming pools, wading pools or Jacuzzi-type pools is prohibited except on designated watering days between the hours of 6 p.m. and midnight beginning on their designated watering days.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 3-9-7
Pick 3 day: 0-2-8
Pick 3 evening: 0-6-7
Pick 3 night: 6-8-2
Daily 4 morning: 8-5-0-2
Daily 4 day: 6-6-3-5
Daily 4 evening: 3-6-5-1
Daily 4 night: 3-1-0-2
Cash Five: 5-11-12-27-28
Mega Millions: 6-15-16-28-49 MB: 14 Megaplier: 3
All or Nothing morning: 1-2-5-6-7-10-15-16-18-20-21-22
All or Nothing day: 2-3-5-6-9-10-11-12-13-19-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 2-4-5-8-9-10-11-12-17-19-20-23
All or Nothing night: 1-2-4-5-6-8-9-13-14-18-21-22

Today in history

Today is Wednesday, July 8, the 189th day of 2015. There are 176 days left in the year.

Today's highlight:

On July 8, 1776, Col. John Nixon gave the first public reading of the Declaration of Independence, outside the State House (now Independence Hall) in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1889, The Wall Street Journal was first published.

In 2000, Venus Williams beat Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 7-6 (3) for her first Grand Slam title, becoming the first black female champion at Wimbledon since Althea Gibson in 1957-58.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Photos by Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Midland celebrated its 40th anniversary Tuesday at Tiki Island Inflatable Water Park. The nonprofit invited the public to join staff, volunteers and clients at the park Tuesday evening.

The nonprofit that matches at-risk children with adult mentors has worked with more than 9,000 children since it began in 1975. Part of the national organization, the local BBBS offers community-based and school campus mentoring programs. For more information on Big Brothers Big Sisters, go to bbbsmidland.org.

CLOCKWISE FROM TOP: Kids enjoy one of the pools at Tiki Island. Cole Warpulo tries his luck climbing the Tiki Island tower. Guadalupe Quintanilla holds her grandson, Brad Junior Graves, in a pool. Chase Wallace looks for targets to splash in the Water Tag. Dancers perform traditional Hawaiian and other dances.

BOUNTY

From 1A

intended, Spinks said. Cotton Farmers further north near the Lubbock area — who were hit with closer to 25 inches of rain — were less fortunate. High Plains farmers were able to plant roughly 3.5 million acres of cotton this year, down 10 percent from 2014, according to National Agriculture Statistic Service.

But for cotton farmers at all corners of West Texas, the over-abundance of rain is a more-than-welcome reprieve from the previous four years of drought.

Many farmers unable to plant cotton on time can still choose alternative crops for their unused acres, like sunflowers and grain sorghum. But changing the cropping system might impact a farmers' bottom line.

"Cotton is probably going to be your highest value crop, assuming it's planted timely and it's a good year," said Shawn Wade with the Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers. "It's the one that gives you the most opportunity for income. But there are good alternatives in a shortened season."

This year's wet start recalls 2007, when tempered summer rains fit the cotton plant's growing pattern. It was the biggest yield for cotton producers in Midland County in 15 years, according to Wade, and the Midland cotton gin produced 17,000 bales, according to the Plains Cotton Cooperative Association. Since then, the gin hasn't produced half that, and in 2011 experienced a low of 2,900 bales.

But though this year's fortuitous start is promising, it's still too early to tell if the season could result in a bumper crop.

"On the acreage that we have, the potential is there, especially when you compare it to the last four years," said Mary Jane Buerkle with the Plains Cotton Growers. "This is all assuming that we don't get any additional severe weather," like an early freeze, drowning floods or crushing hail — the largest threat to cotton fields. Last year Spinks lost a third of his total cotton crop to devastating hail.

Yet, August rainfall remains the most important factor when the plant is nearing its full maturity and peak production.

"Cotton grows in a very specific pattern and so it has a full load of fruit on the plant (in August), and it's needing the absolute most water possible both to support the vegetative growth and the reproductive growth," Spinks said. "No matter how much you irrigate, you just can't keep up with it like the rain helps."

RANKING

From 1A

its copy of William Shakespeare's Globe Theatre (the Globe of the Great Southwest) and the city's Presidential Museum and Leadership Library, "dedicated to the office of the presidency rather than one specific former leader of the nation."

Of the 51 metro and micropolitan areas listed, eight are located in the Lone Star State, the most of any state listed. Both Midland and Odessa beat out Houston, San Antonio and Dallas.

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8. Austin
9. Minot, North Dakota
10. Midland

Source: Homeinsurance.com.

CLERK

From 1A

"We were the first people to be affected and the last ones to be contacted. No one had our back," Yoakum County Clerk Deborah Rushing said in a statewide email list to other clerks, according to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram.

A district attorney in South Texas is among many who recently issued opinions to their county clerks, but his stands out for its occasional use of folksy, blunt language to assess matters.

While Attorney General Paxton has expressed support for clerks who object to issuing same-sex marriage licenses, Victoria County District Attorney Stephen Tyler said Paxton's opinion essentially states that he disagrees with the Supreme Court ruling but Paxton "is not the lifeguard at this pool" so clerks "WILL swim at their own risk."

Tyler later told The Associated Press that Paxton was wrong to say in a statement to the media last week that there are lawyers waiting to counsel, free of charge, clerks who cite religious objections in declining to issue licenses.

"To suggest that someone's going to come out of the woodwork and defend them, that's not going to happen," Tyler said.

Criner did not respond to a call from the AP seeking comment Tuesday, but Liberty Counsel founder Mat Staver said Criner has "thought through this scenario probably more than most people have." He said she wants recognition that she can freely exercise her religious beliefs and objects to how the court "shut down debate on such a critical social issue."

"There's the intuitive sense of concern of millions of Americans that the court is deciding these very divisive social issues with a mere majority of one vote," Staver said.

Liberty Counsel will represent Criner should she be the target of a lawsuit, he said.

He did not know if deputy clerks in Irion County are authorized to issue licenses to same-sex couples or if any couples have requested one. The county judge and county attorney did not return calls Tuesday.

The rural county, with a population of about 1,500 people, is southwest of San Angelo.

Chuck Smith, executive director for Equality Texas, an advocacy group that lobbies on behalf of gay and transgender people, said Criner is entitled to her beliefs, but those beliefs can't "interfere with the issuance of a license."

"The office as a whole has to comply with issuing licenses to all eligible couples on demand," Smith said.

Chicago group sues 3 suburbs over gun store regulations

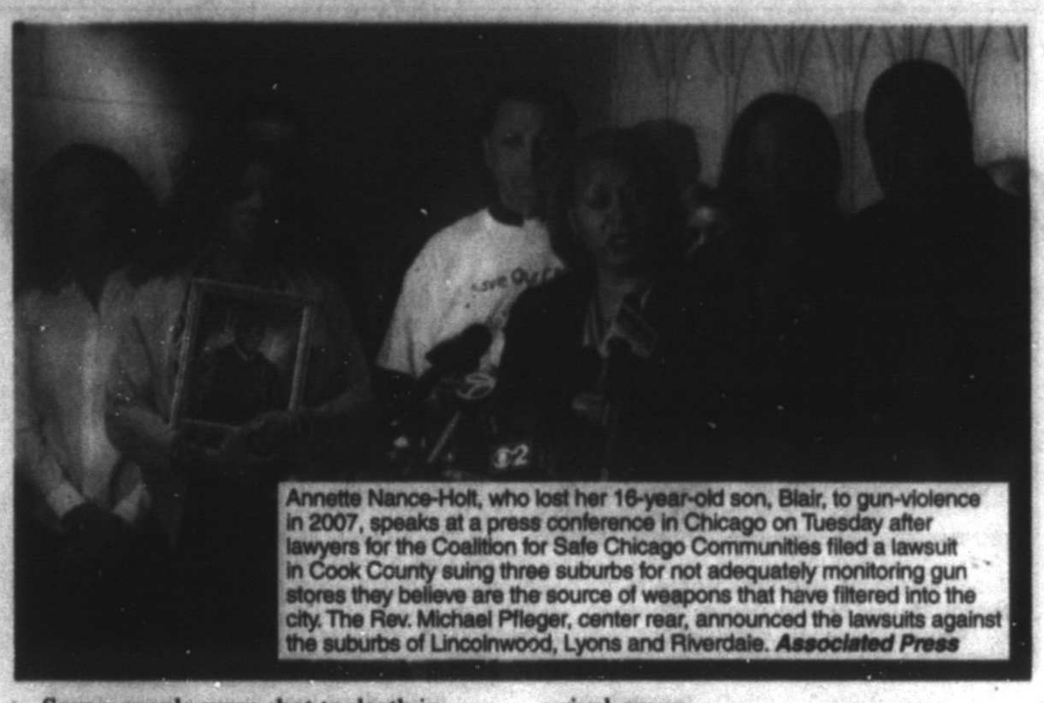
By Don Babwin
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Two mothers who lost sons to gun violence joined ministers and an activist group Tuesday in an unusual lawsuit against three Chicago suburbs, alleging that weak oversight of gun stores has allowed criminals to easily obtain weapons flowing into a metropolitan area besieged by gang violence.

The lawsuit accuses the communities of Lyons, Riverdale and Lincolnwood of violating the civil rights of residents in Chicago's largely African American neighborhoods by failing to take steps to make sure gun stores are not selling to people who should not be allowed to carry them.

"Those illegal firearms are flowing into a pocket of communities violating the civil rights of the individuals who reside there, who are afraid to go near their windows or let their children play in the park, much less their own yards," said Kathleen Sances, a member of the Coalition for Safe Chicago Communities, one of the plaintiffs in the lawsuit.

Five individuals — including two ministers and two mothers whose children were the victims of gun violence — joined the lawsuit that demands that the communities improve the oversight of the businesses and implement security measures the stores must implement.



Annette Nance-Holt, who lost her 16-year-old son, Blair, to gun-violence in 2007, speaks at a press conference in Chicago on Tuesday after lawyers for the Coalition for Safe Chicago Communities filed a lawsuit in Cook County suing three suburbs for not adequately monitoring gun stores they believe are the source of weapons that have filtered into the city. The Rev. Michael Pfleger, center rear, announced the lawsuits against the suburbs of Lincolnwood, Lyons and Riverdale. ***Associated Press***

Seven people were shot to death in Chicago during the three-day Fourth of July weekend, including 7-year-old Amari Brown, focusing national attention on the city's gun violence and statistics showing the number of homicides and shootings has again climbed.

One of the plaintiffs is Annette Nance-Holt, whose son Blair was killed in 2007 shielding a friend on a city bus after a gang member boarded and opened fire on a rival group.

"Our communities are being flooded with guns," she said. "We have to do something ... to take a stand to help get these guns off the street."

Attorney Michael Persoon said he knows of no other similar lawsuit in Illinois and does not know of anywhere else in the country where a lawsuit has been filed alleging that municipalities violated someone's civil rights by failing to adequately oversee the actions of local businesses.

A gun rights advocate agreed, though he called the lawsuit as a twist on a long-standing attack on gun owners.

"It's is just another harassment lawsuit," said Richard Pearson, the executive director of Illinois State Rifle Association. "They found the gun shops did nothing wrong so they are trying to put pressure on the communities to do something that will drive (the stores) out of business.

Though the city of Chicago is not a party in the lawsuit, Lyons Village President Christopher Getty said in a statement released by a public relations firm characterized the lawsuit as an effort by Chicago to "pass the blame onto outside communities and businesses for the crimes and short-comings in dealing with crimes" in the city. An official with Lincolnwood declined comment, and a call to Riverdale was not returned.

Though they sued the communities and not the stores themselves, members of the group pointed to a Chicago Police Department study that showed that between 2009 and 2013, 2,000 guns sold in the stores in Riverdale and Lyons were used in crimes.

But, they said that they can dramatically reduce the flow of illegal guns into their communities if the three suburbs are required to do such things as install surveillance cameras and train employees on how to stop straw purchasers who buy legally guns and provide them to criminals.

NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

INDIANA

Subway suspends ties with spokesman Fogle after raid at home

ZIONSVILLE — FBI agents and Indiana State Police raided the home of Subway restaurant spokesman Jared Fogle on Tuesday, removing electronics from the property and searching the house with a police dog, two months after the then-executive director of Fogle's foundation was arrested on child pornography charges.

FBI agent Wendy Osborne said the agency was conducting an investigation in Zionsville, an affluent Indianapolis suburb, but wouldn't say whether it involved Fogle or describe the nature of the investigation.

Subway said in a statement that it is "very concerned" about the raid, which it believes "is related to a prior investigation" of a former employee of the Jared Foundation, an organization founded by Fogle to raise awareness about childhood obesity. Subway did not immediately say whether that employee was former foundation executive director Russell Taylor.

The company had removed references to Fogle from its website by late afternoon and issued another statement, saying the two "have mutually agreed to suspend their relationship due to the current investigation."

"Jared continues to cooperate with authorities and he expects no actions to be forthcoming," the company said. "Both Jared and Subway agree that this was the appropriate step to take."

Federal prosecutors in May filed a criminal complaint charging Taylor, 43, with seven counts of production of child pornography and one count of possession of child pornography. Fogle issued a statement after the charges were filed saying he was shocked by the allegations and was severing all ties with Taylor.

The Indianapolis Star photographed Fogle stepping out of a police evidence van parked outside his home Tuesday morning, and he left the house just after noon with attorney Ron Elberger. Fogle declined to comment, but Elberger later released a statement saying his client is cooperating with authorities.

"Jared has been cooperating, and continues to cooperate, with law enforcement in their investigation of unspecified charges, and looks forward to its conclusion," Elberger said.

PHILADELPHIA

Cosby accusers claim vindication, friends reserve judgment

While many of Bill Cosby's accusers feel vindicated by his decade-old admission that he gave at least one woman quaaludes before sex, some of his Hollywood friends are reserving judgment, saying the testimony doesn't prove he committed a crime.

The testimony, unsealed Monday by a federal judge, reignited the furor that erupted last year, when dozens of women came forward to accuse the comedian of sexual assault over the past four decades. Many said Cosby drugged and raped them.

"I never thought I would be validated or vindicated in this," said Joan Tarshis, of Woodstock, New York, who accused Cosby of drugging and attacking her when she was breaking into comedy writing in 1969.

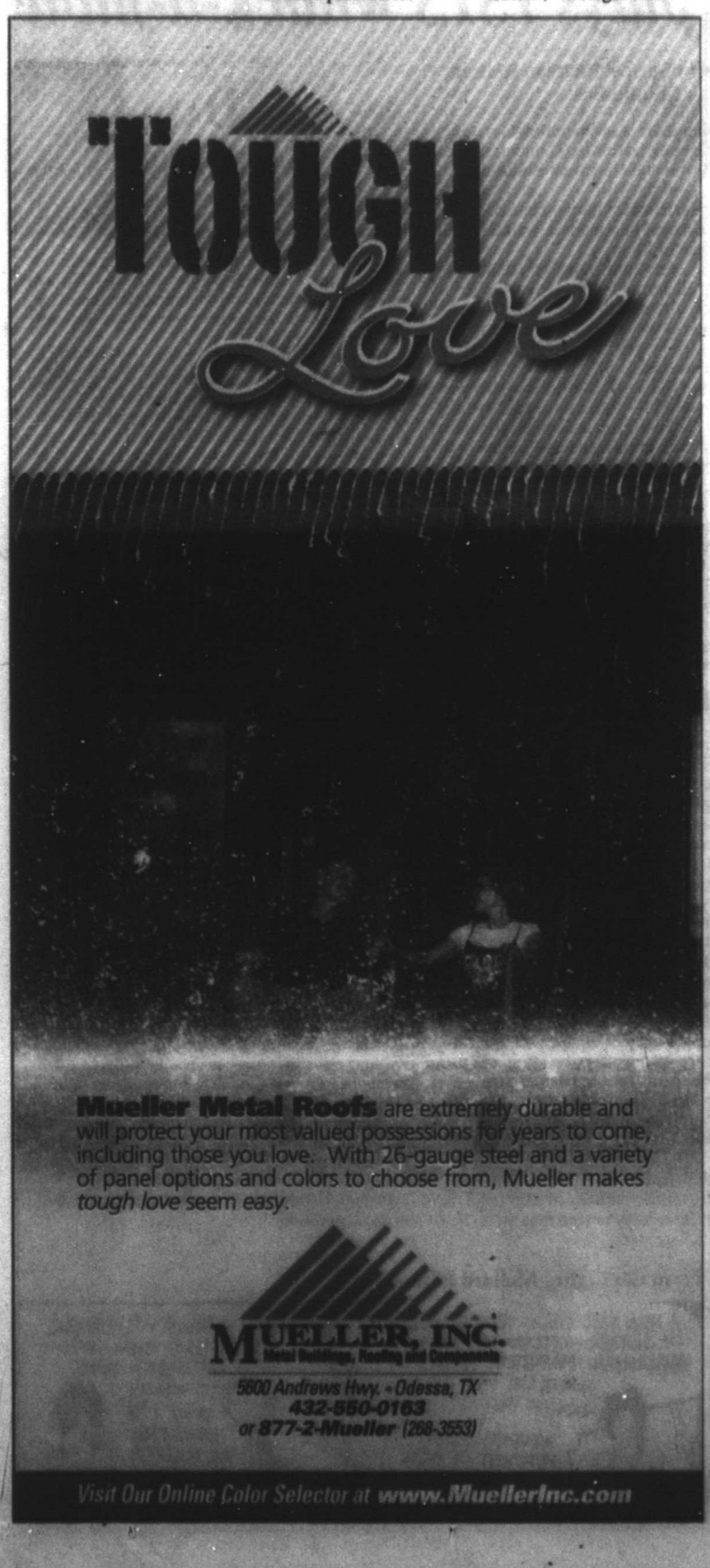
"I mean, it's turned my life around 180 because now all the people that haven't believed me or us have come out, most of them, and said, 'We were wrong.'"

The testimony came from a deposition in a 2005 sexual abuse lawsuit brought against Cosby by a former Temple University basketball team employee, Andrea Constand. The case was settled on confidential terms, but it was the first in a torrent of lawsuits that have shattered Cosby's good-guy image as wise and understanding Dr. Cliff Huxtable on "The Cosby Show" in the 1980s and '90s.

Questioned under oath, Cosby acknowledged giving quaaludes to a 19-year-old woman before they had sex in Las Vegas in 1976. And he admitted giving the powerful, now-banned sedative to unidentified others. His lawyer intervened before he could answer questions about how many women were given drugs and whether they knew it.

On ABC's "The View" on Tuesday, Whoopi Goldberg said she is reserving judgment on Cosby, reaffirming the stance she has held since the allegations against him resurfaced last winter.

"You are still innocent until proven guilty," Goldberg said. Cosby "has not been proven a rapist."



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Left should know Clarence Thomas is right

■ He gets what the Founders believed — we have innate rights that must be protected from government

RICH LOWRY

King Features Syndicate

Who knew that inherent rights are a political bombshell?

Justice Clarence Thomas set off a controversy in his dissent in the Supreme Court's gay-marriage decision by reciting core American beliefs about the innate dignity and rights of all persons, whatever their circumstances or the injustices done to them. He wrote that even people held in slavery, even people interned during World War II, retained their dignity because it is impossible to erase what is woven into our very nature.

What one would think is a stirring statement about our irreducible human quality occasioned outrage among the justice's critics. Slate considered the passage "brutal." MSNBC found it "jaw dropping." Salon called it "vile." But none could top the gay actor and activist George Takei — famous as Sulu in "Star Trek" — who fumed that Thomas had forfeited his status as a black man.

Seriously. In a TV interview, Takei called Thomas "a clown in blackface."

Amid a backlash over this insult, he doubled down: "I feel Justice Thomas has abdicated and abandoned his African-American heritage by claiming slavery did not strip dignity from human beings." Takei, the would-be racial arbiter, eventually apologized, although he still thinks Thomas is "deeply wrong."

That Takei's first instinct was to deny the blackness of Clarence Thomas tells us much about the rancid racial essentialism of the left, which can't get its head around minorities stepping out of ideological line.

That aside, the left's freakout is remarkable, since what Thomas wrote represents American Founding 101. Where did Thomas get this outlandish notion of rights and dignity that exist prior to government?

Maybe Thomas Jefferson? "We do not claim these," he wrote of our natural rights, "under the charters of kings or legislators, but under the King of kings." Or John Adams? He wrote of rights "antecedent to all earthly government," "that cannot be repealed or restrained by human laws," "derived from the great Legislator of the universe."

One wonders if anyone disturbed by the Thomas dissent glanced at the Declaration of Independence over the July Fourth weekend. It says, as Thomas notes, all men "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights." In case there's any misunderstanding, the good folks at Merriam-Webster define unalienable as "impossible to take away or give up."

This is a truth that abolitionists wielded against the institution of slavery. The foremost of them, Frederick Douglass, held it strongly. He declared once after suffering a rank act of discrimination: "They cannot degrade Frederick Douglass. The soul that is within me no man can degrade. I am not the one that is being degraded on account of this treatment, but those who are inflicting it upon me." (Quick — someone ask George Takei if Frederick Douglass was truly black.)

The reaction to the Thomas dissent is, in part, about the historical and philosophical illiteracy of his critics. But they also have a profoundly different worldview. The Founders believed we have innate rights that must be protected from government. As Thomas writes, "Our Constitution — like the Declaration of Independence before it — was predicated on a simple truth: One's liberty, not to mention one's dignity, was something to be shielded from — not provided by — the State."

This notion is anathema to a left that identifies the state with progress, and that defines freedom much more loosely (not to say nonsensically) as including what government gives us, in an ever-expanding palette of benefits.

Thomas is the one firmly grounded in the best of the American tradition, even if his clueless attackers don't get it. Some of them acted as if he is somehow ignorant of the nature of slavery, even though his forebears were slaves and he grew up in abject poverty in the Jim Crow South. Justice Thomas doesn't just understand more about the reality of racial discrimination than his critics, but more about America and its ideals.

They should keep reading his opinions. Maybe they will learn something.

OUR VIEW

Change is taking place quickly; does that make you nervous?

For many Midlanders, the Fourth of July had everything they wanted — a cookout, time with family and friends, plenty of fireworks and American domination on the soccer pitch.

We are talking about the U.S. team's victory over Japan to win the Women's World Cup. We are not sure what marketing genius decided to put the title game on July 4 weekend, but well done.

Some of you might be wondering what all the fuss was about. After all, it's baseball, not soccer, that's America's pastime, right?

Well, the women's World Cup championship game drew 26.7 million viewers to Fox and Telemundo, the largest U.S. television audience for a soccer game. Game 7 of last October's World Series between the Kansas City Royals and the San Francisco Giants attracted 2 million fewer viewers.

The average audience for Sunday's final was also better than every game in the recently concluded NBA Finals as well as the 2014 Sochi Olympic Winter Games.

The point isn't to say you must like soccer as a sport. It's not for everyone, and that's OK. The magical rating was likely the result of a perfect storm of:

■ a generation that benefited from Title IX (which brought needed opportunity to women's athletics in our schools);

■ a sport on the rise. More people are connected with soccer, especially the higher caliber of men's soccer seen in Europe and on the international stage;

■ playing on July fourth weekend. Don't discount patriotism and the fact that there wasn't much competition on TV with a high profile athletic event.

The result was more views, but in this case viewership does indicate things change. What's an unknown one day can become mainstream the next. We see that in our sports and in life.

Last month brought change upon our country as a Supreme Court decision made same-sex marriage a reality across the nation.

A Supreme Court decision also solidified a government-run health care system that could be reformed but probably not totally repealed. Once these type of government programs are in place, they don't go away.

We are in the midst of another piece of social history as South Carolina takes steps to remove the Confederate Flag from its statehouse grounds.

In each case, a person doesn't have to like it or totally understand it, but it is the new reality — the law of the land. And like a women's soccer match getting a television rating higher than most professional men's sports, it can feel like it came out of nowhere.

We imagine with every generation there are those times where evolution takes them by surprise. If only we could turn back the clock and tell Elvis to stop swinging his hips while singing, but we can't. And no matter how much we want to stop government from involving itself in our lives through social security and other entitlements that have become part of the fabric of a more socialistic society, we know that isn't possible.

If there's a message to take from the last couple of weeks, it is that America has seen that the future and the success of those in business and politics depends on one's ability to adapt and move forward. The next 16 months or so will determine a great deal about the future in Midland and in our country. Events we can't even contemplate today could bring change we never saw coming. So how does our community we react? How does our country react? How do our leaders react? Are you nervous about the answer?

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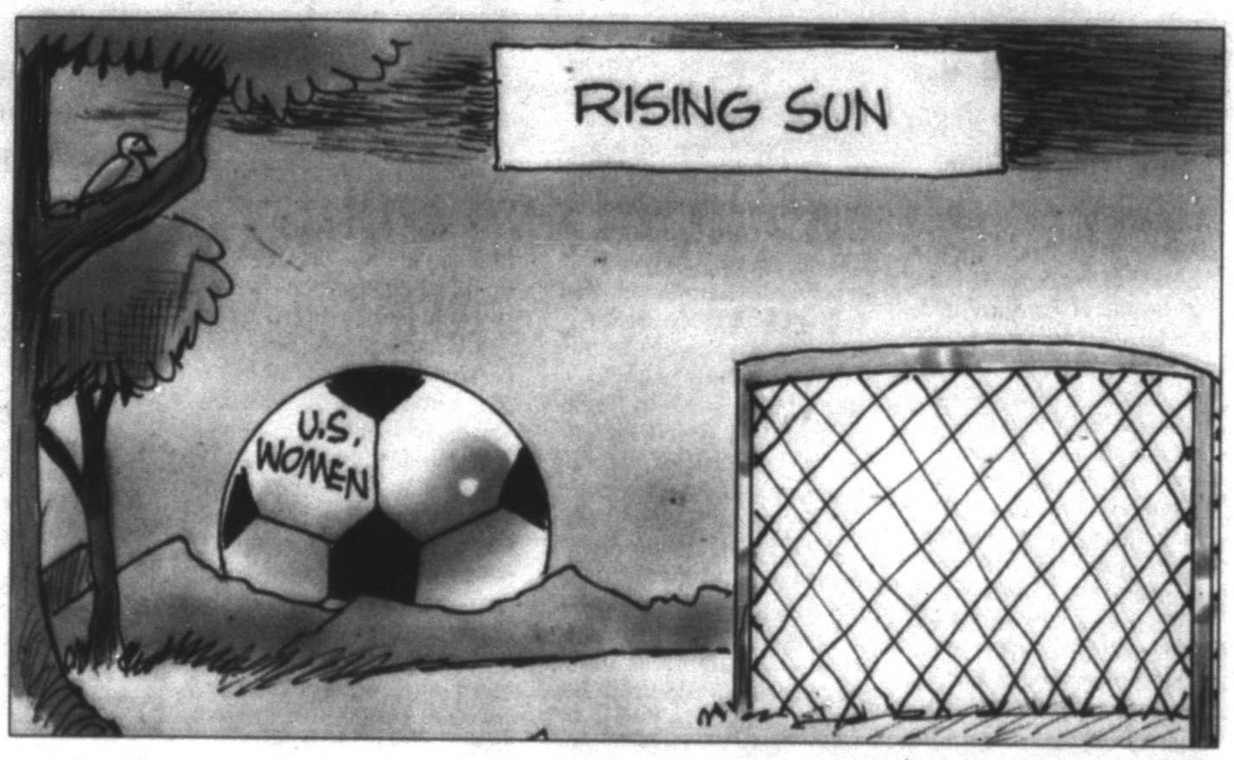

U.S. plays ISIS whack-a-mole

■ We see little of a specific plan to fight terrorists in the Middle East

DANA MILBANK

Washington Post Writers Group

In the beginning there was Operation Overlord. Then came Operation Rolling Thunder, Operation Desert Storm and Operation Enduring Freedom.

Now the fight against the Islamic State has introduced a new concept into modern warfare. Call it Operation Whack-a-Mole.

"If we try to do everything ourselves all across the Middle East, all across North Africa, we'll be playing whack-a-mole," the president said Monday afternoon at the end of a Pentagon news conference at which he gave an overview of developments in Syria and Iraq.

Obama had used the phrase before, but this was shock-and-awe-worthy — the commander in chief, in a rare visit to Defense Department headquarters, standing onstage with grim-faced and medal-festooned generals and likening war strategy to ... an arcade game.

As a military matter, what Obama said was true: The United States can't possibly fight terrorists by swinging a mallet at them wherever they show their heads. And yet that has, essentially, been the U.S. strategy in Syria and Iraq — fighting Islamic State militants with 5,000 targeted airstrikes but doing very little to solve the overall threat. Technically, the Islamic State fight is called Operation Inherent Resolve — but Whack-a-Mole gets closer to reality.

Obama did little to punish the Syrian regime when it crossed his "red line" and used chemical weapons. He made things worse for himself last month when, after a meeting in Europe with world leaders, he admitted that "we don't yet have a complete strategy" to defeat the Islamic State. In fairness, Obama was talking specifically about the lack of commitments from the Iraqi army, but the nuance was lost, particularly because he had already confided nine months earlier that "we don't have a strategy yet" for the Islamic State.

When the White House put out word that the president would make a rare visit to the Pentagon, press secretary Josh Earnest was quick to tamp down expectations of a grand new strategy.

"I would not anticipate any major announcements out of this meeting," he said.

Obama, in the Pentagon briefing room after his session with the top brass, offered a bit of a pep talk, using another name for the Islamic State: "ISIL lost at the Mosul Dam. ISIL lost at Mount Sinjar. ISIL has lost repeatedly across Kirkuk province. ISIL lost at Tikrit. ... ISIL lost at Kobani."

Whack, whack, whack.

Obama did provide the outlines of a comprehensive strategy. He acknowledged that there can be no solution without a new government in Syria, minus President Bashar al-Assad. He spoke of more support for anti-Islamic State forces. He spoke about the group's threat metastasizing beyond the region.

