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# New school year brings issues to consider

The Reporter-Telegram takes a look at five things for the new school year

From staff reports

Here are five things we will be looking at as Midland ISD kicks off another school year:

### What is expected of school enrollment?

Last year, Midland ISD reported a September enrollment of 23,309, which broke the previous record — 23,288 — from

1997-98.

Over the past four years, the enrollment has increased by an average of 423 students a year.

Since 2000-01, when the enrollment dropped to 20,522, the district has averaged an increase of nearly 200 students a year. When we think about an increase this year, the question is not a matter of if, but how much.

As of Friday, MISD was up more than 1,200 students from what the district

ended with in May, according to a report given at Monday's board meeting. Scharbauer Elementary School has already been closed to new enrollment.

Ector County ISD is also reporting massive enrollment increases, with more than 1,000 new students compared to last year and three elementary schools closed to new enrollment, according to a district press release.

### More inside

MISD suffers from support staff shortages as pay adjustments didn't help recruit new bus drivers. Other areas are short on staff, too. Read more about the shortage, as well as things you should know for education this week, in the Education section.

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# LEADERS LENDING HANDS



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Occidental Petroleum Corporation employees and honored guests, including Gov. Rick Perry, Rep. Tom Craddick, Mayor Jerry Morales and others, help turn the dirt Tuesday morning during the groundbreaking ceremony for OXY Midland Office Complex.

## Occidental Petroleum celebrates new complex

By Mella McEwen  
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Occidental Petroleum officials and employees gathered Tuesday with local and state-elected officials — including Gov. Rick Perry — to break ground for the company's Midland office.

The 212,000-square-foot complex is planned for 6001 Deauville Blvd., west of the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

Mayor Jerry Morales began the event, welcoming participants and citing not only Occidental's job creation but its contributions to the community — from schools to non-profit organizations.

"This is a blessed day, a very exciting day, a momentous day," he said.

"I'm honored to be here with all of

### More inside and to come

Read about the latest development in Gov. Perry's indictment inside on Page 2A. Be sure to read Sunday's Oil Report for a Q&A with Occidental Petroleum's CEO.

you, the employees of Occidental and the men and women who are enjoying the great fruits of Texas' natural resources," Perry said.

Seven or eight years ago, "we were told we'd found all the resources we could find," the governor said. "But someone forgot to tell George Mitchell that. Someone forgot to tell the engineers and the wildcatters."

Noting that the state recently "lured"

Occidental's corporate headquarters from Los Angeles to Houston, Perry praised the company and its 12,000 employees statewide as being industry leaders in using new technology.

Stephen Chazen, Occidental's chairman and chief executive officer, pointed out to the governor that Occidental has paid more than \$1 billion in royalties and more than \$500 million in state and local taxes in Texas.

He said the new complex is a sign of the company's growth in Midland and its commitment to the Permian Basin, which he described as one of the company's major assets. Approximately 9,000 employees and contractors serve

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## Municipal court costs increase by \$815,609

By Joseph Basco  
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The city of Midland's new municipal court is going to cost \$815,609 more than the last estimate made in March, bringing the total project cost to \$14.9 million.

During the briefing before Tuesday's meeting, the City Council was told that the additional costs account for materials testing, a pedestrian walkway, IT and security-related expenditures, a generator, audio/visual allocation, a VOIP telephone system, fiber optic installation, other communications expenditures and professional fees.

Municipal Court Judge Robin Smith explained how extra costs outside the original budget arose within the last month. To give an example, Smith said the telephone equipment from the current courthouse was going to be relocated into the new one, but because the system is 25 years old, they opted for a new VOIP system instead.

"We want to make sure it's done, and we want to make sure the funding is there," Smith said.

On Tuesday, City Council fully funded the project from the unappropriated fund balance.

Assistant City Manager Robert Patrick assured the council that there is an \$800,000 contingency for this project, in case there are additional costs.

This is not the first time the estimated cost of the Municipal Court increased. The project jumped from \$8 million in 2010 to \$14 million in March of this year. The project began back in 2001, but inflation and failed negotiations caused repeated delays.

District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy had considered suggesting a \$1,000-per-day penalty clause to the contract to discourage the contract manager at risk from delaying the project. But he decided against it before the council meeting began. He said he thinks the contractor will finish

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Perry: To deter grousing, state won't pay lawyers

Associated Press

MIDLAND — Indicted Gov. Rick Perry said Tuesday that he believes taxpayers should have picked up his legal tab but opted to use campaign funds "to keep from having folks grouse about it."

The possible 2016 Republican presidential candidate told reporters in Midland that he had considered it appropriate for state funds to pay his legal fees because a criminal investigation dealt with his official duties as governor.

Perry has pleaded not guilty to two felony charges of abuse of power. At least \$80,000 in taxpayer dollars have been spent on his defense so far. Perry said Tuesday that he hadn't yet decided if that money would also come from his campaign funds.

Following questions over who would pay for a

Perry reveals details on his stylish new specs

MIDLAND — So who's Gov. Rick Perry wearing as part of his bookish new look? The Republican's stylish specs are inspiration by designer Jean Lafont. His wife Anita picked them out.

While attending the groundbreaking of an Occidental Petroleum complex in Midland on Tuesday, the governor showed The Associated Press his glasses.

He's worn them about a year, trying to soften his cowboy image for one that's more humble.

The glasses are a centerpiece of his rehabilitation effort nationally, following a disastrous 2012 presidential bid. Until now, though, little was known about them.

Perry didn't say how much they cost, but Internet searches indicate that the frames alone retail for \$516.

Despite being indicted on two felony counts for abuse of power, Perry is seriously considering a 2016 White House run.

new team of high-powered attorneys, Perry announced last week that campaign funds would start footing the bill. In a 60-page motion filed Monday, Perry's high-powered defense team argued that the law being used to prosecute the longest-

the lawyers now and the process of the state of Texas, which I have great faith will find that we acted properly and correctly." Perry told reporters after a groundbreaking event for a new office for Occidental Petroleum.

Standing next to Perry at one point and scoffing at the idea that the governor got carried away with power was former Republican Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick — who was ousted from the powerful job in 2009 following a dramatic, bipartisan mutiny in which Craddick refused to relinquish control of the gavel in an hourslong standoff on the House floor.

At one point during the rebellion, Craddick's parliamentarians abruptly resigned. "I don't know all the facts of the thing, but I just think when you indict a governor over something like this, it's going to in-

terfere with future government," Craddick said about Perry's legal case. "I think the indictment is ridiculous."

Despite being indicted, Perry is seriously considering a 2016 White House run. A call and text message to spokeswoman Lucy Nashed about what complaints, if any, may have been made regarding taxpayers funding his defense were not immediately returned.

During Tuesday's event, Perry wore the same glasses he's worn for about a year as part of his effort to rehabilitate his image following a disastrous 2012 presidential bid. Afterward, he showed them to The Associated Press. The glasses, meant to soften his cowboy image for one that's more humble, are inspiration by designer Jean Lafont. His wife picked them out.

Climate Prediction Center: Midland's chances for rain might improve

By Stewart Doreen

Is Midland headed toward its first "rainy" season in years?

It might be presumptuous to say that, but the Climate Prediction Center's website is offering hope that rain could be on the way.

The Climate Prediction Center is reporting in its 90-day outlooks — beginning in September and continuing through February — that the chance of rain in Midland is 40 percent better than normal for that time of year. For an area in the midst of one of the worst droughts on record, that is welcome news.

According to the National Weather Service website, 31.53 inches of rain has fallen at Midland International Airport since October 2010. That might seem like a lot, but the average for that period of time, according to the NWS, is 56.14 inches.

Weather by the numbers

Table with 2 columns: Year, Rainfall since October 2010. Rows include 2010 (0.02 inch), 2011 (5.47 inches), 2012 (12.8 inches), 2013 (8.50 inches), 2014 (through Monday) (4.74 inches), Total (31.53 inches).

Normal from Oct. 1, 2010 to Aug. 25, 2014: 56.14 inches

Table with 2 columns: Year, Starts of the year (from Jan. 1 to Aug. 25). Rows include 2011 (0.61 inch), 1953 (2.48 inches), 1983 (2.79 inches), 1998 (3.05 inches), 1951 (3.55 inches), 1933 (3.68 inches), 1964 (4.21 inches), 2002 (4.24 inches), 2013 (4.57 inches), 2014 (4.74 inches).

Note: Only years with all its data recorded are listed.

Source: National Weather Service

not been seen for years.

Meteorologist Greg Jackson told the Reporter-Telegram that he is hesitant to read too much into the odds but said that one of the biggest predictors — the El Nino/La Nina pattern — offers hope. He said that a La Nina weather pattern has contributed to the warmer and drier conditions during the last few years. He also said that conditions are pointing to an El Nino pattern — with water temperatures over the Pacific Ocean above normal — which will translate to wetter and cooler weather for the southern states, and therefore our region.

He said that earlier this month the Climate Prediction Center decreased to 65 percent the odds of an El Nino pattern, but "despite the fact they think the El Nino" won't be strong, they still have information to think the chances are

good.

There are other patterns in the atmosphere to consider, Jackson said, but if there is more moisture in the atmosphere, chances increase for an afternoon or late night thunderstorm, such as the ones seen recently.

In the short term, the National Weather Service on its website is calling for a 10 percent chance of rain today, a 20 percent chance Wednesday night and a 30 percent chance Thursday and Friday.

So far this year, 4.74 inches of rain has fallen at Midland International, making this the 10th driest start of any year since records have been kept. It's also more than 4.5 inches below normal for this time of year. Either way, Midland needs more rain, and Midlanders are likely to welcome the news that more rain could be on the way.

Woman, 5 children hurt in Dallas house explosion

Associated Press

DALLAS — An explosion blamed on a gas leak destroyed a Dallas family's home Tuesday and injured a woman and her five children, authorities said.

The blast happened after the children's father had gone to work, Dallas Fire-Rescue spokesman Lt. Joel Lavender said.

Those who were hurt were taken to hospitals. Lavender said the mother was the most seriously injured, but he didn't have more information about her condition. The children's injuries weren't considered life-threatening, he said.

Only the charred frame of the home was left standing after the explosion. "Bricks were off the house, glass blown across the street. Basically the house has suffered severe damage," Lavender said.

He said they were working with Atmos Energy to

determine what happened.

Atmos Energy spokeswoman Jennifer Altieri said utility workers found no indication of a gas leak in its system that would have contributed to the explosion. However, she noted that Atmos investigates only its lines, which run to the house's meter, and that lines from the meter into the home are a homeowner's responsibility. It would be up to fire officials to examine those lines, she said.

Angela Washington, who lives two doors down from the family, told The Dallas Morning News that she heard a "loud boom, like dynamite" and rushed outside. She said the woman and children were running out of their house, which was already completely engulfed in flames.

"They were crying. They were hysterical," Washington said. "I could feel all the emotions they were going through."

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# Energy Towers developer delays presentation

By Joseph Basco  
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The Energy Towers project has once again been delayed after developers postponed a scheduled presentation to City Council on Tuesday.

Project developer Energy Related Properties sent a letter to City Manager Courtney Sharp and City Attorney Keith Stretcher on Monday to request their presentation be rescheduled for the Sept. 9 meeting.

The letter, signed by ERP Vice President Wendell "Scooter" Brown, stated that ERP is unable to present on Tuesday because of a scheduling conflict with its hotel partner. It then stated that ERP looks forward to the presentation to advance negotiations on the development agreement, which has a Sept. 30 completion deadline before late penalties kick in.

Mayor Jerry Morales said that he spoke with the developers on Monday and that they told him the hotel partner for the project is Omni Hotels & Resorts,

and representatives from Omni were going to speak to the council.

Omni Hotels & Resorts is a Dallas-based hotel chain with locations nationwide. Omni has 13 hotels in Texas, including three each in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio.

Council voted to defer the presentation to the Sept. 9 meeting.

"It's most definitely a setback," Morales said. "Every meeting that this group does not come forward; it sets the timeline further back."

When developers — ERP, World Class Capital Group and Edmonds International — gave a presentation to council on June 24, they revealed a two-tower design that split the office space, retail and movie theater in one building and the hotel and convention space in the other. Originally, a single 53-story, mixed-use skyscraper was going to be built.

Since then, ERP and the city have begun renegotiating a new incentive deal that is likely to be less than the \$50 million in tax reimbursements initially proposed. Council members pointed out that the project cost has decreased from \$500 million to \$300 million, so the incentive package will be adjusted accordingly.

The Energy Towers project is designed to take up the entire Wall Street block from North Colorado Street to North Main Street. The city-owned former Midland County Courthouse, Centennial Plaza and Midland Center currently sit on the block.

Brown did not respond to an email or phone call on Tuesday.

### Furniture auction

Meanwhile, the city began auctioning off old office furniture and various items inside the former Midland County Court-

house on Monday.

The online auction splits the as-is items into 162 lots, some of which combine furniture into a single lot.

Items to be salvaged by Midland County is not included in the auction. The auction lasts through Sept. 8.

"No matter what happens down the line, this (auction) is a step in that process (courthouse demolition) that needs to be done," city spokeswoman Sara Higgins said.

The courthouse was scheduled to be demolished to make way for the Energy Towers project.

Before the demolition, the city will have to request bids from an architecture firm that will do an environmental study, Higgins said. She added there is not a set date for the request for bids.