But he said little about what he'll do specifically. Re-engage with Russia, Saudi Arabia, Turkey and others to negotiate a solution to the Syrian civil war? Boost the Southern Front of the Free Syrian Army? Establish safe zones in Syria along its borders with Jordan and Turkey?

Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John McCain fired off a statement saying that Obama's comments "reveal the disturbing degree of self-delusion that characterizes the administration's campaign against ISIL" and that "none of the so-called progress that the president cited suggests that we are on a path to success."

Perhaps, but Obama deserves credit for talking about the necessary elements of a strategy and for ignoring extreme voices on the left that would have him retreat.

"What should we do if the Islamic State wins? Live with it," was the headline atop Harvard professor Stephen Walt's piece in Foreign Policy last month.

Walt argued that the attraction of jihadists to join the Islamic State "may even be a net gain" because they would be "isolated and contained in one spot instead of stirring up trouble at home."

He suggested a policy of containment, trying to limit the Islamic State's funds and the spread of its message while "patiently waiting for its excesses to undermine it within."

Lebanese journalist Kim Ghattas, a friend who is a Washington correspondent for the BBC, had a rejoinder to such naivete with her own piece in Foreign Policy this past week.

"If you're hoping that over time the Islamic State will mellow and become an acceptable member of the system of nations, think again," she wrote, noting that experiences with extreme movements in Iran, Pakistan and Afghanistan argue otherwise.

The sports-minded Obama spoke Monday of the danger of small-cell terrorist attacks inspired by the Islamic State: "We're going to have to pick up our game to prevent these attacks."

Game on. But let's stop playing whack-a-mole in Syria and Iraq.

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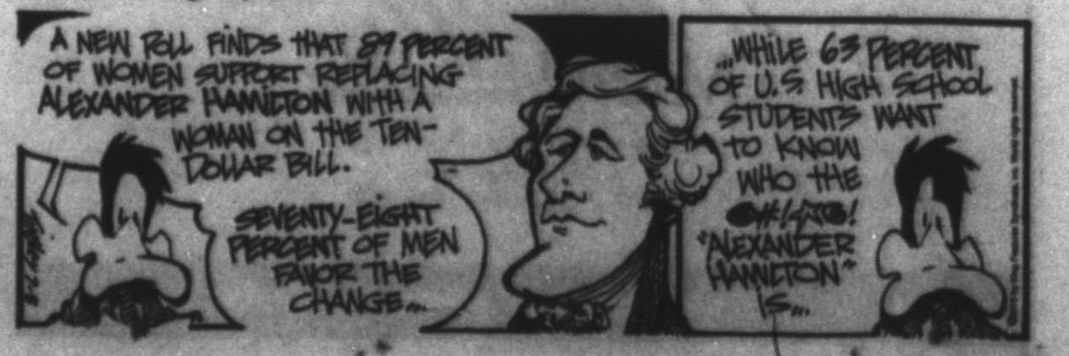


Obama hosts Vietnam Communist Party chief at White House

By Jim Kuhnhenn
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bolstered by new trade negotiating powers from Congress, President Barack Obama held an unprecedented meeting Tuesday with the head of Vietnam's Communist Party as the U.S. pressed ahead to conclude talks on a groundbreaking Asia-Pacific economic pact.

Twenty years after normalizing diplomatic ties with its one-time foe, Obama sat down at the White House with Nguyen Phu Trong in hopes of drawing closer to a trade deal and strengthening a relationship that U.S. officials see as a linchpin in Obama's Asia policy. As a front-line country nervous about Chinese expansionism in the South China Sea, Vietnam would also welcome the U.S. taking a tough line against Beijing.

The proposed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade deal, which would drop economic barriers along a 12-nation swath from Chile all the way around the Pacific to Australia, is a central element of Obama's efforts to boost U.S. influence in Asia and to serve as an economic counterweight to China.

Following his meeting with Trong, Obama cast the trade deal as an opportunity to raise labor and environmental standards and said it "could potentially create significant job growth and prosperity for both the Vietnamese and the American people."

President Barack Obama meets with Vietnamese Communist party secretary general Nguyen Phu Trong in the Oval Office of the White House on Tuesday in Washington. Trong is the de facto leader of Vietnam despite holding no official government post, and is visiting Washington to boost ties 20 years after the U.S. and Vietnam normalized relations following the Vietnam War. *Associated Press*

Trong, the de facto leader of Vietnam despite holding no official government post, was less effusive, saying both men discussed their differences and the way forward on trade talks and on other issues "in a constructive and candid manner."

The meeting came in the aftermath of Obama's successful legislative fight in Congress for fast-track negotiating authority, which cleared the way for the Obama administration to deal with the most difficult remaining aspects of the negotiations.

Sticking points with Vietnam center on lower tariffs and on reducing the role of state-owned businesses that can cause trade distortions.

"It's down to a few very sensitive issues," said Myron Brilliant, the head of international affairs at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, which was hosting Trong at a dinner. "The sense I got from our negotiators is that Vietnam came prepared to be quite constructive in their engagement here in Washington."

In remarks following their meeting, Obama said that despite differences over "political philosophy," the two countries are also deepening cooperation on health, climate and other issues.

Even as Obama and Trong emphasized areas of cooperation, the U.S. president said they spoke candidly about human rights and religious freedom in Vietnam.

Demonstrators protested outside the White House demanding an end to human rights violations. And a bipartisan group of nine lawmakers urged Obama to call on Trong to release a number of detainees. A letter organized by Republican Rep. Chris Smith, chairman of a House human rights subcommittee, said the U.S. must send "a clear message to the Hanoi authorities that respect for human rights is essential for a closer economic and security relationship."

Trong said he extended an invitation for Obama to visit Vietnam and the president had accepted. While Obama noted the invitation, he made no specific commitments to travel to Vietnam during his presidency.

Presidents Bill Clinton and George W. Bush both visited Vietnam.

Both leaders made reference to the war that defined the generation of the 1960s and 1970s and noted the transformation in the relationship since diplomatic ties were established in July 1995.

"What we've seen is the emergence of a constructive relationship that is based on mutual respect, and that has benefitted the peoples of both countries," Obama said.

Following the White House meeting, Vice President Joe Biden hosted Trong for a lunch at the State Department.

Obama is the first post-Vietnam War president who didn't come of age during that searing conflict. But Obama has often made the case that the war had a lingering effect on the nation that still affects public sentiment toward government and politicians.

Obama chimes in on pop culture, 140 characters at a time

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — After dipping his toe in the online world of Twitter years ago, President Barack Obama is now jumping in head-first, popping off tweets at all hours of the day about pop culture, sports and even Supreme Court rulings.

Although the White House has used Twitter throughout Obama's presidency, until recently it's been a highly scripted endeavor, with press aides composing and releasing tweets about Obama's agenda at strategic times. Only occasionally would Obama post to Twitter himself, identifying a bona fide presidential tweet by appending his initials.

Now Obama is composing his own tweets almost daily, weighing in on issues of the day from any location, without the filter of his press office. He's been tweeting with increased frequency since inaugurating his personal twitter account, @POTUS, earlier this summer.

"Hello, Twitter! It's Barack. Really!" Obama wrote in May. "Six years in, they're finally giving me my own account."

So how, exactly, does a president tweet? Obama, who has been known to use an iPad and a Blackberry, can send tweets from a variety of secure devices, according to the White House. Obama gives his team a heads up before he tweets, and his staff says he sometimes agrees to tweet about topics his aides suggest.

In the six weeks since Obama kicked off the account, he's already amassed more than 3 million followers. He follows only 66 Twitter users — mostly sports teams, federal agencies and top government officials. He briefly set a record for attracting a million followers faster than any other Twitter user. But Obama's record was quickly broken by Caitlyn Jenner.

Josh Earnest, the White House press secretary, said Obama was enthusiastic about having the chance to use venues like Twitter to communicate with people. "He's really taken to the idea," Earnest said.

A look at some of Obama's recent tweets:

Gay marriage

Obama's first reaction to the Supreme Court's historic ruling legalizing gay marriage nationwide came not in a press release or a Rose Garden appearance but through his Twitter account.

"Today is a big step in our march toward equality," Obama tweeted on June 26. "Gay and lesbian couples now have the right to marry, just like anyone else."

Holy guacamole

When an enthusiastic debate broke out on Twitter this month about including peas in guacamole, Obama took to Twitter to say he had no appetite for the added ingredient. He responded to the pea-laden recipe in The New York Times during a "Twitter town hall" — a medium the White House has been trying out in which the president takes questions from Americans directly on Twitter.

"Respect the NYT, but not buying peas in guac," the president wrote, offering his personal recipe: "Onions, garlic, hot peppers. Classic."

Bring in the band

After Obama tweeted that he'd spent his morning listening to the new album from The Black Keys, the rock band tweeted back asking if they could use Air Force One for their upcoming gigs. A few hours later — at 8 p.m. on a weeknight — Obama tweeted his response to the band: "It's not mine; just a loaner. Maybe you can come play at the White House sometime instead?"

No word on whether the group will be rocking out at 1600 Pennsylvania Ave.

No. 1 fan

Obama congratulated the American soccer team and midfielder Carli Lloyd for their victory Sunday night in the Women's World Cup.

"What a win for Team USA!" Obama wrote, adding: "Your country is so proud of all of you. Come visit the White House with the World Cup soon."

Senate, House look to update Bush-era education law

By Jennifer C. Kerr
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Congress is making another run at rewriting the Bush-era No Child Left Behind education law, even as the Obama administration urges changes it says would ensure that schools are held accountable when their students are seriously lagging behind their peers in better-performing schools.

The Senate opened debate Tuesday on an update to the 2002 law, with the bill's main sponsor, Sen. Lamar Alexander, R-Tenn., calling it "the most effective path toward higher standards, better teaching and real accountability."

The annual reading and math tests outlined in No Child would continue to be a part of the law. But the so-called "Every Child Achieves Act" whittles away at the federal role in education policy and instead shifts to the states decisions about how to use the required reading and math assessments to measure school and teacher performance.

The bill also would expressly prohibit the federal government from requiring or encouraging any specific set of academic standards — a reference to the Common Core standards, which were drafted by the states with the support of the administration but have become a rallying point for those who want a smaller federal role in education.

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the senior Democrat on the Senate Committee on Health, Education, Labor and Pensions, partnered with Alexander in crafting a bipartisan bill. It cleared the panel in April with a unanimous vote, with support from conservatives like Rand Paul, R-Ky., and liberals like Elizabeth Warren, D-Mass.

Murray said she would like stronger measures in the bill that would require states to identify their lowest-performing schools and require those schools to have plans for improvement.

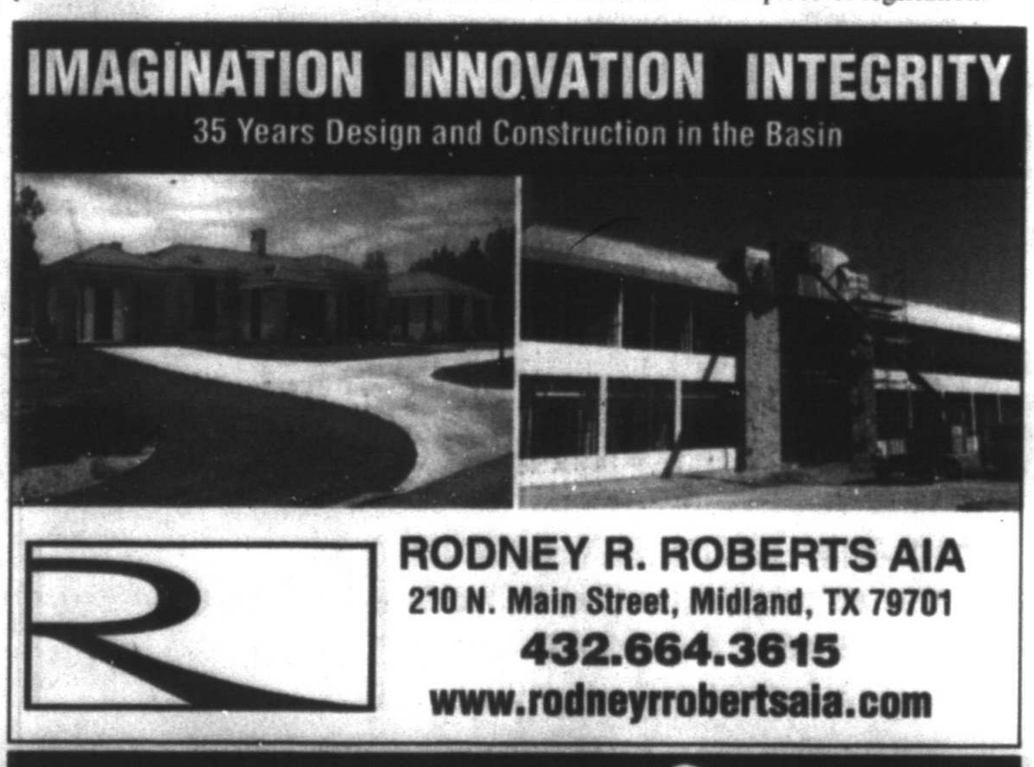
"When we don't hold our schools and states accountable for educating every child, it is the kids from our low-income backgrounds, kids with disabilities, kids who are learning English and kids of color who too often do fall through the cracks," Murray said.

As the Senate began its debate, the White House issued a statement Tuesday strongly urging additional revisions on school accountability. "Parents, families and communities deserve to know that when children fall behind, their schools will take action to improve," it said.

The Obama administration also asked for a cap on the amount of time spent annually on standardized testing and a requirement of parental notification when testing is consuming too much classroom learning time.

Republicans, meanwhile, are expected to use the floor debate to pressure members to further reduce federal oversight and to strengthen the state role.

Alexander previewed the unfolding debate, which could continue into next week, saying it will be contentious at times because "this isn't an issue-free piece of legislation."



Nuke deal remains elusive after deadline, but talks continue

By Matthew Lee and Bradley Klapper
Associated Press

VIENNA — Negotiators at the Iran nuclear talks pushed past their second deadline in a week on Tuesday, raising new questions about the ability of world powers to cut off all Iranian pathways to a bomb through diplomacy. The discussions, already in their 12th day, were prolonged until possibly Friday.

"We knew it would have been difficult, challenging and sometimes hard," said Federica Mogherini, the European Union's foreign policy chief. She said the negotiations would continue despite hitting some "tense" moments, and the U.S. State Department declared the current interim nuclear arrangement with Iran extended through July 10.

As the latest target date arrived for a deal that would set a decade of restrictions on Iran's nuclear program, U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif and other top diplomats huddled in Vienna in search of a breakthrough.

All had spoken of deep differences remaining, and there was no public indication they had resolved disputes ranging from inspection rules on suspicious Iranian sites to limits on Tehran's research and development of advanced nuclear technology.

"The last, difficult, political issues, we have to solve," Mogherini said.

In Washington, White House spokesman Josh Earnest said the parties "have never been closer to reaching a final agreement than we are now" but significant differences remain.

"That's an indication that these talks, at least for now, are worth continuing," he said.

A senior U.S. official in Vienna confirmed that one more clear difference had resurfaced, saying the U.S. would oppose Iran's demand that the nuclear agreement also include the lifting of the U.N. arms embargo on the country. The official said the U.S. is insisting that any new U.N. Security Council resolution pertaining to Iran retain an arms ban and ballistic missile restrictions.

As he left the talks for an economic summit at home, Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov said fewer than 10 major differences were still to be ironed out, including access to Iranian sites for international monitors. He said questions related to the easing of sanctions on Iran had been decided, Russian news agency RIA Novosti reported. Lavrov said he could return to the talks later in the week.

Diplomats had extended their discussions by a week when they missed their goal of a pact by June 30, after passing previous deadlines in July 2014 and last November. For Kerry and his team, pressure is increasing from skeptical U.S. allies and members of Congress. If the accord isn't sent to Congress by Thursday, its monthlong review period would be doubled to 60 days, meaning the Obama administration couldn't lift any economic sanctions on Iran during that time.

In Tehran on Tuesday, Iran's Atomic Energy Organization declared it had reached a "general understanding" in parallel talks with the U.N. nuclear agency on "joint cooperation." The Iranians have made similar claims previously, and it was unclear if any process was established for the International Atomic Energy Agency's long-stymied investigation of past nuclear weapons work by Iran — a demand of Washington and its international partners in the negotiations.

Kerry met early Tuesday in a baroque, 19th-century palace with the foreign ministers of Britain, China, France, Germany and Russia and then briefly with Zarif. Russia's Lavrov and China's Wang Yi left on Tuesday, and the EU's Mogherini said other ministers were likely to depart and return.

"We are taking these negotiations day to day to see if we can conclude a comprehensive agreement," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf said in a statement, adding that Kerry would remain in Vienna.

The U.S. is in a tough spot. President Barack Obama has expended significant political capital on finalizing an agreement that has prompted suspicion from Iran's regional rival, Saudi Arabia, outright hostility from America's closest Mideast ally, Israel, and deep ambivalence even among congressional Democrats.

The No. 2 Democrat in the U.S. House, Rep. Steny Hoyer, told reporters Tuesday the talks "ought to be brought to a close."

"My concern has been that there would be a rope-a-dope sort of performance by Iran, that they'll just string out these negotiations," he said.

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu was more strident.

"The agreement of concessions that Iran is set to get from the world powers paves the way for it to arm itself with nuclear weaponry and to distribute it even more through the missiles it continues to develop," he said. "How can you even trust a country that violates time and again the decisions of the international community?"

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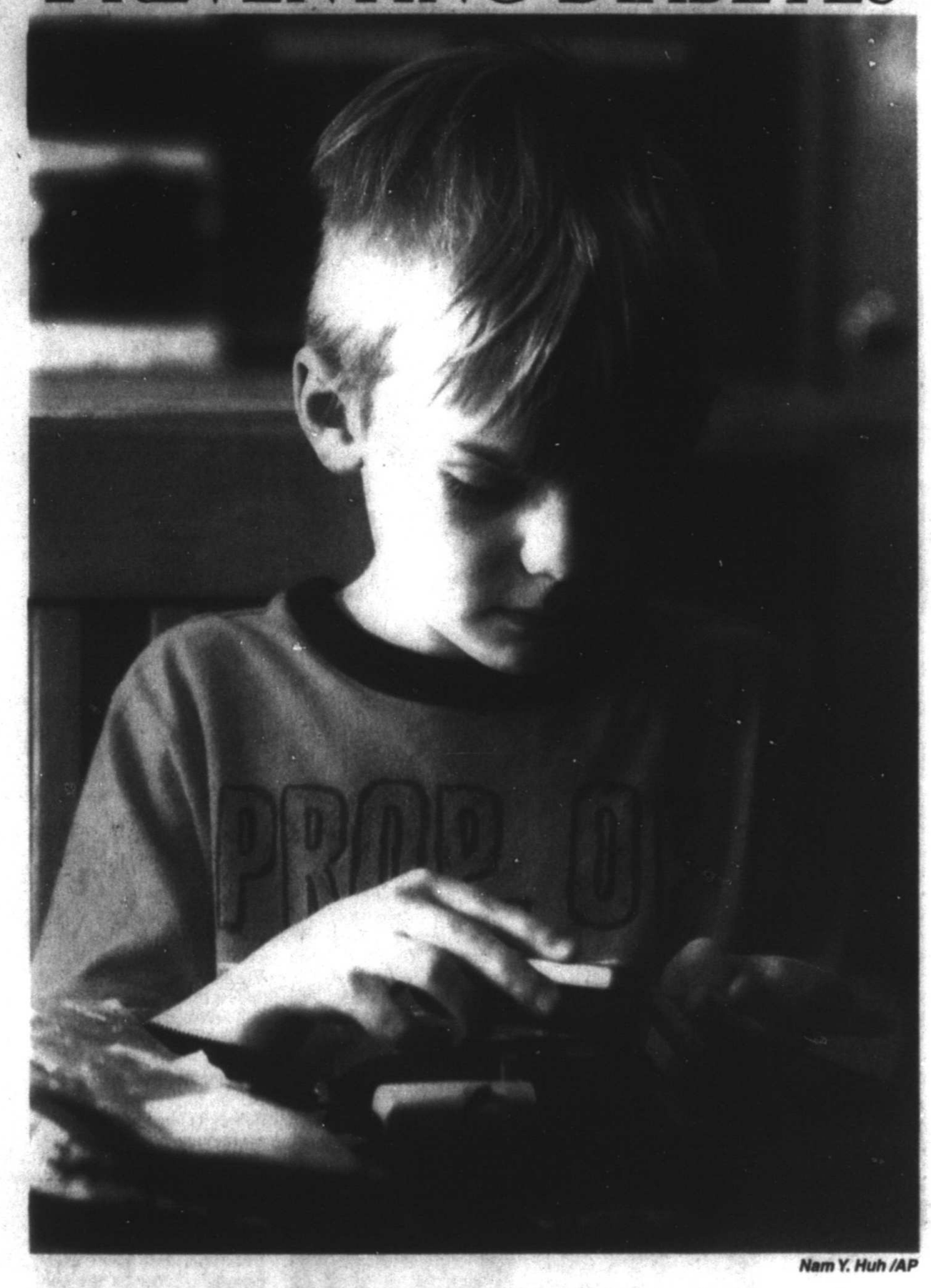

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In this photo taken May 13, Weston Murphy, 5, who has Type 1 diabetes, pricks his finger to test his blood at his home in Plainfield, Ill. His oldest brother is among more than 400 children and adults participating in U.S. government-funded international research investigating whether experimental insulin capsules can prevent or at least delay Type 1 diabetes.

Could insulin pills prevent diabetes? Big study seeks answer

By Lindsey Tanner
Associated Press

CHICAGO — For nearly a century, insulin has been a life-saving diabetes treatment. Now scientists are testing a tantalizing question: What if pills containing the same medicine patients inject every day could also prevent the disease?

Thirteen-year-old Hayden Murphy of Plainfield, Illinois, is helping researchers determine if the strategy works for Type 1 diabetes, the kind that is usually diagnosed in childhood. If it does, he might be able to avoid the lifetime burdens facing his 5-year-old brother, Weston. They include countless finger pricks and blood sugar checks, and avoiding playing too hard or eating too little, which both can cause dangerous blood sugar fluctuations.

Hayden Murphy is among more than 400 children and adults participating in U.S. government-funded international research investigating whether experimental insulin capsules can prevent or at least delay Type 1 diabetes. Hospitals in the United States and eight other countries are involved and recruitment is ongoing. To enroll, participants must first get bad news: results of a blood test showing their chances for developing the disease are high.

"When I got the news, I was devastated," Hayden said. He knows it means his life could change in an instant.

"He has the daily reminders. He sees what his brother goes through," said the boys' mom, Myra Murphy.

So now Hayden Murphy swallows a small white capsule daily and has his blood checked periodically for signs of diabetes.

"I hope it doesn't come to me, and I really didn't want it to come to him," Hayden said.

A small, preliminary study by different researchers, published recently in the Journal of the American Medical Association, suggested the approach might work. Children who took insulin pills showed immune system changes that the researchers said might help prevent diabetes. The study was too small and didn't last long enough to know for sure.

The ongoing larger study is more rigorous, randomly assigning participants to get experimental insulin capsules or dummy pills, and should provide a clearer answer.

"Does it prevent indefinitely? Does it slow it down, does it delay diabetes? That also would be a pretty big win," said Dr. Louis Philipson, a University of Chicago diabetes specialist involved in the study.

About 1.25 million Americans

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Report: Number of US heroin users rose 300,000 over a decade

By Mike Stobbe
Associated Press

NEW YORK — The number of U.S. heroin users has grown by nearly 300,000 over a decade, with the bulk of the increase among whites, according to a new government report.

Experts think the increase was driven by people switching from opioid painkillers to cheaper heroin.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention released the report Tuesday. It's based on annual face-to-face surveys of about 67,000 Americans — the government's main source of data on use of illegal drugs.

In recent surveys, nearly 3 in every 1,000 Americans said they used heroin in the previous year. That's up from under 2 per 1,000 about a decade ago, a 62 percent increase, which translates to hundreds of thousands more people, government researchers said.

The findings mirror trends seen in earlier reports, which noted marked increases in heroin use in people who are white and living outside of major cities, said Katherine Keyes, a Columbia University epidemiologist who researches drug abuse issues.

But the new report offers some additional details about people using heroin, government scientists said.

While heroin use more than doubled among whites, it seemed to level off in other racial and ethnic groups, the report found.

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As people with HIV live longer, aging presents more challenges

By Lolly Bowean
Chicago Tribune

CHICAGO — It's been 30 years since Greg Sanchez was diagnosed with HIV, the human immunodeficiency virus that causes AIDS, and he keeps his more than two dozen bottles of pills and other medications on his wooden nightstand so he can get to them easily.

But he takes only a single pill for HIV. The rest of his prescriptions, a crowd of white-topped orange plastic bottles, are to treat the many ailments and conditions that he said are a result of aging with the virus, along with years of taking the sometimes toxic medications to treat it.

At 50, Sanchez has coronary artery disease, fibromyalgia and arthritis, among other illnesses. He suffers chronic pain in his knees and back and walks with a cane because of vertigo and neuropathy. Advancing bone disease has left him in need of hip surgery.

"I'm grateful to still be alive, but my body is probably about 20 years older than I actually am," said Sanchez, who lives in an apartment in Chicago's Rogers Park neighborhood filled with plants and photographs of loved ones. "I'm going to the doctors constantly. Sometimes it's hard to put my finger on if it is the HIV, or if it's just getting older.

"Sometimes I feel like an old man."

In the decades since HIV emerged, it has evolved from a diagnosis with an almost certain death sentence to a chronic illness, one that medical advances have made manageable and less urgent. Now, those diagnosed while relatively young have lived into middle age and even longer with the disease. In some cases, they have lived with HIV for more than a quarter-century.

As these long-term survivors get older, though, some are finding their bodies wearing out, their internal organs battered by potent and sometimes toxic medications, the devastatingly

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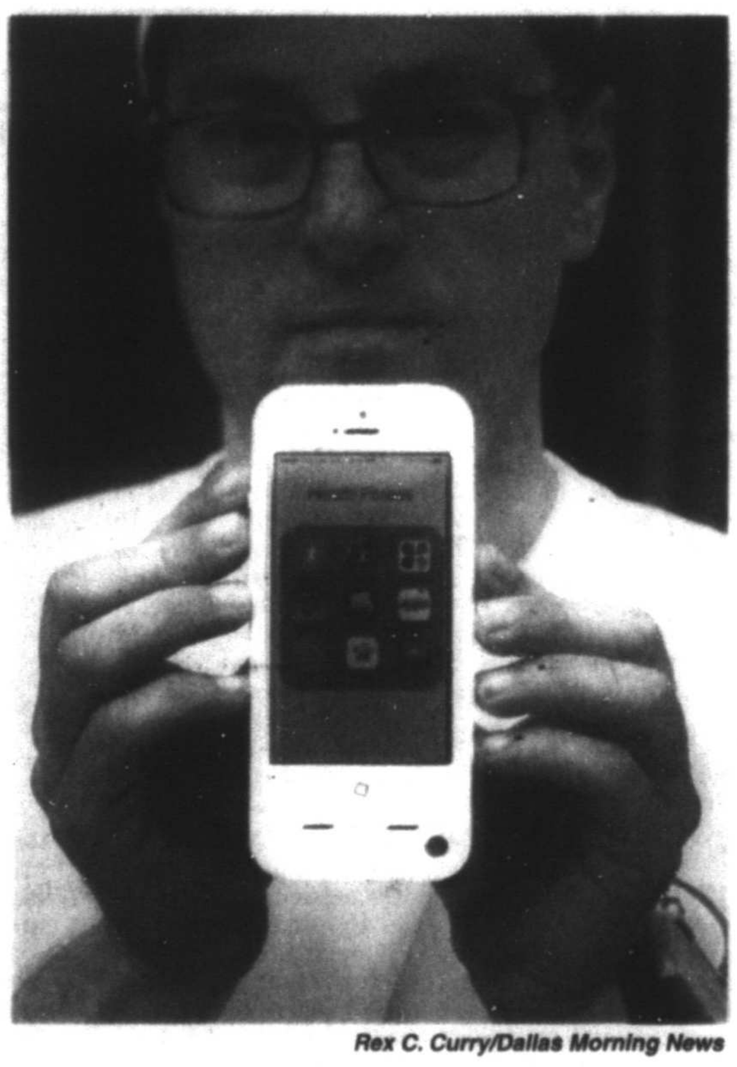

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Dan Gray regulary uses nine apps on his smartphone to monitor his health.

Which fitness app should you use? Readers weigh in

By Leslie Barker
Dallas Morning News

There was once a time — really, truly and not all that long ago — when people merely exercised. They didn't wear watches. They didn't wear heart-rate monitors. They didn't record every move. Phones were for conversations and tended to stay attached to a wall at home.

If you exercise these days, though, chances are pretty good you track it in some way. And a main way is through apps: The website digitaltrends.com estimates that 100,000 are dedicated to health and fitness and that globally the market is worth about $4 billion.

Lists abound about which apps are most popular, or best for monitoring calorie intake and exercise output; which are easy to understand, and which take more time to calculate than you may exercise in a week.

But those are just lists. What do real people get from their app-focused health routines? We found some aficionados, and asked them to explain how they found an approach that clicked with them.

'I LIKE HAVING INFORMATION.'

Name: Stan Eigenbrodt, 49
Number of apps used: At

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Antonio Perez/Chicago Tribune

Greg Sanchez, who has been living with HIV for 30 years, displays his many medications stored in the bedroom of his Chicago home June 3. Only one pill is for HIV; the rest are for conditions brought on by aging with the virus and years of taking medications to treat it, he said.

HIV

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permanent conditions that come with aging leaving their mark a lot faster.

Statistics suggest that more and more HIV and AIDS patients will experience aging that way, and that the urgency over the disease's killing prowess will give way to how it slowly takes a different toll on its patients. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 26 percent of the estimated 1.2 million people living with HIV in 2011 were 55 or older. In 2013, 27 percent of the estimated 26,688 new AIDS diagnoses were in people 50 and older.

Those demographic changes are forcing a new conversation among health care professionals about how patients manage HIV and the other illnesses that come with growing older. Indeed, this is the first group to live so long with the virus, offering a first glimpse of what it is like to grow old with the disease, as well as a first test for doctors for how to treat it.

Some in that group are men like Sanchez, who was diagnosed in 1985, when the condition was far more deadly. The rest may have contracted the disease later in life. Either way, the inflammation HIV causes makes the body work harder and show symptoms of aging faster.

Few studies have examined age-related health problems among HIV patients and how to slow what looks like an accelerated aging process. One study at the University of California, Los Angeles suggested that HIV-positive blood samples showed signs of aging 14 years faster than the blood of healthy individuals. But researchers examining those samples still have more work to do to determine why, said Tammy Rickabaugh, an assistant researcher with the project at the school's AIDS Institute and Center for AIDS Research.

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Roy Ferguson, 63, who has lived with HIV for 18 years, is pictured at his Brookfield, Ill., home on June 11.

"We definitely see from studies that HIV-infected people tend to have clinical conditions earlier: frailty, diabetes, high blood pressure," she said. "What's difficult to tease out is how much of that is because of the virus and how much of that is from drug treatment. We know the drugs have some effects."

At the Howard Brown Health Center, on Chicago's North Side, doctors and other health care providers have begun counseling young HIV patients on heart disease, diabetes, kidney and liver disease and cancers and are testing them for those conditions earlier. They advise them that if they overcome HIV, other issues are likely to arise, said Dr. Magda Houlberg, a chief clinical officer, internal medicine physician and geriatric expert at Howard Brown.

"Some patients are exhausted because they have experienced chronic illness for so long and now they are growing old," Houlberg said. "They think, 'Wow, this doesn't go away. I have all these other new things and I can only expect more things to come.'"

Roy Ferguson, 63, has lived with HIV for 18 years.

Three times, he was near death with pneumonia. In 2011, he went to the Hines VA Hospital thinking he would die, he said. Instead, he made it through the crisis.

"Then it became clear that I was going to live, not die," he said. "I thought, 'Now what do I do with myself?' "

Ferguson worked for years as a field service technician installing equipment until he was downsized. He has emerged as an activist pushing for better access to medication and research for people infected with HIV. These days, he sticks with a disciplined two-hour workout regimen of pushups, squats and bench presses and can be obsessive about his diet. To keep an upbeat disposition, he works with HIV-positive military veterans and volunteers with the AIDS Foundation of Chicago.

Unlike Sanchez, he takes only five pills a day, three of them to manage HIV.

"It helps to think of the benefits of aging, instead of giving in to fear," he said. "Now I'm prepared to live."

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But it grew among different income levels, in different parts of the country. And the rate of heroin use doubled in women — a more dramatic rise than what was seen in men.

For years, officials have focused their worry on misuse of prescription opioid painkillers like Vicodin and OxyContin. Experts said recent restrictions on prescribing such painkillers may be reducing illicit supplies of them at a time when the heroin supply has been increasing.

Heroin has become a popular alternative. It is essentially the same chemical as that in the prescription painkillers, but it costs roughly five times less on the street, said CDC Director Dr. Tom Frieden.

"An increasing number of people are primed for heroin use because they were addicted to an opioid painkiller," Frieden said.

The new report found that people who abused opioid painkillers were 40 times more likely to abuse heroin.

The heroin death rate quadrupled over a decade, reaching nearly 8,300 in 2013, with most of the fatal overdoses involving other drugs at the same time — most often cocaine.

Deaths involving opioid painkillers have been leveling off but continue to be more common than heroin-related deaths, government statistics showed.

Rustic icon behind Burt's Bees dies at 80

Los Angeles Times

In 1984, Burt Shavitz was a reclusive beekeeper selling honey from the back of his truck when his life took an unexpected turn.

Shavitz

He picked up a hitchhiker on a Maine roadside who became his partner in romance and business. Together they turned beeswax into a brand of lip balm, soaps, lotions and other personal care products that would one day gain international appeal with its back-to-nature ethos.

Shavitz, whose bearded visage and rustic lifestyle became key to the unlikely success of natural beauty care giant Burt's Bees, died Sunday in Bangor, Maine, of respiratory complications, a company spokeswoman said. He was 80.

The subject of a 2013 documentary called "Burt's Buzz," Shavitz had worked as a photojournalist in New York City before giving up big city life for a simpler existence. His chance meeting with Roxanne Quimby, a divorced mother of two thumbing for a ride in rural Maine in 1984, led to a partnership that flourished until the late 1990s, when she bought him out for $130,000.

The company was later sold to Clorox for $900 million.

Shavitz claimed to care little about material success. He lived in a converted turkey coop with no electricity or indoor plumbing and preferred the company of his several dogs to people. "No one has ever accused me of being ambitious," he said in the film directed by Jody Shapiro.

His quirkiness was acknowledged in the official company statement on his death.

"We will remember him as a wild-bearded and free-spirited Maine man, a beekeeper, a wisecracker, a lover of golden retrievers, a reverent observer of nature and the kind face that smiles back at us from our Hand Salve," the company said.

Obituaries

John Joseph Ingram

Monday, July 6, 2015, our beloved husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather peaceably passed from this life into the church triumphant surrounded by his family.

John was born in Paris, Texas on January 16, 1933 as the only son of William Clem Lawrence and Evelyn Bridges. He graduated from Central Catholic High School in San Antonio and went on to attend St. Mary's University. A lifelong Catholic, John was lay representative to the Third World Conference of Lay Apostolate representing immigration concerns. He was past president of the Diocesan Council of Catholic Men. John served as lay advisor to Bishop Humberto Medeiros. Under Bishop Joseph Fiorenza, John worked tirelessly to establish parish councils for diocesan churches. He was a champion to the less privileged working with young adults of Sacred Heart Parish providing extended mission opportunities and encouraging advancement in education. He was a long standing member of Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in McAllen.

John participated in the activities of every community where he lived. He moved to McAllen in 1954. He moved to Falfurrias in 1962 where he was active in the Democratic Party and served as an alternate delegate to the Democratic National Convention. He moved to Midland, Texas in 1970 where he was manager of Julian Gold for 19 years. John served as president of the Midland Symphony Orchestra; president of the Midland - Odessa Joint Symphony Orchestra, and vice president of the Midland United Way. Twenty five years ago, John began John J. Ingram & Associates where he dedicated himself to serving those in need and providing ethical and capable disability representation to individuals who could no longer work.

John is survived by his devoted wife of 63 years, Marcia Kuhnel Ingram. His family was his greatest love and accomplishment. He reveled in his children, who included Catherine Ingram Coats (Darrell,) Marcia Ann Eastman, John J. Ingram, Jr. (Debbie), Jennifer Ingram Bene (Tom), and Dean Michael Ingram (Angie); and a godson, Mark Talbot and Luis Cortazar.

He was particularly proud of his grandchildren, who included Christopher L. Coats (Melissa) Kevin Zachary Coats, Katherine Eastman, Douglas Eastman, John Joseph Ingram, III, Eric Bene, Connor James Ingram, and Landon Cole Ingram; and great grandson, Elliot Christopher Coats.

Husband, father, grandfather, John gave the gift of unconditional love to the entire family. He instilled in all of us a strong family bond. He gifted us with the determination and discipline to achieve any goals we set for ourselves. He gave us a love of learning and he taught us to value a life of education. He led by example encouraging all of us to live a life of integrity, honesty, and a respect for all. We dearly miss him, but we know that he will be watching over us, encouraging us, and guiding us to be the best that we must be.

The pallbearers will be his grandsons and Mark Talbot and Luis Cortazar.

Honorary pallbearers will be Ruben Cardenas, Rafael Flores, Jessie Trevino, Norbert Dickman, and Jack Heacock.

Visitation will be at 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2015 with recitation of the rosary at 7:00 p.m. at Kreidler Funeral Home. The Mass will be celebrated at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church in McAllen at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 10 where Monsignor Gustavo Barrera will officiate. In lieu of customary remembrances, the family gratefully requests that contributions in memory of John Joseph Ingram be directed to the following: Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church, McAllen Sacred Heart Catholic Church, McAllen Monastery of Christ in the Desert, P. O. Box 270, Abiquiu, NM 87510, Oblates of Mary Immaculate.

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Stetson Ramey Rankin

Stetson Ramey Rankin, 38, of Coahoma, died Saturday, July 4, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 9, 2015 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel, with Pete Klein and April Rankin, officiating. Interment will follow at the Colorado City Cemetery.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Stetson is survived by his wife, April Rankin of Coahoma; two sons, Johnathan and Jake Rankin of Colorado City; a stepson, Hobie Hudson of Coahoma; a step-daughter, Hannah Hudson of San Diego, California; his parents, John and Sandra Rankin of Colorado City; his paternal grandmother, Juanita Capell of Waco; and two sisters, Lacy Bond and husband, Justin of Fort Worth and Crystal DeKoning and husband, Tony of Moorehead City, North Carolina.

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

Virginia Dell White Branham

Virginia Dell White Branham, 70, of Midland, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2015. She was born in Paducah, Texas on November 2, 1944 to the late Truman and Mary White.

She later moved to Knox City, Texas where she graduated high school in 1963. She married Tom E. Branham, Sr. on September 12, 1965 and moved to Midland where she worked for MISD as a manger in the cafeteria of many of the schools. She moved to Big Spring in 1985 where she worked for Walmart as a receiving manager until a stroke took her sight. She moved back to Midlend in 2013 to be closer to her children. Ginny loved her family so much, her favorite was to have them all at the farm and cooking and watching them enjoy.

Virginia was preceded in death by her parents, Truman and Mary White; her sister, Mary Alice White Berryman; three grandsons, Gary Lee Wade, Jr., Travis Wayne Richards, and Joshua Lynn Wade.

She is survived by her children, Vickie Miller and husband Butch of Phoenix, Arizona, Tom Branham, Jr. of Midland, Texas, Tamara Wade and husband Gary of Midland, Texas, and Traci Richards also of Midland, Texas; one brother, Larry White and his wife Jeannie of Topeka, Kansas; and by10 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins

A funeral service is set for Friday, July 10, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel.

Please send memorials to any animal shelter of your choice in her honor.

Funeral service is under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home and Chapel. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to *pipkin@nts-online.net* or you can visit our website at *www.lewallengarciapipkinfh.com.*

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William Hoyt Sweet

William Hoyt Sweet, 88, passed away peacefully in his sleep on July 4, 2015, in a Mineral Wells nursing home. Service is 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at First United Methodist Church. Burial will follow in Woodland Park Cemetery.

He was born May 16, 1927, in Fort Worth, the only child of James Swayne and Alice Mae Conine Sweet. He attended public schools in Fort Worth, graduating from Paschal High School in 1944. Bill attended his beloved Texas Christian University on a football scholarship, with a break to join the Navy during World War II.

After graduating from TCU, Bill took his first coaching job in Electra, Texas, where he met his wife, Patsy Joan Able, and where they had their only child, Shannon Sweet Bailey. The family moved to Mineral Wells in July 1955, where Bill coached and taught for 10 years. After receiving his master's degree from TCU, Bill became assistant principal at Mineral Wells High School before moving up to the position of principal.

After a heart attack in 1974, Mr. Sweet became principal of Cullen Grimes Elementary until his retirement in 1983. Following his retirement, Bill spent many enjoyable hours on the golf course and following all TCU sporting events.

Survivors include his wife and daughter; granddaughters, Laura and Mairin Bailey; sister-in-law, Barbara Parker and her family; brother-in-law, Bobby Able and his family; and his extended family, including several dear cousins, among them Doug Tatum, Jerry Pitts and Norma Jean Raymond.

Donations may be made to a charity of your choice.

Condolences may be left at *www.bcbfuneralhome.com.*

Death Notices

Charles Wayne Eaden

Charles Wayne Eaden, 73, of Midland, passed away Friday, July 3, 2015.

Visitation with family will be Thursday, July 9, 2015 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral service is set for Friday, July 10, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Essie Eaden; one son, Carlos Eaden; and by three brothers and three sisters.

Robert Clinton Jones

Robert Clinton Jones, 67, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Sunday, July 5, 2015.

Memorial services will be held on Saturday, July 11, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Chapel in Midland.

Survivors include his two sisters.

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In this photo taken May 13, Hayden Murphy, 13, sits for a photo with his medicine at his home in Plainfield, Ill. Hayden is among more than 400 children and adults participating in U.S. government-funded international research investigating whether experimental insulin capsules can prevent or at least delay Type 1 diabetes. To enroll, participants must first get bad news: results of a blood test showing their chances for developing the disease are high.

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have Type 1 diabetes. Type 2 disease is more common, affecting nearly 30 million nationwide and most of the more than 300 million worldwide with diabetes. Besides short-term complications from poorly controlled blood sugar, both types raise long-term risks for damage to the kidneys, heart and eyes.

Both types are increasing and for Type 2, experts think that's because of rising obesity and inactivity. But the upward trend in Type 1 diabetes, increasing worldwide by at least 3 percent each year, is more perplexing.

"We know so very little about the exact mechanisms that cause Type 1 diabetes," which complicates efforts to prevent it, said Dr. Desmond Schatz, the study's chair and medical director of the University of Florida Diabetes Center.

"For the most part, it's really shooting an arrow into a field and hoping one of the arrows hits a target," Schatz said.

In Type 1 diabetes, the pancreas stops making insulin, a blood sugar-regulating hormone that helps the body convert sugar in food into energy. Treatment is lifetime replacement insulin, usually via injections or a small pump. In Type 2, the body can't make proper use of insulin. It can sometimes be treated with a healthy diet and exercise.

Genes are thought to increase risks for Type 1 diabetes. Viruses and other infections are among factors suggested as possible triggers the disease, which causes the body's immune system to attack insulin-producing cells.

Dr. Wendy Brickman, a diabetes specialist at Chicago's Lurie Children's Hospital who's involved in the study, explained that researchers think taking insulin by mouth so that it's digested like food might somehow trick the faulty immune system into not attacking insulin-making cells.

Insulin pills also are being studied as a diabetes treatment, but the challenge has been finding a way to get the drug to reach the bloodstream without being degraded as it is digested.

A branch of the National Institutes of Health is funding the prevention research, including two other studies: one involves infusions of the drug Orencia, approved for rheumatoid arthritis, another autoimmune disease; the other involves infusions of an experimental drug called teplizumab.

If prevention pills work, they'd likely be less expensive than having a lifetime of diabetes, said Lisa Spain, an institute scientist and program director. Results from the insulin pill prevention study are expected in 2017, she said, adding that it's too soon to predict an outcome.

Hayden Murphy and his family are cautiously optimistic; after three years in the study, he's shown no signs of diabetes. Still, his mom says she worries every time he seems thirstier than usual — among symptoms her youngest boy had before his diagnosis three years ago.

There's a middle son, too — 9-year-old Daxton, who faces an increased diabetes risk because his little brother has it.

"It definitely is a life-changing diagnosis," Myra Murphy said.

Study offers clue to link between swine flu shot, narcolepsy

By Lauran Neergaard
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — One vaccine used in Europe during the 2009 swine flu pandemic was linked to rare cases of a baffling side effect — the sleep disorder narcolepsy. Now new research offers a clue to what happened.

The vaccine Pandemrix never was used in the United States, and was pulled off the market abroad, but reports of narcolepsy in Finland and several other countries sparked questions globally about flu shot safety.

An international team of researchers reported the problem may have been a case of mistaken identity by the immune system.

Narcolepsy is an incurable disorder that interferes with normal sleep cycles, leaving people chronically sleepy during the daytime and apt to abruptly fall asleep. No one knows what causes it, although patients have very low levels of a brain chemical named hypocretin that's important for wakefulness. One theory is that a particular gene variant makes people susceptible, and that some environmental trigger, maybe an infection, pushes them over the edge.

About a year after mass vaccinations began against a new strain of H1N1 flu, called swine flu at the time, some European countries reported rare cases of narcolepsy in recipients of GlaxoSmithKline's Pandemrix but not in people given other flu vaccines. Research found narcolepsy patients had that genetic predisposition, but no other explanation.

In the new study, Dr. Lawrence Steinman of Stanford University and colleagues found that the H1N1 virus contains a protein that is structurally similar to part of a brain cell receptor for that wakefulness chemical. They wondered if the flu-fighting antibodies generated by the Pandemrix vaccine might also latch onto those narcolepsy-linked receptors, leading to damage.

Colleagues in Finland sent blood samples that had been stored from 20 people diagnosed with vaccine-associated narcolepsy. Sure enough, 17 harbored antibodies capable of reacting both to flu and to those narcolepsy-linked receptors, Steinman's team reported in the journal Science Translational Medicine. Recipients of another European vaccine, Novartis' Focetria, didn't harbor those cross-reactive antibodies.

Pandemrix contained much higher levels of the flu protein than Focetria, possibly because the two flu shots were made from different H1N1 subtypes, the researchers found.

The study doesn't prove the link, Steinman stressed, calling for more research. It's not clear how the antibodies could have gotten into the brain.

Moreover, some unvaccinated people who caught the flu harbor the antibodies, too, he said, and a study from China found H1N1 infection itself may increase narcolepsy risk.

It's a plausible theory, said Dr. William Schaffner, a flu vaccine expert at Vanderbilt University who wasn't involved in the new research.

Importantly, "this would also appear to be a solvable problem," with manufacturing techniques to ensure that future vaccines don't contain too much cross-reactive protein, he said.

However the narcolepsy puzzle turns out, the flu kills tens of thousands of people every year. "It's really important to get vaccinated against flu," Steinman said.

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Favorites: Lose It! and Runkeeper

Primary activity: Weight training and running

"I'm sort of a tech person," said Eigenbrodt, an attorney who lives in Plano. "I like playing around with my iPhone. I like having information. I just got a Polar Beat wireless heart-rate monitor, which has a Polar app and talks to Runkeeper. Now when I'm running, I can do so from a metabolic standpoint.

"If I run with Runkeeper, it takes the calories it thinks I burned to Lose It! It also tracks my steps in Fitbit. If it thinks the calorie count is more accurate than the algorithm, it takes those. If I have two entries, one from Runkeeper and one from Fitbit, it deletes one, so I don't end up eating too many calories.

"I wear the monitor when I work out. When I work out with my trainer, I don't use Runkeeper. I use the Polar app for that. Now I use the Polar app with Runkeeper so I can look at the overall report on Polar to see how it changes. I'm a data guy like that. I like to look at all those and see what's going on."

Eigenbrodt started out with Lose It!, an app that, at its most basic, tracks food intake. He liked the app, its information and most especially the discipline it has taught him.

"I can out eat any workout," he said. "In a lot of office environments, and certainly this one, almost every day someone is having a birthday and there's cake or muffins. If I'm not writing down what I eat, it's easy not to think about it and to just eat."

Recently, he wrote in an email: "I finally got my Apple Watch. It has some apps that work well with the Apple Health app, and Runkeeper has an Apple Watch app, but I have to say it's too soon for me to know if the watch is going to be transformative."

'I WANTED TO SEE EVERYTHING.'

Name: Bree Redwine, 51

Number of apps used: Three

Favorite: My Fitness Pal

Primary activity: Running and weight training

"The reason I chose those I did is that they worked best for me," said Redwine. "I looked at others. I downloaded them. I got so frustrated."

Redwine has four children. She works full time at Luke's Locker sportswear store. She works out every day. Ease is imperative.

"I did start out using more," she said. "I then just really looked at what I needed for my life and lifestyle and realized I needed something quick and practical and efficient."

My Fitness Pal was her first app. Then she bought a Garmin Vivosmart fitness band and, she said, "my world opened up." The apps connect; she records everything she eats and drinks, as well as her weekly weight. The watch monitors her heart rate, her movement, her sleep patterns.

"I'm a weird person," she said. "I wanted to see everything."

Knowing her stats has improved the way she eats and trains, she said.

"It's almost like Big Brother is watching you. When I see that, I tend to do better."

She's also joined an online community with which "you can talk to, share ideas with, share struggles," she said. "You get recognition in the community of Garmin or My Fitness Pal and little trophies and badges, which is fun. You're always notified when you surpass certain goals, which gives that extra inspiration."

Her latest app is Pact, which pays you for meeting your goal and charges your bank account when you don't. She also now has an Apple Watch.

"The heart rate monitor rocks!" she wrote in an email. "I like it oh so much."

'I DON'T WANT TO BE FINED'

Name: Dan Gray, 45

Number of apps used: At least a dozen

Favorite: My Fitness Pal

Primary activity: Running

"I was one of those guys growing up who was picked last for the kickball team," he said. "I discovered running about five years ago."

But while training for a marathon, he was surprised to be gaining weight.

"That's when I realized I must be doing something wrong, but couldn't put my finger on it," he said.

He asked a running friend who had lost a lot of weight how he did it. The answer changed Gray's life:

My Fitness Pal.

"Anyone I'm friends with can see what I eat," he said. "By putting in what I eat as I'm eating it, I found myself making small calibrations in order to get under my calorie limit. Once I started developing good eating habits, I started layering on other things, like tracking the exercise."

He does that with several apps; among them Pact.

"I've been using it about a year," said Gray, who works in the health care industry. "They take My Fitness Pal and other apps one step further."

He set up Pact by committing, for example, to how often and how long he'll exercise, how many times he'll log his food, how many fruits and vegetables he'll eat. If My Fitness Pal and his other apps sync up and show he's not following through, he'll be fined either $5 or $10. If he does, he receives $1 to $1.50 a week.

"What I've found, man, is that I will really work a lot to get that dollar or dollar-fifty a week," he says. "I don't want to be fined."

So far, he hasn't been. Granted, recording his food, his workouts, his weight, his blood pressure — and, because he's diabetic, his blood-sugar readings — on apps has taken a little getting used to, but it's worth the effort, he says.

"Anything new is hard, just like running is hard," he says. "I think that's the mind-set you have to have. Any time you try something new, and maybe even the first 10 times, you won't be good at it.

"You just have to attack it as 'I'm learning another habit.'"

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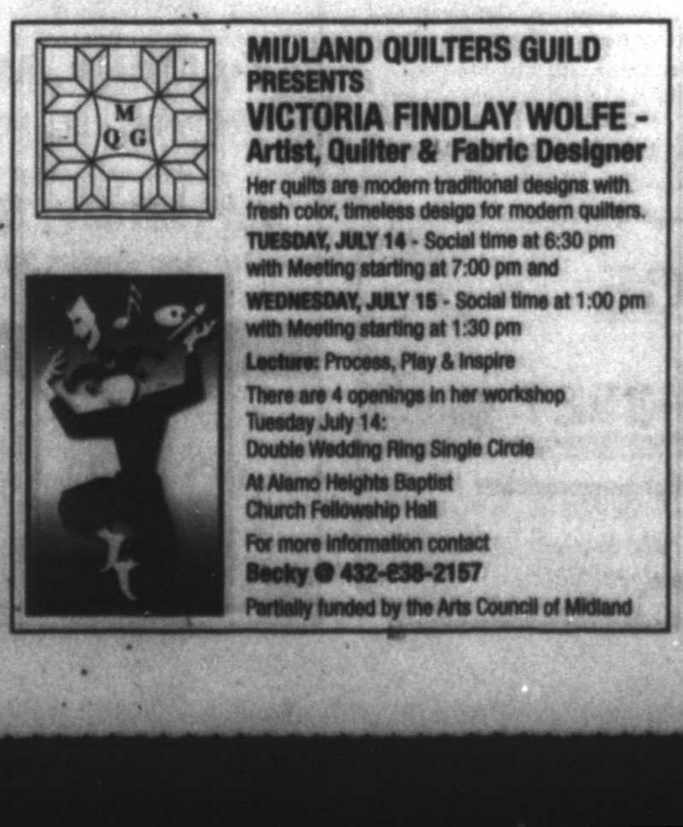
Stan Eigenbrodt is reflected in a mirror as he works his upper body at Trophy Fitness on April 22 in Addison. He uses the Polar Beat app to monitor his heart rate between sets.

Bree Redwine runs at White Rock Lake on May 7 in Dallas. She has narrowed her fitness apps down to My Fitness Pal, Pact and Garmin Connect.



Katie Bayfield, a respiratory physiologist and part of the research team at Imperial College London, demonstrates how patients receive gene therapy by inhaling from a nebuliser in the Clinical Research Facility at London's Royal Brompton Hospital. Doctors who gave children with cystic fibrosis a replacement copy of a defective gene say it appeared to slow the expected decline of some patients' lungs, but called the results "modest" and say there must be major improvements before offering the treatment more widely.

Associated Press

FDA clears drug for leading form of cystic fibrosis

By Matthew Perrone
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Federal health officials have approved a new combination drug for the most common form of cystic fibrosis, the debilitating inherited disease that causes internal mucus buildup, lung infections and early death. But it will come at a steep price — more than $250,000 for a year's treatment.

The Food and Drug Administration cleared the twice-a-day pill from Vertex Pharmaceuticals Inc. for a variation of cystic fibrosis that affects about 8,500 people in the U.S. who are 12 years and older. The approval notice was posted to the agency's website Thursday.

The new drug — to be sold as Orkambi — is Vertex's follow-up to its breakthrough pill Kalydeco, which became the first drug to treat the underlying cause of cystic fibrosis in 2012. Orkambi combines Kalydeco with a new drug ingredient, lumacaftor.

Kalydeco is only approved for a cluster of rare cystic fibrosis forms that affect about 2,000 patients who are 2 years old and up.

About 30,000 Americans live with cystic fibrosis, which is caused by variety of genetic mutations passed from parents to their children. The disease causes sticky mucus to build up in the lungs and other organs, which leads to infections, digestive problems and eventually death.

Vertex said Orkambi will cost $259,000 per year. That's less than the $311,000 annual price tag for Kalydeco.

Dr. Robert Giusti of New York University's Langone Medical Center noted that half of all U.S. cystic fibrosis patients have the form targeted by Orkambi, which occurs when a child inherits two copies of a certain genetic mutation — one from each parent. He expects the FDA will eventually expand the drug's approval to patients as young as 6, increasing the number of people who could benefit.

"This is really exciting because this is a disease that causes a 1 to 2 percent deterioration each year in lung function of patients," said Giusti, who directs the center's cystic fibrosis program. "Now they have a therapy available to potentially reverse that effect."

In the 1950s, children with cystic fibrosis seldom survived long enough to complete elementary school. Due to improvements in care, the typical cystic fibrosis patient today can expect to survive into their early 40s, according to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Prior to the approval of Kalydeco, drugs used to treat cystic fibrosis focused on controlling symptoms — such as opening up lung airways and breaking up mucus. Kalydeco was the first drug to target the underlying genetic defect that causes the disease.

Expectations for Vertex's new drug have been tempered by study results that, while statistically significant, were not as dramatic as those first reported with Kalydeco. In company trials, patients treated with Orkambi for six months reported a 2.5 to 3 percent improvement in lung function, a key measure for cystic fibrosis patients. That improvement met the FDA's standards for effectiveness, but did not equal results seen with Kalydeco, which improved lung function by about 10 percent.

Company officials have pointed out the differences in the forms of the disease targeted by the two drugs. Kalydeco was developed for patients who have a problem with a protein on their cell walls, which doesn't properly balance the flow of water and salt from the cell. Orkambi targets patients with two problems — the protein does not reach the cell wall and, once there, does not work properly.

Shares of Vertex rose $5.07, or 4 percent, to close at $131.26 in trading Thursday. Its shares are up almost 34 percent over the past year.

Vertex's cystic fibrosis drugs grew out of a long-term partnership with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. Vertex Pharmaceuticals Incorporated received roughly $120 million in research and funding from the foundation, culminating in the 2012 approval of Kalydeco. The twice-a-day pill had sales of $464 million last year, according to the Cambridge, Massachusetts company.

Last November the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation sold its royalty rights to Kalydeco and Orkambi for $3.3 billion.

Gene therapy for cystic fibrosis promising for some patients

LONDON — Doctors who gave children with cystic fibrosis a replacement copy of a defective gene say it appeared to slow the expected decline of some patients' lungs, but called the results "modest" and say there must be major improvements before offering the treatment more widely.

Cystic fibrosis is an inherited condition that fills the lungs with mucus, making people susceptible to infections that can eventually destroy the lungs; the average life expectancy is about 37 years. After scientists identified the genetic sequence that causes cystic fibrosis in 1989, many experts hoped the disease could be cured by replacing the problem gene. But before the new study, all attempts at such gene therapy — where a normal version of the faulty gene is given to patients — failed to show a benefit.

In the new study, doctors in London and Edinburgh gave 78 children with cystic fibrosis a monthly dose of gene therapy using a special inhaler in the hospital while 62 others got a placebo treatment. All of the participants were older than 12.

Children who got the gene therapy showed about a 4 percent better lung function compared to those who got the placebo. But doctors said the perceived benefit was just a stabilization of the lungs from deteriorating further, rather than an actual improvement. The results could also have been simply due to chance. Both groups were followed for one year.

"Our only hope was that some of the patients, on some occasions, might see some benefit," said Dr. Eric Alton of Imperial College London, the study's lead author. The research was published online Thursday in the journal, Lancet Respiratory Medicine. Alton said that while some children reported feeling better, others didn't feel any difference.

Some experts said the trial could spur related gene therapy studies.

"This is a long-term problem and the solution is going to take time," said Dr. William Skach, vice-president for research at the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation in the U.S., who was not involved in the study.

Skach described the results as encouraging, but said scientists need to figure out how to improve delivery of the needed gene to patients to get better results.

"That could translate into extended lives for patients," he said. "If we really want to impact on the disease in a major way, we need to think about how to do this more effectively."