# State proposes tougher rules on wells after quakes

Associated Press

DALLAS — As scientists investigate whether injection wells where the booming oil and gas industry disposes of wastewater cause earthquakes, the Texas agency that oversees oil and gas is proposing a regulatory overhaul.

The Texas Railroad Commission is proposing new rules that would require would-be operators to submit geological information in their permit applications and give the state the authority to take away permits when wells can be linked to earthquakes — a notable gesture by an agency run in large part by industry executives.

The move comes as states grapple with how to respond to growing public anxieties over the risks from hydraulic fracturing — which involves blasting water, sand and

chemicals deep into underground rock formations to free oil and gas — and the disposal of vast amounts of wastewater, far more than traditional drilling methods. The water is pumped into so-called injection wells, which send the waste thousands of feet underground.

In June, Colorado regulators ordered the shutdown of an oil and gas wastewater disposal well after seismologists detected two earthquakes in the area in less than a month. Ohio regulators have restricted new permits to operators who install sensitive seismic-monitoring equipment at all drilling sites within 3 miles of a known fault line.

In Texas, where earthquakes were unheard of, the Railroad Commission has hired a seismologist in part to calm residents from two small towns west of Dallas experiencing swarms.

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## Meeting

■ **Greenwood ISD Budget and Tax Rate public meeting**  
6:30 p.m. Wednesday  
Distance Learning Center  
Greenwood High School  
2700 Farm-to-Market Road 1379

## Club meetings, support groups today

■ **Overeaters Anonymous**, noon, B&J Plaza, 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-D; 563-1031.  
■ **The Knot Adoption Support Group**, 11:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church; Kathy Hagler, Kathy@WTIE.net.  
■ **Uptown Midland BPW**, noon, Petroleum Club; Glenda Knox, 686-2819.

## Hotel business

**June 2014**  
(taxable receipts)  
Midland ..... \$10,041,467  
Odessa ..... \$7,884,200  
Ablene ..... \$4,387,418  
Lubbock ..... \$7,978,976  
San Angelo ..... \$3,926,637

Midland in June 2013: \$7,277,176  
Midland in June 2012: \$6,755,558  
Midland in June 2011: \$4,583,302  
Midland in June 2010: \$2,770,409  
Midland in June 2009: \$3,043,816  
Midland in June 2008: \$3,729,285

**Top Midland hotels**  
(total receipts)  
DoubleTree by Hilton: \$1,235,969  
Hilton Garden Inn: \$809,613  
Residence Inn: \$692,654  
Holiday Inn Express: \$541,994  
Springhill Suites: \$493,390  
La Quinta (Wall): \$475,432  
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West Texas Inn and Suites: \$211,508

Studio 6: \$201,000  
Best Value Inn: \$172,378  
Travelodge: \$146,280  
America's Best Value Inn: \$140,911  
Victorian Inn: \$135,350  
Super 8: \$127,373  
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**Top in Midland-Odessa**  
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Hilton Garden Inn: \$809,613  
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Residence Inn: \$692,654

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All or Nothing night: 5-6-7-8-10-12-13-15-21-22-23-24

## Today in history

Today is Wednesday, Aug. 27, the 239th day of 2014. There are 126 days left in the year.  
**Today's highlight:**  
On Aug. 27, 1964, President Lyndon Baines Johnson accepted his party's nomination for a term in his own right, telling the Democratic National Convention in Atlantic City, New Jersey, "Let us join together in giving every American the fullest life which he can hope for."  
**On this date:**  
In 1908, Lyndon Baines Johnson, the 36th president of the United States, was born near the Texas town of Stonewall.  
In 2008, Barack Obama was nominated for president by the Democratic National Convention in Denver.  
Ten years ago, President George W. Bush signed executive orders designed to strengthen the CIA director's power over the nation's intelligence agencies and create a national counterterrorism center.  
One year ago, Maj. Nidal Hasan, the Army psychiatrist who'd fatally shot 13 people at Fort Hood in 2009, rested his case without presenting any evidence during his trial's penalty phase. Hasan ended up being sentenced to death.

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## OCCIDENTAL

### From 1A

Occidental in the Permian Basin, which accounts for one-third of the company's global production, Chazen said.

He said the four-story building will house 600 employees and will feature state-of-the-art technology, tools and automated systems to work in concert and "move our oil and gas from the reservoir to the well-head, through the pipeline to the market."

Chazen said that the complex, which allows for opportunities to expand, will incorporate the company's three main work groups:

■ **The Enhanced Oil Recovery team**, one of the world's largest operators of enhanced oil recovery utilizing carbon dioxide (CO2) floods, which accounts for 58 percent of its Permian Basin production.  
■ **Permian Resources Group** will "apply advanced technology and tools to develop unconventional reservoirs" and has already identified more than 7,000 drilling locations on 2 million prospective sectors.

■ **Midstream group** includes the Centurion Pipeline.

Incorporated into the design is the ability for greater collaboration and knowledge sharing, Chazen said. That technology includes a state-of-the-art visualization room and two well-monitoring rooms that will allow key decision-makers to oversee well data from the field in real time in their own offices. A control room will allow Occidental's Permian Basin assets to be monitored 24 hours a day, seven days a week. A conference center will provide room for town hall and other large-scale meetings with seating for more than 250 and 10 work-top tables.

Next year, the company will break ground on a 20,000-square-foot Permian training center in north Midland on the company's South Curtis Ranch holdings, Chazen said.  
"These are exciting times for oil and gas, for Occidental, for Midland and Texas," he said.  
For George Pontikes, president and chief execu-

tive officer of Satterfield & Pontikes Construction, the event was particularly gratifying.

Occidental's new complex is the first in the company's planned Energy Plaza at Westridge Park, which will feature up to five four-story 100,000-square-foot office buildings, all located just east of Chevron's new campus. Westridge Park is a master planned development on more than 100 acres.  
"We're very thrilled not only to have Occidental here, but to have opportunities in the Permian Basin," Pontikes said.

He said the Houston-based company has other projects in the works for the plaza that will complement existing development. Additionally, he said, "We're looking at other opportunities here in Midland. We hope — we plan — to be here a long time," Pontikes said.  
Pointing to a number of new hotels and the Scharbauer Sports Complex within view of the construction site, he said that rarely is there an area with such potential for development.

## COURT COSTS

### From 1A

the project on time. Construction is set to begin on Jan. 15 and is expected to take 13 months to complete.

The new two-story courthouse, to be built downtown on North Baird Street between East Illinois Avenue and East Texas Avenue, will include more office space and parking than the current courthouse, which the city plans to close a block of Baird

Street in front of the courthouse entrance for parking spaces.

In March, Smith said the courthouse will have additions not typical of a municipal court, such as a prosecutor's office and magistrate facilities.

The new courthouse has an expected life of 50 years.

"Is there space we may not use right now? Absolutely," Smith said. "But in 50 years, we don't have to add on."

## FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Edward S. Augustine, 37, of Midland was charged on Monday with a bench warrant and failure to register as a sex offender.  
Irvin A. Gonzalez, 25, of Odessa was charged on Monday with possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram.

Iva J. Harrison, 42, of Odessa was charged on Monday with forgery of financial instrument.

Anthony Maestas, 43, of Midland was charged on Monday with possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

Armando L. Perez, 40, of Midland was charged on Monday with material witness and a bench warrant.

Ferrey Robledo, 22, of Odessa was charged on Monday with possession of a controlled substance, penalty group 1, less than one gram.

John D. Rydell, 28, of Midland was charged on Monday with burglary of a habitation.

Jennifer Tercero, 28, of Midland was charged on Monday with obstruction or retaliation.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

## FIVE THINGS

### From 1A

#### Will MISD need to hire more teachers?

MISD has hired 364 new teachers as of earlier this month, and the number of remaining teacher vacancies is below 20, according to a report given at the board meeting on Monday.

But with so many new students, it still might not be enough.

MISD's executive team will meet every day for the first 10 school days to evaluate enrollment numbers, address staff needs and consider if more portable classrooms could be required. Superintendent Ryder Warren said the team could start making decisions by the end of next week.

#### Will the waiver trend continue?

Last year, Midland ISD boasted an 83 percent reduction in the number of

class-size waivers compared to 2012-13 school year. (The student-to-teacher ratio required by the Texas Education Agency in grades kindergarten through fourth grade is 22:1).

From 109 class-size waivers in 2012-13 to 19 last year, the superintendent's game plan worked when it came to hiring teachers. It is worth noting that ECISD asked for 160 class-size waivers.

The number of waivers requested, if any, will be submitted later this fall.

#### Are you slowing down?

There are 171 school zones in Midland. The number of school crossings is 57. That means there are 228 marked areas where students could be making their way to and from school. Be aware of the roads you are traveling. Speeding through a school zone can result a

citation of up to \$200. Drivers also are prohibited from using handheld devices for phone calls and texting when in an active school zone.

#### Will the county's schools merit greater distinction?

We expect that the National Merit Scholarship Corp. will name its semifinalists soon, and if that is the case, we hope the schools inside Midland County will buck a disappointing trend.

In 2005, the schools inside Midland County recorded 15 National Merit semifinalists. It was the most going back to 2002. In fact, during a stretch from 2002-05, there was an average of 11 semifinalists. Last year, the schools in Midland County combined for four. Going back to 2008, the average is less than 2.5, including none reported in 2012.

### Crime of the week

The Midland County Sheriff's Office Warrant Division and Midland Crime Stoppers need help in locating a fugitive who law enforcement considers to be "violent and dangerous," according to a press release from crime stoppers.

Drevon Tupac Maitel Hills, 17, is wanted for two felony warrants: burglary of a habitation with intent to commit assault and burglary of a building, according to the release.

He is 5-foot-11, weighs 229 pounds and may be armed.

There is a \$500 cash award for anyone with information on Drevon that leads to his arrest, according to the release. You will remain anonymous, and no caller ID is ever used.

#### How to submit a secure tip

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# 10 new fall TV shows worthy of a first-night look

Associated Press

NEW YORK — It's a time-honored rite harking back to an era of black-and-white TVs and the trio of networks whose programs they delivered: the grand unveiling of new fall fare.

Here are 10 new series that might catch your fancy:

■ **"Red Band Society"** (Fox; premieres Sept. 17). A group of teenagers meet as patients in the pediatric ward of a Los Angeles hospital. Sure, a show that gathers kids to frolic, flirt and even face death sounds like "Glee" without the jazz hands. But what could have been an overglossed rendering of life's gravest moments instead comes with heart and a dose of authenticity that ground the good times.

■ **"Gotham"** (Fox; Sept. 22). In an industry where nothing is a sure thing, fall's most-awaited show by the most-desirable demo would seem to be a sure thing. "Gotham" turns out to be not only an "origin series" about Batman but also a humdinger of a noir crime thriller. Rolling back the clock to when Bruce Wayne was a youngster and his alter ego was years from being conceived, the series lays the groundwork for the Batman myth while introducing not-yet-Commissioner James Gordon (played by Ben McKenzie) as a rookie cop.

■ **"The Mysteries of Laura"** (NBC; Sept. 24). Debra Messing stars as a brilliant, rules-breaking NYPD homicide detective and harried single mother whose estranged detective-husband becomes her boss (awkward!). Messing ("Will & Grace") has an indisputable gift for comedy. Here she's arresting as a brassy, disheveled cop in a series that clearly wants to match the light-comedy tone of the long-ago "Columbo." "Mysteries" has its cops-and-robbers element, but it's mostly helter-skelter fun.

■ **"Black-ish"** (ABC; Sept. 24). The versatile Anthony Anderson stars as Andre, a determined patriarch who sets out to restore (or is it establish?) a sense of cultural identity for his middle-class African-American family which, he worries, is ethnically unmoored. Andre's concern isn't shared by his biracial wife, Rainbow (Tracee Ellis Ross), or their four kids. But Andre frets about "keeping it real." This is a clever premise, whose black-centricity has plenty to say about the pros and cons of assimilation by any group. It's a lot of Deep Thoughts packed into a fluffy sitcom, but "Black-ish" seems up to the challenge.

■ **"How to Get Away with Murder"** (ABC; Sept. 25). A legendary attorney is fearless in the courtroom representing society's worst criminals. Then she's fearless in the classroom as she drills a no-holds-barred philosophy of law into her students — and she selects a group of her top students to work at her law firm, where

## Hear (and watch) women roar on new fall TV shows

NEW YORK — "The Good Wife," "Homeland," "Scandal," "Nurse Jackie" and, well, "Girls" are just a few current shows that put women front and center.

As if TV programmers were in a classroom orbiting off one another's scene, a few common themes emerge. One prevalent theme: the fantasy world of comic books and sci-fi, courtesy of newcomers "The Flash" (CW), "Gotham" (Fox), "Constantine" (NBC) and "Forever" (ABC). Spies and anti-terrorism also remain big in our heebie-jeebie era, with "Scorpion" (CBS) as well as a couple of the shows below.

But strong females are the dominant trend — and dominate in prime time this fall:

■ **"Madam Secretary"** (CBS, Sept. 21). Elizabeth McCord is a loving wife and mother and a brilliant former CIA analyst who is abruptly drawn back into public life as U.S. secretary of state after the incumbent's suspicious death. Tea Leoni plays a woman who has it all — including growing concerns that she, too, may be on the endangered list.

■ **"Bad Judge"** (NBC; Oct. 2). Kate Walsh

plays a woman who, in the courtroom, makes Judge Judy look like a pushover. Then, after hours, makes school look like a walkover. This is a woman who doesn't hesitate to announce from the bench her relief that her pregnancy test has come up negative. The only way she could create more of a stir is if she were appointed to the Supreme Court (maybe Season 2?).