Associated Press

Retired prof with Parkinson's works on device to better control disease

By Susan Jacobson
Orlando Sentinel

ORLANDO, Fla. — When UCF Professor Emeritus Richard Gilson diagnosed himself with Parkinson's disease a dozen years ago, one of his first thoughts was: Here's a great research opportunity.

Someone else might have focused on his limitations, but Gilson set about improving treatment of the progressive neurological disease. He and an Orlando neurosurgeon, Dr. Nizam Razack, have invented a device that one day could better control the debilitating tremors that Parkinson's causes.

"I have an advantage because I know what it feels like," Gilson, 71, said at his home near Oviedo. "That gives me a real leg up on other researchers."

Gilson, who retired in 2011 from the University of Central Florida psychology department, relies on a brain-stimulation device developed in 1987 by a French neurosurgeon, Dr. Alim-Louis Benabid. Gilson's goal is to make it better.

Gilson is not shy about showing off that invention, a battery the size of a pack of cards that bulges from under his skin near his right clavicle. Wires snake up the inside of his neck and attach to electrodes that deliver pulses of electricity to his brain.

The treatment, called deep brain stimulation, was approved for Parkinson's disease by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration in 2002. It's an alternative to drugs, which become less effective over time and can have side effects, Gilson said.

Parkinson's is an incurable disorder that destroys nerve cells in the brain, according to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation. Symptoms include rigid muscles, tremors and difficulty walking and speaking. Sufferers have included former heavyweight-boxing champion Muhammad Ali, former Attorney General Janet Reno, actor Michael J. Fox, singer Johnny Cash and Pope John Paul II.

Without deep brain stimulation, Gilson shakes uncontrollably. With it, he is able to live an active life with the help of his wife of 50 years, Liz.

The downside is that Gilson must undergo potentially life-threatening surgery every two or three years to replace the battery, which he said is cumbersome and uncomfortable. Further, the wires can break, and the pulses aren't targeted precisely.

That led Razack and Gilson, who was his patient, to brainstorm ways to improve the technology. Their invention, yet to be manufactured, would eliminate the current wiring and battery and replace them with a quarter-sized apparatus implanted in the skull. It would include a nickel-sized rechargeable battery that would last about nine years.

The electricity would home in on specific areas and pulse when needed, not constantly as the present device does.

Gilson also has been working on a version that does not require surgery.

"He's the ultimate problem solver," said J. Christopher Brill, an assistant professor of psychology at Old Dominion University and Gilson's former UCF teaching assistant. They and two others invented a military-communications apparatus patented by UCF.

Gilson and Razack hope their invention also may alleviate symptoms of epilepsy, personality disorders, Tourette's syndrome and perhaps even Alzheimer's disease.

"Dr. Gilson has a very positive outlook on life," Razack said. "I think he's utilizing resources and his ingenuity to make things better for other people."

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Measles carries risk of a terrifying, always-fatal and rare complication

Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Measles is commonly thought to be a one-time deal: Get it once, survive and you're immune for life.

But like a Trojan horse, the virus can find a way to hide from a baby's undeveloped immune system. The baby will survive, but within his or her body, a weakened form of the measles lurks, beginning to infect the brain.

Over the ensuing years, the disease gets stronger. Then the infected person, long past infancy, experiences mood swings and behavioral problems. Convulsions, coma and death follow.

There is no cure. It is always fatal.

There were at least 11 cases of this deadly complication, known as SSPE, or subacute sclerosing panencephalitis, after the 1988-91 measles epidemic in the United States, which infected more than 55,000.

Dr. James Cherry, primary editor of the Textbook of Pediatric Infectious Diseases and a UCLA professor, said the complication underscores the need for measles vaccination rates to remain as high as possible, as inoculations have fallen in the last decade.

"Measles is not a benign disease," Cherry said. And SSPE, he said, is a "horrible disease."

The most vulnerable to getting SSPE are those younger than 2, who have an undeveloped immune system. Especially at risk are babies too young to get their first measles shot, which happens at 12 months.

That's what happened to Ramon "Junior" Cortes, who was born in Orange County 26 years ago.

His mother, Marissa Cortes-Torres, was 24 when she gave birth to him. When Junior was a month old, Cortes-Torres became very ill.

Doctors didn't figure out she had contracted measles until the baby fell ill. (Cortes-Torres had been vaccinated in the 1960s, when mistakes were often made in administering the newly introduced inoculation.)

The infant was in the hospital for two months, hooked up to tubes, struggling to breathe.

By the time Junior was 3 months old, he seemed to have recovered.

Years later, in kindergarten in Escondido, he would stand when a teacher told him to sit. He struggled to add. At home, he would arbitrarily take clothes out of drawers. When he biked or roller-bladed, the boy would take surprising spills, bruising his legs.

Finally, a neurologist at Rady Children's Hospital in San Diego said to Cortes-Torres, "I'm sorry to tell you: Your son is going to die."

SSPE, she was told, "attacks the nervous system and it destroys the brain."

It was the day before her son turned 7.

Soon, the boy who used to "swim like a little fish" became confined to a wheelchair.

Junior started to suffer tremors so severe he couldn't feed himself. He became so frustrated that he would push his food away and refuse to eat. He had to wear diapers again. Seizures sapped his strength. When he hallucinated, all Cortes-Torres could do to try to soothe him was say, "Junior, Junior. Mommy's here."

One day, after he turned 9, he laughed while watching "Barney & Friends," but he wasn't looking at the television.

"I put my hand in front of his eyes," Cortes-Torres said. "He was blind."

Junior breathed his last breath a month later, on his mother's lap.

There have been at least 16 cases of SSPE in California since 1998, which is likely an undercount because not all cases may be diagnosed and they aren't required to be reported to the state, according to the Department of Public Health. There are several suspect cases that have not been confirmed.

Seven of the 16 confirmed cases involved people born in the United States. The nine other cases involved people born outside of the country who fell ill with SSPE in California.

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35 people test positive for TB at El Paso school

Associated Press

EL PASO — Additional testing will take place after nearly three dozen students and staff at a West Texas school tested positive for tuberculosis, according to public health officials.

The El Paso Department of Public Health ordered tests for 163 students and eight staff members at Frank Macias Elementary School after an active case of tuberculosis was discovered at the school last month. Of the 150 or so people who have been tested, 29 children and six staff members tested positive for the infectious bacterial disease.

It's unclear how many of the infected people are contagious. More testing is needed to determine if any of the cases are active.

"We need to stress to parents not to be concerned that they already have the active disease," said local pediatrician Hector Ocaranza. "They may have been exposed before and that's why they react positive."

All of the people who tested positive for tuberculosis will undergo additional screenings. The health department will provide medication to anyone with an active case of tuberculosis.

"It's important to note that children under the age of 10 rarely transmit tuberculosis," said Bruce Parsons, assistant health director for the City of El Paso Department of Public Health.

Another round of testing will begin today for 40 more children and the school's entire staff of about 100 adults. The testing is expected to be complete by the end of the week.

Health officials took blood samples from about 170 adults Monday to test for tuberculosis exposure at the Dismas Charities halfway house after a person associated with the facility tested positive. The results are expected early next week.

Last year, 44 cases of tuberculosis were identified in the El Paso area

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The archerfish knocks its insect prey out of over-hanging branches with a stream of spit.
Only female mosquitoes will bite you.

TODAY: Partly sunny High: 89 Low: 72

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 92 Low: 70

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 92 Low: 71

SATURDAY: Sunny High: 91 Low: 70

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 95 Low: 70

MONDAY: Sunny High: 95 Low: 70

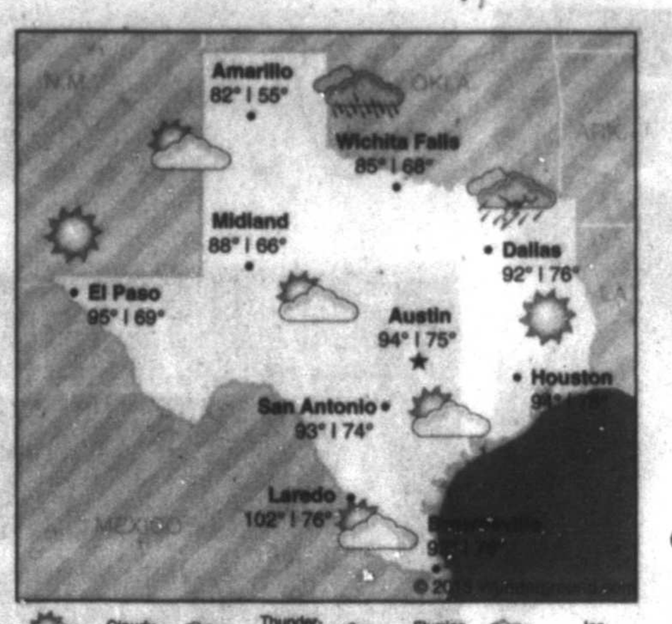
Local forecast

After showers on Tuesday, the National Weather Service is calling for a 20 percent chance of showers today and then dry conditions through the next seven days. Expect highs to reach the mid 90s by the weekend.

The record high for July 7 is 108 set in 1994. The record low is 62 set in 1946, 1952 and 1958. On July 7 of last year, the high was 97 and the low was 71.

National forecast

Drenching showers and thunderstorms will extend from Central Texas to New Jersey, Delaware and Maryland today along a stalled front. The main threat from these storms will be flash flooding, especially in spots where the storms repeat or unload heavy rain on saturated ground. A few of the storms may also bring damaging wind gusts as hot and humid air in the South meets somewhat cooler and drier air to the north. A high-pressure area near the Gulf of Mexico will allow some spotty storms to form in the South. In the West, moisture trapped beneath an area of high pressure aloft will allow for additional spotty thunderstorms. Many of the storms will bring little or no rain.



Precipitation

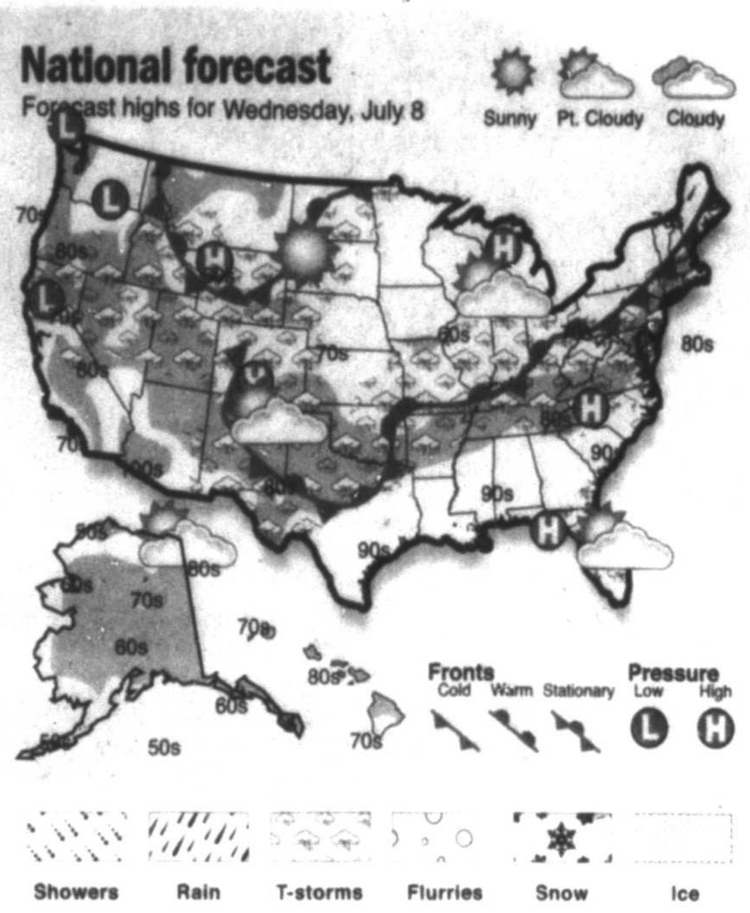
Monday	0.01 in.
Tuesday	0.24 in.
Month total	0.25 in.
Year total	12.53 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.48 in.

Tuesday's temperatures

High	82
Low	72
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:50 a.m.
Sunset	8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Wednesday, July 8



Woman who is HIV-positive is hiding her status from men

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: I moved away from my hometown 18 years ago. At the time, a friend of mine had found out she was HIV-positive. Thankfully, healthwise she's doing well. To look at her you would never know.

We have reconnected, but I have recently learned that she had several relationships in the past and didn't reveal that she was HIV-positive or use protection. She said she "loves" these men, their families and their children. It makes me sick that she's killing them.

Someone called her doctor and he talked to her about it, but she lied and said that she had told them. These men have no idea! What can be done so she quits spreading this disease? — SHE'S KILLING THEM IN INDIANA

DEAR S.K.T.: I ran your letter by an old and trusted friend, Dr. Mervyn Silverman, former director of health in San Francisco. He asked me to reassure you that if your friend has been under treatment for HIV, her chances of passing it on are far less than they were years ago. He also mentioned that if these men's wives had contracted HIV from their husbands and become pregnant, that their disease would very likely have been discovered.

You need to talk to your friend and explain that this is both a health issue and one of morality. If she's continuing to have unprotected sex with her partners, there is still some potential risk that she could pass along the virus. So if she truly loves anyone but herself, she will get with the program and be honest about her health status.

DEAR ABBY: I'm a single mother of two wonderful daughters. I have a fantastic boyfriend, "Roy," who I met when I was pregnant with my second. We have been together for six months and I love him very much.

Unfortunately, he has become mildly controlling and critical. Roy has no children of his own, and he doesn't seem to realize what goes into working, raising children and running a household. Recently, he gave me a promise ring, which I accepted. He's great with the girls and he makes me happy.

My father, however, said that the controlling behavior will only get worse down the road. I think it's because Roy was laid off from work and is having a hard time finding a job. I'm sure once he's working he'll be less focused on me. Who's right, me or my father? — MOM OF TWO IN RHODE ISLAND

DEAR MOM OF TWO: When a couple has been together for only six months, they are usually still in what is referred to as the "honeymoon phase." Has Roy been jobless since you met him? If the layoff is recent, then his change in behavior may be related to his frustration at not being able to find another job.

However, your father not only has a point, he also has more experience than you do. Pay attention to what he's telling you. If Roy becomes increasingly controlling and critical, you'll know your father was right, and you should return that promise ring. So take your time and please don't rush!

DEAR ABBY: I have been a divorcee for 12 years. I haven't dated in more than a decade. I know a man who was widowed a couple of months ago. His wife died in her sleep. I have always been interested in him. When would it be appropriate to approach him? — INTERESTED IN CHICAGO

DEAR INTERESTED: If I were you, I'd get in line NOW.

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Grand magic

Both vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ 10 3
♡ A K 10
◇ A K 9 7 3
♣ A K 8

WEST
♠ 9 5
♡ Q 7 4
◇ Q J 10 8 6 4
♣ J 10

EAST
♠ 7 4 2
♡ J 8 6 5
◇ 5 2
♣ Q 5 4 3

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 8 6
♡ 9 3 2
◇ Void
♣ 9 7 6 2

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	2	Pass
2♣	Pass	4NT	Pass
5♣*	Pass	7♠	All pass

*Two key cards plus the queen of spades

Opening lead: Queen of

Key Card Blackwood is all the rage these days, especially among tournament players. North was correct to bid seven — it was reasonable to hope South held a queen somewhere to go with his spade honors.

Declarer ruffed the opening diamond lead and drew trumps in three rounds, shedding a club from dummy. It seemed that a double finesse in hearts was required, needing East to hold both missing heart honors. Before committing to that, South crossed to dummy with the king of clubs and cashed both high diamonds. When East showed out, the heart honors became unimportant — declarer only needed for East to have started with at least four clubs. He cashed the ace of clubs and ruffed a diamond, leaving this position:

NORTH
♠ Void
♡ A K 10
◇ 9
♣ Void

WEST
♠ Void
♡ Q 7 4
◇ J
♣ Void

EAST
♠ Void
♡ J 8 6
◇ Void
♣ C-Q

SOUTH
♠ J
♡ 9
◇ Void
♣ 9 7

South cashed his last trump and the defenders were helpless. West discarded a heart and dummy shed the now useless diamond. East also discarded a heart to keep the high club, and all of dummy's hearts were now good. Note that had either defender held both missing heart honors, they would not have been able to defend the position.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, July 8, 2015:

This year you feel a strong drive to head in a certain direction in order to achieve your goals. With all the energy you naturally stir up, you probably will take on a community commitment. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone in a most unexpected way. You will note a case of the butterflies when you are around this person. If you are attached, the two of you will benefit from taking on a new hobby or project together. You tend to isolate yourselves, even when in groups, because you like sharing so much time with each other. ARIES often intimidates or exhausts you!

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ You might feel pressured at home or at work. You will be eyeing a potential change. If you feel uncomfortable, look within for a response. You also might decide to say less but connect more often with a family member who seems to need you. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Don't push so hard to have your way. You know what you are doing, but those around you might be hesitant. Be careful not to displace your anger. You might be taken aback by everything that is happening around you. Slow down the pace. Tonight: Listen to your inner voice.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You might need to relax some and not worry so much about someone else's reaction. You could be tired and worn out by a situation that you cannot change. Stay on top of your priorities. Honor a friend's request. A meeting could be very important. Tonight: Friends equal fun.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ You might want to try a different way of handling a pressured situation. You will need to keep communication open, but you also could be becoming less willing to find a solution. Ask yourself what would work best. Be willing to walk away, if need be. Tonight: Up late.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Some of you might not be aware of how much you are suppressing anger. It would be best to detach for now. Communication needs to be authentic to make the difference you want. Cut through confusion with what you know is true. Tonight: Do something totally different.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ 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)

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.

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 One in a semi circle?
5 "Peer Gynt" playwright
10 Chopped-up fare
14 In the style of, on trattoria menus
15 Mount in Exodus
16 Mighty Dog alternative
17 Links star McIlroy
18 Court star Borg
19 Spiffy
20 Formal education
23 "Heidi" author Johanna
24 Entry before a password
25 Mil. training academy
27 Legendary 15-Across climber
31 Hold firm
38 Rent alternative
39 Pasty
40 Quaint quarters
41 Sweets for one's sweet
46 "Ah, Wilderness!" mother
47 Fifth scale note
48 1950s-'70s TV heroine
53 Collect
57 Smoker's superstitious no-no ... and hint to the starts of 20-, 31- and 41-Across
59 All-birds comic strip
61 Matter of fact
62 Big Apple neighborhood above Houston Street
63 New Rochelle college
64 Reason to wear shades
65 __ mater
66 Bird's place
67 Ruhr Valley city
68 Congeal

DOWN

1 Pasta nutrients
2 Hit just over the infield
3 Judy Jetson's brother
4 Fast-food tycoon
5 Dust jacket ID
6 Delicate piece of jewelry
7 Bamboozles
8 Country star Steve
9 Former Candlestick Park NFLer
10 Intimidated, as a look
11 Protected from gusts
12 Place to relax
13 On a streak
21 Fourth-down call
22 Lowers with a switch
26 Like a dotted note, in mus.
28 Court filing
29 Kin of -ess
30 Fed. IDs
31 Drink brand with a lizard logo
32 Bills with Jefferson on them
33 "What You Need" band
34 __ Kosh B'gosh
35 "My, my!"
36 Japanese chip maker
37 Grandson of Eve
42 Homeowner's winter option
43 Reaction from a chicken
44 Rich topsoil
45 Annual reference volume
49 Marsh plant
50 "Captain Phillips" military group
51 Greek vowels
52 Harden
54 Ring-shaped reef
55 Noodlehead
56 Young pig
57 A whole lot
58 Response to a sermon
59 Offense
60 Ground breaker

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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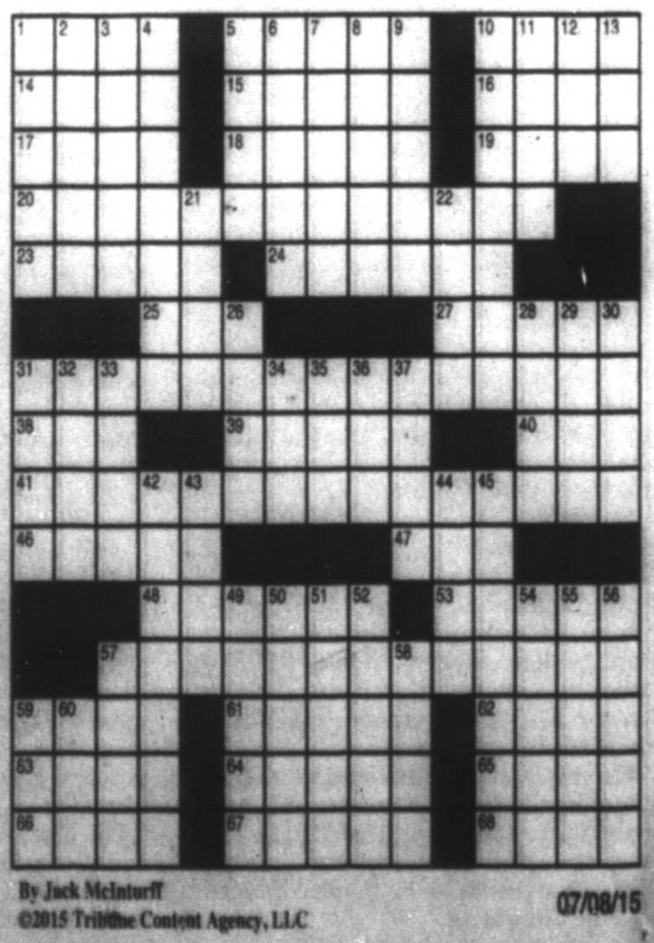

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H-E-B VS. WAL-MART

How San Antonio became ground zero in one of the biggest market battles in the country

By Neal Morton
San Antonio Express-News

As the world's largest retailer, Wal-Mart operates more stores in Texas than in any other state, has its largest international footprint in Mexico and is expanding aggressively on both sides of the border.

Wal-Mart's growth puts it in direct conflict with H-E-B, the 110-year-old local grocery chain that long has dominated South Texas and has broadened its reach into northern Mexico, where it operates 50 stores.

Ground zero in this grocery war: San Antonio, H-E-B's hometown, where it operates large fruit and vegetable warehouses and manufactures its own in-house brands, everything from Creamy Creations ice cream to potato chips.

The two companies compete for shoppers, scoop up prime real estate and regularly try to outflank each other by price-checking thousands of items in their competing stores.

With $473 billion in global sales, Wal-Mart generates 20 times more revenue than H-E-B, which reported about $22 billion in sales last year. But, operating on its home turf, H-E-B has a record of beating major competitors — and is a formidable rival.

Since 2010, Wal-Mart has added nine Supercenters in the San Antonio area — bringing it to a total of 29 stores in the city, including the smaller Neighborhood Markets. Its expansion has been so aggressive that the Bexar Appraisal District now tracks its construction activity.

Still, H-E-B dominates its hometown, with 45 stores and a "Low Prices Every Day" strategy that gives it a local market share of 52 percent, more than double Wal-Mart's. H-E-B also has engaged in a frenzy of new construction and unveiled new concepts, including an upscale "Gucci" store in Stone Oak and a chef-driven restaurant in its Schertz supermarket. It also opened an H-E-B Plus on steroids — the 182,000-square-foot store near Sea World.

The stakes for both companies are enormous in the highly competitive, low-margin industry. Over the past two years, the San Antonio Express-News has interviewed executives in both companies, as well as numerous analysts, public officials and suppliers for H-E-B and Wal-Mart. The newspaper also has analyzed market data and toured stores and distribution centers in Texas and Mexico.

Unlike other grocery chains, H-E-B anticipated the threat Wal-Mart posed and employed some of the same practices, notably Wal-Mart's famous "productivity loop," in which the chain attracted more customers with low prices.

As more people flocked to Wal-Mart stores, the mega-retailer could increase sales and squeeze suppliers for lower prices, allowing it to sell those items at deeper discounts. That loop drives most conventional grocery chains out of business, said Leigh McAlister, author of the "Grocery Revolution" and a professor of business marketing at the University of Texas at Austin.

"H-E-B, though, saw it coming and got themselves into the productivity loop before Wal-Mart had a significant presence in H-E-B's markets," she added. "That is why H-E-B is pretty much the only grocery chain in the world that can compete effectively with Wal-Mart."

The regional grocery war began six years ago when Wal-Mart focused on San Antonio in its push to earn more of the Texas market.

While increasing its presence, Wal-Mart also has sought to imitate H-E-B by setting up a reconnaissance office in San Antonio to glean lessons on fresh produce from H-E-B's suppliers.

Meanwhile, H-E-B watches its competitor by sending workers into Wal-Mart stores across the state to price check between 25,000 and 40,000 items a week. A Wal-Mart spokesman said that company uses the same tactic.

"They are the world's largest retailer," said Craig Boyan, H-E-B's chief operating officer "This is their largest market, and this is our largest market. So we are fighting very hard for our share of the Texas pie."

In public, executives at both companies praise their main competitor in the Lone Star State for helping keep prices low for Texas families. But behind the scenes, the two retail titans have studied each other like wartime enemies and employed aggressive tactics to get an edge.

Among them: Land grabs. The real estate divisions at H-E-B and Wal-Mart have staked out hundreds of acres in Bexar County — either to develop new shopping centers near each other as quickly as possible or to keep prime grocery intersections unused and out of the hands of the other.

One example is in San Antonio's booming northeast neighborhoods, where H-E-B recently remodeled a store in Universal City. Wal-Mart snapped up a 13-acre plot next door and plans to debut a 182,000-square-foot Supercenter in 2016, dwarfing the 92,000-square-foot H-E-B.

Farther north, Wal-Mart is building a Supercenter at U.S. 281 and Texas 46 in Bulverde, competing with an H-E-B Plus on the south side of the intersection. Wal-Mart also soon will break ground for a store across Boerne Stage Road from a popular H-E-B Plus that recently was expanded.

And in an abandoned H-E-B at Nacogdoches Road and Mac-Arthur View on the Northeast Side, Wal-Mart unveiled its fifth grocery-oriented Neighborhood Market location since it brought the concept store here in early 2014.

Maintaining their regional dominance is getting harder for both companies as other grocers, such as Trader Joe's and Whole Foods Market, enter the state's booming metropolitan areas, chasing increasingly scarce consumer dollars.

The industry's overall flat growth has led to mergers of major chains, including the announcement last week that the parent company of the Food Lion and Hannaford chains will merge with a competitor that owns Stop & Shop and Giant stores, creating one of the largest supermarket chains the U.S.

Wal-Mart remains the national leader, with more than 25 percent of the grocery market, while H-E-B, operating mainly in South and Central Texas, is the sixth-largest chain, with 2 percent of the market.

"The industry as a whole has been declining in total units (sold), so retailers are seeking growth wherever they can," Boyan said in a 2013 interview.

"That brings a lot of folks to Texas," he said. But "relentless growth is our battle cry."

According to a San Antonio Express-News analysis of data compiled by Metro Market Studies, H-E-B and Wal-Mart compete for grocery sales in 17 Texas metro areas.

In nine of those metro areas, both retailers lost market share between 2009 and 2014 as new and old competitors — including Costco, Kroger and Safeway — opened more stores and rattled the status quo.

Wal-Mart increased its share of grocery sales over those five years in only one market: San Angelo. H-E-B, however, enjoyed boosts in eight metropolitan areas: Abilene, Beaumont, Brownsville, Bryan-College Station, Corpus Christi, Dallas-Fort Worth, Houston and San Angelo.

Those gains appear to have improved H-E-B's top line. Its sales soared 36.6 percent from $16.1 billion in 2010 to more than $22 billion last year.

Tracking Wal-Mart's Texas sales isn't as easy. The retailer doesn't break out revenue by state. Nationwide, Wal-Mart's net sales, 56 percent of which comes from its grocery department, topped $288 billion last year, an increase of 10.6 percent from 2010. The company's global sales are up about 17 percent in the same period.

David Norman, who led Wal-Mart's Texas operations from 2011 to 2014 and now oversees the Western region, said grocery sales here are stronger than at stores in other parts of the country.

"Obviously, having H-E-B (in Texas), we compete very well together, and we make each other better," Norman said. "Competition makes it a lot better situation and brings more value to the customers. It turns up everyone's game."

ROOTS OF THE WAR

H-E-B started to up its game more than 20 years ago.

One evening in July 1991, H-E-B closed one-third of its Texas stores early, slashed prices on 12,000 food and household items overnight, and reopened 17 hours later under a new, "Low Price Every Day Plus" banner.

The campaign, which H-E-B tested in the San Antonio area before expanding it companywide, promised to save customers between 10 percent and 15 percent on each shopping trip.

H-E-B tweaked the slogan and still refers to its "Low Prices Every Day" pledge in weekly advertisements. Recalling the company's shift in strategy, Boyan said: "We had a great event where we used to be a traditional grocer (but) really changed course at that point."

At the same time, Wal-Mart began gobbling market share across the nation. Some U.S. grocers tried cutting prices to turn around falling sales, but couldn't stop the bleeding.

H-E-B officials insisted they weren't prey to such concerns and said its price-cut campaign stemmed from a three-year study that helped it identify ways to increase efficiency and substantially reduce costs. Still, the new strategy came at a convenient time.

Between 1982 and 1991, Wal-Mart more than quadrupled its presence in Texas, ballooning from 59 stores to 264. The company wasted no time expanding elsewhere, but in no other state did it open so many stores in just one decade.

Even though H-E-B never publicly acknowledged the threat from Wal-Mart, 1991 ushered in another dramatic shift in business for the grocer.

H-E-B spent the year expanding a warehouse store concept called Bodega — Spanish for "warehouse" — that industry experts compared to Wal-Mart's Sam Club's locations. It also experimented with a fresh-food format based on a chain in Atlanta.

Also in 1991, H-E-B Chairman and CEO Charles Butt began meeting privately with officials in northern Mexico to chart his company's first push south of the border.

Today, the stakes in the grocery war are getting higher because of slipping personal incomes.

"The big question is what happens in the next 30 to 40 years," Boyan said.

Referring to an internal company presentation, he said his biggest worry is the shrinking grocery dollar in Texas. One slide in the presentation showed median household income in the U.S. has remained flat for at least four decades and actually started to decline during the Great Recession.

With dwindling consumer spending power across the U.S., more retailers — Wal-Mart foremost among them — have eyed the Lone Star State's booming population as a key growth market.

With 574 stores today in Texas, Wal-Mart's second-biggest market in the U.S. is Florida with 348 stores, its most recent annual report states.

KEY DIFFERENCE: LOCAL BRANDS

The key phrase is "own brand" — H-E-B-made products that may be the company's most effective weapon against Wal-Mart.

The grocer operates 13 factories throughout the state, with most of them in San Antonio. Here, it produces ice cream and Greek yogurt, prepares floral bouquets at a seasonal warehouse, makes tortilla chips at a snack plant, marinates fajitas and brisket meat and packages its own muffins and brownies at a sweets goods bakery.

Boyan identified these own-brand products as the top way H-E-B distinguishes itself from Wal-Mart.

"No. 1: We work really hard on having the great differentiated, unique own-brand items that are tailored for Texas taste," he said.

"If you are a national brand supplier, and you're making something the whole country needs, then you're fielding and developing the taste profile for the average American," Boyan said. "From California to McAllen to San Antonio, all three have a real mix of Anglos and Hispanics. So demographically, they're not very different, but it's unbelievable how differently they eat."

H-E-B's manufacturing division doesn't just increase the variety on store shelves.

The dairy plant here processes all Horizon milk — a non-H-E-B brand — sold at its stores, Bob McCullough, H-E-B's manufacturing chief, said at a public San Antonio Manufacturers Association forum last year. In 2013, its annual sales as a provider of outsourced manufacturing topped $100 million.

The H-E-B plants are a fundamental difference between the organizational structures of H-E-B and Wal-Mart.

"We don't actually make anything," Michelle Gloeckler, Wal-Mart's executive vice president of U.S. manufacturing, said during a supplier conference in July 2014. Instead, Wal-Mart relies on its purchasing power to secure the cheapest prices from its suppliers in order to pass those savings onto its customers.

Wal-Mart keeps its operations trim, which David Livingston, a supermarket analyst with DJL Research, said reflects its main priority.

"That is keeping labor and prices low," he said. "They're strictly low price (and) it's more of a one-stop shopping place, where everything's based on cost, and you see that in their operations."

H-E-B, on the other hand, employs about 2,000 manufacturing workers and even operates a Center of Manufacturing Excellence. Through a subsidiary named Metrix360 Laboratories, H-E-B also offers microbiological, chemical and physical testing services as part of its research and development arm.

In addition, the grocer opened a culinary center and cooking school downtown to train its employees.

"It's an extremely well-run company," Livingston said. "They've got manufacturing. They've got their own brands."

Wal-Mart's Norman downplayed H-E-B's own-brand efforts, saying they have no impact on the shelf space that Wal-Mart reserves for its private-label products.

"We want to have our Great Value (private label) brand, which is really high quality," Norman said. "But what we really focus mostly probably on is the name brands. We want customers to see that they can save money on name brands, and we really work with a lot of suppliers to guarantee that."

Nevertheless, Wal-Mart executives last August revealed they soon would launch an extreme-value store brand called Price First at stores nationwide.

THE WINNER IS?

Phil Lempert, a food industry analyst with SupermarketGuru.com, said demographics may factor into the ultimate victory in the Texas grocery battles.

"Can Wal-Mart go head-to-head with H-E-B? That's a tough question," Lempert said. "It really depends, because the interesting thing about H-E-B is they select certain stores for different demographics.

"It just depends on whether or not Wal-Mart decides to fight in an upscale neighborhood," he added. There, "H-E-B is going to win, but in an average neighborhood, it's going to be a fair fight."

Rangers fall to Diamondbacks despite efforts

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Arizona rookie Robbie Ray took a shutout into the eighth inning to outpitch Texas' Yovani Gallardo, and the Diamondbacks beat the Rangers 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Ray (3-4) pitched four-hit ball with one walk over a career-high 7 2/3 innings. He didn't give up a hit until Elvis Andrus' single with two outs in the fifth.

Jake Lamb's two-run single with two outs in the top of the fifth put Arizona ahead 2-0 and ended Gallardo's consecutive scoreless streak at 33 1/3 innings. A.J. Pollock's RBI single with two outs in the sixth made it 3-0 and chased Gallardo (7-7).

Paul Goldschmidt had two hits, including an RBI single in the eighth.

Diamondbacks	4
Rangers	2

The Rangers got on the scoreboard in the bottom of eighth as Arizona right fielder Yasmany Tomas missed Andrus' line drive for a three-base error and Andrus scored on Shin-Soo Choo's sacrifice fly. Delino DeShields doubled with two outs and scored on Rougned Odor's single, chasing Ray.

Brad Ziegler pitched a perfect ninth inning for his career high-tying 13th save in 15 opportunities.

The Diamondbacks won for the fourth time in five games and handed Texas its fourth straight loss.

Rangers pitchers have allowed 37 runs and 60 hits during the losing streak.

Gallardo allowed eight hits and five walks. The Diamondbacks put their first two batters on base in both the second and fourth innings. Texas turned double plays on balls in the air to stop both threats.

Trainer's room

Rangers: LF Josh Hamilton returned to the lineup after missing two games because of a strained hip muscle. ... LHP Derek Holland (strained shoulder), on when he would start throwing against

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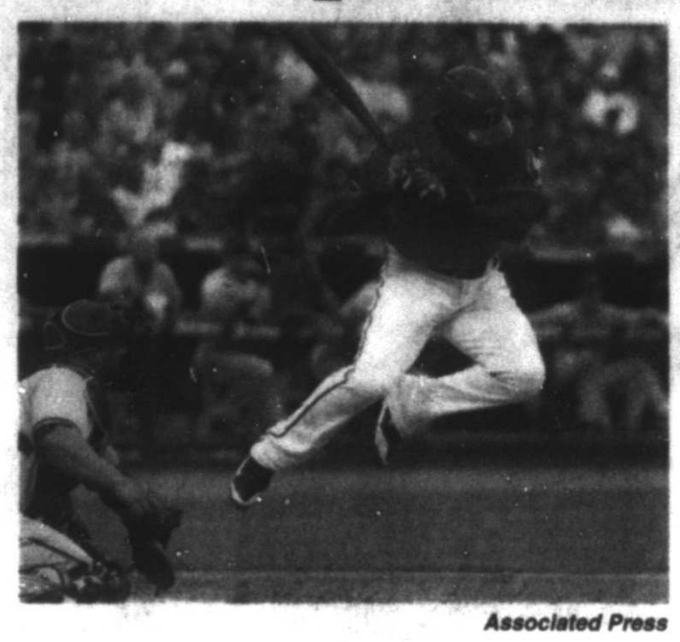

Texas Rangers third baseman Adrian Beltre jumps out of the way of an inside pitch during the second inning on Tuesday, at Globe Life Park in Arlington.

Associated Press

A base path burner

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Northwest Arkansas' Terrance Gore puts the ball in play against the RockHounds on Tuesday at Security Bank Ballpark.

Naturals' Gore turning heads with his wheels

By Will Korn
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"Speed kills" is a phrase that one might hear while venturing around the baseball world.

Few players fit that description better than the blazing Northwest Arkansas outfielder Terrance Gore. He runs a 4.2 40-yard dash and has stolen a Texas League-leading 30 bases on 32 attempts in just 65 games.

"In 22 years of pro ball, he's the fastest guy I've ever seen," Naturals' manager and former Major League catcher Vance Wilson said.

But Gore wasn't always this fast.

"I had speed when I was in eighth grade," Gore said. "That's when I actually became fast. In seventh grade, I'd get smoked by kids all the time. Eighth grade came around and I got fast out of nowhere."

Gore went on to steal 145 bases in his high school career, including 49 in his senior year at Jones County High School in Gray, Ga.

Once he gets on base, he's an immediate threat to go and he has the wheels to change the outcome of a game. He doesn't even need a good jump to swipe a bag.

In addition to going 4-for-4 in the Naturals' 5-4 loss to the RockHounds Monday at Security Bank Ballpark , Gore stole one of his two bases on a delayed steal. The ball was already well out of the pitcher's hand before Gore began his dash for second, but he still made it without a throw.

Gore said he understands that everyone knows what he's going to do once he gets on. So he and Wilson try to keep the opposition guessing.

"I normally have a green light, but it depends on the pitcher," Gore said. " I like trying new things out because they know I'm going. We try a lot of things."

Gore's speed is such a weapon that the Kansas City Royals called him up straight from Single-A advanced Wilmington for their 2014 postseason run. In six games with the Royals last October, Gore stole three bases and even scored a run in the team's 7-2 Game 2 victory against the San Francisco Giants in last season's World Series.

Gore said it was somewhat of a shock that the Royals called him up when they did, especially as he completely skipped Double-A and Triple-A.

"It was a blessing to get there," Gore said. "I was in High A and didn't expect to even touch the big leagues at all.

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Spieth skips Scotland for John Deere Classic

By Luke Meredith
Associated Press

SILVIS, Illinois — Most golfers believe the path to the British Open title starts a week early in Scotland.

Jordan Spieth is content to stay at home and continue his Grand Slam push at the tournament that launched his PGA Tour career.

Rather than join the majority of the world's top golfers and prep for St. Andrews by playing the links course in Gullane, Scotland, Spieth will spend the weekend at the often-overlooked John Deere Classic.

It's not just that Spieth wants to remain loyal to the tournament where he won for the first time in 2013 at age 19.

He's also just very comfortable playing the TPC Deere Run, one of the easiest courses on the tour.

"If I thought I wasn't going to play well next week because I played here, it would be a different story. I probably wouldn't be here. This is good preparation for me to get good feels, to get in contention and to find out what's on and what's off," said Spieth, one of just six golfers to win the U.S. Open and the Masters in the same season.

"I'm here because I believe I can win this week. I believe it's advantageous for me to try and win this week."

Spieth's rapid rise to No. 2 in the world — with injured Rory McIlroy's top spot within reach as soon as next weekend — has taken many by surprise.

Those who watched Spieth's breakthrough on this Quad Cities course two years ago saw his potential first-hand.

One year after playing the JDC at just 18 on a sponsor's exemption, Spieth forced his way into a three-way playoff by holing out

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Associated Press

Jordan Spieth speaks at a news conference at the University of Texas' golf club in Austin on Sunday.

Corey Kluber, Indians blank Astros

Indians	2
Astros	0

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Corey Kluber pitched five-hit ball into the seventh inning and finally won for the first time since May 28, leading the Cleveland Indians to a 2-0 win over the Houston Astros on Tuesday night.

Despite pitching well enough to win, Kluber (4-9) went 0-4 with two no-decisions in his previous six starts. But the defending AL Cy Young winner was on his game against the Astros, who managed just five singles and only got one runner to reach third base.

Zach McAllister finished the seventh, worked the eighth and Bryan Shaw finished up for his second save.

Michael Brantley homered in the sixth off Astros rookie Vince Velasquez (0-1) as the Indians snapped a three-game losing streak.

Velasquez was the pitcher of record for the first time in his sixth career start. He joins Hideo Nomo (1995), Marc Valdez (1995-96) and Chris Brock (1997) as the only pitchers in history to begin their careers with five starts without a decision.

The right-hander allowed only six hits in 6 1-3 innings and struck out five, but didn't get any help from Houston's offense.

Kluber knows how that feels. The steady and stoic right-hander came in receiving the second-lowest run support average (2.43 runs) in the majors, but did all he could to make the two runs he got on Tuesday stand up, throwing 6 2-3 quality innings.

He also received a major boost from his defense in the sixth while clinging to a 1-0 lead. First, center fielder Michael Bourn raced into the gap in right-center to make a lunging catch on Preston Tucker's liner. Then, rookie shortstop Francisco Lindor made a spinning stop on a hard grounder before throwing out Carlos Correa at first.

With seven strikeouts, Kluber (148) moved past White Sox ace Chris Sale (147) for the major-league lead.

Looking for a spark, Indians manager Terry Francona shuffled his lineup, dropping struggling Carlos Santana into the No. 7 hole for the first time this season.

But it was David Murphy's two-out RBI double that gave Cleveland a 1-0 lead in the first. Brantley singled and scored all the way from first when Murphy pulled a pitch from Velasquez over the right fielder Tucker's head.

It was Kluber's first lead at home since May 23, and Brantley doubled it in the sixth by drilling a first pitch from Velasquez into the right-field seats for fifth homer and first since May 14.

Trainer's room

Astros: 3B Luis Valbuena (sprained left big toe) was not in the starting lineup for the second straight day, but manager A.J. Hinch said the team's leading home-run hitter could face his former team before Houston leaves town. Valbuena, who spent three seasons with Cleveland, has 19 homers — 12 in his last 44 games.

Indians: RHP Josh Tomlin is scheduled to make a minor league rehab appearance later this week at Double-A Akron. The 30-year-old has been on the disabled list since undergoing shoulder surgery in April.

Up next

Astros: RHP Dan Straily makes his first start this season after being recalled from the minors last week. The 26-year-old, acquired in an offseason trade from the Cubs, allowed four runs in 4 2-3 innings in a relief appearance against Boston on Friday.

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TUESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 9, NW Arkansas 8

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

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ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

CYCLING
Tour de France, Stage 5, Arras to Amiens, 7 a.m., NBCSN

MLB
St. Louis at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., ESPN
Arizona at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

TENNIS
Wimbledon, men's quarterfinals, at London, 7 a.m., ESPN
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TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Sent RHP Jason Garcia to Bowie (EL) for a rehab assignment.
BOSTON RED SOX — Optioned RHP Steven Wright to Pawtucket (IL). Assigned RHP Zeke Spruill outright to Pawtucket. Recalled INF Travis Shaw from Pawtucket.
HOUSTON ASTROS — Signed LHP Patrick Sandoval to a minor-league contract.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Recalled RHP Aaron Brooks from Omaha (PCL).
MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned LHP Aaron Thompson to Rochester (IL). Selected the contract of LHP Ryan O'Rourke from Rochester.
NEW YORK YANKEES — Sent LHP Andrew Miller to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL) for a rehab assignment.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Chris Bassitt to Nashville (PCL). Recalled OF Jake Smolinski from Nashville.
SEATTLE MARINERS — Released SS Willie Bloomquist.
TAMPA BAY RAYS — Placed OF Steven Souza Jr. on the 15-day DL. Reinstated OF John Jaso from the 15-day DL. Designated RHP Preston Guilmet for assignment. Recalled RHP Matt Andriese from Durham (IL). Agreed to terms with RHP Jesus Ortiz on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms INF Andy Ibanez on an international free-agent contract.
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Agreed to terms with OF Reggie Pruitt on a minor league contract. Sent RHP Aaron Sanchez to the GCL Blue Jays for a rehab assignment.
National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Sent OF Ender Inciarte to the AZL Diamondbacks for a rehab assignment.
ATLANTA BRAVES — Designated RHP Nick Masset and LHP Dana Eveland for assignment. Recalled RHP Arodys Vizcaino from Gwinnett (IL). Selected the contract of RHP David Carpenter from Gwinnett. Signed RHPs Mike Soroka, Anthony Guardado, Josh Graham, Ryan Clark, Matt Withrow, Patrick Weigel, Taylor Lewis, Stephen Moore, Grayson Jones, Evan Phillips, Gilbert Suarez, Sean McLaughlin, Dalton Geekie and Matt Custred; LHPs A.J. Minter, Ryan Lawlor, Chase Johnson-Mullins, Trevor Belicek, Jaret Hellinger and Ben Libuda; Cs Lucas Herbert, Trey Keegan, Jonathan Morales and Collin Welch; 3Bs Austin Riley, Jacob Lanning and Robby Nesovic; OF Bradley Keller; 2B Kurt Hoeksma and CF Justin Ellison to minor league contracts.
CHICAGO CUBS — Recalled RHP Dallas Beeler from Iowa (PCL). Sent LHP Tsuyoshi Wada to Tennessee (SL) for a rehab assignment.
CINCINNATI REDS — Recalled OF Yorman Rodriguez from Louisville (IL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Claimed RHP Gonzalez German off waivers from the Chicago Cubs and optioned him to Albuquerque (PCL). Transferred 1B Justin Morneau to the 60-day DL.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Recalled LHP Ian Thomas from Oklahoma City (PCL). Optioned LHP Eric Surkamp to Oklahoma City.
MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned OF Marcell Ozuna to New Orleans (PCL). Selected the contract of OF Jordany Valdespin from New Orleans. Sent INF Martin Prado to Jupiter (FSL) for a rehab assignment.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Placed RHP Matt Garza on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Friday. Recalled RHP Corey Knebel from Colorado Springs (PCL).
NEW YORK METS — Activated RHP Jenry Mejia from the restricted list and added him to the 25-man roster. Transferred RHP Buddy Carlyle on the 60-day dl. Optioned RHP Logan Verrett to Las Vegas (PCL).
ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Recalled LHP Tyler Lyons from Memphis (PCL).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Activated OF Hunter Pence from the 15-day dl. Optioned OF Ryan Lollis to Sacramento (PCL).
Eastern League
TRENTON THUNDER — Announced RHP Joel De La Cruz was assigned to the team from Scranton/Wilkes-Barre (IL). Announced RHP Nick Goody was assigned to Scranton/Wilkes-Barre and RHP Geoff DeGroot to the GCL Yankees.
American Association
AMARILLO THUNDERHEADS — Released LHP Ryan Bonnot. Acquired RHP Leondy Perez from Normal (FL) for a player to be named.
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Signed C Zach Wright.
JOPLIN BLASTERS — Released LHP Jon Jones.
LAREDO LEMURS — Signed INF Ty Morrison.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released OF Trevor Jones. Acquired INF Starlin Rodriguez from York (Atlantic) for a player to be named.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Brady Adamek.
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Signed INF Luis Argumedes.
Frontier League
GATEWAY GRIZZLIES — Released C Jared Welch.
JOLIET SLAMMERS — Signed RHP Adam Panayotovich. Released OH Russell Moldenhauer.
NORMAL CORNBELTERS — Traded RHP Leondy Perez to the Amarillo (AA) for a player to be named.
SOUTHERN ILLINOIS MINERS — Signed LHP Spencer Medick and C Eric Branc.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Signed OF Jon Minucci and RHP Jeremy Holcombe.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Fined Dallas owner Mark Cuban $25,000 for commenting about the team's agreements with DeAndre Jordan and Wes Matthews during the league's free agent moratorium.
CHICAGO BULLS — Signed F Bobby Portis. Named Randy Brown and Charlie Henry assistant coaches. Retained Mike Wilhelm as an assistant coach.
GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS — Named Stephen Collins chief operating officer of GSW Arena LLC.
PHILADELPHIA 76ERS — Signed C Jahlil Okafor.

GOLF
PGA Tour — Suspended Scott Stallings three months for violating the PGA Tour's anti-doping policy.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
ARIZONA COYOTES — Signed F Mikkel Boedker to a one-year contract.
BOSTON BRUINS — Signed F Jimmy Hayes to a three-year contract. F Brett Connolly to a one-year contract and F Brandon DeFazio to a one-year, two-way contract.
CAROLINA HURRICANES — Agreed to terms with F Zach Boychuk on a one-year contract.
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS — Agreed to terms with D Trevor van Riemsdyk on a two-year extension, a through the 2017-18 season.
ST. LOUIS BLUES — Signed F Vladimir Tarasenko to an eight-year contract.
ECHL
ELMIRA JACKALS — Signed F Scott Jacklin to a one-year contract.
IDAHO STEELHEADS — Agreed to terms with F Chase Grant.

SOCCER
North American Soccer League
ATLANTA SILVERBACKS — Signed M Junior Burgos.

COLLEGE
ALABAMA — Announced the transfer of men's sophomore basketball G Avery Johnson Jr. from Texas A&M.
BOSTON U — Named Ashley Waters softball coach.
CAL STATE STANISLAUS — Named Brandon Christianson men's golf coach.
DAYTON — Announced the retirement of vice-president/director of athletics Tim Wepler, effective in September.
LIMESTONE — Named Kim Keever field hockey coach.
MICHIGAN — Named Bob De Carolis senior advisor to interim athletic director.
SPRING HILL — Named James Beeston and Ben Fredrickson men's assistant soccer coaches.
TEXAS A&M — Named Tanna Burge director of strength and conditioning.
VANDERBILT — Named Shannon Gilroy women's assistant lacrosse coach.

MLS STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
D.C. United*	10	4	5	35	23	18
Columbus	6	6	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	6	5	6	24	18	20
Houston	5	7	6	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	5	6	.455	2½
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
Seattle	3	9	.250	6
Los Angeles	2	8	.200	6
San Antonio	2	8	.200	6

Tuesday's Score
Tulsa 85, Atlanta 75

Today's Games
Seattle at Indiana, 11 a.m.
Los Angeles at San Antonio, 7 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 79-88 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 (use Worm-Gitz) 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; 18.59 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 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: 0.68 feet low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 79-86 degrees; 27.57 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 75-79 degrees; 27.87 feet low. Black bass are excellent on topwaters, crankbaits, spinnerbaits, swimbaits, Senkos, frogs, and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on Red Fins and topwaters. White bass are fair on crankbaits, grubs, and live minnows. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers under popping corks in 9-6 feet. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 75-79 degrees. Black bass are fair on watermelon crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on cheesebait and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky; 72-76 degrees; 13.59 feet high. Black bass are good on spinnerbaits and dark soft plastic worms in coves. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows under lights at night in 25 feet. Channel and blue catfish are good on bacon. Yellow catfish are fair on juglines baited with soft perch.

Williams gets past Azarenka at Wimbledon

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

Associated Press

Serena Williams talks to Victoria Azarenka after defeating her in their singles match, at the All England Lawn Tennis Championships in Wimbledon, London, on Tuesday. Williams won 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

LONDON — Even as Serena Williams piled up aces and groundstroke winners from all angles, even as she stormed through seven games in a row and 10 of the last 13 in yet another comeback, her Wimbledon quarterfinal against Victoria Azarenka never felt like a runaway.

That's because Azarenka, a two-time major champion and former No. 1 in her own right, was playing spectacular tennis, too, nearly the equal of Williams in every facet.

Nearly.

For when Williams finds her best game, she becomes unbeatable. And for her past 26 Grand Slam matches she is, indeed, unbeaten. Erasing an early deficit at Centre Court, Williams got past Azarenka 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 Tuesday with the help of 17 aces and a remarkable ratio of 46 winners to 12 unforced errors.

"It's been up and down, up and down, but somehow I'm still alive. I don't know how," said Williams, who twice was two points from losing to Britain's Heather Watson in the third round and is now 14-0 in three-setters and 37-1 overall in 2015. "So we'll see what happens, but I'm just happy to still be here."

She is closing in on a fourth consecutive major title for a self-styled Serena Slam, which she already accomplished in 2002-03. Pull that off, and Williams also will have the third leg of a calendar-year Grand Slam and go to the U.S. Open with a chance to become the first player since Steffi Graf in 1988 to win all four major trophies in one season.

"I haven't seen her play like this, honestly," said Azarenka, who has lost 17 of 20 matches against Williams and all 10 meetings at majors, including after leading by a set and a break at the French Open in May.

In Thursday's semifinals, No. 1 Williams faces No. 4 Maria Sharapova, who beat unseeded American CoCo Vandeweghe 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-2.

Williams is 17-2 against Sharapova, including 16 straight victories. But one of Sharapova's wins came at Wimbledon, in the 2004 final, when at age 17 she stunned Williams for the first of her five Grand Slam titles.

"Definitely no secrets between each other's games," Sharapova said.

Williams, whose major trophy count is at 20, said of the matchup: "I look forward to it."

Here was the scouting report from Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou: "If she plays like today, I don't think anyone can compete."

Pick an adjective for Williams-Azarenka. Intense. Riveting. Entertaining. Sublime. For 2 hours, 4 minutes on a windy, cloudy day, that's what this was. Both hit the ball hard. Both covered the court from corner to corner.

"We put on a great show," Azarenka said.

The other semifinal is No. 13 Agnieszka Radwanska of Poland against No. 20 Garbine Muguruza of Spain.

The men's quarterfinals are Wednesday: Novak Djokovic vs. Marin Cilic, Roger Federer vs. Gilles Simon, Andy Murray vs. Vasek Pospisil, and Stan Wawrinka vs. Richard Gasquet. Djokovic finished his 6-7 (6), 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 fourth-round victory over Kevin Anderson on Tuesday; it was suspended because of darkness after four sets Monday.

Radwanska, the 2012 runner-up, eliminated No. 21 Madison Keys of the United States 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3. Muguruza reached her first major semifinal by defeating No. 15 Timea Bacsinszky of Switzerland 7-5, 6-3.

Radwanska compiled 13 winners, 35 fewer than the big-hitting Keys. But on the flip side was this statistic: Radwanska made seven unforced errors, Keys 40.

Just as Keys pushed Radwanska, the 47th-ranked Vandeweghe gave Sharapova all she could handle, especially in the second set, building a 19-5 edge in winners. Soaking it all in during her first Grand Slam quarterfinal — it was Sharapova's 23rd — Vandeweghe repeatedly waved her arms after significant points, motioning to spectators to make more noise and be less, well, genteel.

"I relished it pretty well. I enjoyed my experience. I enjoyed the crowd out there," said Vandeweghe, whose grandfather and uncle were NBA players and grandmother was a Miss America. "I didn't enjoy the result too much."

That's because Sharapova, so passive in the second set, turned it on at the end, claiming the final three games.

Similarly, Williams was too good in the late going. From 2-all in the second set, Williams went about 45 minutes without dropping a game, taking that set and going ahead 3-0 in the third. Azarenka wouldn't concede, and even had a break point in the final game.

WIMBLEDON LOOKAHEAD

LONDON — Novak Djokovic is developing a nasty habit of playing Grand Slam matches over two days.

He thinks his latest carried-over contest won't have any effect on him in the Wimbledon quarterfinals Wednesday.

The defending champion and No. 1 seed at the All England Club will be competing for a third day in a row when he faces No. 9 Marin Cilic for a berth in the semifinals.

That's because Djokovic's 6-7 (6), 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-4, 7-5 victory over No. 14 Kevin Anderson began on Monday, was suspended because of darkness after four sets, and then resumed Tuesday. The good news for Djokovic is he only needed about 45 minutes to wrap things up, and his match against Cilic is scheduled for second on Centre Court on Wednesday, leaving extra time to rest.

"I wouldn't call it a workout," Djokovic said of his final set against Anderson. "It was good that I played another hour on the match court but it was far, far more difficult than just a simple workout."

At the French Open last month, Djokovic's semifinal against Andy Murray also stretched over two days, and the Serb then lost in the final to Stan Wawrinka.

"It's just how your body reacts and how it recovers," said Djokovic, who hadn't dropped a set this fortnight until facing Anderson. "I think I'm going to be fine. ... I think I haven't spent too much energy throughout this tournament. Of course, this match was by far the toughest I had so far. Let's see. I'm confident I can feel good."

He owns a 12-0 record against Cilic, the reigning U.S. Open champion. That includes a five-set victory in the Wimbledon quarterfinals a year ago.

"I'm going to have to be more aggressive, to play more risky tennis," Cilic said. "Of course, that leaves less margins for error, but that's the way I was playing last year."

The other men's quarterfinals are No. 2 Roger Federer against No. 12 Gilles Simon of France, No. 3 Murray against unseeded Vasek Pospisil of Canada, and No. 4 Wawrinka against No. 21 Richard Gasquet of France.

Federer has won Wimbledon seven times, Djokovic twice, and Murray once. Of the five other remaining men, only one — Gasquet, in 2007 — has even made it to the semifinals at the All England Club.

Here's what to look for Wednesday at Wimbledon:

Federer vs. Simon

Federer leads the series 5-2, and their Grand Slam achievements are even more lopsided: Federer owns 17 major titles; Simon is playing in his second career major quarterfinal. Simon's take on running into Federer? "It can be sometimes difficult to face him," he said.

Murray vs. Pospisil

A winner in all three previous meetings against the 58th-ranked Pospisil, Murray also will enjoy a home-court advantage at Centre Court, of course. And while Murray, whose 2013 title was the first for a British man at Wimbledon in 77 years, will be trying for his 17th Grand Slam semifinal, Pospisil had never been past the third round at a major until now.

Wawrinka vs. Gasquet

They've split their two past matches, and although Wawrinka owns two major titles to Gasquet's zero, it's Gasquet who is the only one to have made it to the final four at Wimbledon.

WIMBLEDON RESULTS

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

Singles
Men
Fourth Round
Novak Djokovic (1), Serbia, def. Kevin Anderson (14), South Africa, 6-7 (6), 6-7 (6), 6-1, 6-4, 7-5.

Women
Quarterfinals
Garbine Muguruza (20), Spain, def. Timea Bacsinszky (15), Switzerland, 7-5, 6-3.
Maria Sharapova (4), Russia, def. CoCo Vandeweghe, United States, 6-3, 6-7 (3), 6-2.
Agnieszka Radwanska (13), Poland, def. Madison Keys (21), United States, 7-6 (3), 3-6, 6-3.
Serena Williams (1), United States, def. Victoria Azarenka (23), Belarus, 3-6, 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles
Men
Quarterfinals
Jamie Murray, Britain and John Peers (13), Australia, def. Alexander Peya, Austria, and Bruno Soares (8), Brazil, 6-4, 7-6 (3), 6-3.
Jean-Julien Rojer, Netherlands, and Horia Tecau (4), Romania, def. Marcin Matkowski, Poland, and Nenad Zimonjic (7), Serbia, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (2).
Jonathan Erlich, Israel, and Philipp Petzschner, Germany, def. Ivan Dodig, Croatia, and Marcelo Melo (2), Brazil, 4-6, 6-2, 6-2, 6-4.