■ **"State of Affairs"** (NBC, Nov. 17). CIA analyst Charleston Tucker is joining such past and present CIA heroines as Elizabeth McCord ("Madam Secretary") and "Homeland" stalwart Carrie Mathison, but with her own specialty: compiling and delivering to the Oval Office the president's Daily Briefing every morning. But Charleston's bond with the chief executive is even lighter than this, since she used to be engaged to the president's son — that is, until he was killed by a terrorist attack. And wouldn't you know it: the president is a woman, too!

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they fall under her spell as they help tackle her toughest cases. "Murder" promises to be twisty, wicked, dark and fun. And it stars Viola Davis, who brings life to a character of endless calculations and mystery.

■ **"Manhattan Love Story"** (ABC; Sept. 30). Girl meets guy in the Big Apple. She's new in town and full of romantic yearnings. He's a true Gothamite who lives the sporting life. And of course opposites attract. Meanwhile, the audience is privy to their innermost thoughts about dating and other pressing matters via the characters' voiceovers. This "Love Story," starring winsome Analeigh Tipton and wise-cracking Jake McDorman, touches the heart and, more important, the funny bone.

■ **"Bad Judge"** (NBC;

Oct. 2). Good judge, bad girl: That's the character Kate Walsh tackles on this new sitcom. Judge Rebecca Wright is unforgetting on the bench but an unapologetic party animal elsewhere. Walsh presides with little judicial restraint on a show you'll find guilty of selective racism and plenty of laughs.

■ **"The Flash"** (CW, Oct. 7). A young man named Barry Allen awakens from a coma after being struck by lightning, only to find he has the power of superspeed. Ipso facto, he becomes a superhero. It's more complicated, of course, but what really matters is: This version of a familiar comic-book stud feels refreshingly re-thought, and should satisfy fans as well as those who have never

found their way into the Flash ethos. It stars Grant Gustin ("Glee," "Arrow") who, in his grand unveiling as Barry's fleet-footed alter

ego, eschews the familiar red long johns in favor of a different kind of uniform. Message: This is a new brand of Flash.

■ **"Jane the Virgin"** (CW, Oct. 13). The one-line description of this series seems like a cruelty joke: Jane Villanueva, an effervescent young Miami woman with her eyes trained on the future and her knees clamped virtuously together, is mistakenly impregnated with a specimen meant for someone else. And to add a further twist, the specimen came from the owner of the luxury hotel that employs Jane as a waitress. The wonder of this series is that it feels fully plausible, authentic and delightful, unfolding in a multicultural world with the irresistible Gina Rodriguez in the title role. Time will tell if its grand ambitions outstrip

its ability to deliver, but in the short term it succeeds in the thing a TV series rarely does: It keeps you guessing what will happen next.

■ **"Marry Me"** (NBC, Oct. 14). Jake and Annie are a modern version of George Burns and Gracie Allen. Annie is flighty. Jake is settled and eternally amused by Annie's zaniness. Except that, unlike George and Gracie, Jake and Annie aren't yet married, or even engaged — just dating for six-years-and-counting, with Annie more than ready for Jake to pop the question. On this slender premise hang the ample comic gifts of co-stars Ken Marino and Casey Wilson, not to mention those of series creator David Caspe, whose fast-paced, clever style was first displayed in his hilarious sitcom "Happy Endings," in which Wilson, now his real-life bride, starred.



Owners Shane and Shyloh Winfield established Raider Xtreme Lubbock in 2006.

Their dream started years ago with their love and passion for the sport. Both owners are Texas Tech alumni cheerleaders and have had many years of training and background in cheerleading and tumbling. Since established, Raider Xtreme has grown to be one of the top gyms in Texas and in the nation! We offer the best instructors in our area! All of our staff has a previous or current background in cheerleading,

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Raider Xtreme creates a fun and safe learning environment for children who are interested in all levels of cheerleading, dance and tumbling!

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## Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Increase

The Midland College District will hold two public hearings on a proposal to increase total tax revenues from properties on the tax roll in the preceding tax year by 3.12% percent. Your individual taxes may increase at a greater or lesser rate, or even decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

The first public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 2, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Board Room, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX, 79705

The second public hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at 4:00 p.m. in the Gibson Board Room, 3600 N. Garfield, Midland, TX, 79705

The members of the governing body voted on the proposal to consider the tax increase as follows:

FOR: Stephen N. Castle, Linda J. Cowden, Neil M. Florer, Steven C. Kiser, Charlene R. McBride, Kenneth A. Peeler, Ralph L. Way

AGAINST: None

PRESENT and not voting: None

ABSENT: Will R. Green, G. Larry Lawrence

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Midland College District last year was \$189,854. Based on last year's tax rate of \$0.13316 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed last year on the average home was \$252.81.

The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Midland College District this year is \$207,206. If the governing body adopts the effective tax rate for this year of \$0.120622 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$249.94.

If the governing body adopts the proposed tax rate of \$0.12439 per \$100 of taxable value, the amount of taxes imposed this year on the average home would be \$257.74.

Members of the public are encouraged to attend the hearings and express their views.

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## How badly does Obama want to win his war?

■ ISIS is a real problem for the president who likely can't defeat an enemy without going against his past

ISIS is a force for evil that poses an imminent security threat to the United States, but please, let us get back to you on whether we are determined to defeat it.

That is the posture of the Obama administration toward the terror group that proudly demonstrated its malevolence by beheading American journalist James Foley in a propaganda video.

For the administration, ISIS isn't merely a dire enemy, it is a dilemma. President Barack Obama must respond to a group that — with its resources, apocalyptic vision and Western recruits — is clearly a threat to the homeland, at the same time he wants nothing to do with Iraq in particular or any new military intervention in general.

The default Obama strategy, then, will be to do the minimum necessary not to be accused of allowing ISIS to run riot. If he must launch a few airstrikes to arrest ISIS's sweep toward Kurdistan, he will. If he must make a statement about the

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beheading of James Foley before hitting the links on his vacation, he will.

But he is loath to commit himself. In his Foley statement, the president sought to sound stalwart without saying anything in particular. He brought down the hammer of History with a capital "H" on ISIS. He said, "People like this ultimately fail." He asserted that "the future is won by those who build and not destroy." He pronounced a global consensus around the proposition that a group like ISIS "has no place in the 21st century."

All reasonable, forward-looking people agree that genocide has no place in the 21st century, either. Yet the prospective slaughter of Yazidis trapped on Mount Sinjar after fleeing ISIS wasn't stopped by the inevitable progress of international

norms, but (to the administration's credit) by American bombs in conjunction with Kurdish fighters on the ground.

At a press briefing last week, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs Martin Dempsey and Secretary of Defense Chuck Hagel sounded like they were setting the intellectual and rhetorical predicate for a broader campaign — before it was all tacitly walked back.

Gen. Dempsey said that ISIS "will eventually have to be defeated" and that it couldn't be rolled back without hitting it in Syria. Then, a few days later, he made it clear that he opposes hitting it in Syria.

Hagel said that ISIS is an "imminent threat," a statement that White House spokesman Josh Earnest refused to back up a few days later.

If the administration is too forthright about ISIS, it closes off escape hatches for the president, who as an anti-Iraq War purist has a consistent record of not wanting to grapple with this particular threat.

He opposed the surge under George W. Bush that defeated al-Qaida in Iraq, the precursor to ISIS. He had no interest in keeping U.S. troops in Iraq that might have helped preserve those gains. When

the Syrian civil war began to rage, he refused to robustly support the relatively moderate opposition, thus ceding the ground to what became ISIS.

Iraq is now doubly reminiscent of the Vietnam War. First, the collapse of American political will to maintain forces in Iraq, even after we had defeated the insurgency, recalled the end of Vietnam.

Now, the administration's de facto policy of graduated escalation — progressing from a strictly limited mission to protect the Yazidis and American personnel potentially threatened in Kurdistan to something more extensive, yet still amorphous — recalls the beginning of the Vietnam War.

The administration must fear where the logic of a war against ISIS leads. If it is prosecuted in earnest, it means a bombing campaign against the group on both sides of the Syria-Iraq border, and quite possibly American boots on the ground. In other words, the kind of "escalation" that would have brought howls of outrage from Democrats in the Bush years, and especially from then-Sen. Obama.

He must decide how badly he wants to win his Iraq War.

### OUR VIEW

## Who's ready to make the case for a bust?

In today's Reporter-Telegram, Oil Editor Mella McEwen reported on Occidental Petroleum breaking ground on its "Midland Office Complex." Once completed in late 2015, the complex will house up to 600 employees and will be the center of Occidental's oil and gas operations in the Permian Basin.

Occidental Petroleum, headquartered in Houston, is the largest operator and producer of crude oil in the Permian Basin, employing more than 12,000 Texans, according to information provided from the governor's office.

We are excited about Occidental Petroleum's new digs. Its 212,000-square-foot complex has an option for expansion and will include a conference center that can accommodate 200 people.

More importantly, Occidental is joining other companies that are investing in new office space in Midland.

Concho has transformed 10 stories and 180,000 square feet in downtown Midland. Plans are for Concho to add a second tower and an additional building, increasing its footprint in Midland.

Pioneer continues construction on a six-story, 270,000-square-foot office complex on North Big Spring Street.

Fasken built a 60,000-square-foot office building near Green Tree. It's part of a Vineyard Development that promises to transform northwest Midland and the way oil, office and residential properties exist.

Chevron has started its \$100 million west Midland campus, which will include 330,000 square feet of office space.

The list doesn't stop there, but if you don't get that companies are planning for the long term then you probably don't want to. We trust Pioneer's Scott Sheffield, Concho's Tim Leach and Chevron's Mitch Mamoulides, who have said that this is not just another boom. And they are putting their money — hundreds of millions of dollars — where their mouths are. Who can argue against that?

The answer is no one. It's time to act like a community that understands that concept.

## 4-year-old pre-kindergarten is worth the sacrifice

Congratulations to Ryder Warren and the Midland Independent School District board of trustees for finding a way to keep Head Start transportation intact.

This provided a proper message to the community about the seriousness with which we should treat the education of our youngest students. It can be argued that there wasn't a need to make concessions for those Head Start students.

The district's troubles recruiting bus drivers has been widely reported. Also, as Education reporter Tessa Duvall reported Tuesday, about 30 students used the service in 2013-14 and eight or nine have signed up this year.

Even if this move will be interpreted as symbolism, we are all for it. The education of pre-kindergarteners should be a priority. In our view, in a perfect Midland, 4-year-old pre-kindergarten programs wouldn't be optional or for a select or privileged group.

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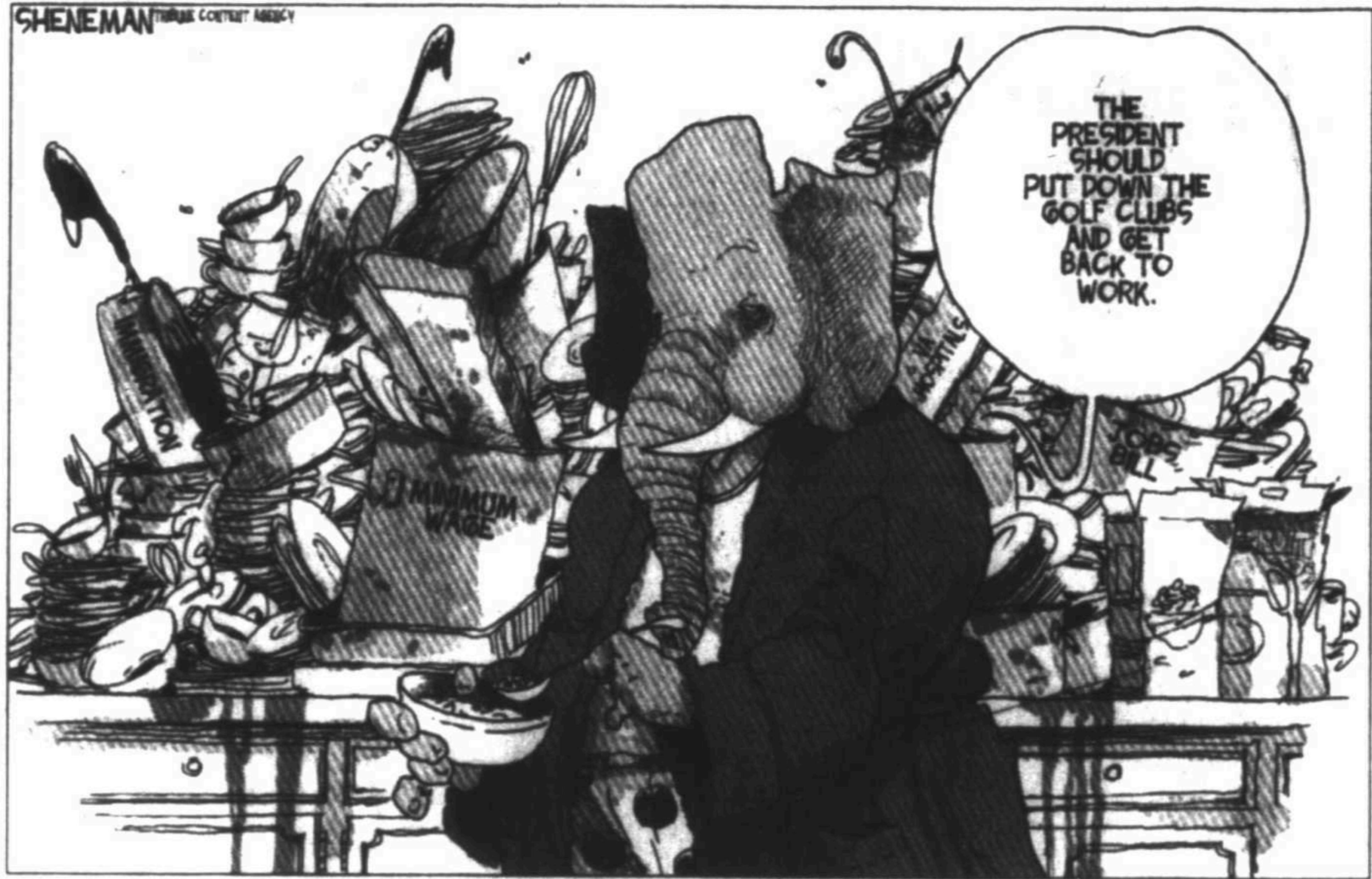
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## Corporate tax returns should be public

■ If companies show transparency, blame would be placed on Congress for convoluted tax code

Tax inversions. Double Irish with a Dutch sandwich. Spinning off tangible assets into real estate investment trusts. Son-of-BOSS shelters.