Mixed
Third Round
Leander Paes, India, and Martina Hingis (7), Switzerland, def. Artem Sitak, New Zealand, and Anastasia Rodionova, Australia, 6-2, 6-2.
Alexander Peya, Austria, and Timea Babos (5), Hungary, def. Oliver Marach, Austria, and Olga Savchuk, Ukraine, 6-3, 7-6 (6).

Invitation Doubles
Round Robin
Gentlemen
Greg Rusedski, Britain, and Fabrice Santoro, France, def. Richard Krajicek, Netherlands, and Mark Petchey, Britain, 7-5, 7-5.
Goran Ivanisevic and Ivan Ljubicic, Croatia, def. Jamie Delgado, Britain, and Thomas Enqvist, Sweden, 3-6, 6-1, 10-8.
Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, and Sebastien Grosjean, France, def. Albert Costa, Spain, and Fernando Gonzalez (1), Chile, 7-6 (1), 6-7 (5), 10-5.
Justin Gimelstob, United States, and Ross Hutchins, Britain, def. Jonas Bjorkman and Thomas Johansson (2), Sweden, 3-6, 6-2, 10-3.

Senior Gentlemen
Rick Leach and Patrick McEnroe, United States, def. Joakim Nystrom and Mikael Pernfors, Sweden, 6-2, 7-5.
Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands, def. Andrew Castle, Britain, and Jeff Tarango, United States, 6-2, 7-6 (1).
Jeremy Bates and Chris Wilkinson, Britain, def. Guy Forget and Cedric Pioline, France, 1-6, 6-3, 10-4.

Ladies
Maggie Maleeva, Bulgaria, and Rennae Stubbs, Australia, def. Jana Novotna, Czech Republic, and Barbara Schett, Austria, 7-6 (6), 7-6 (3).
Chanda Rubin, United States, and Sandrine Testud, France, def. Andrea Jaeger, United States, and Andrea Temesvari, Hungary, 7-6 (2), 6-4.
Martina Navratilova, United States, and Selima Sfar, Tunisia, def. Marion Bartoli, France, and Iva Majoli, Croatia, 7-6 (3), 6-4.

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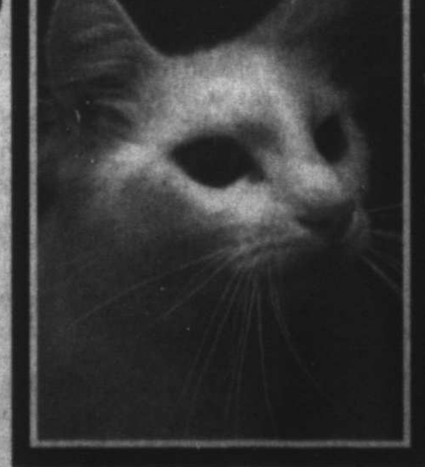

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TEXAS WEST DISTRICT 3 CHAMPS

The Northern Little League 9-10 year old all-stars went 7-1 during their 10-day tournament to claim the Texas West District 3 Championship. Northern defeated teams from Odessa, Big Spring and Midland en route to the title. Northern defeated Mid-City Little League twice by the scores of 7-0 and 7-3 to win the championship.
Northern combined to score 78 runs, while allowing only 10 runs and compiling 68 strikeouts on the pitching side. With the district title, Northern advanced to the sectional tournament and will play its first game Saturday in Lubbock.
Pictured in the front row, left to right, are: Jaron Gignac, Connor Jordan, Houston Jordan, Christian Wiggins and Tyler Wood. The middle row (left to right) consists of Parker Pruitt, Canyon Moses, Troy Bostick and Evan Letcher. Standing in the back row (left to right) are: Cole Jordan, Chase Shores and Marcos Davila. The coaches (left to right) include Danny Jordan, manager Bryan Shores and Caesar Davila.

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American League

ROYALS 9 RAYS 5, 1ST GAME

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Paulo Orlando hit his first career grand slam in the ninth inning off All-Star closer Brad Boxberger to give Kansas City a victory over Tampa Bay in the opener of a day-night doubleheader.

Boxberger (4-5), added to the AL roster by Royals manager Ned Yost on Monday, gave up one-out singles to Eric Hosmer and Alex Rios before walking Omar Infante to load the bases.

Orlando followed by hitting his second career home run into the bullpen in left field.

The Rays had just tied the game off Royals closer Greg Holland (3-0), who allowed a leadoff triple to Kevin Kiermaier in the ninth.

ATHLETICS 4 YANKEES 3, 10 INNINGS

NEW YORK — Brett Lawrie hit a leadoff homer in the 10th inning against All-Star reliever Dellin Betances, sending Oakland to a victory over New York.

Billy Butler launched a tying shot off Chasen Shreve in the sixth, and Tyler Clippard whiffed slugger Mark Teixeira with two on for the final out as the A's improved to 1-6 in extra innings this year. They had been the only major league team without a win after the ninth.

Sonny Gray threw seven gritty innings for Oakland in his return from an illness that sent him to the hospital and forced him to skip a start.

Lawrie pulled an 0-2 breaking ball just inside the left-field foul pole for his eighth home run. Betances (5-2) snapped his head down and shouted into his glove.

Drew Pomeranz (3-3) pitched two perfect innings, and Clippard got three outs against his former team for his 16th save in 18 attempts.

TWINS 8 ORIOLES 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Miguel Sano demonstrated his power in hitting his first major league homer then showed some patience at the plate by drawing a bases-loaded walk Tuesday night as the Minnesota Twins cruised to an 8-3 win over the Baltimore Orioles.

Sano hit a towering two-run homer in the first inning in front of the fans who have long been waiting for his heralded arrival. Known for his potent bat, Sano had two hits and has hit safely in each of his first six games since being promoted from Double-A.

Kyle Gibson (7-6) allowed a two-run homer to J.J. Hardy but held Baltimore to six hits in six innings to win his third straight start.

In his second home game at Target Field, Sano demonstrated why he's been regarded as one of the major's top prospects since he signed as a 17-year-old out of the Dominican Republic in 2009.

National League

CUBS 7 CARDINALS 4

CHICAGO — Jake Arrieta pitched into the seventh inning and also got a career-high two hits, Anthony Rizzo launched his 16th homer, and the Chicago Cubs beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-4 Tuesday in the first game of a day-night doubleheader.

Rizzo's two-run drive highlighted a four-run eighth after St. Louis pulled within one.

Arrieta (9-5) came through on the mound and at the plate as the Cubs won for the sixth time in eight games. The right-hander gave up two runs and seven hits in 6 2-3 innings and improved to 3-0 in his past four starts.

Arrieta contributed a pair of singles and scored a run after starting the season 1 for 33.

Chris Denorfia had two hits and drove in three runs as Chicago beat St. Louis for the third time in 11 games. He gave the Cubs 2-0 lead with a two-run single in the third off Tyler Lyons (2-1).

REDS 5 NATIONALS 0

WASHINGTON — Johnny Cueto pitched a two-hitter with 11 strikeouts, Joey Votto homered and drove in three runs and Cincinnati beat Max Scherzer and Washington.

The potential pitching duel between Cueto and Scherzer never materialized. Cueto kept up his end — retiring the final 15 batters in his first complete game of the year — but Scherzer struggled from the outset.

One day after being named to the NL All-Star team, Scherzer (9-7) gave up five runs and seven hits in 4 2/3 innings, his shortest outing in more than a year. The five runs were more than the right-hander allowed in his previous four games combined, a stretch that included a no-hitter and a one-hitter.

Votto was the main culprit. He doubled in a run in the first inning, hit a solo homer in the third and added an RBI single in the fifth.

BRAVES 4 BREWERS 3

MILWAUKEE — A.J. Pierzynski homered among his three hits, Manny Banuelos earned his first major league win and the Atlanta Braves beat the Milwaukee Brewers 4-3 Tuesday night.

Pierzynski hit his sixth homer and drove in two runs. He is 10 for 13 in his last three games.

Banuelos (1-0) gave up one run and five hits in 5 1-3 innings. The left-hander, who made his big league debut last week, started in place of the injured Williams Perez.

Jason Grilli got his 24th save to give Atlanta its seventh victory in nine games.

Tyler Cravy (0-2) started in place of Matt Garza, who went on the disabled list Monday. Cravy gave up three runs in six innings in his second major league start.

One day after tying his season high with four hits, Pierzynski got hits in his first three at-bats. His solo homer made it 1-all in the second.

Pierzynski added a run-scoring bloop single in the fourth for a 2-1 lead and singled in the sixth.

Interleague

RED SOX 4 MARLINS 3

BOSTON — Xander Bogaerts drove in three runs with a bases-loaded single in the seventh inning, bolstering his chances for a spot in the All-Star Game and leading Boston to a victory over Miami.

Bogaerts, one of five candidates for the final opening on the AL team, went 2 for 4 to raise his batting average to .304.

Wade Miley struck out nine and Travis Shaw picked up his first three major league hits, including a one-out single to start Boston's comeback in the seventh.

Junichi Tazawa (1-3) picked up the win with 1 1/3 innings of scoreless relief, and Koji Uehara pitched a perfect ninth for his 20th save.

Boston matched a season high with its third consecutive win.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	44	39	.530	—
Baltimore	43	41	.512	1½
Toronto	44	42	.512	1½
Tampa Bay	43	43	.500	2½
Boston	40	45	.471	5

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	48	33	.593	—
Minnesota	45	39	.538	4½
Detroit	42	40	.512	6½
Cleveland	39	44	.470	10
Chicago	37	44	.457	11

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	49	37	.570	—
Los Angeles	45	38	.542	2½
Texas	41	43	.488	7
Seattle	38	45	.458	9½
Oakland	39	47	.453	10

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	46	38	.548	—
New York	43	41	.512	3
Atlanta	42	42	.500	4
Miami	35	49	.417	11
Philadelphia	28	57	.329	18½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	54	30	.643	—
Pittsburgh	48	34	.585	5
Chicago	46	37	.554	7½
Cincinnati	38	44	.463	15
Milwaukee	36	50	.419	19

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	47	37	.560	—
San Francisco	42	42	.500	5
Arizona	41	42	.494	5½
San Diego	39	46	.459	8½
Colorado	35	48	.422	11½

Tuesday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Kansas City 8, Tampa Bay 5, 1st game
Oakland 4, N.Y. Yankees 3, 10 innings
Cleveland 2, Houston 0
Minnesota 8, Baltimore 3
Kansas City 7, Tampa Bay 1, 2nd game
Toronto 2, Chicago White Sox 1
Detroit at Seattle, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Chicago Cubs 7, St. Louis 4, 1st game
Cincinnati 5, Washington 0
San Diego at Pittsburgh, late
Chicago Cubs 8, St. Louis 3, 2nd game
Atlanta 4, Milwaukee 3
Philadelphia at L.A. Dodgers, late
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco, late

INTERLEAGUE
Boston 4, Miami 3
Arizona 4, Texas 2
L.A. Angels 10, Colorado 2

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Baltimore (U.Jimenez 7-4) at Minnesota (Milone 4-1), 1:10 p.m.
Detroit (An.Sanchez 7-7) at Seattle (Happ 4-5), 3:40 p.m.
Oakland (Kazmir 5-5) at N.Y. Yankees (Sabathia 3-8), 7:05 p.m.
Houston (Straily 0-0) at Cleveland (Bauer 7-6), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 9-5) at Kansas City (Guthrie 6-5), 8:10 p.m.
Toronto (Hutchison 6-2) at Chicago White Sox (Danks 4-8), 8:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Atlanta (Teheran 6-4) at Milwaukee (Fiers 4-7), 1:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 8-6) at San Francisco (Peavy 0-3), 2:45 p.m.
Cincinnati (Leake 3-3) at Washington (G.Gonzalez 8-4), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Cashner 3-9) at Pittsburgh (Morton 6-2), 6:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Wacha 10-3) at Chicago Cubs (Hammel 5-4), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Morgan 1-1) at L.A. Dodgers (Kershaw 5-8), 9:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Miami (Koehler 7-4) at Boston (Porcello 4-8), 7:10 p.m.
Arizona (Hellickson 6-5) at Texas (M.Harrison 9-0), 8:05 p.m.
L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 4-7) at Colorado (Rusin 3-3), 8:40 p.m.

Texas box scores

DIAMONDBACKS 4, RANGERS 2

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Pollock cf	5	0	1	1	DShields cf	4	1	1	0
DPeralt ss	4	1	1	0	Odor 2b	4	0	1	1
Stubbs rf	3	1	2	1	Fielder dh	3	0	0	0
Tomas rf	5	0	2	0	Beltre 3b	4	0	0	0
Lamb 3b	4	0	3	2	Morlnd 1b	4	0	1	0
WCastillo c	5	0	2	0	J.Irvin lf	4	0	0	0
Sbbsch dh	4	0	1	0	Andrus ss	3	1	1	0
Owings 2b	4	1	0	0	Choo rf	2	0	0	1
Ahmed ss	4	1	1	0	Chirinos c	3	0	0	0
Totals	38	4	13	4	Totals	31	2	4	2

Arizona ..... 000 021 010—4
Texas ..... 000 000 020—2

E—Tomas (7), Chirinos (4). DP—Texas 2.
LOB—Arizona 13, Texas 4. 2B—DeShields (10), 3B—D.Peralta (4). SB—Goldschmidt (18), Tomas (5), Lamb (3), Owings (10). SF—Choo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Ray W,3-4	7 0-3	4	2	0	1	4
O.Perez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Ziegler S,13-16	1	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Gallardo L,7-7	5 2-3	8	3	3	5	4
S.Freeman	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Kelb	1	1	0	0	0	2
Patton	2-3	1	1	1	0	1
Detwiler	0	0	0	0	0	0
Scheppers	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Sh.Tolleson	1	1	0	0	0	3

Detwiler pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.
HBP—by Detwiler (D.Peralta).
T—3:03. A—30,955 (48,114).

INDIANS 2, ASTROS 0

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Cleveland	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	4	0	0	0	Kipnis 2b	3	0	0	0
Tucker rf	4	0	2	0	Lindor ss	4	0	0	0
Correa ss	4	0	0	0	Brantly dh	4	2	3	1
Gattis dh	4	0	2	0	DvMyr lf	3	0	2	1
CPinto cf	4	0	0	0	YGoms c	4	0	1	0
Conger c	3	0	1	0	Moss rf	4	0	0	0
MGnzlz 3b	4	0	0	0	CSantn 1b	3	0	2	0
Singltn 1b	3	0	0	0	Urshela 3b	3	0	0	0
Presley lf	2	0	1	0	Bourn cf	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	0	6	0	Totals	31	2	8	2

Houston ..... 000 000 000—0
Cleveland ..... 100 001 00x—2

DP—Houston 1, Cleveland 1. LOB—Houston 7, Cleveland 7. 2B—Dav.Murphy (10), HR—Brantley (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Velasquez L,0-1	6 1-3	6	2	2	2	5
Sipp	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
R.Hernandez	1	2	0	0	0	1
Cleveland						
Kluber W,4-9	6 2-3	5	0	0	2	7
McAllister H,5	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
B.Shaw S,2-3	1	0	0	0	0	1

PB—Y.Gomes. Balk—Kluber.
T—3:03. A—10,821 (36,856).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
First Game
ROYALS 9, RAYS 5

Tampa Bay ..... 010 300 001 —5 9 1
Kansas City ..... 020 100 104 —9 15 2

M.Moore, Geltz (5), Cedeno (7), Jepsen (7), Teaford (8), Boxberger (9) and Rivera, Casali; C.Young, K.Herrera (7), W.Davis (8), G.Holland (8) and Butera, W—G.Holland 3-0. L—Boxberger 4-5. HRs—Tampa Bay, Loney (3), Longoria (9). Kansas City, A.Gordon (11), Orlando (2).

ATHLETICS 4, YANKEES 3

Oakland ..... 101 001 000—4 8 1
New York ..... 200 100 000—3 6 0

Gray, Fe.Rodriguez (8), Pomeranz (9), Clippard (10) and Vogt; Eovaldi, Shreve (6), Warren (7), Ja.Wilson (8), Betances (9), Capuano (10) and B.McCann. W—Pomeranz 3-3. L—Betances 5-2. Sv—Clippard (16). HRs—Oakland, B.Butler (7), Lawrie (8).

BLUE JAYS 2, WHITE SOX 1

Toronto ..... 100 100 000 —2 5 1
Chicago ..... 010 000 000 —1 7 1

Dickerson, Schultz (7), Loup (8), Osuna (9) and Ru.Martin; Quintana, Petricka (9) and Flowers. W—Dickerson 1-0. L—Quintana 4-8. Sv—Osuna (4). HRs—Toronto, Donaldson (21).

TWINS 8, ORIOLES 3

Baltimore ..... 000 000 210 —3 7 0
Minnesota ..... 210 400 00x —8 11 0

Gausman, Brach (4), Matusz (7), Britton (8) and Wieters; Gibson, Duensing (7), Graham (8), O'Rourke (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Gibson 7-6. L—Gausman 1-1. HRs—Baltimore, J.Hardy (5). Minnesota, Sano (1).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
First Game
CUBS 7, CARDINALS 4

St. Louis ..... 000 000 202 —4 9 1
Chicago ..... 002 001 04x —7 12 0

Lyons, Hatley (6), M.Harris (7), Choate (8), Socolovich (8) and T.Cruz; Arrieta, J.Russell (7), Strop (8), Ne.Ramirez (9), Motte (9) and M.Montero. W—Arrieta 9-5. L—Lyons 2-1. HRs—St. Louis, Reynolds (8). Chicago, Rizzo (16).

REDS 5, NATIONALS 0

Cincinnati ..... 201 020 000 —5 9 2
Washington ..... 000 000 000 —0 2 2

Cueto and B.Pena; Scherzer, Jordan (5), Solis (9) and W.Ramos. W—Cueto 6-5. L—Scherzer 9-7. HRs—Cincinnati, Votto (15).

Second Game
CUBS 6, CARDINALS 3

St. Louis ..... 000 002 001 —3 9 1
Chicago ..... 000 010 31x —6 6 0

Cooney, Maness (5), Siegrist (7), Villanueva (8) and Molina; Beeler, J.Russell (6), Grimm (6), T.Wood (7), H.Rondon (8), Motte (9) and Teagarden, M.Montero. W—T.Wood 5-3. L—Maness 3-1. Sv—Motte (5).

BRAVES 4, BREWERS 3

Atlanta ..... 010 110 100 —4 10 0
Milwaukee ..... 100 000 110 —3 8 0

Banuelos, Vizcaino (6), Rottynevicz (7), D.Carpenter (7), Aardsma (8), Grilli (9) and Pierzynski; Cravy, W.Smith (7), Blazek (8) and Lucroy. W—Banuelos 1-0. L—Cravy 0-2. Sv—Grilli (24). HRs—Atlanta, Pierzynski (6). Milwaukee, Lucroy (2), Lind (15).

INTERLEAGUE
RED SOX 4, MARLINS 3

Miami ..... 001 000 200 —3 7 2
Boston ..... 010 000 30x —4 8 0

Haren, Cishek (7), Dunn (7), Capps (7), B.Morris (8) and Ryal[illegible]; Miley, Tazawa (7), Uehara (9) and Hanigan. W—Tazawa 1-3. L—Cishek 2-6. Sv—Uehara (20).

MONDAY'S LATE LINESCORES
DODGERS 10, PHILLIES 7

Philadelphia ..... 003 100 100 —7 11 1
Los Angeles ..... 210 031 30x—10 15 0

O'Sullivan, J.Gomez (6), De Fratus (7) and Ruiz; Y.Garcia, Burkamp (3), Ja.Peralta (6), Baez (7), Howell (7), Liberatore (8), Jansen (9) and Grandal. W—Howell 4-1. L—J.Gomez 0-2. Sv—Jansen (14). HRs—Philadelphia, Galvis (3), Howard (14). O.Herrera (4). Los Angeles, A.Gonzalez (16), Grandal (13).

METS 3, GIANTS 0

New York ..... 000 000 003 —3 7 0
San Francisco ..... 000 000 000 —0 3 3

Niese, Familia (9) and Mora[illegible]; Heston, Lopez (8), Romo (8), Casilla (9), Machi (9) and Posey. W—Niese 4-8. L—Romo 0-4. Sv—Familia (23).

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 9 NATURALS 8
At Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Naturals left fielder Terrance Gore went 3-for-4 with a run, an RBI and a stolen base. Two of Gore's three hits were infield singles which he beat out easily. … First baseman Frank Schwindel went 3-for-5 with two runs and an RBI in his Double-A debut for the Naturals. … Midland first baseman Matt Olson went 2-for-4 with three runs and an RBI. … Center fielder Chad Oberacker finished 2-for-4 with three RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland reliever Andres Avila came on with two outs in the fifth inning and ended up tossing 2 1/3 scoreless innings. He struck out three and didn't allow a hit.

HIGHLIGHTS: With Midland trailing, 5-0, in the bottom of the second, Chad Pinder scored on a passed ball to make it 5-1. … Oberacker then grounded into an RBI fielder's choice out that scored Olson and cut the Naturals' lead to 5-2. … Then in the fifth inning, trailing, 5-3, Midland exploded for five runs bookended by Colin Walsh's leadoff solo home run and Oberacker's two-run single to right to give Midland an 8-6 lead. … The Naturals added two runs in the top of the ninth.

NOTES: The RockHounds will start a six-game road trip today against Arkansas. Midland will be missing both Olson and Renato Nunez for the entire series with the Travelers, as the pair will head to Cincinnati for the 2015 MLB All-Star Futures Game. …RockHounds third baseman Ryon Healy underwent minor dental surgery on Monday to repair damage after he was struck in the face by a ground ball on Saturday.

Pinder now leads Midland with 45 RBI on the season. Eight of the nine Midland starting players on Tuesday entered the game with 30 or more RBI on the season.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Midland—LHP Dillon Overton (1-0, 1.80); Arkansas— RHP Kyle McGowin (4-7, 5.76)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Tulsa	7	4	.636	—
Springfield	7	5	.583	½
Arkansas	5	6	.455	2
x-Northwest Arkansas	4	6	.333	3½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	9	3	.750	—
Frisco	5	6	.455	3½
x-Corpus Christi	5	7	.417	4
San Antonio	4	7	.364	4½

x-clinched first half

Tuesday's Scores
Midland 9, Northwest Arkansas 8
San Antonio at Tulsa, ppd., rain
Arkansas at Frisco, late
Springfield 1, Corpus Christi 0

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

ROCKHOUNDS 9, NATURALS 8

NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Adams dh	3	1	1	1	Oberacker cf	4	0	2	3
Mondesi	4	0	1	2	Walsh 2b	5	1	1	1
Bonifacio rf	4	1	0	1	Whitaker rf	3	1	1	0
Liddi 3b	4	1	1	0	Nunez 3b	5	2	2	0
Starling cf	4	1	1	1	Pinder ss	4	1	2	1
Schwindel 1b	5	2	3	1	Olson 1b	4	3	2	1
Torres 2b	4	0	1	0	Brugman dh	2	1	0	0
Morin c	4	1	1	1	Maxwell c	3	0	2	1
Gore lf	4	1	3	1	Angle lf	4	0	1	0
Totals	36	8	12	8	Totals	34	9	13	7

NW Arkansas ..... 050 010 002 —8
Midland ..... 020 101 00X —9

E—Nunez (11). DP—NW Arkansas 2.
LOB—NW Arkansas 8. Midland 9. 2B—Morin (5), Mondesi (5), Liddi (19), Oberacker (18), Olson (20), Nunez (10). HR—Walsh (10). SB - Gore (31), Olson (2), Whitaker (4). SF—Bonifacio, Starling.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
NW Arkansas						
Amonte	4.0	5	3	3	2	3
Sulbaran L, 4-7	0.1	5	5	5	1	0
Stumpf	2.2	3	1	1	1	5
Nina	1.0	0	0	0	1	2
Midland						
Sanchez	4.2	11	8	6	2	2
Avila W, 1-1	2.1	0	0	0	0	3
Frankoff	2.0	1	2	0	1	1

WP—Sanchez. HBP—Olson (by Almonte), Whitaker (by Almonte)
T—2:57. A—2,801

GORE

From 1C

Mike Sweeney (the Royals' special assistant to baseball operations) talked to me right before and said 'they're going to give you a chance. Just take advantage of it and let your God-given abilities take over' and that's what I did."

Gore, a 2011 20th round pick by the Royals out of Gulf Coast State Community College in Panama City, Fla., started the 2015 season in Double-A following his appearance in the Fall Classic.

Wilson acknowledged that Gore's speed is an invaluable asset to his team. But the 23-year-old outfielder still has some work to do to develop the rest of his offensive repertoire.

"For them (the Royals) to pull him up in the World Series last year and have him do what he did, it's (Gore's speed) is an unbelievable tool," Wilson said. "Our job is to make sure we develop the other part, so it isn't just that weapon."

In his 65 games, Gore is hitting .285 with no home runs and 10 RBI while getting on base at a .376 clip. He has shown that he has some plate discipline, as he has walked 23 times against 39 strikeouts in 172 at-bats.

Gore said he has really been able to improve his bunting this season with the Naturals, which has no doubt helped to raise his batting average and on-base percentage.

Added Wilson: "One thing that I think has been tough on him is the battle to not just be that guy, but to be a solid all-around guy. You can be content and know that 'hey, I can be a pinch runner for the rest of my career' and there's a very small shelf life for that."

And as the Royals figure to be World Series contenders for the next few years, Gore knows he'll likely get more time in the majors. He knows he has a special ability that many of his peers do not. Hitting and fielding can be taught. Pitching can be taught. But not speed.

For now Gore continues to turn heads in Texas League parks, until his next opportunity in 'The Show' comes around.

"I'm the biggest cheerleader for the Royals right now," Gore said. "I want them to win and get into the playoffs, so hopefully I'll get called back up and do the same thing they want me to do."

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RANGERS

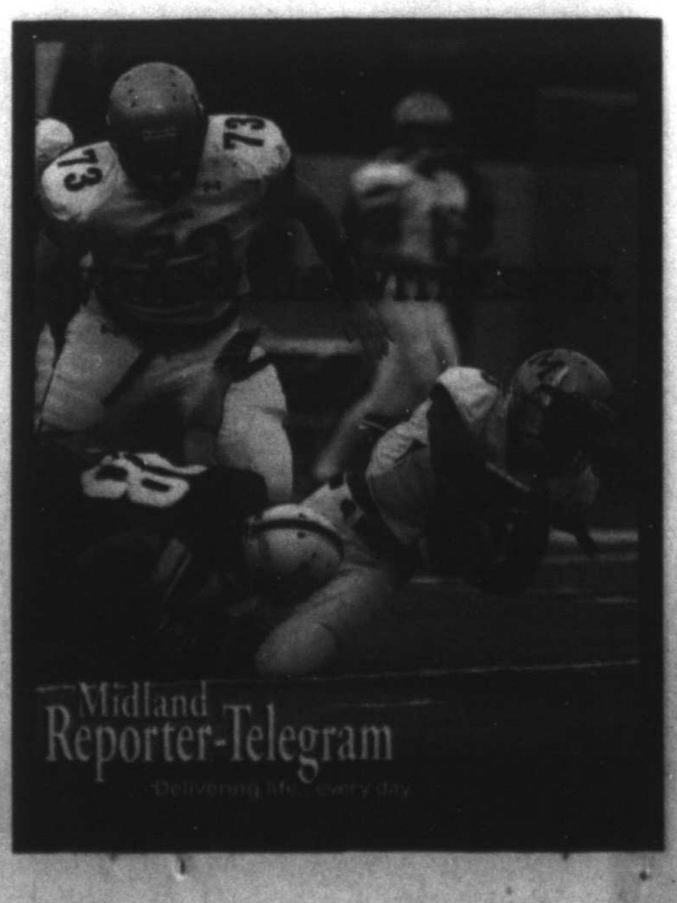
From 1C

batters: "You guys will all know before I do."

Up next

Diamondbacks: RHP Jeremy Hellickson (6-5, 5.06 ERA) is 0-3 with a 3.86 ERA in five starts against Texas.

Rangers: LHP Matt Harrison is scheduled to make his first major league appearance since May 13, 2014. He underwent spinal fusion in June 2014. In six injury-rehab starts this season, Harrison went 1-3 with a 6.23 ERA. He was won only one major league game since going 18-11 in 2012. Harrison is 0-1 in two starts vs. Arizona.



US women begin home World Cup celebrations with LA fan rally

By Greg Beacham
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Carli Lloyd looked out over the cheering mob of U.S. women's national team fans and raised an arm in triumph.

"It feels great to wake up as a world champion, and that feeling won't ever get old," Lloyd said.

The home celebrations got underway for the World Cup winners on Tuesday. The Americans were welcomed to downtown Los Angeles by an estimated crowd of 10,000 cheering fans at a rally in the first stop on a victory tour.

The first stateside appearance was a raucous party in front of fans who began camping out before dawn on short notice. Abby Wambach joyously lifted the World Cup trophy while the players led the crowd in chants of "I Believe That We Just Won!"

Lloyd's hat trick in the final propelled the U.S. women to their record third World Cup title, routing Japan 5-2 on Sunday in Vancouver. The Americans hadn't won soccer's biggest prize since 1999, but Lloyd believes this team has done something comparably groundbreaking.

"I know in '99 it was a huge turning point for women's soccer, (but) I think we have just crushed history right now," said Lloyd, who scored six goals in the tournament. "With the amount of coverage, with social media, with everything else that's been going on, I think there was no greater time to win a World Cup than now. ... It's an unbelievable moment. It's something that's going to last for years."

The Los Angeles crowd was packed with boys and girls introduced to soccer by the tournament. Hundreds wore their favorite players' shirts, while signs in the crowd included "Party Like It's '99," "Long Live the Queens," and "Equal Pay 4 (Female) Athletes."