These are among the array of eye-glazingly complicated tax avoidance strategies adopted by America's biggest companies. Each gets a moment in the sun when some enterprising journalist stumbles upon a particularly egregious example of its use; the public expresses outrage; policymakers denounce the behavior, which they themselves have incentivized; and then maybe Congress plays whack-a-mole trying to close the loophole. Then the public forgets, firms come up with inventively aggressive new strategies, and the pattern repeats.

Here's a proposal to try to curb this cycle: Require all publicly traded companies to make their tax returns public. Period.

This is not a new idea. When the modern federal corporate income tax was introduced in 1909, it came with a requirement to disclose the returns. Such transparency mandates were fought over bitterly for the next couple of decades, and U.S. returns have been confidential since 1935.

The basic rationale behind tax transparency is that shareholders (and creditors and the general public) deserve to know what publicly traded companies are doing, particularly if complicated tax acrobatics are distorting their operational and investment decisions. Today, publicly traded corporations must disclose some information about their accrued tax liabilities in Securities and Exchange Commission filings, but even tax experts find it nearly impossible to reconstruct what they actually pay from year to year, and to whom — let alone what kinds of intricate shelters they've crafted to be able to tell one audience (the public) that they're hugely profitable and another (the Internal Revenue Service) that they're barely scraping by.

The objections, on the other hand, tend to fall into three categories.

One is that disclosure will lead to a rash of misinformed analysis as the public tries to conduct amateur audits of firms' tax returns, which can run many thousands of impenetrable pages. I am unsympathetic to this argument; the counter to bad information is more and better information. And given the massive defunding of the IRS in recent years, maybe it's not so crazy to want more eyeballs — including those of outside tax experts — on companies' tax filings.

The second objection relates to giving away trade secrets. But the strategies that companies employ to comply with the law should not be proprietary.

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Washington Post Writers Group

If companies fear that disclosing tax returns would reveal non-tax-related competitive information, perhaps there is a way to allow for redactions. But I'm not convinced this is actually a risk.

The final objection is that disclosure could lead to more aggressive tax avoidance, not less. After all, firms might learn from one another about snazzy new ways to shelter income and feel pressure to be more aggressive tax-dodgers than they already are.

"All of a sudden you can easily check your competitors' tax rates, and if yours is higher than theirs, that's going to be a problem," said Alex Raskolnikov, a tax law professor at Columbia Law School. "You could end up in a race to the bottom."

Perhaps, but another possible result is that, over the long run, companies invest fewer resources in tax avoidance, since they would be forced to share the fruits of their tax departments' labors with free-riding competitors. And from a social welfare perspective, we want companies to focus their R&D on creating the next iPad, not on finding ways to make their iPad-generated profits magically disappear.

Under the current system, you really can't blame companies for maintaining massive tax departments, which wade through our convoluted tax code in search of savings.

"Our U.S. code imposes on CEOs a fiduciary obligation to do the best by their shareholders, which very much includes minimizing taxes," Ivo Welch, an economics and finance professor at UCLA's Anderson Graduate School of Management, wrote me in an email. "Arguably, a CEO who does not take advantage of a Double-Dutch when (s)he can and instead pays taxes can in principle be taken to court for neglect."

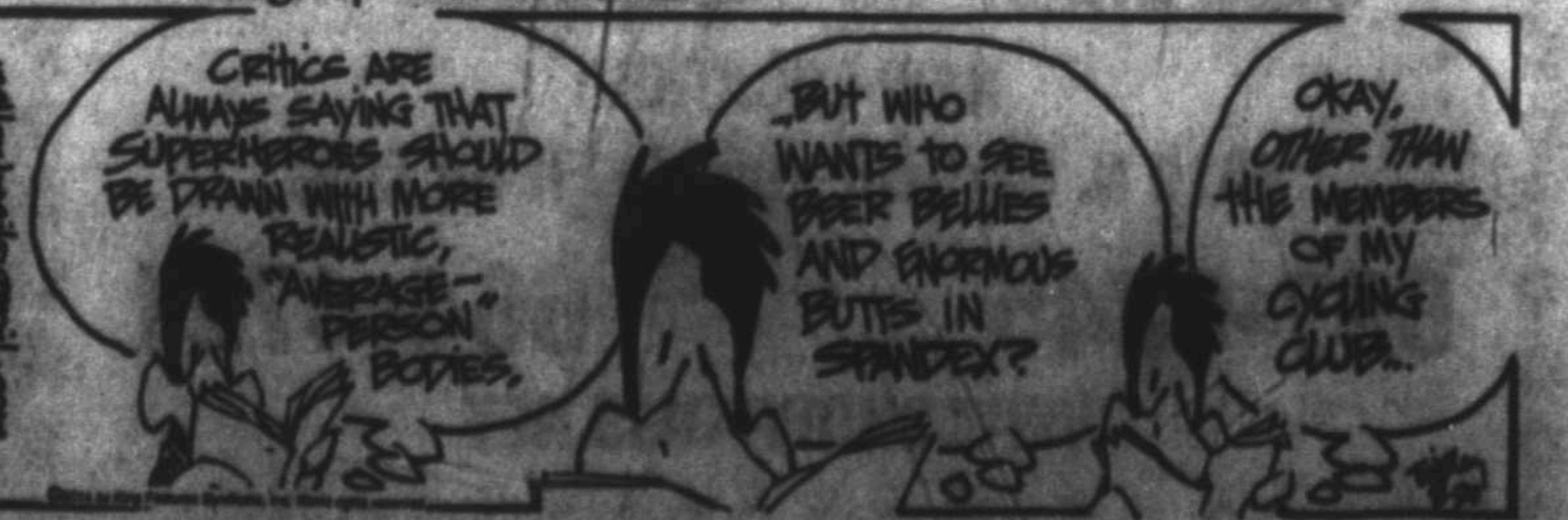
And then we consumers — and our public officials — have the gall to accuse these firms of being unpatriotic.

Right now there is so little public understanding of how widespread tax avoidance is that individual companies with the misfortune of ending up in a reporter's cross hairs are vilified, even when their actions are legal and quite commonplace. With more transparency, public discourse could shift away from shaming individual companies and toward shaming Congress for creating, and perpetuating, our terrible, convoluted, loophole-riddled tax system in the first place.

### From the Left | Doonesbury



### From the Right | Mallard Fillmore



# Davis spends \$4 million on attack ads

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Democratic gubernatorial nominee Wendy Davis, lagging behind in both polling and campaign finances, spent about \$4 million in August to attack Republican opponent Greg Abbott on television.

The San Antonio Express News reported Monday that it reviewed the documents and interviewed industry experts to compile the figure. Davis is at a roughly three-to-one cash disadvantage and is trailing anywhere from eight to 16 points in the polls, with a little more than two months to go before Texans select a new governor.

The expenditure amounts to more than 30 percent of the campaign's total cash on hand as of last month. It has aired a particular attack ad at least 5,000 times statewide. The Davis campaign has been spending at a pace of about \$1 million a week on TV ads between Aug. 8 and Labor Day.

The advertisements range from attacking Abbott for not siding with a rape victim while serving as a judge in the 1990s to slamming him for his role as a watchdog on a state



Associated Press

Texas Democratic gubernatorial candidate Wendy Davis presents her new education policy during a stop at Palo Alto College on Tuesday in San Antonio. Davis, lagging behind in both polling and campaign finances, spent about \$4 million in August to attack Republican opponent Greg Abbott on television.

causer research fund. Abbott's campaign spent more than \$2.1 million during a two-week stretch in August for more than 2,200 spots. The advertisements feature Abbott's mother-in-law talking fondly about him.

Davis spokesman Zac Petkanas said the campaign is going negative early because Texans want a governor who "will fight for them."

"This is something that is critical for voters to understand as they make their

choice about who should represent them in the Governor's Mansion next

year," Petkanas said. The Abbott campaign has denounced the television ads as a desperate tactic from a political opponent behind in the polls.

"Indicative of a candidate with no plan or vision for Texas, Sen. Davis' attacks have repeatedly failed to reach the end zone, and her latest ads continue to fumble the facts," said Abbott spokesman Matt Hirsch.

Brandon Rottinghaus, an associate professor of political science at the University of Houston who specializes in media and public opinion, said Davis is running out of time.

"This shows energy," he said. "They're not going to just allow the Republican machine in Texas to run them over."

# GOP leader says Labor Dept. is wasting tax money

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The chairman of a House panel is asking Labor Secretary Thomas Perez to turn over to Congress documents and information the lawmaker alleges will show "a pattern of wasteful spending and mismanagement" at the Labor Department.

Rep. Darrell E. Issa, R-Calif., who leads the House Oversight Committee, asserted that the Labor Department's Office of

Public Affairs "frivolously spends taxpayer money on unnecessary items." As an example, the lawmaker cited elevator posters changed weekly in the 23 passenger elevators at the department's headquarters, at a cost of \$2,637 a week.

Since 2009, the posters have cost a total of more than \$600,000, Issa wrote to Perez in a letter dated Monday. He also criticized what he depicted as excessive travel by Labor Department officials.

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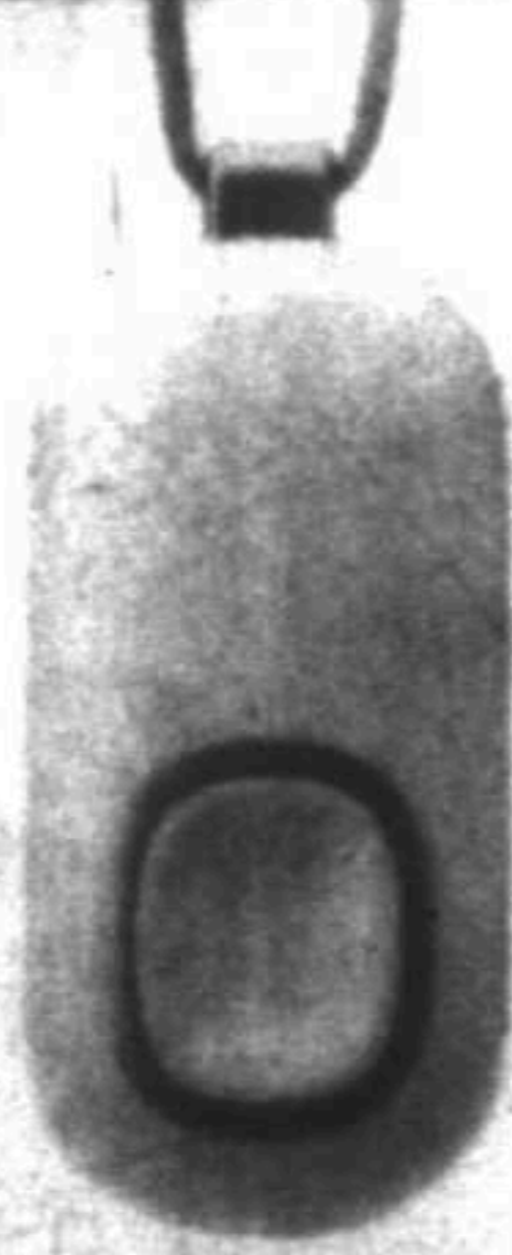
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# UN health agency urges crackdown on e-cigarettes

Associated Press

GENEVA — Governments should have tougher rules for electronic cigarettes — banning their use indoors and putting them off limits for minors — until more evidence can be gathered about their risks, the U.N. health agency said Tuesday.

In a bid to set public policy, the World Health Organization said the popular nicotine-vapor products, particularly the fruit, candy and alcohol-flavored, could serve as gateway addictions for children and adolescents.

It recommended governments forbid or keep to a minimum any advertising, promotion or sponsorship in a market that has mushroomed to \$3 billion last year and now includes 466 different brands.

In a report, the Geneva-based agency found that the boom in e-cigarettes presents a public health dilemma.

Regulation "is a necessary precondition for establishing a scientific basis on which to judge the effects of their use," it said.

Little is known about the health effects of e-cigarettes, which have been sold in the U.S. since 2007 and contain less toxic substances than traditional cigarettes do. The biggest markets are Europe and North America, where U.S. regulators in April proposed treating e-cigarettes as tobacco products with rules such as a ban on sales to those under 18 and warning labels.