The team spent the night downtown before the rally, but could hear fans chanting down the street when they awoke. Even after everything they accomplished in the previous six weeks, the excitement still stunned them.

"We didn't know how many people were going to show up," Megan Rapinoe said. "We didn't have this just a few years ago. We've earned it, and we're proud of it. The atmosphere was just so much fun. It was a great party, and I like to enjoy myself."

While defender Meghan Klingenberg filmed her team with a GoPro camera, Rapinoe took the microphone to introduce her teammates with various anecdotes, nicknames and embarrassing details. The fans roared for every player, but gave particularly loud cheers when Hope Solo addressed them.

"It is so good to be back home!" yelled Solo, the goalie who yielded just three goals in the entire tournament. "You guys have been the most awesome of fans throughout the entire time. I'm honored to be an American, I'm honored to play for this team and this country!"

The players also led a sing-along to Queen's "We Are the Champions" before leaving the stage. Most of the women were headed home later Tuesday before reconvening in New York on Friday for a ticker-tape parade in the Canyon of Heroes and a ceremony with Mayor Bill DeBlasio.

Lloyd was already thinking further ahead, telling the crowd that "we're going to have to bring it home in four years' time."

Lauren Holiday also was thinking about her future after scoring a goal in the World Cup final. The 27-year-old midfielder became emotional after the rally when she revealed she plans to retire from the U.S. national team after 10 years, seeing the World Cup as a perfect spot to leave.

The women share the hope that their victory will provide a lasting boost for women's soccer stateside. NWSL teams have already seen an upsurge in ticket sales, but Rapinoe and Lloyd are cautiously confident that the boost is sustainable.

"The tough thing is the World Cup is every four years," Lloyd said. "It's not like a World Series or the Stanley Cup playoffs where it's every year, but we do have the Olympics the following year, which is great. I think people will stick around. I think people will watch."

1984 Olympic Torch going on auction block

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The 1984 Summer Olympic Torch that Bruce Jenner carried through Lake Tahoe, Nevada, is going on the auction block where it could fetch $20,000 or more.

It's the first major piece of Jenner memorabilia to go to auction since the winner of the 1976 Olympic Decathlon Gold Medal became Caitlyn Jenner.

The 24-inch torch, featuring a brass finish and leather handle, is being offered by Heritage Auctions at its Platinum Night Sports Auction in Chicago on July 30. The seller is Bob Lorsch, a Los Angeles philanthropist and entrepreneur who orchestrated the Tahoe leg of the torch relay and secured Jenner's participation.

"This torch serves as a wonderful symbol that masculinity and femininity are not mutually exclusive," said Chris Ivy, Heritage's director of sports auctions. "The decathlon has long been considered the ultimate athletic proving ground. Jenner has played both gender roles masterfully."

Jenner was approached to carry the torch as part of the Los Angles Summer Olympic Games to help support Caesars Tahoe's agenda of giving back to the local community and promoting area youth programs, said Lorsch. The hotel casino held a drawing for a chance to win a place in the relay and sponsored 50 kilometers or about 31 miles of the Nevada route. Seven went to individuals and 42 to local organizations. Jenner was asked to run the remaining kilometer or 1,000 meters.

"Caesars saw it as a tremendous opportunity ... to do something more special, never realizing that we would be creating what is truly a piece of history that originated as a piece of sports history, then evolved as a piece of entertainment history through the Kardashian legacy and becoming a cultural phenomenon through the transition to Caitlyn," said Lorsch.

"Other than trinkets and signed memorabilia, this is the first piece of what I would consider significant Jenner memorabilia to reach the auction block," said Ivy.

Associated Press

In this photo provided by the United States Golf Association, Tom Watson watches his tee shot on the 10th hole during the first round round of the 2015 U.S. Senior Open golf tournament at Del Paso Country Club in Sacramento, Calif., on June 25.

Along for the ride on Watson's farewell

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

This was one time Luke Donald didn't mind taking 45 minutes to play a 357-yard hole. He was on the 18th hole at St. Andrews, and the company he kept that Friday afternoon in 2005 could not have been better.

Donald played with Tom Watson and Jack Nicklaus, giving him an unobstructed view for the farewell of golf's greatest champion. Not only was it the final round for Nicklaus at St. Andrews, he closed his incomparable career with his 164th and final appearance in a major.

Donald and Nicklaus had sponsorship deals with the Royal Bank of Scotland, and Donald thought he might get the pairing.

"They came to me and ... not warned me, but asked if I would be interested in playing with Jack in his last Open," Donald said. "I didn't take me long to think about it. Even though it can be a distraction — and it was in certain parts — it was a totally different atmosphere. It was a treat to play with him and experience the admiration everyone had for Jack and what he had done for the game.

"The last few holes, every window was filled with people watching a legend."

Ian Baker-Finch knows the feeling.

He's not sure why his name was chosen to play with Arnold Palmer when the King bid farewell at the home of golf in 1995.

Baker-Finch won The Open in 1991 at Royal Birkdale, but his game was starting to slide. And so while it was an honor that the R&A chose him and Peter Baker of England to play alongside Palmer, there was no shortage of nerves.

"I was in a funk and I was trying to figure it out," Baker-Finch said Tuesday. "And I remember thinking how hard it was going to be to figure it out playing before 50,000 people who were with Arnie."

But what a memory. And what an artifact.

Palmer gave Baker-Finch the golf ball he used over the final two holes that year, and then signed it for him.

"I have the last one he played his last hole with at St. Andrews," Baker-Finch said.

Few images in golf are as indelible as Palmer and Nicklaus posing one last time as they cross the Swilcan Bridge.

Next up is Tom Watson, who is playing in his 41st and final Open next week at St. Andrews. Watson is a five-time champion, the only player to win the claret jug on five courses, four of them in Scotland, though not at St. Andrews. He is beloved in the old country.

The task for R&A chief Peter Dawson and his staff is to find the right company for Watson — although the final crossing of the Swilcan Bridge could very well be on a Sunday. Watson was 8 feet away from winning the Open just six years ago at Turnberry. He made the cut last year at Royal Liverpool.

It won't be Tiger Woods, who has had a frosty relationship with his fellow Stanford alum. And it won't be Phil Mickelson, who called out Watson for his job as Ryder Cup captain during the closing news conference at Gleneagles last September.

Such matters require thought, and Dawson wasn't tipping his hand.

Yes, it can be a distraction. That's usually outweighed by the privilege of witnessing how much one player can endear himself to so many.

For his final U.S. Open at Pebble Beach, Nicklaus was joined by David Gossett and Paul Lawrie. The USGA typically puts the defending champion with the U.S. Amateur champion (Gossett) and British Open champion (Lawrie). The defending U.S. Open champion was Payne Stewart, who died in a plane crash the previous October. Nicklaus was given that honor.

"If ever there's a defending champion at Pebble Beach, it should be Nicklaus," said David Fay, the USGA executive director at the time.

More curious was Palmer's swan song at Oakmont for his final U.S. Open. He played his final two rounds with Rocco Mediate and John Mahaffey. Mediate, like Palmer, grew up in western Pennsylvania. But Mahaffey? He won the PGA Championship, the major that kept Palmer from the career Grand Slam, and he won it at Oakmont of all places.

"Nobody could pick up on Mahaffey," Fay said.

Turns out there was a club member at Oakmont named Jack Mahaffey who was on the USGA executive committee and was close friend with Palmer. Fay said the third player in Palmer's group was chosen because of his surname.

Augusta National, meanwhile, marches to its own beat.

Nicklaus didn't announce that 2005 was going to be his final Masters, which might explain why the six-time champion finished his final round on the ninth hole.

PGA Grand Slam to move from Trump Course in Los Angeles

Associated Press

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. — The PGA of America is moving its Grand Slam of Golf from Donald Trump's course in Los Angeles, the first significant fallout for golf from the Republican presidential candidate's comments on Mexican immigrants.

Trump and the PGA of America met Monday. Both groups said they mutually agreed not to hold the Grand Slam of Golf at Trump National Golf Club in Los Angeles on Oct. 19-21.

Trump said because of the backlash over his comments he does not want the PGA of America to deal with any consequences.

"I have great respect for the PGA of America and everything they stand for," Trump said in a statement.

The PGA Grand Slam is a 36-hole exhibition for the four major champions of the year. Jordan Spieth already has qualified by winning the Masters and U.S. Open. Martin Kaymer will be the alternate as the defending champion.

The PGA said it was exploring options on where to move the Grand Slam, along with its annual PGA Junior League Golf Championship that also was to be held at Trump National Los Angeles. The Grand Slam was in Bermuda from 2007 until last year.

NBC, Univision and Macy's are among several businesses that already have cut ties to Trump over his comments. The real estate mogul stood by his remarks, issuing a new statement Monday in which he said the Mexican government is "forcing their most unwanted people into the United States" and claimed that in many cases, those people are "criminals, drug dealers, rapists, etc."

On Monday, ESPN announced it was moving its ESPY Celebrity Golf Classic from Trump's course in Los Angeles to nearby Pelican Hill.

"Diversity and inclusion are core values at ESPN and our decision also supports that commitment," ESPN said.

Trump said in a statement Tuesday afternoon the loss of ESPN's celebrity event, and NASCAR last week announcing it will not hold its season-ending awards ceremony at Trump National Doral near Miami, would be a financial benefit to him.

He said he would keep the deposit from both groups and charge for someone else to use the ballroom and to play the golf course.

"Two fees instead of one," he said.

Trump's relationship with golf goes beyond the PGA of America, which also has its PGA Championship scheduled for Trump National in New Jersey in 2022 and the Senior PGA Championship at Trump National outside Washington in 2017. The U.S. Women's Open is to be played at his New Jersey course in 2017.

The PGA Tour stages a World Golf Championship at Trump National Doral outside Miami each year.

The PGA Tour and USGA have declined comment on the future of their tournaments going to Trump courses, except for distancing themselves from Trump's remark in a Golf Channel interview that he has received support from the golf industry because "they know I'm right."

The Ricoh Women's British Open is to be played this year at Turnberry, the links and resort on the west coast of Scotland that Trump recently purchased and now calls Trump Turnberry. LPGA Tour Commissioner Mike Whan has said there are no plans to change the venue.

Trump said losing the Grand Slam of Golf this year will give him time to rebuild the Los Angeles course that fronts the Pacific Ocean.

SPIETH

From 1C

from the 18th-hole bunker.

Spieth then outlasted David Hearn and local favorite Zach Johnson to become the first teenager to win on the tour in 84 years.

Spieth also played the Quad Cities and the Open Championship in back-to-back weeks in 2014, finishing tied for 36th at Royal Liverpool.

Spieth said the only issue he has with skipping Scotland is the 6-hour time difference he'll have to make up following Sunday's final round.

But it might even be easier for Spieth to get into a rhythm at Deere Run — which yielded more eagles and birdies than any other PGA course in 2013-14.

"It doesn't matter where it is. When I get over there, whether I play well or I don't play well, it has nothing to do with what I did the week before. I will certainly have enough energy. I will certainly have enough rest, and I will be as prepared as I can be," Spieth said.

Though Spieth is by far the marquee name in this event, he'll likely have plenty of competition.

Johnson, who grew up in nearby Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and serves on the tournament committee, has shot in the 60s in 24 consecutive rounds at Deere Run.

Steve Stricker, a native of nearby Wisconsin, won three straight here from 2009-11.

Last year's winner, Brian Harman, and Kevin Kisner should also push Spieth.

But this year's event will be all about Spieth and how it impacts his run at a third straight major.

"He stuck with his commitment, which is very honorable. At the same time, there has only been so many guys in so many years who've won the first two majors, and there's a lot of pressure on him. I applaud him," Johnson said.

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KMID	ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Goldberg	Modern Family	Black-ish	Celebrity Wife Swap (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA	CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother		Criminal Minds "Lockdown"		Extant "Morphoses" (N)		CBS 7 News	(:35) Blue Bloods "Power of the Press"		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT	CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Laverne & Shirley	Carol Burnett "	Mason "The Case of the Vagabond Vixen"		Columbo
KPEJ	FOX	8	9	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Masterchef "Gordon's Greatest Hits" (N)		Bullseye "Super Soakers" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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KPBT	PBS	13	13		13	8	Business (N)	Scully the World	Operation Wild (N)		First Peoples "Europe" (N)		Nova "Why Sharks Attack"		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
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HBO2		302	69	15	101	23	(5:45) Jersey Boys John Lloyd Young.				★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.				★★ Divergent Shailene Woodley.			
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MAX2		362	72	18	122		(5:45) ★★ Dreamgirls Jamie Foxx.				★★ The Talented Mr. Ripley				(:20) ★★ Meet the Parents Ben Stiller.			
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TMC		336	67	22	155	26	★★ Mighty Joe Young Bill Paxton.				★ Need for Speed ('14, Act) Aaron Paul.				(:10) ★ Hellion ('14, Thril) Aaron Paul.			
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FAMILY		53	54	34	42	33	(5:00) ★ Freaky Friday		Melissa	Daddy (N)	★★ What a Girl Wants Amanda Bynes.				The 700 Club		★★ The Muppets	
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NBCSN		38	39				NASCAR	NASCAR	Cycling Tour de France Stage 5 Arras - Amiens						Motocross Highl. (N)		Cycling Tour de France	
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TCM		41	61	24	63	66	(5:15) ★ Gentlemen ...		★★★ She Wore a Yellow Ribbon				★★★★ North by Northwest ('59, Thril) Cary Grant.					Movie
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TNT		24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Head Case"		Castle "Kick the Ballistics"		Castle "Eye of the Beholder"		Castle "Demons"		CSI: NY "Redemption"		CSI: NY "Unusual Suspects"	
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USA		26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Crush"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Unstable"		Suits "No Refills" (N)		Mr.-Robot (N)		(:05) Complications "Immune Response"		(:05) Suits "No Refills"	
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NBA HAPPENINGS

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NEW YORK

NBA fines Mark Cuban for free agency comments

The NBA has fined Dallas Mavericks owner Mark Cuban for commenting about the team's agreements with DeAndre Jordan and Wes Matthews during the league's free agent moratorium.

NBA spokesman Tim Frank confirmed the penalty, which ESPN.com reported Tuesday was for $25,000.

Teams can agree to deals with players during the moratorium, which lasts from July 1-8, but can't comment specifically until deals can be signed on July 9. They can only say they plan to sign the players once the moratorium is lifted.

However, the oft-fined Cuban praised Jordan's ability and discussed the role he would have on the Mavericks during a radio interview.

SPAIN

Marc Gasol confirms new 5-year contract with Memphis

GIRONA — NBA center Marc Gasol has confirmed that he will sign a new five-year contract with the Memphis Grizzlies.

The 30-year-old free agent tells Spanish media he will stay at Memphis, as The Associated Press reported on Monday.

The deal is expected to be worth more than $100 million.

Marc Gasol adds that he won't play for Spain alongside brother Pau Gasol in the upcoming European championships from Sept. 5-20, saying "I have to devote myself and listen to the people of Memphis."

Grizzlies general manager Chris Wallace issued a statement Tuesday saying that "the team has been engaged in negotiations" with Gasol and free-agent forward Brandan Wright "and intends to sign them both to player contracts at the conclusion of the NBA moratorium period."

The AP previously had reported that Wright had agreed to terms on a three-year deal worth about $18 million.

The 7-foot-1 Marc Gasol is coming off the best season of his seven-year NBA career. He averaged 17.4 points, 7.8 rebounds and 3.8 assists last season for Memphis.

FLORIDA

Not-yet NBA refs also under microscope during summer league

ORLANDO — With his slender build and 6-foot-5 frame, Nate Green blends in at a gym full of up-and-coming players looking to make their mark at Orlando's NBA summer league.

But the people Green is trying to impress this week won't be competing for the NBA Finals next season. They could, however, be the ones deciding if he gets to officiate it one day.

While each of the NBA's three summer league stops in Orlando, Utah and Las Vegas are more focused on recent draft picks and other players scrabbling to make rosters, it is also become a proving ground for recently hired NBA referees and those auditioning for jobs.

As part its development program, the NBA uses refs like Green and others from the National Basketball Development League to serve as officials during summer league. Those that perform well go on to referee in the D-league and could eventually have a chance to be elevated to referee in either the WNBA or NBA.

The past 40 full-time officials that have been hired by the NBA since 2001 have come through the D-league training program. That list includes former player, turned referee Haywoode Workman — now a seven-year NBA veteran referee, and Lauren Holtcamp, who became just the league's third woman to become a full-time ref this past season.

"When I came in, I came through the college ranks. Guys came to a camp, you tried out and they hired the ones they liked. Some of us made it and some of us didn't," said NBA director of officials Don Vaden. "It's changed completely from what it was then."

What was once just a handful of scouts searching out NBA refs is now a year-round operation that keeps tabs on about a 1,000 referees at all levels at any given time.

Once initially identified, potential NBA officials are cast into a three-tier system farm system: grassroots, mid-level and elite.

Each step along the way includes both on-court training, and off court character evaluation. Those that excel then have a chance be hired as full-time NBA slots. Those that don't head back to minors.

For Green, 37, that journey began after he ended a nine-year professional playing career that saw stops overseas and briefly in the D-league. He was looking to get back into basketball, and had an opportunity through his brother-in-law to fill in as a ref at a men's recreation league game.

"The light bulb kind of went off. I fell in love with it and thought 'This is it.' This is what's gonna bring me back around basketball," said Green, who is entering his first year with the D-league. "I guess with anything, you're at the right place at the right time."

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Yesterday's Answer: VESSEL, URBANE or UNBARE, BETRAY

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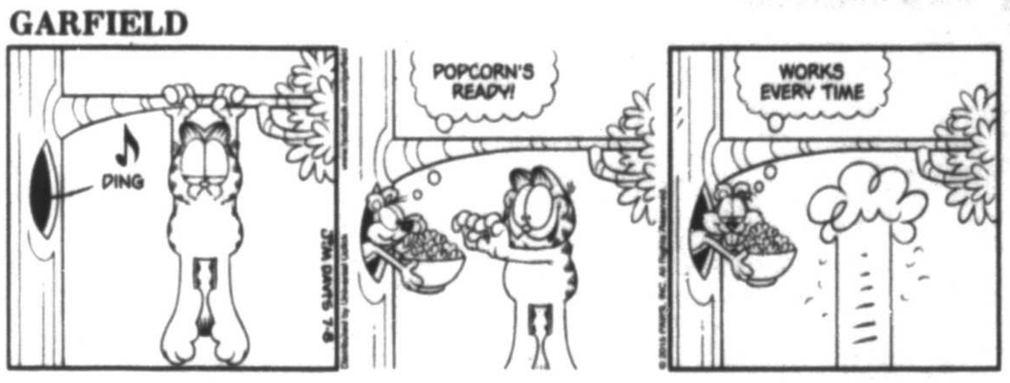

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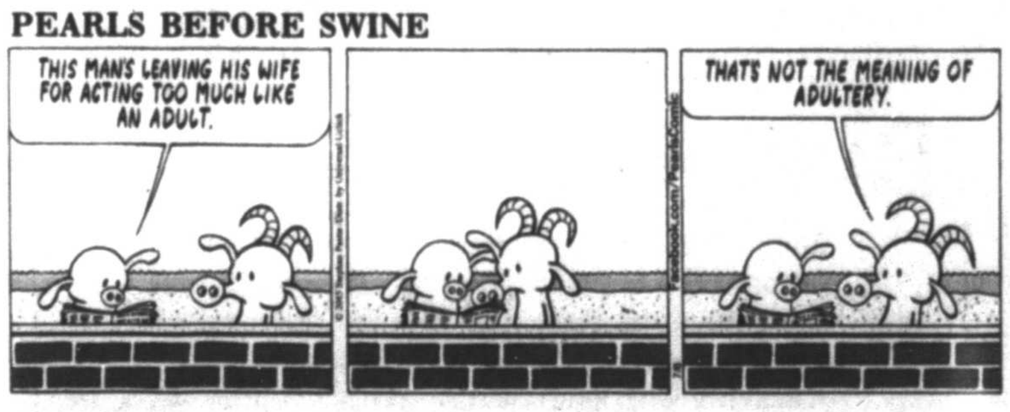

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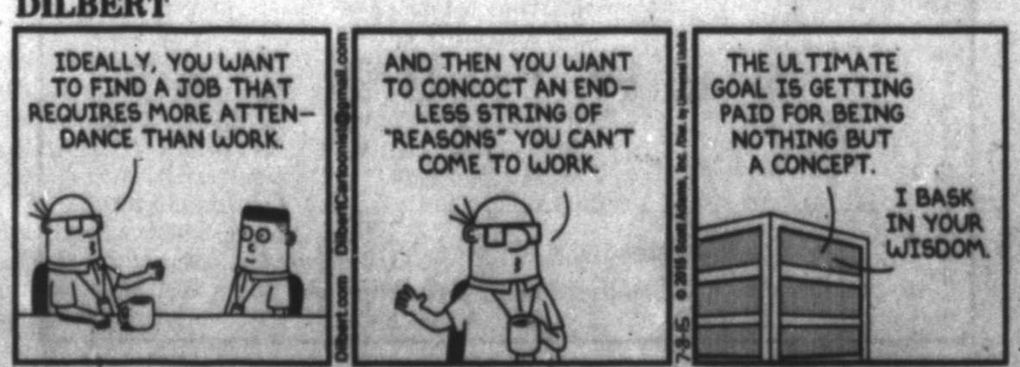

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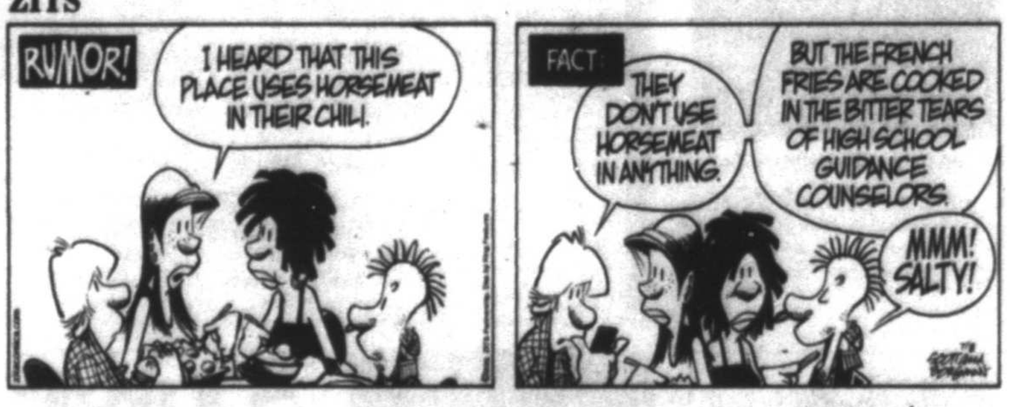

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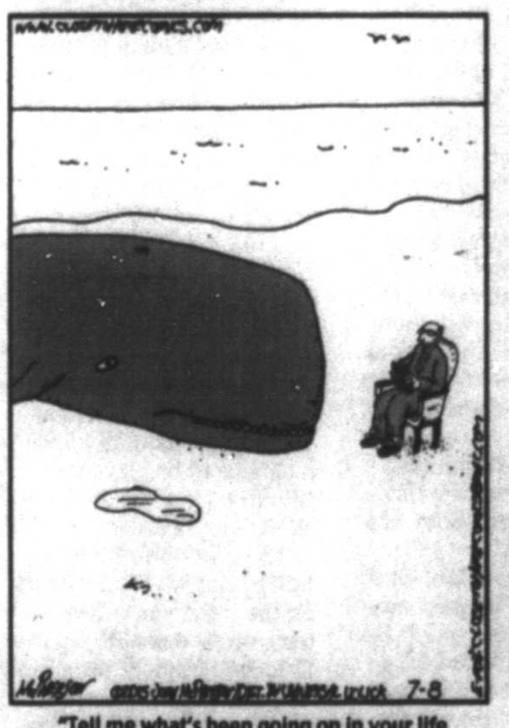

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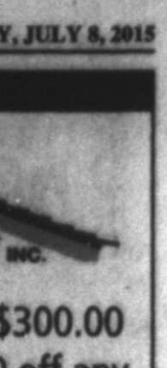

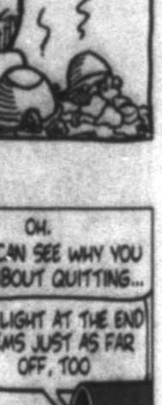

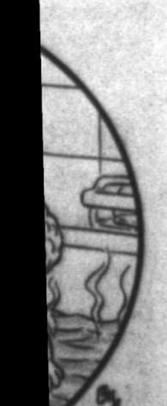

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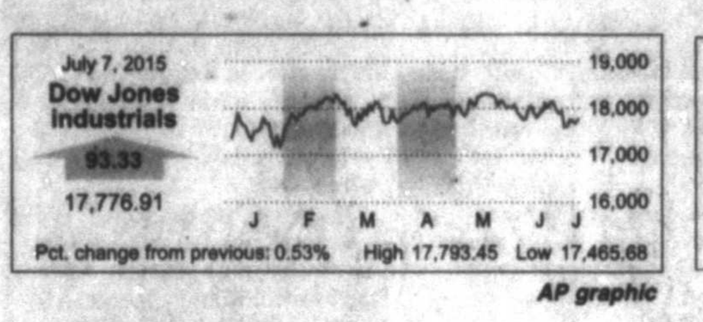

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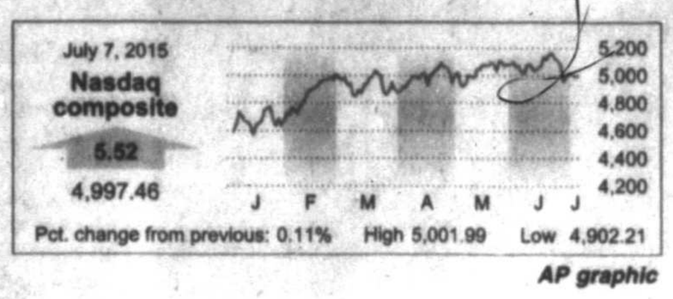

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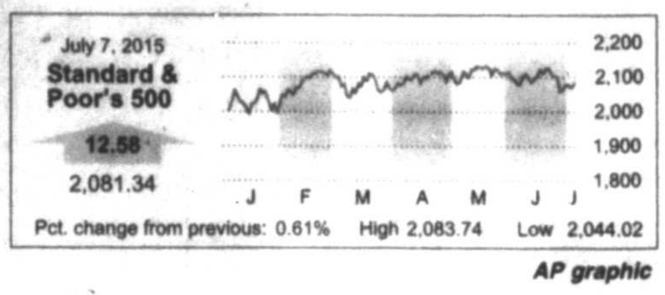

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FUTURES

Monday: $52.33
Previous: $52.53

POSTED

Monday: $49.00
Previous: $48.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Monday: $47.70
Previous: $47.20

NATURAL GAS

Monday: $2.716
Previous: $2.756

Airlines boost on-time rating but storms create long delays

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The latest government report shows airlines doing a little better at arriving on time.

The Transportation Department said Tuesday that 80.5 percent of flights operated by the leading airlines were on time in May, up from 76.9 percent in May 2014.

But the on-time rating was down slightly from April's 81.8 percent, and 16 flights were stuck on the tarmac longer than federal rules allow. Ten of those flights were on the same stormy day at Bush Intercontinental Airport in Houston.

Hawaiian Airlines, Alaska Airlines and Delta Air Lines had the best on-time ratings, while Spirit Airlines had the worst. Nearly two of every five Spirit flights arrived at least 15 minutes behind schedule, and the low-cost airline was chronically late for two straight months on four routes to or from Dallas.

Spirit also had the highest complaint rate among the 14 airlines covered in the report, followed by Frontier Airlines.

Envoy Air, which operates many American Eagle regional flights, canceled 3.7 percent of its flights, the highest rate among the reporting airlines.

US job openings stay high, but actual hiring falters in May

By Josh Boak
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Job openings stayed close to a 15-year high in May. It's a sign that companies are expecting continued economic growth, but the level of advertised jobs hasn't driven the same kind of increase in actual hiring.

The Labor Department said Tuesday that the number of open jobs rose 0.5 percent to 5.36 million in May. April's total was revised down to 5.33 million from 5.38 million, which had been the highest total during the 15 years that the government has tracked the data

The stronger confidence among employers has yet to boost an even stronger level of hiring and pay raises that would fuel faster economic growth. The number of new hires slipped somewhat in May for the second straight month, while the number of workers who chose to leave their jobs — a sign of strength since quits are generally associated with people finding better jobs — was basically unchanged.

The challenge may be that employers are struggling to find skilled workers at the salaries being offered. But they also may be hesitant to increase pay to attract more talented applicants. Companies could be vetting applicants more carefully, causing a lag between job postings and hiring.

The rate of workers quitting remains 9.2 percent lower than it was in 2007, shortly before the Great Recession started, according to the Economic Policy Institute, a liberal think tank.

Still, the additional job openings hint at the possibility that job growth and wages will eventually improve. The Federal Reserve is monitoring these factors for evidence of economic stability so that it can begin to raise interest rates from historic lows, a process that Fed officials have indicated could begin this year.

Job gains have been solid since February 2014, yet many Americans are still confronting financial uncertainties because of limited wage growth. On Friday, the government said employers added a robust 223,000 jobs in June. But average hourly wages have risen just 2 percent over the past 12 months, slightly ahead of core inflation.

The unemployment rate fell to 5.3 percent last month from 5.5 percent. However, the seemingly positive sign actually reflected a negative for the economy: More people became discouraged and gave up searching for work, causing the government to no longer count these people as jobless.

The figures reported in last Friday's jobs report are a net total: Jobs gained minus jobs lost. The data reported Tuesday, in the Job Openings and Labor Turnover survey, are more detailed. They calculate total hires, as well as quits and layoffs. Tuesday's JOLTS data contain figures for May, and are a month behind last week's jobs report.