Sales are banned in 13 of the 59 countries that regulate the devices, the WHO reported, but most of those 13 countries say they are still available because of illicit trade and cross-border Internet sales.

The WHO report, requested in 2012 by the 179-nation WHO treaty for controlling tobacco,



AP file photo

A man smokes an electronic cigarette in Chicago on April 23. In a surprising new policy statement, the American Heart Association backs electronic cigarettes as a last resort to help smokers quit.

is to be discussed at a conference in Moscow in October. If the recommendations are adopted, the next step would be for nations to strengthen their laws and policies to meet the treaty obligations.

Transnational tobacco companies are aggressively competing with independent companies for market share and the rapid growth of e-cigarettes' use globally means appropriate regulation is needed, the WHO said.

"E-cigarettes are a story of both risks and promises. In a sense they are a

double-edged sword," Dr. Douglas Bettcher, director of WHO's Department for Prevention of Non-communicable Diseases, told reporters. "The tobacco industry is taking greater share — as public health partners pretending to be part of the solution to the health disaster they have created."

Tommaso Di Giovanni, head of reduced-risk product communications at Philip Morris, criticized the WHO for calling for a "de facto exclusion of tobacco companies in the democratic process."

# UN panel: Global warming human-caused, dangerous

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Global warming is here, human-caused and probably already dangerous — and it's increasingly likely that the heating trend could be irreversible, a draft of a new international science report said.

The United Nations Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change on Monday sent governments a final draft of its synthesis report, which combines three earlier, gigantic documents by the Nobel Prize-winning group.

There is little in the report that wasn't in the other more-detailed versions, but the language is more stark

and the report attempts to connect the different scientific disciplines studying problems caused by the burning of fossil fuels, such as coal, oil and gas.

The 127-page draft, obtained by The Associated Press, painted a harsh warning of what's causing global warming and what it will do to humans and the environment. It also described what can be done about it.

"Continued emission of greenhouse gases will cause further warming and long-lasting changes in all components of the climate system, increasing the likelihood of severe, pervasive and irreversible impacts for people and ecosystems," the report said. The final

report will be issued after governments and scientists go over the draft line by line in an October conference in Copenhagen.

Depending on circumstances and values, "currently observed impacts might already be considered dangerous," the report said. It mentions extreme weather and rising sea levels, such as heat waves, flooding and droughts. It even raises, as an earlier report did, the idea that climate change will worsen violent conflicts and refugee problems and could hinder efforts to grow more food. And ocean acidification, which comes from the added carbon absorbed by oceans, will harm marine life, it said.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON MIDLAND CENTRAL APPRAISAL DISTRICT BUDGET**

The Midland Central Appraisal District will hold a public hearing on a proposed budget for the 2015 fiscal year.

The public hearing will be held on September 10, 2014, time: 9:00 a.m., 4631 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79703 (Board Room).

A summary of the appraisal district budget follows:

The total amount of the proposed budget is:  
 Appraisal Department, **\$2,708,603**,  
 Appraisal Review Board Department, **\$120,137**,  
 Collection Department, **\$514,063**,  
 Total Combined Budget, **\$3,342,803**.

The total amount of increase over the current year's budget is:  
 Appraisal Department, **\$157,611**,  
 Collection Department, **\$87,682**,  
 Appraisal Review Board Department, **\$33,673**,  
 Total combined increase **\$278,966**.

The number of employees compensated under the proposed budget will be 34 (33 full-time, 1 part time).

The number of employees compensated under the current budget is 32 (31 full-time, 1 part time).

The Midland Central Appraisal District collects Ad Valorem taxes for Midland Independent School District, City of Midland, Midland Community College, Midland County Hospital District and Midland Downtown Management District, Midland County, Midland County Utility District and Greenwood Independent School District.

The appraisal district is supported solely by payments from local taxing units served by the appraisal district.

If approved by the appraisal district board of directors at the public hearing, this proposed budget will take effect automatically unless disapproved by the governing bodies of the county, school districts, cities, and town served by the appraisal district.

A copy of the proposed budget is available for public inspection in the office of each of those governing bodies. A copy is also available for public inspection at the appraisal district office.

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**Water District Notice of Public Hearing on Tax Rate**

The Midland County Utility District will hold a public hearing on a proposed tax rate for the tax year 2014 on Thursday, September 11, 2014 at 9:30 pm at 2405 West Missouri Ave, Midland, Texas. Your individual taxes may increase or decrease, depending on the change in the taxable value of your property in relation to the change in taxable value of all other property and the tax rate that is adopted.

FOR the proposal: Shelton Vinay M.D., Alan Lang, Joe Patten, Israel Rodriguez

AGAINST the proposal: \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT and not voting: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

The following table compares taxes on an average residence homestead in this taxing unit last year to taxes proposed on the average residence homestead this year.

	Last Year 0.0300 /\$100 Adopted	This Year 0.0296 /\$100 Proposed
Total tax rate (per \$100 of value)	0.0300 /\$100	0.0296 /\$100
Difference in rates per \$100 of value		-0.0004 /\$100
Percentage increase/decrease in rates (+/-)		-0.013 %
Average appraised value	\$ 181,676	\$ 180,842
General exemption available (excluding senior citizen's or disabled person's exemptions)	\$ 0	\$ 0
Average taxable value	\$ 181,676	\$ 180,842
Tax on average residence homestead	\$ 54.50	\$ 52.86
Annual increase/decrease in taxes if proposed tax rate is adopted (+/-)	\$ -1.64	
and percentage of increase (+/-)	\$ -0.009 %	

**NOTICE OF TAXPAYER'S RIGHT TO ROLLBACK ELECTION**

If taxes on the average residence homestead increase by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the water district by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether to reduce the operation and maintenance tax to the rollback tax rate under Section 49.23(a), Water Code.

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# EDUCATION

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## Midland ISD still lacks support staff

District reports 295 vacancies; salary hikes have done 'nothing' to help

By Tessa Duvall  
tduvall@mrt.com

When Midland ISD officials announced a plan to beef up support staff pay earlier this year, they hoped it would provide a way to attract much-needed personnel to the district.

With the district reporting 295 support staff vacancies as of Tuesday, little has changed since last school year.

Superintendent Ryder Warren said the district was excited to provide pay increases to the staff already with the district, but the salary initiatives have done "nothing" to recruit new staff and alleviate MISD's shortages.

"We had high hopes for what the increase of the hourly rate would do for us, and we gained one (new driver)," Warren said of the district's bus drivers.

The district hired five new drivers, but then four exist-

ing drivers left for jobs in the oilfield for a net gain of one driver, he said.

All MISD employees will see a 2.5 percent of midpoint raise this year, and all support staff — which includes Child Nutrition Services (CNS) workers, custodians, maintenance staff and bus drivers — will continue to receive a \$1,000 retention stipend, according to past Reporter-Telegram reports. CNS workers received a \$2 per hour salary adjustment, and bus driver salaries were increased by about \$4 per hour, bringing entry level pay to \$14.72 per hour and average pay to about \$19.46 per hour.

CNS has the greatest number of vacancies — 82 — followed by transportation with a total shortage of 73: 46 drivers and 27 bus monitors. Finally, 69 custodial jobs are available, according to information provided by Irene Garcia, MISD director of Support Staff Services.

Director of Transportation Services Willie A. Tarleton

said in April the bus driver shortage was the worst it has ever been. Now, at the end of August, Tarleton said the situation is just as bad.

MISD employs about 80 drivers, which is nearly half of what it employed about five of six years ago before the chronic shortages began, Tarleton said. District bus routes cover 765.3 square miles; between 5,500 and 6,500 students are transported every day, not including extracurricular and athletic trips, he said.

Tarleton said although the situation is far from ideal, there's still a light at the end of the tunnel that wasn't there before.

The transportation office has received calls from interested potential drivers and expects to pick up more hires once school starts, he said. This time last year they weren't

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# ON MY SUMMER VACATION, I ...

Imagine you're a kid again and it's the first day of school.

You're eager to share the best part of your summer break with your friends and classmates you haven't seen since May. So, how would you finish the sentence, "On my summer vacation, I ..."?

That's what we asked area educators. Here's what they had to share about their vacations this year:



Warren

Welcomed 365 new teachers into our community and district, worked to balance a \$215 million budget, watched an amazing Midland fireworks show and spent seven wonderful days on a Disney Cruise with my wife and children ... and barely got the kids off the boat on the last day. All and all — a perfect summer!

RYDER WARREN,  
SUPERINTENDENT, MIDLAND ISD



Elliott

Enjoyed spending time with my family. We took a trip to La Jolla, California. We try to visit La Jolla every summer. We had a great time swimming, kayaking and boogie boarding. We also had a graduation party at Balmorhea State Park for my son. We spent the day there with seven of our favorite young men. Last week, we took him to

Dallas Baptist University to start a new chapter in his life. The Elliott family had a great summer, but I am excited to see all my friends back at school. Go Rangers!"

ERIC ELLIOTT,  
SUPERINTENDENT, GREENWOOD ISD



Went to see the Hearst Castle in California. I also started my first semester in graduate school at UNT to become a librarian.

CANDACE JAMES,  
DAEP TEACHER, HOUSTON ELEMENTARY



LEFT  
Lived in Finland for two months, where I married my amazing husband on July 11. Then we went to Rome for a week for our honeymoon! Seeing all of the ancient Roman ruins and sampling all of the delicious Italian food was a spectacular adventure and perfect ending to the best summer ever. Now, I'm looking forward to getting back into the classroom and graduating our new Lee High seniors, class of 2015!"

LARSEN FEEDER,  
ELEMENTARY TEACHER, LEE

RIGHT  
Caught a big fish!!!

DAVID HAYES,  
FISHERY TEACHER,  
ROSS ELEMENTARY



Built a butterfly bicycle. Also made a bicycle blender. (You can) look for the bicycle butterfly at the Lee & Midland HS homecoming parades in September.

Read more teacher and administrator submissions on Page 2B

PATRICIA MAURER  
Trinity School

Great teachers spend their life on a quest to become better

I think a fresh school year is the best adrenaline rush of all. Why do I think school is such an exciting place to be? First, children bring me joy. I appreciate all that they are and all that they can become. I appreciate their smiles, ideas, unique needs and gifts. Next, professional colleagues bring me joy, and I know in my heart and from my experience, great teachers make the difference.

Today, as school begins again, I can't help recalling just a few of the many fine teachers I have known: teachers who no longer grace a classroom, but teachers who, each in their own way, still inform what I do. Their stories add to the definition of a great teacher, and their habits of mind and heart are worth talking about as we start a new year.

Wilma spent the first important days of school building community in her classroom. Everyone soon accepted there were rules to be followed and jobs to be done, because everyone had a hand in deciding what was important. There was order and routine and collaboration. A sense of mutual respect made things work, ensured

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BRANDI FISCHER  
Bowie Fine Arts Academy

Establishing bond with kids shows them teacher cares

As I embark upon another school year, I have some new initials I can add behind my name: M.Ed. At the beginning of August, I completed my two-year mission to receive my master's degree.

Sure, it means a small pay increase, but to me it's way more than that. I am not what one would consider an average college student. I am a little bit older (ahem, 39 and holding), have a husband and two school-aged kiddos of my own. I have been teaching always-predictable and even tempered sixth-graders for the past four years. Ha ha! Couple that with two demanding grad courses per semester, and you have a glimpse into my life.

I'm not complaining. I am extremely proud of what I have been able to achieve. I can't say it was easy. I had to learn to manage my time. I think I did a decent job. Sure, the house wasn't always pristine, and the kids ate more than their share of take-out, but they are still alive. I have had awesome support from my own family and my extended school families. I have to send a special "shout out" to the MISD Education Foundation for

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# MAURER

From 1B

each child felt important, and created the feeling that together anything was possible. If someone had a problem, you could expect her to stop, to have a family meeting, and to encourage the class to help find a solution. Wilma was a great teacher.

Vicki helped students own the concept of quality work. She had high expectations for every child with whom she worked and incredibly high expectations for herself. If a job was worth doing, she believed it was worth doing well. She made sure children had opportunity to produce work carefully thought out, drafted, perfected, and ultimately shared with pride. She was patient and persistent. She wanted children to learn what excellence felt like and to set that standard for themselves in every aspect of their lives. She knew the importance of character to ultimate success. Vicki was a great teacher.

Desi taught Spanish, but more than that, she modeled respect for the ideas and opinions of every child. Students knew her classroom was a safe place to express feelings, but also a place where everyone had a chance to be heard. Desi's family escaped from Communist Cuba with no more than the clothes on their backs, and she was grateful for the freedoms we sometimes take for granted. Desi made sure every child felt welcome in her classroom. She was intensely curious about culture, and loved nothing better than sharing food, music, art and passions of different people, from different places. Desi was a great teacher.

Toni knew how to listen, and her students knew that she cared about them. When we first met, she was very

## Meet Patricia Maurer

Name: Patricia A. Maurer  
 School position: Head of preschool and lower school at Trinity School  
 College attended/degree: Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, The University of Texas at Austin; Master's of Education in School Leadership, Tarleton State University  
 Years in education: 47  
 Family: Dr. William Maurer, executive director of the Dymally School children, Sarah and Warren; grandson, Caleb  
 Favorite book: "Where the Wild Things Are" by Maurice Sendak  
 Favorite movie: "Steel Magnolias" and "Fried Green Tomatoes"  
 Favorite food: Shrimp and grits  
 Favorite sports team: UT Longhorn swimming and diving  
 Favorite leisure activity: Reading and writing

young, had the voice of an angel, and carried her guitar with her everywhere. She set new ideas to music, and I can still hear the echo of children's voices following the melody and capturing the message of her lessons. It became a daily ritual for children to sit in the hallway before dismissal and sing together. Thirty years later, and I still recall the lyrics. The positive emotional context cemented them for me and, I am quite sure, for the children whose lives were touched. Toni was a great teacher.

Cindy was a leader, not a boss. She kept a teaching team afloat, making sure everyone shared decision-making, and keeping everyone organized, on task, and committed to the mission. She recognized the importance of building collegial relationships. She acknowledged teaching as hard work, sometimes isolating, and mentored and supported the success of each team member. She knew the success of a faculty or the success of a classroom, meant recognizing that there is no "I" in the word team. She knew leadership to be selfless, the ability to rally and to effectively use individual strengths to a serve a common purpose. Cindy was a great teacher.

Norma, when we met,

had already spent 30 years in the classroom, but loved to learn more than anyone I have ever known. She was a voracious reader, a talented writer, a clever artist and drop-dead funny. She taught first and last by example, and her energy was contagious. She was the first person I ever knew to wear braces on their teeth after the age of 60, and she wore them with pride. It gave her unique buy-in with her sixth-graders. Norma was nerdy. She would eagerly try new strategies, always looking for a better way to help a child learn. Her classroom was a happy, productive, messy place where children felt empowered to create. Norma was a great teacher.

Finally, if great teachers share a single attribute, one and all, they well-love the children they teach. Great teachers are not perfect, instead they spend their life in schools on a quest to become ever better. This year, as I watch each teacher at my school do their best to reach every child, I know I will add new dimensions to the picture of a great teacher. I challenge you to do the same, and when you catch a teacher doing something really good, smile, nod, and compliment the work. A child's future depends on it.

## Meet Brandi Fischer

Name: Brandi Fischer  
 School position: Bowie Fine Arts Academy, Read 180 / System 44 / Math 180 teacher  
 College attended/degree: Bachelor of science Texas Tech University; Master of Education, University of St. Thomas  
 Years in education: Five  
 Family: Husband, Tim; son, Cody, 11; daughter, Meghan, 9  
 Favorite book: "The Blue Bistrot" by Elin Hilderbrand  
 Favorite movie: "Grease"  
 Favorite food: Mexican  
 Favorite sports team: Dallas Cowboys  
 Favorite leisure activity: Reading

Most first days go fairly well. I end up remembering a large number of the kids. I feel great. Then day two comes, and they've changed clothes. Great. Now the girl in the pink T-shirt and braid is no longer there. Where is she? Is that her in the lime-green hoodie? And last year I had twins in my class. I figured out how to tell them apart, if they were side by side. But if one was by herself in the hallway, I would call her by their names combined into one, just to be safe. This year, the school I am at is a uniform school. Great, now they are all dressed alike. Where's the Tylene?

Since this is my fifth year in the classroom, and it's several hundreds of kids later, I have started to develop more of a strategy to know my kids, and I mean really know them. Not just a name. When you look at time on paper, teachers spend more time with your kids in a day than their parents do. That being said, I want to know

who these youngsters are. What do they like? Do they play sports? Are they in ballet? Do they hate broccoli? Do they collect Legos? These are all things that the general public may not think are a part of what a teacher does, but that's where you are wrong. We establish those bonds with the kids. Once a kid feels you care, they open up and feel like they can talk to you. It takes time to establish trust. It's amazing what these kids have been through though, both good and bad. Every one of them is unique and precious.

I am thankful everyday that I decided to take the jump into education after years of working in the business sector. I cannot wait for another successful year in MISD. If I have your kid, know that they are in good hands. I may call them Jim Bob even if their name is Sebastian, but we'll get there. Wish me luck!

# FISCHER

From 1B

providing scholarships to those like myself who want to continue their education. I received money each of my six semesters, totaling just at \$3,000. I sincerely thank you.

When I was asked to write a column again this year, I eagerly jumped on board. I think this is an excellent forum to discuss trends and issues in education. And then writer's block hit. What was I going to write about? Then the ideas came fast and furious, and I couldn't make a decision. Oh, the stress; I don't need this. What have I committed to? Why am I doing this? There have to be better choices of writers. Then I took a breath, got some Diet Coke, played five quick rounds of Candy Crush, and tried to regroup. So here goes.

The biggest fear I face every year as I get ready to head back into the classroom is not being able to learn the students' names. Not sure why this is my such a hang-up for me. I seem to know them by the end of the first week. But every single year, I literally start stressing out over names. Now I'd understand it if I were my husband. Bless his heart; he can't remember a name to save his life. But I'm pretty good at remembering names. I try my best to "repeat their name as soon as they say it to you and use it often."

# MISD

From 1B

receiving any calls. "At least our salary is very competitive compared to other school districts," Farleton said. "Some people don't want to work for the private sector. I really feel as though we may not get the number we want, but if we can pick up at least 18 to 21 people, it's going to be a big difference. "People will be saying a whole new transportation system has arrived."

Bus driver shortages are impacting multiple districts in the Permian Basin.

Greenwood ISD Superintendent Ariel Elliott said the district is about six drivers short, leading to existing drivers having to double up on their routes. The district normally runs between 21 and 24 routes, which would also be the ideal number of

## By the numbers

MISD department	Number of employees
Clerical/Instructional Assistance	50
Professional Staff	7
Child Nutrition Services	52
Custodial	59
Maintenance	28
Transportation	48 bus drivers
	527 mechanics
<b>Total</b>	

Source: Pam Garcia, MISD director of Transportation Services

drivers. Ector County ISD announced in a press release on Tuesday it is implementing several new strategies to overcome the "critical" shortage of 48 bus drivers it is experiencing. Initiatives include a \$2 per hour raise, bringing the starting wage to \$16.26 per hour, an additional \$1,000 commercial driver's license stipend for employees in

the transportation office and shop and encouraging other ECISD support employees to obtain a CDL and drive a route for additional pay. ECISD would pay for the cost of the CDL and include a stipend for time spent at training.

Coaches also may be required to get a CDL to drive teams to and from competitions for additional pay, according to the release.

# Obituaries



## Eugene George Bartus

Eugene George Bartus passed away on Saturday, August 23, 2014.

A visitation will be held Wednesday, August 27, 2014, from 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, September 6, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at the Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church located on Presbyterian Road in Albany, Louisiana. Burial of the ashes will follow the service at the Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

Gene was born on August 17, 1929, to the Reverend Alexander and Aranka Szekely Bartus in the Hungarian community located in Albany, Louisiana.

He attended the lower grades in Albany, but completed his high school education in Hammond, Louisiana where he participated in sports with his main focus on basketball. Gene continued his education at Southeastern Louisiana University where he continued playing basketball, graduating in 1949. During his college years he began working part-time for the JC Penney Company, a career that would last 31 years.

Shortly after graduation he enlisted in the United States Air Force and after service was completed, he returned to work for JC Penney in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

The career with Penney's took the family to Atlanta, Georgia, Memphis, Tennessee, Searcy, Arkansas, Waco, Texas, Dallas, Texas, and Midland, Texas. After his retirement from Penney's, he opened and operated Gene Bartus Fine Menswear and Tuxedo Rental for 12 years. His third career was perhaps

his most fulfilling career. He became Special Education Teacher's Assistant for the Midland Independent School District.

As a member of the community, Gene was an active member of First Presbyterian Church serving as a Deacon, Elder, Trustee, and choir member. Other activities included the Chamber of Commerce, the Kiwanis Club, and the American Heart Association.

Members of his family preceding him in death were his parents, Alexander and Aranka Bartus; his brothers, Joseph Bartus and Alex Bartus; and sister, Margaret Bartus.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary Anne Dozier Bartus; daughter, Jenny Anne Bridgetorth and husband, Stephen of Lovington, New Mexico; son, David Eugene Bartus of Indianapolis, Indiana, son, Stephen Gregg Bartus of Dallas, Texas; grandchildren include, Dean Forest and wife, Dawn of Fredericksburg, Virginia, Melissa Forest of Hobbs, New Mexico, Jenna Lujan and husband Joe of Hobbs, New Mexico, Hollie Killebrew and husband, James of Enterprise, Alabama, Alaina Bartus of Indianapolis, Indiana; great grandchildren include, Olivia Lujan and Sydney Forest.

He is also survived by his brother, Louis Bartus and wife, Pauline of Albany, Louisiana; sister, Goldie Hudson of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Our family has been blessed with the beautiful and devoted friendship of Drew, Glenda and Olivia Peters whom we consider as family members.

He believed that the most important thing in one's life was one's own personal relationship with God. His favorite scriptures were Romans 8:28 and 8:31. 8:28 "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose." 8:31 "What then, shall we say in response to this? If God is for us, who can be against us?"

TO GOD BE THE GLORY FOR A LIFE WELL LIVED!

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Bartus Family Scholarship

Southeastern Louisiana University Development Foundation, SLU 10450, Hammond, Louisiana, 70402, Attention Wendy Lauderdale, or the Albany Hungarian Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 119 Albany, Louisiana, 70711, or the First Presbyterian Church Deacon's Fund, 800 W. Texas Ave, Midland, Texas, 79701.

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

Online condolences can be made to [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com).

## Death Notices

### David James Green

David James Green, 47, of San Antonio, died Saturday, August 23, 2014, in a San Antonio nursing home.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday, August 28, 2014, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring.

The family will receive friends from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Wednesday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Survivors include his mother, Fran Green; and one sister.

### Ivan E. Pruiett

Funeral service for Ivan E. Pruiett 86, of Midland are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Ivan E. Pruiett died August 25, 2014 at his residence.

### Linda Dykes

Linda Dykes, 67, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, August 20, 2014, in a Houston hospital.

Graveside funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, August 27, 2014, at the Mt. Olive Memorial Park Chapel.

She is survived by her husband, Gerald Dykes; one son, Joe Murley; and one sister.

### Roger Avant

Roger Avant, 78, of Palestine, died Friday, August 15, 2014.

Memorial services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Thursday, August 28, 2014, at the Family Faith Center in Big Spring.

He is survived by five sons, Don Avant, Dale Avant, Dean Avant, Danny Avant, and Devin Avant; daughter, Cynthia Reeves.

# Flooding causes delays for GISD

By Tessa Duvall  
 tduvall@mrt.com

Parents taking their children to school on the first day of classes at Greenwood ISD campuses on Monday may have been faced with some unexpected delays.

Following heavy rains Sunday night, the road work being done along Farm-to-Market Road 307 flooded between County Roads 1120 and 1110, GISD Superintendent Ariel Elliott said. The flooding caused traffic problems going to and from the school, but the issue was resolved quickly

and didn't caused problems before classes on Tuesday morning, he said.

Gene Powell, spokesman for TxDOT's Odessa district, said a culvert is in the process of being built at the site of the flooding. Without the culvert in place, the water had nowhere to go.

Powell said he doesn't have a timeline for when the culvert will be completed, but the entire FM 307 rehabilitation between County Road 1150 and Farm-to-Market Road 1379 is expected to be completed at the end of February or beginning of March.

Until the culvert is completed, there's nothing to prevent flooding from taking place again. However, Powell said TxDOT will move in with pumps to clear the water if heavy rains occur again.

"Any time we do any kind of construction project, Mother Nature can throw us unexpected curves and we just have to deal with it as best we can," he said. "We apologize for the inconvenience and just ask for motorists to be patient and understand the contractors are moving as fast as they can and sometimes things are unavoidable."

# MAKING THE GRADE

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Midland Opera Theatre recently

awarded an Opera for Tomorrow Scholarship to one music student and recognized two others.

Odessa Rachel Holder, a sophomore vocal music major at Odessa College, won first place and an award of \$2,000.

Odessans Thomas D. Laney III and Christopher Brokaw won second and third place, respectively.

Laney is a senior and double major in vocal music and drama at Texas Tech University, won second place. Brokaw received an associate degree from Odessa College.

Also competing were Kaitlyn Flad, KaLee French, Nathan Garcia, Amber Jennings, Marissa Natera, Dani Ramirez, Breanna Davis and Alec Williams.

The scholarship applicants went through an audition, according to a press release from MOT.

LINCOLN, Neb. — Midlander Patrick Ellery Barney graduated from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln earlier this month.

Barney received a bachelor of arts degree.

Four scholarships recently were presented by the Midland County Medical Society and the Midland Medical Alliance at their annual scholarship dinner at Midland Country Club.

Two scholarships were presented in memory of Dr. Viola M. Coleman, the first black woman to practice medicine in Midland. The \$2,000 scholarships were presented to Sarah Horton Burkes and her husband, William Lowell Burkes, third-year medical school students at Texas A&M University Health Sciences Center in Temple.

Sarah Burkes is a graduate of Lee High School and Texas A&M University, where she received a Bachelor of Science in biomedical science. William Burkes is a graduate of Midland Christian School and Texas A&M University, where he received a Bachelor of Science in biomedical engineering.

Nursing scholarships in the amount of \$500 were presented to Aretha Rhea and Xavier Torres, second-year nursing students at Midland College.