Employers may be posting more job openings, but many have been slow to hire. Total hiring in May fell to 5 million from 5.03 million in April and 5.09 million in March.

Quits fell in May to 2.70 million from 2.71 million in April, after having reached a seven-year high in January.

An increase in both hiring and people quitting can cause wage growth to accelerate. That's because people typically quit when they have a new job lined up, usually for higher pay. And when firms move to fill more open jobs, particularly as the unemployment rate declines, they often need to offer more pay to attract workers.

Greek woes

NEW YORK — New twists in the Greek debt crisis led to a choppy day of trading on Tuesday, as a late turn left the stock market with a modest gain.

Greece and its creditors held talks in Brussels on Tuesday to discuss how to keep the country from falling out of the euro. Reports out late in the day said European officials considered providing Greece with emergency funding to help it avoid defaulting on its debts. Greece has little time left before its banks run out of cash.

Major indexes drifted lower in early trading, then dropped further around midday, pushing the Standard & Poor's 500 index below a technical level watched by many traders, the index's average over the past 200 days. To many in the market it was a signal that stocks had fallen too far, so they jumped back in.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 12.58 points, or 0.6 percent, to 2,081.34.

The Dow Jones industrial average climbed 93.33 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,776.91, while the Nasdaq composite inched up 5.52 points, or 0.1 percent, to 4,997.46.

Metals close lower

Precious and industrial metals closed lower. Gold lost $20.60 to settle at $1,152.60 an ounce, silver slid eight cents to $14.95 an ounce. Copper lost 9 cents to $2.45 a pound.

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Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $51.23 Down 1.58

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $109.49 Up 2.10

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.66 Down 0.13

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $71.06 Up 0.85

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $9.02 Up 0.94

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $3.91 Down 0.63

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $22.15 Up 0.52

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $26.23 Up 0.85

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $10.60 Up 0.27

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $17.54 Down 0.31

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	16372982	208.02	+1.30
CSVLgCrde	1482334	2.26	+.01
BkofAm	1092262	16.69	-.25
B iPVixST	933964	19.40	-1.07
iShEMkts	912864	38.09	-.58

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChesEng	11.46	+1.04	+10.0
BBarrett	7.68	+.70	+10.0
CalixPet	7.59	+.63	+9.1
ComstRs	2.31	+.19	+9.0
KindrM wt	2.37	+.19	+8.7

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NQ Mobile	3.78	-.92	-19.6
500.com	17.88	-3.57	-16.6
MVChAMC	34.69	-6.50	-15.7
XuedaEd	2.93	-.54	-15.6
ChinaDigtl	2.84	-.51	-15.2

Diary

Advanced	1,867
Declined	1,289
Unchanged	92
Total issues	3,248
New Highs	48
New Lows	309
Volume	4,377,509,083

AMEX

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	87666	10.61	...
NwGold g	47299	2.58	-.21
CheniereEn	47161	67.33	+.34
Globalstar	39654	1.86	-.07
NthnO&G	28136	6.06	+.44

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
LGL Grp	5.00	+.40	+8.7
TriangPet	4.59	+.34	+8.0
NthnO&G	6.06	+.44	+7.9
CommSec	2.07	+.10	+5.1
SynthBiol	2.85	+.12	+4.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
MexcoEn	3.91	-.63	-13.9
NovaGld g	3.14	-.28	-8.2
CorMedix	3.57	-.31	-8.0
GoldResrc	2.39	-.20	-7.7
NwGold g	2.58	-.21	-7.5

Diary

Advanced	193
Declined	206
Unchanged	24
Total issues	423
New Highs	...
New Lows	29
Volume	105,066,616

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	460538	18.20	-.12
Apple Inc	459400	125.69	-.31
PwShs QQQ	433013	107.97	+.27
Intel	429597	29.90	-.14
Microsoft	358781	44.30	-.09

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Depomed	28.62	+7.98	+38.7
ProDiversy	2.88	+.66	+32.7
HmFnDB LA	27.37	+6.65	+32.1
PostRck rs	2.54	+.34	+15.5
DS Hthcre	2.92	+.39	+15.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EmmisC pf	3.30	-1.60	-32.7
WowLd n	6.17	-1.96	-23.1
Bazzun n	7.43	-2.13	-22.3
GaleDin un	5.79	-1.28	-18.1
Vimicro n	8.99	-1.74	-16.2

Diary

Advanced	1,143
Declined	1,630
Unchanged	169
Total issues	2,942
New Highs	50
New Lows	191
Volume	2,097,670,050

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AT&T Inc	1.88	33	35.77	+.16	+6.5
Abraxas	...	5	2.89	+.09	-8.5
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.15	+.09	+3.1
AMD	...	...	2.09	-.38	-21.7
Alcoa	.12	18	11.06	+.03	-30.0
Alibaba n	...	50	79.62	-.61	-23.4
AlnnUSA	.60f	21	18.90	-.15	+49.2
Amgen	3.16	21	155.39	+.89	-2.4
Anadarko	1.06	...	77.92	+1.54	-5.8
Anntaly	1.20	...	9.67	+.29	-10.5
Apache	1.00	...	55.70	+.20	-11.1
Apple Inc	2.08f	16	125.69	-.31	+13.9
Baxter s	.40	18	19.17	-.10	-23.1
ArcelorMt	.20	...	9.02	-.20	-18.2
ATMOS	1.56	18	53.83	+1.40	-3.4
AutoData	1.96	28	81.07	+.24	-2.8
BP PLC	2.40	44	39.71	-.20	+4.2
BabsCClnv	1.20	...	16.13	-.03	+1.5
BakrHu	.68	30	60.68	+1.38	+8.2
BkofAm	.20	25	16.69	-.25	-6.7
B iPVixST	...	...	19.40	-1.07	-38.4
BarrickG	.20	dis	10.32	-.53	-4.0
BaskcEnSv	...	...	6.60	+.17	-5.8
Baxter s	...	9	37.11	-.93	-5.7
BerkHis A	...	17208	150.00	+2650.00	-7.5
BlkHillsCp	1.62	16	48.16	+.83	-12.1
BrMySq	1.40	51	68.23	+.73	+15.6
BrownFA	1.26	34	109.72	+1.22	+25.0
BrownFB	1.26	32	102.05	+2.07	+16.2
CVS Health	1.40	26	106.38	+1.57	+10.5
Cameron	...	12	51.89	+1.49	+3.9
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	83.99	+.84	-8.2
Celestic g	...	14	11.47	-.02	-2.3
CntryLink	2.16	22	29.88	+.43	-24.5
ChesEng	.35	...	11.46	+1.04	-41.4
Chevron	4.28	10	95.27	+.50	-15.1
Chicos	.31	37	16.48	+.12	+1.7
Cimarex	.64	...	106.77	+1.18	+.7
Cisco	.84	16	27.36	+.14	-1.0
Citigroup	.20f	22	54.50	-.58	+.7
ClayEng	...	44	51.23	-1.58	-19.7
CocaCola	1.32	20	40.25	+.83	-4.7
ColgPalm	1.52	27	67.31	+1.35	-2.7
ConAgra	1.00	31	46.49	+.87	+25.4
ConchoRes	...	27	109.49	+2.10	+0.8
ConocoPhil	2.92	15	59.65	+.59	-13.6
CrackerB	4.40f	24	155.50	+3.33	+10.5
CSVLgNGs	...	...	1.91	-.09	-52.0
CSVLgCrde	...	...	2.26	+.01	-53.8
CSVelVST	...	...	41.66	+2.07	+33.8
CSVixSh rs	...	...	8.79	-.99	-68.2
CrosTim	2.15e	7	15.98	-.25	-10.2
DCP Mid	3.12	12	31.72	+.69	-30.2
DTE	2.92f	16	78.56	+2.09	-9.0
Dataram	...	...	2.02	...	+18.8
Depomed	...	23	28.62	+7.98	+77.7
DevonE	.96	...	57.32	+.64	-6.4
DxGldBull	...	...	7.07	-1.10	-36.6
DrxSCBear	...	...	9.77	-.03	-18.6
Disney	1.32f	25	117.10	+1.40	+24.3
DowChm	1.68	16	50.84	+.27	+11.5
eBay	...	27	61.98	+.23	+10.4
EOG Resrc	.87	16	86.72	+1.83	-5.6
EmpDist	1.04	16	22.71	+.34	-23.6
Energen	.08	37	63.01	-.11	-1.2
EngyTsfr	4.08f	68	53.19	+.54	-18.2
EnPro	.80	75	54.46	-.73	-13.2
EntPrdPt a	1.52f	22	30.58	+1.14	-15.4
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.20	+.03	-15.7
ExtranH	.60	22	31.15	+.60	-4.4
ExxonMbl	2.92f	12	82.67	+.34	-10.4
Facebook	...	85	87.22	-.33	+11.8
Fitbit n	...	...	42.15	+1.96	+42.0
FordM	.60	19	14.85	+.06	-4.2
FrptMcM	.20e	...	17.25	-.59	-26.2
FrontierCm	.42	...	4.68	-.04	-26.8
G4S'k	1.52	11	32.63	+.03	-8.5
GabBktXT	1.09e	...	9.24	+.07	-7.7
GAInv	3.00e	...	34.75	+.06	-.7
GenElec	.92	...	28.47	+.16	+4.7
GenMotors	1.44f	15	32.86	+.21	-5.9
GlPlainEn	.99	19	25.61	+.60	-0.9
HalconRes	...	...	1.15	+.08	-35.4
Halliburtn	.72	15	41.89	+1.16	+6.5
HewlettP	.70f	12	30.80	+.23	-23.2
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	31.77	-.13	-13.1
iShEMU	.95e	...	36.57	+.09	+.7
iShJapan	.73e	...	12.94	+.03	+14.2
iShSilver	...	...	14.43	-.56	-4.2
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	41.96	-1.88	+.8
iShEMkts	.84e	...	38.09	-.58	-3.1
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TeleflEsp	1.03e	...	13.72	+.02	-3.4
Tesoro	1.70	13	92.70	+1.19	+24.7
3M Co	4.10	21	155.43	+.35	-5.4
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TriContl	.80e	...	21.30	+.11	-.5
TylerTech	...	70	133.48	+3.01	+22.0
UBWV	1.28	21	40.85	-.12	+9.1
US OilFd	...	...	17.76	+.03	-12.8
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.62	+.01	-31.3
ValeroE	1.60	9	64.65	-.69	+30.6
VangEmg	1.10e	...	39.32	-.61	-1.7
VerizonCm	2.20	21	47.25	+.21	+1.0
Vipshop s	...	72	20.52	-.23	+5.0
VulcanM	.40	83	96.45	+.60	+31.5
WEC Engy	1.69	18	47.87	+1.13	-9.2
WalgBoots	1.35	34	87.25	+1.86	+14.5
WeatherInt	...	...	11.76	+.07	+2.7
WstnRefin	1.36f	8	46.29	+.28	+22.5
WhitingPet	...	13	31.78	+2.19	-3.7
WhlrCos	2.36f	...	56.69	-.24	+28.6
XcelEngy	1.28	19	33.89	+.05	-5.7
Xerox	.28	14	10.58	+.05	-23.7
Yahoo	...	5	38.23	-.38	-24.3

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9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,179.02	+100.49	+1.24	-10.51	-.27
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	576.72	+13.69	+2.47	-6.69	+3.09
11,254.87	9,686.08	NYSE Composite	10,829.32	+46.84	+.43	-.09	-1.22
5,164.36	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	4,997.46	+5.52	+.11	+5.52	+13.80
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,081.34	+12.58	+.61	+1.09	+5.99
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,507.35	+6.51	+.43	+3.78	+6.15
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	21,994.39	+124.40	+.57	+1.50	+5.70
1,296.00	1,040.47	Russell 2000	1,248.05	+1.09	+.09	+3.80	+6.48

Safety first for Froome as he loses Tour leader's jersey

By Jerome Pugmire
Associated Press

CAMBRAI, France — Having stayed safe on the treacherous cobblestones, Chris Froome cared little about conceding the race leader's yellow jersey to Tony Martin on Tuesday's fourth stage of an action-packed Tour de France.

After crashing out of last year's race early, following three crashes in two days, Froome had good reason to be nervous given that this stage featured seven sections of cobbles.

But the nightmare scenario never materialized, and the British rider repelled the attacks of defending Tour champion Vincenzo Nibali as the valiant Italian failed to claw back time on him.

"I wasn't trying to show how strong I was on the cobbles today; it was about staying out of trouble," said Froome, the 2013 Tour champion. "Congratulations to Tony for his late attack."

Relieved after cruising through the final paved section, Froome did not chase as the German rider peeled away some 3 kilometers (2 miles) from the line to clinch a fifth Tour stage win and take the yellow after narrowly missing it on stage 1.

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Britain's Christopher Froome, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, rides in the pack as it passes over a cobblestone sector during the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race over 223.5 kilometers (138.9 miles) with start in Seraing, Belgium, and finish in Cambrai, France, on Tuesday.

"While Tony's a great time trialist, he's not going to be there in the mountains," Froome said. "I'm happy to see the jersey go to him rather than any of the big overall rivals. This is the perfect situation for us."

Ferocious side-winds in stage 3, a huge crash on stage 4 that took down 20 riders and put five out of the race, and Tuesday's cobbles have presented riders with a dangerous cocktail of hazards.

Froome's come through them unscathed and with a healthy lead over his rivals.

He leads two-time Tour champion Alberto Contador by 36 seconds; Nibali by 1:38 and Colombian rider Nairo Quintana, the 2013 runner-up, by 1:56.

"We can all let off a big sigh of relief after today," Froome said. "It was a stressful stage and sketchy on the cobbles, and I know we'll all be sleeping a lot better tonight."

The 30-year-old Martin, a three-time world time trial champion who finished second to Rohan Dennis in stage 1's time trial, fell into the arms of his teammates after the stage. Countryman John Degenkolb finished second and Slovak Peter Sagan was third.

"All the pressure of the last days has come off," said Martin, who was one second behind Froome overnight. "I was really on the limit. I got round the last corner and I was surprised I could make it."

After the final cobblestone section, he got a flat tire and swapped bikes with teammate Matteo Trentin.

"Changing the bike, with the wrong position, I was just thinking to finish," Martin said. "Suddenly, five kilometers (from) the finish, I just decided to give it a chance."

He leads Froome by 12 seconds and American rider Tejay Van Garderen — shaping up as a dangerous outsider — by 25 seconds.

Nibali, who built last year's win on the back of a brilliant performance on the slippery cobbles, failed repeatedly to crack Froome's resistance.

"I don't have any regrets," Nibali said. "Froome is very strong."

After Monday's spill, riders hardly relished the cobbles dotted along the 223.5-kilometer (138.6-mile) trek from Seraing to Cambrai, as the race crossed the Meuse river in Belgium's Walloon region before swinging back into France.

They rolled over the first cobbles safely.

One down, six to go.

As some rain began to fall the roads were more slippery, and Dan Martin, Matteo Tosatto and Michele Scarponi fell taking a tight corner. They all carried on.

But the dreaded downpour never came.

After losing time to Froome in stages 3 and 4, Nibali hoped to turn the tables, and his Astana teammates really started to speed up heading into the second cobble section.

But Froome was right behind and, refusing to be intimidated, right next to Nibali nearing the third set of cobbles.

Flanked by teammate Lars Boom, Nibali launched a sudden attack. Froome appeared caught out, drifting back briefly, but then responding quickly.

TOUR DE FRANCE RESULTS

CAMBRAI, France — Results Tuesday from the 224-kilometer (139-mile) Stage 4 from Seraing to Cambrai of the Tour de France:

1. Tony Martin, Germany, Etixx-Quick Step, 5 hours, 28 minutes, 58 seconds.
2. John Degenkolb, Germany, Team Giant Alpecin, 5:29:01.
3. Peter Sagan, Slovakia, Tinkoff-Saxo, 5:29:01.
4. Greg Van Avermaet, Belgium, BMC Racing Team, 5:29:01.
5. Edvald Hagen, Norway, MTN-Qhubecka, 5:29:01.
6. Nacer Bouhanni, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 5:29:01.
7. Jacopo Guarnieri, Italy, Katusha Team, 5:29:01.
8. Tony Gallopin, France, Lotto Soudal, 5:29:01.
9. Zdenek Stybar, Czech Republic, Etixx-Quick Step, 5:29:01.
10. Bryan Coquard, France, Team Europcar, 5:29:01.
11. Alejandro Valverde Belmonte, Spain, Movistar Team, 5:29:01.
12. Mark Cavendish, England, Etixx-Quick Step, 5:29:01.
13. Rigoberto Uran, Colombia, Etixx-Quick Step, 5:29:01.
14. Robert Gesink, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 5:29:01.
15. Vincenzo Nibali, Italy, Astana Pro Team, 5:29:01.
16. Bauke Mollema, Netherlands, Trek Factory Racing, 5:29:01.
17. Christopher Froome, England, Team Sky, 5:29:01.
18. Romain Bardet, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 5:29:01.
19. Alberto Contador, Spain, Tinkoff-Saxo, 5:29:01.
20. Joaquim Rodriguez, Spain, Katusha Team, 5:29:01.
21. Warren Barguil, France, Team Giant Alpecin, 5:29:01.
22. Geraint Thomas, Scotland, Team Sky, 5:29:01.
23. Nairo Alexander Quintana Rojas, Colombia, Movistar Team, 5:29:01.
24. Tejay Van Garderen, United States, BMC Racing Team, 5:29:01.
25. Andrew Talansky, United States, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 5:29:01.
26. Jean-Christophe Peraud, France, AG2r La Mondiale, 5:29:01.
27. Christophe Laporte, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 5:29:01.
28. Mathias Frank, Switzerland, IAM Cycling, 5:29:01.
29. Roman Kreuziger, Czech Republic, Tinkoff-Saxo, 5:29:01.
30. Jakob Fuglsang, Denmark, Astana Pro Team, 5:29:01.
31. Mariusz Quinziato, Italy, BMC Racing Team, 5:29:01.
32. Jan Bakelants, Belgium, AG2r La Mondiale, 5:29:01.
33. Kristijan Koren, Slovenia, Team Cannondale-Garmin, 5:29:01.
34. Florian Senechal, France, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 5:29:01.
35. Julien Vermote, Belgium, Etixx-Quick Step, 5:29:01.
36. Angelo Tulik, France, Team Europcar, 5:29:16.
37. Koen De Kort, Netherlands, Team Giant Alpecin, 5:29:41.
38. Rui Alberto Costa, Portugal, Lampre-Merida, 5:29:49.
39. Bram Tankink, Netherlands, Lotto NL-Jumbo, 5:29:49.
40. Marcel Sieberg, Germany, Lotto Soudal, 5:29:49.
41. Alberto Losada Alguacil, Spain, Katusha Team, 5:29:49.
42. Sylvain Chavanel, France, IAM Cycling, 5:29:49.
43. Nicolas Roche, Ireland, Team Sky, 5:29:49.
44. Dominik Nerz, Germany, Bora-Argon 18, 5:29:55.
45. Nelson Oliveira, Portugal, Lampre-Merida, 5:30:53.
46. Jarlinson Pantyno, Colombia, IAM Cycling, 5:30:53.
47. Michal Golas, Poland, Etixx-Quick Step, 5:30:53.
48. Daniele Bennati, Italy, Tinkoff-Saxo, 5:31:19.
49. Danilo Wyss, Switzerland, BMC Racing Team, 5:31:19.
50. Kenneth Vanbilsen, Belgium, Cofidis, Solutions Credits, 5:31:19.

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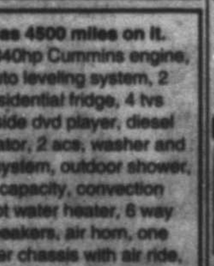

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Estate Sale of E.L. & Gladys Smith
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Large Brick House in Front of Valley View Mobile Home Park
Thurs & Fri, July 9 & 10-9am-3pm; Sat, July 11-9am-1pm

Furniture: Michael Amini entertainment center; American Drew queen bed, triple mirror dresser, chest of drawers, 2 nightstands; 2 queen mahogany headboards, footboards and rails; 3 queen size Simmons Sealy Posterpedic and Stems & Foster beds; 3 dining tables & chairs; china cabinet; armoire; server; 2 sofa tables, occasional tables; 2 game tables & chairs; 2 leather recliners; wingback chair; white wicker sofa, love seat, chairs, tables, etc.; bamboo étagère.
Appliances: GE refrigerator/freezer; 70" HDTV.
Linens: Queen sheet sets; comforters & spreads; pillows; draperies; towels; placemats & napkins.
Miscellaneous: Lamps; framed pictures; kitchen items; Christmas decorations; glassware; pots & pans; floral arrangements; figurines; brass décor; clothes; jewelry; mirrors.
Garage: Full of fishing tackle; rods & reels; trot lines; patio furniture; riding & push lawnmowers; mower trailers; wheelbarrows; hunting gear. Sale by Linda L. Biden

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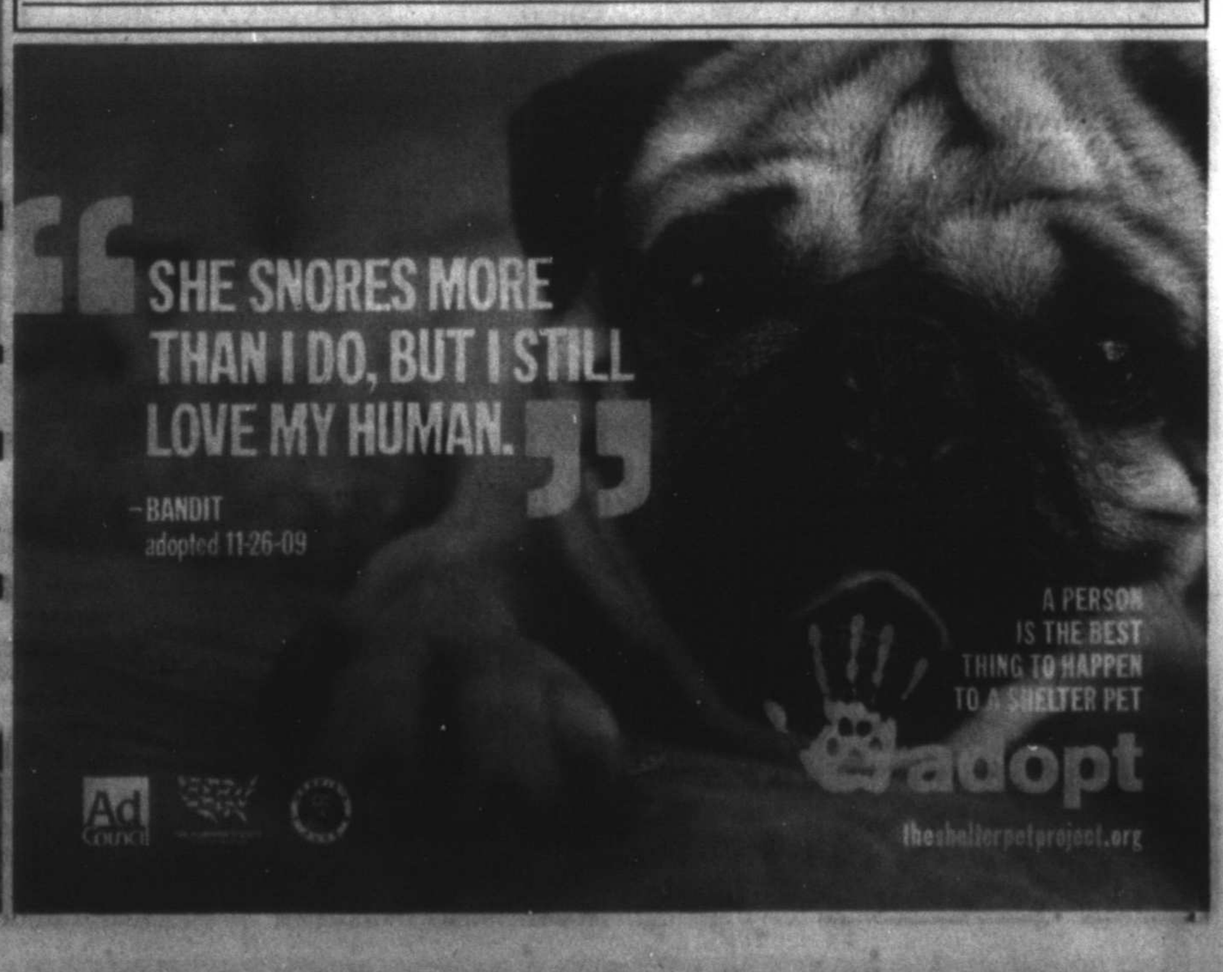

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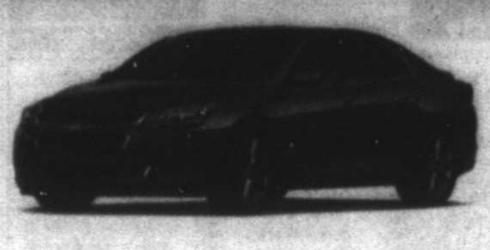

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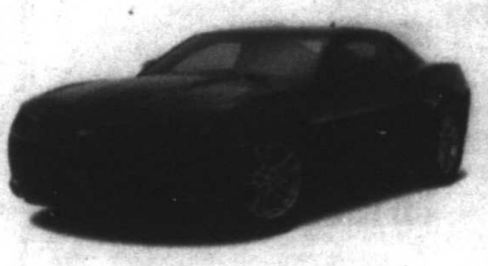

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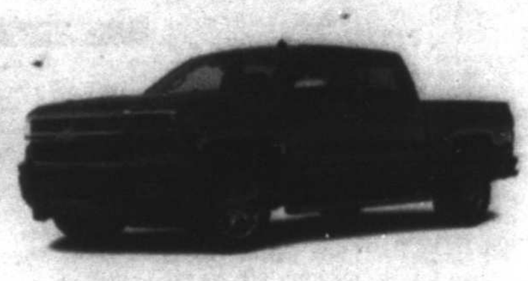

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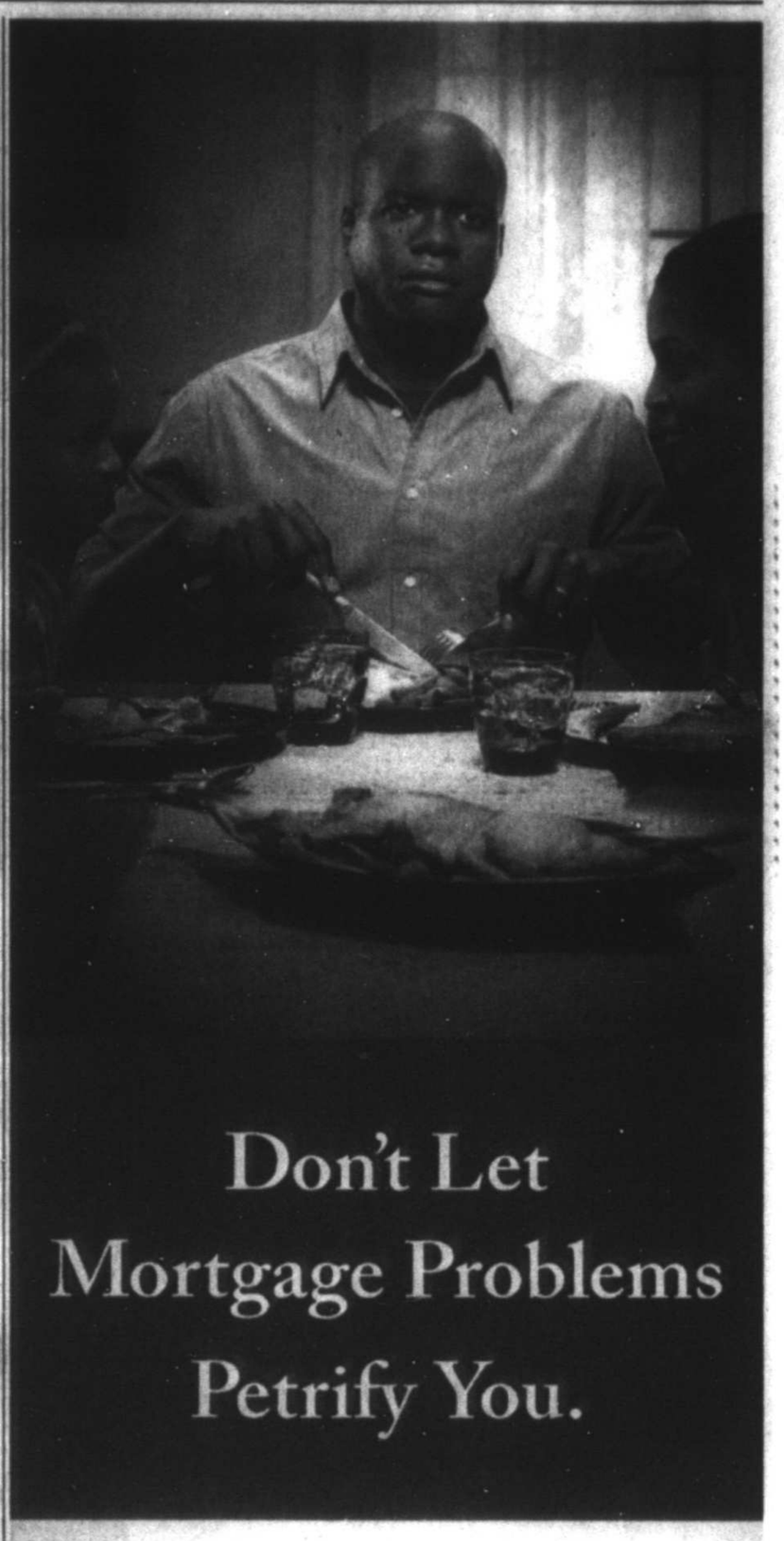

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