# 'ON MY SUMMER VACATION, I ...'

## More quotes from Midland educators and administrators

Watched my wife Celia fly-fishing in the Red Fork of the Middle Fork of the Powder River, Wyoming, and I fell in love with her all over again.

*Rev. Chip Prehn, headmaster, Trinity School*

Enjoyed the many things that the Tall City offers — from taking advantage of great music at Museum of the Southwest Sunday evening concerts and the Tall City Blues Fest to spending time with family and friends at Midland's many new restaurants. They say "the sky's the limit" in Midland, Texas. I can't wait to explore this great city again next summer!

*Rebecca Bell, dean of Community Relations and Special Events, Midland College*

Taught English in Bulgaria to students from second - 12th grade. On the weekends, my hosts took me to Greece and Romania as well as other towns in Bulgaria to show me the sights. The students were bright and motivated, the town I lived in was charming, and my accommodations made me feel like a pampered princess. They even wrote a newspaper article about me because I was the first American

to come to their town to teach. They've already asked me to return next summer, and I'm looking forward to it, but I'm happy to be home now.

*Angela Ellis, English I, Midland Freshman*

Took a trip to Alabama. I also spent time on the beach in Florida. It was so relaxing to watch the waves roll in and out.

*Janet Wallace, principal, Midland Academy Charter School*

Spent three sun- and laughter-filled days with my 3-year old granddaughter on the Florida coast. Priceless!

*Jeanette McNeely, principal, Lee High School*

Moved to Midland!!!

*Carlin Grammer, principal, Midland High School*

Took time for myself. I made sure to sleep late, spend lots of time hanging out at Starbucks and read books. I also made sure to give back and volunteer. I volunteered at the Recording Library of West Texas and was a summer science teacher at the Petroleum

Museum's science camp, where I learned how to make ice cream, coke gazers and learned about honey production. I also traveled a lot to visit family and friends, all over the state of Texas.

*Adriana Acosta, English I, Midland Freshman High*

Met my newborn nephew in Houston, went hiking and bicycling in Lincoln National Forest with my boyfriend, reconnected with some old friends, completed a few projects and felt rested!

*Elizabeth York, MISD communications specialist*

Took my son fishing, camping and white-water rafting in Colorado, opened an antique booth, taught myself to make furniture out of old pickets, watched our puppy grow exponentially and paid to replace the back window of my truck ... twice.

*Mark W. LaCroix, AP U.S. history teacher, Midland High*

Competed in the Masters National Diving Championships at Rutgers University where I won four gold medals, and competed in the FINA World Masters

Championships in Montreal, Canada, where I won three gold medals and a silver medal. I also found out that I will be inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame in September!

*Jennifer Mangum, head swimming and diving coach for Lee and MHS, physics teacher at Lee*

Went to Romania and participated in an English Camp for Romanian college and high school students.

*Sharon Allison, ELA, Early College High School@Midland College*

Left CCISD, was hired by MISD, sold my house, bought a house, moved from Corpus Christi to Midland and found out I'm going to be a grandma!

*Irene Coggins, first-grade bilingual teacher, South Elementary*

Maveled to Memphis, Tennessee, to visit family.

*Brent Key, Fine arts teacher, Houston Elementary*

Took professional developing classes online to enhance my teaching skills. I went to a confer-

ence for my sorority and wrote lesson plans that I have to redo... boo hoo.

*Dina D. Joiner, resource math teacher, Midland High*

Missed my students.

*Terisa Wilcox, cosmetology teacher at Lee High School*

Taught English I EOC at summer school at Lee High School, finished a manuscript for a novel and began another, attended an AVID conference in San Antonio, and later went back to San Antonio for my family's first real summer trip!

*Owen Rust, economics/AP economics, Midland High*

Went to St. Lucia!

*Shanna Arnold, Global Business, BIM I, Midland High Starz*

Had an amazing time at Universal Studios and Disneyland in California.

*Rose Mary Sisneros, fifth-grade bilingual, Pease Academy*

Was privileged to teach fifth-grade math students during summer school. We met daily at Alamo

Junior High School to tackle those ferocious digits and word problems that fifth-graders have to master. The students were working hard at reviewing all the math TEKS (Texas Essential Knowledge Skills) in order to pass the summer administration of the STAAR test.

Praise goes to these students and parents who diligently sent their sons and daughters to school during their summer vacation.

*Kathy Eggins, assistant librarian, Midland High*

Like to sleep late, wear NO MAKE-UP, and go to the lake as much as possible!!!!

*Monica C. Baeza, new principal, Travis Elementary*

One area administrator decided to be creative and reflect on his summer days when he was in school. Here's his response:

Decided to get a head start on my reading assignments for next year in English, and I read 'The Great Gatsby,' 'Hamlet' and 'Moby Dick.' NOT!

*Steve Thomas, president, Midland College*

## Pediatricians recommend later school start times for students

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Pediatricians have a new prescription for schools: later start times for teens.

Delaying the start of the school day until at least 8:30 a.m. would help curb their lack of sleep, which has been linked with poor health, bad grades, car crashes and other problems, the American Academy of Pediatrics said in a new policy.

The influential group said teens are especially at risk; for them, "chronic sleep loss has increasingly become the norm."

Studies have found that most U.S. students in middle school and high school don't get the recommended amount of sleep — 8 1/2 to 9 1/2 hours on school nights — and that most high school seniors get an average of less than seven hours.

More than 40 percent of the nation's public high schools start classes before 8 a.m., according to government data cited in the policy. And even when the buzzer rings at 8 a.m., school bus pickup times typically mean kids have to get up before dawn if they want that ride.

"The issue is really cost," said Kristen Amundson, executive director of the National Association of State Boards of Education.

School buses often make multiple runs each morning for older and

younger students. Adding bus drivers and rerouting buses is one of the biggest financial obstacles to later start times, Amundson said. The roughly 80 school districts that have adopted later times tend to be smaller, she said.

After-school sports are another often-cited obstacle because a later dismissal delays practices and games. The shift may also cut into time for homework and after-school jobs, Amundson said.

The policy, aimed at middle schools and high schools, was published online Monday in the journal Pediatrics.

Evidence on potential dangers for teens who get too little sleep is "extremely compelling" and includes depression, suicidal thoughts, obesity, poor performance in school and on standardized tests and car accidents from drowsy driving, said Dr. Judith Owens, the policy's lead author and director of sleep medicine at Children's National Medical Center in Washington, D.C.

The policy cites studies showing that delaying start times can lead to more nighttime sleep and improve students' motivation in class and mood.

Whether there are broader, long-term benefits requires more research, the policy said.

Many administrators support the idea but haven't resolved the challenges, said Amundson. She said the pediatricians' new policy likely will have some influence.

Parents seeking a change "will come now armed with this report," Amundson said.

Amundson is a former Virginia legislator and teacher who also served on the school board of Virginia's Fairfax County, near Washington, D.C. Owens, the policy author,

has been working with that board on a proposal to delay start times. A vote is due in October and she's optimistic about its chances.

"This is a mechanism through which schools can really have a dramatic, positive impact for their students," Owens said.

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# Exchange trip offers lessons in history of Belgium

Editor's note: Midland Christian School senior Audrey Cuyler, daughter of Chris and Wendy Cuyler, spent time in Belgium on a youth exchange program sponsored by the Midland Northside Lions Club.

By Audrey Cuyler

I recently had the amazing opportunity to go to Belgium on an International Exchange Program with the Lions Club. When I arrived in the country, my wonderful host family met me at the airport. There are four members of my host family, but I stayed with my host mother and my host brother. The father and the oldest son were working out of the country.

My host brother, Willem, loves history and knows almost everything there is to know about Belgium. Because of this, he explained things to me and showed me all of the best things about the cities we visited. My host mother, Martine, was ecstatic that she got to have a girl exchange student. The family had always gotten boys and she doesn't have any daughters so she was extremely caring toward me and always wanted to take me shopping and do girly things.

On the way to the house from the airport, the country's beauty amazed me. It is almost totally opposite from Midland. You can barely pick out part of the landscape that is not a



Courtesy photo

Midland Christian School senior Audrey Cuyler visited Belgium this summer as part of the Lions Clubs International Exchange Program.

beautiful deep green or a pop of bright color from flowers. And the trees there are huge. My host family thought it was funny that I was in awe of how large the trees are. They would have understood why if they saw the Midland landscape. The house I stayed in had five stories and a gorgeous garden that was my host mother's pride and joy. My room was on the top floor and from my

window I could see the top of a castle across the street. That first night Willem took me to a soccer field where most of the town was gathering to watch the World Cup soccer match between Belgium and Argentina. There was a giant screen set up in the middle of the soccer field and every seat was taken.

The next day at breakfast I had my first taste of Belgium chocolate. Martine

bought me a pastry with chocolate in the middle; it was probably the best breakfast I have ever eaten. Later that day, we took a trip to the Kasteel van Glaasbeek, a gorgeous castle built around 1240.

The next day, Willem and I took the train to Ghent, in northwestern Belgium. I loved Ghent for its architecture and culture. We walked all over the city from one beautiful building to the next. It almost felt like a modern city was transported back in time to a medieval setting.

The next day Willem took me to his university town, Leuven. I loved the feeling of the town, and even though it rained the whole day, I got to see what it feels like to be a college student in Belgium. Willem took me to lunch with some of his friends from college. They all tried to speak as much English as they could to make me feel included.

The next day, Willem and I took a train to Brussels to meet two of his friends and to explore the city. It was pouring rain the whole day, but those guys made everything we did fun and tried to help me have the best time possible.

The next morning, Martine and I went into town to go to the grocery store. She and I had a fun time seeing how I would pronounce certain words. Other shoppers thought I was funny and would laugh

at my pronunciation. After lunch, Martine and I went to the center of Aalst, their hometown. This was when I saw that she was glad she had another girl to hang out with. We shopped and went into every shoe store possible. Then we had coffee and hot chocolate in the town square. It was so much fun to hang out with her and learn different things from her. That night, I helped cook dinner. Willem's friend -- who was in medical school -- came over after dinner and he, Willem, and I sat outside and talked for hours just laughing and having a great time.

The next morning, Willem, Martine and I drove to Bruges, which is near the coast of Belgium. Next to Ghent, I think this was my favorite city that I visited. I loved the waterways that were lined with flowers and gorgeous buildings. Like most of the other major cities, you could see a chocolate shop or cafe around every corner. The beautiful scenery and relaxed atmosphere is what made me love this city the most.

The next day was Saturday, the first day of the Lions youth camp. I was extremely sad to leave my host family. I had grown close to them and I couldn't have asked for a better host family for my first week in Belgium. They drove me to a small town east of

Brussels named Hannut where my camp was being held. When I arrived, I was greeted by the leaders of the camp and immediately bonded with other students. I quickly became friends with some girls from Poland and Canada, and a guy from Israel.

But my camp experience was short-lived. I was supposed to spend two weeks at the camp and one week with a second host family. Unfortunately, I had to return home the next morning because of my grandmother's illness.

While participating in the Lions Club Youth Exchange Program, I learned so much about the culture of Belgium. The program also taught me how to interact with people from around the world whose views differ from my own. It has shown me that there is an awesome world out there full of different people and different lifestyles that need to be experienced. This trip has also given me a love for experiencing places I have never been to before and I plan on traveling as much as I can in the future. It has really made me want to explore the world and see all the unique places it has to offer.

I am so thankful for this amazing opportunity and will always remember how generous and giving the Midland Northside Lions Club has been to me.

## EDUCATION IN BRIEF

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

### WASHINGTON Conaway seeks applications for academy nominations

High school students interested in attending one of the five U.S. military academies may seek a nomination through U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway.

Conaway can nominate applicants who live in the 11th Congressional District, which includes Midland.

The academies are the U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Naval Academy, U.S. Military Academy, U.S. Merchant Marine Academy and U.S. Coast Guard Academy.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens who will be at least 17 but not older than 22 on July 22, 2015. Selection is based on SAT or Act test scores, class rank, grade point average, extracurricular activities, and leadership potential.

Oct. 22 is the deadline to seek a nomination for the class of 2019. Applications are available online at [www.conaway.house.gov](http://www.conaway.house.gov), by calling 325-659-4010 or mailing Conaway's San Angelo office: 33 East Twohig Ave., Suite 307, San Angelo, TX 76903.

### Bynum School announces renewed accreditation

Bynum School, a private,

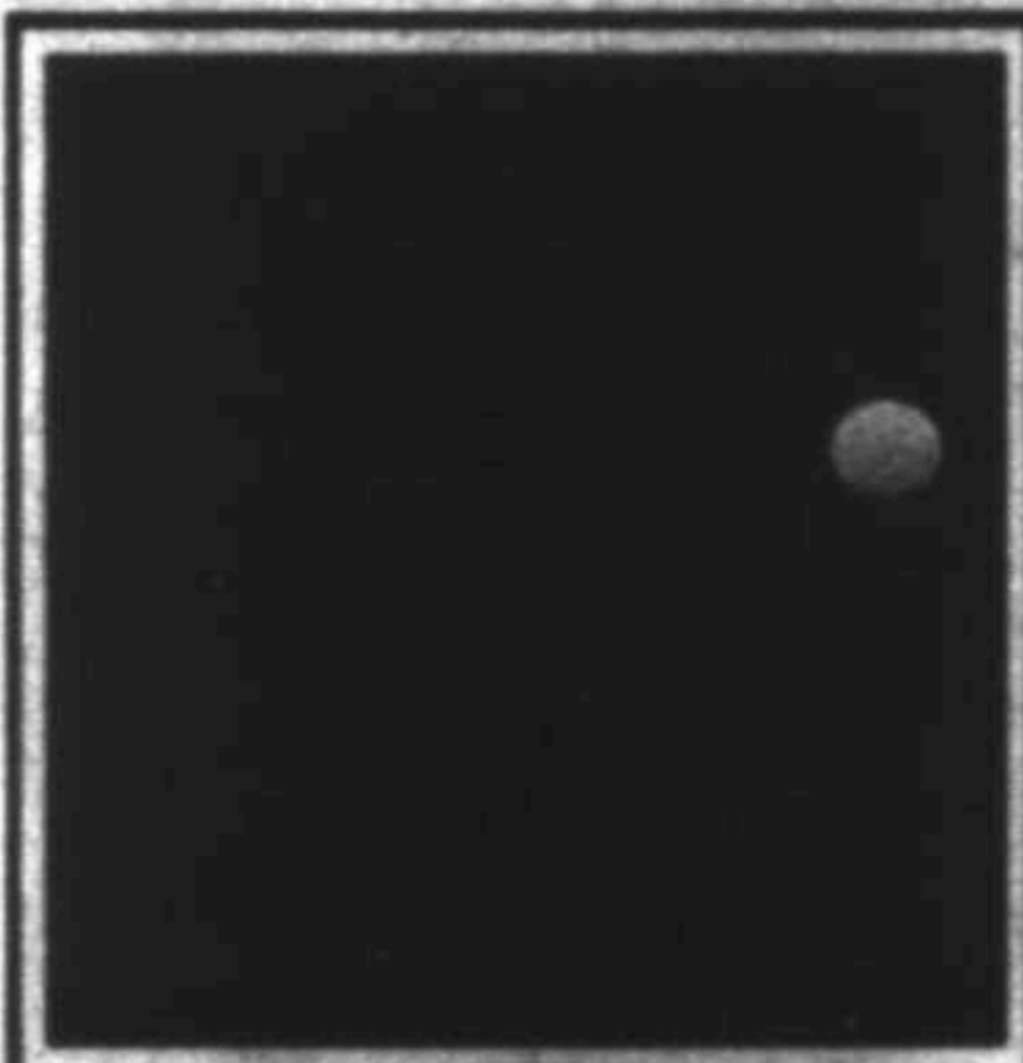
nonprofit school for students with special needs has earned accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools' Council on Accreditation and School Improvement, according to a press release from the school.

A recommendation to grant approval was given following months of compiling reports and a site visit in March, accord-

ing to Reporter-Telegram archives.

"Accreditation demonstrates to our students, parents and community that we are focused on raising student achievement, providing a safe and enriching learning environment, and maintaining an efficient and effective operation staffed by highly qualified educators," said Head of School Keri St. John.

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### Where to go for MISD information

From [midlandied.net](http://midlandied.net), you can access information about...

- School information: Campus web Pages
- School year calendar: 'School Calendar' button
- District events calendar: 'Events' Tab
- Enrollment: 'Enrollment Information' button
- School lunches: 'Child

- Nutrition Services' button
- Daily progress: 'Grades, Attendance, Assessments' button
- Busing: parents > bus routes > Infofinder I
- Uniforms: Parents > Uniforms > MISD Uniform Guidelines
- Vaccination information: Parents > Wellness > Health Services

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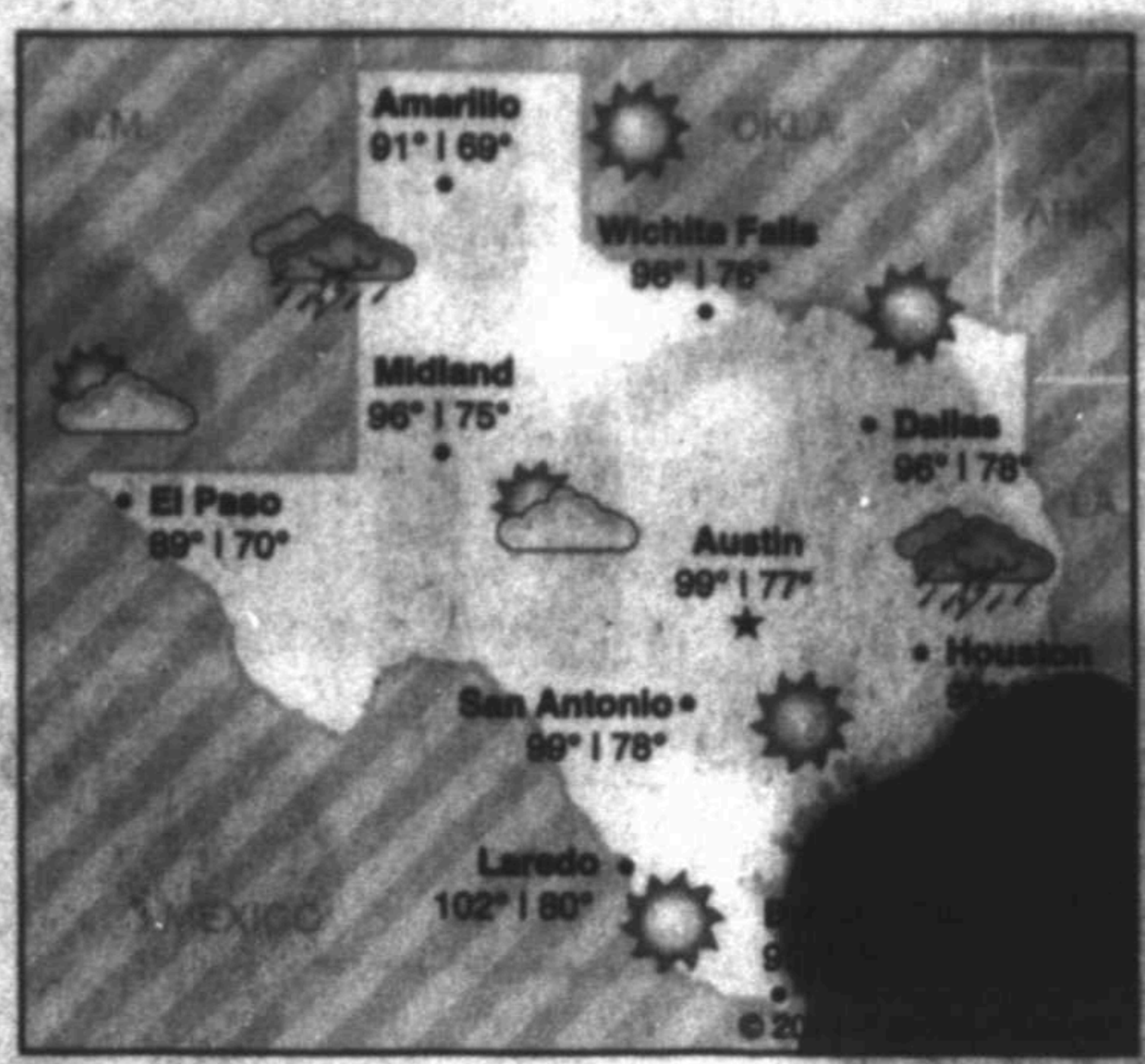
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**TODAY: Mostly sunny** High 97 Low 73  
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**FRIDAY: Partly sunny** High 94 Low 72  
**SATURDAY: Mostly sunny** High 94 Low 72  
**SUNDAY: Mostly sunny** High 95 Low 73  
**MONDAY: Sunny** High 97 Low 73

**Local forecast**  
 Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 97 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. There is a 10 percent chance of isolated showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 73 and south-east winds between 5 and 10 mph.  
 Thursday, look for partly sunny skies with a high around 95 and south winds between 5 and 10 mph. There is a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Expect mostly cloudy conditions at night, with a low around 72 and east winds around 10 mph.  
 Friday, the forecast calls for partly skies during the day, partly cloudy skies at night, a high around 94 and a low around 72. There is a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms.  
 The high on Tuesday reached 97, while the low dropped to 73. The record high for Aug. 25 is 105 set in 2002. The record low is 56 set in 1966.



**National forecast**  
 Heat and humidity will rise in the coastal areas of the Northeast today as some of the air from the Midwest moves in.


**Precipitation**  
 Monday ..... 0.00 in.  
 Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.  
 Month total ..... 0.77 in.  
 Year total ..... 4.74 in.  
 Normal total (year to date) ..... 9.39 in.

**Tuesday's temperatures**  
 High ..... 97  
 Low ..... 73  
 Normal high ..... 92  
 Normal low ..... 68  
 Sunrise ..... 7:21 a.m.  
 Sunset ..... 8:19 p.m.

**Couple weighs reconciliation 5 years after violent split**

**DEAR ABBY:** Five years ago, my husband got drunk and physically attacked me in front of his family. It was horrible. I was in shock, and our relationship never recovered.  
 The next four years were a series of court visits for custody of our child and eventually a divorce. Last year, his mother began requesting visits with our son. I was happy about it because I have tried to be accommodating to my ex and his family regarding our son.  
 Finally, late last year, I called my ex to ask if we could sit down and discuss our son (something we had never done). We have met twice during the last two weeks, and each time had long conversations about everything. (Our son, our past, our relationship.) Many misconceptions were cleared up, and it's obvious that we both have made many necessary changes within ourselves.  
 Now I'm confused about what comes next. Speaking with him has brought back so many feelings. Before the attack, our stress levels had been high and our communication was terrible, but there had been no physical violence. I'm not sure if this is the universe giving us an opportunity to give the family we started another chance. Should we start over?  
**— WAVERING IN NEW YORK**  
**DEAR WAVERING:** What comes next might be that you and your ex can become good

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friends and parent your son in a congenial, cooperative fashion. What comes next might be that you rekindle your romance. Or it might be that you get back together and he assaults you again.  
 If your ex has sought help for his drinking and anger management issues, a reconciliation could work out beautifully. However, if he hasn't, I certainly wouldn't recommend it. Sometimes people can care deeply about each other, but shouldn't be married.  
**DEAR ABBY:** My 95-year-old mom feels that her age "entitles" her to speak without a filter, and she has become totally intolerant and critical. She is mentally sharp and highly intelligent, which makes her nasty comments even more hurtful to family and friends.  
 Standing up to her isn't an option because of her age and she knows it. She doesn't seem to recognize how damaging her attitude has become to those who love her. If you could print this and offer some advice, she might recognize herself. — A LOVING SON

**DEAR LOVING SON:** The fact that someone has celebrated 95 birthdays does not give the person license to be deliberately unkind to others. Negativity is an unattractive trait, regardless of how old you are. People who deliberately say hurtful things invariably find the circle of those who want to be around them shrinking.  
 My advice to your mother would be, before opening her mouth, ask herself whether what she has to say is true, helpful and KIND. And if it isn't all THREE, she should rephrase her comment or not say it at all.  
**DEAR ABBY:** What does one say to casual acquaintances who stop by uninvited and with no prior phone call? — NANCY IN AURORA, COLO.  
**DEAR NANCY:** Let me tell you first what one DOESN'T say. It's "Come in!" It is perfectly acceptable to explain that the person caught you in the middle of your housework or a project you need to finish and, please, in the future to call before dropping by so you can make some plans together.

**GOREN BRIDGE**  
 With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

**Fourth best?**  
 Neither vulnerable. South deals.  
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 ♠ J53  
 ♥ J32  
 ♦ A10  
 ♣ AQ1073  
**WEST**  
 ♠ 108  
 ♥ AQ1054  
 ♦ 98  
 ♣ 9652  
**EAST**  
 ♠ 9764  
 ♥ 87  
 ♦ QJ743  
 ♣ KJ  
**SOUTH**  
 ♠ AKQ2  
 ♥ K96  
 ♦ K652  
 ♣ 84  
 The bidding:  
 SOUTH WEST NORTH EAST  
 INT Pass Pass 3NT Pass  
 Pass Pass  
 Opening lead: Five of  
 The opening heart lead was ominous. Assuming fourth-best leads, the four-spot was missing and likely with West. This meant that ducking a club to East, the normal play, would be fatal. A heart return from East would net the defenders five tricks.  
 This hand was played by Alan Osofsky, of New York and Florida, at the recent National Championships in Las Vegas. Osofsky started by cashing four spade tricks, noting a discard in each minor by West. That powerful club suit was looming in the dummy, so West was unlikely to discard a club from the king. What to do?  
 Osofsky exited brilliantly with the king of hearts! West cashed his four heart tricks, but this put East under intense pressure. East needed to protect both minor suits and could not defend the position. He cleverly came down to three diamonds and the singleton king of clubs. Once he regained the lead in diamonds, South read the hand perfectly and led a club to the ace, dropping the king, to bring home his contract. Well done!  
 Note that the deceptive lead of the four of hearts might well have shown a profit. South might decide that the lead was from a four-card suit, which would make a club play perfectly safe.

**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, Aug. 27, 2014:  
 This year you have the chance for a new beginning in a certain area of your life. You also will be completing the last leg of a 12-year luck cycle. You won't want to bring any dysfunctional issues with you into this new life cycle. If you are single, you will have many potential suitors. Your personality will be highly attractive, but take your time getting to know each person. If you are attached, your significant other might feel insecure about your choices right now. Try to judge less and listen more. LIBRA enjoys understanding your motivations.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ Your fuse is short right now, especially when it comes to any heartfelt projects. Your temper is likely to emerge. Hold on tight, because a bumpy road seems to be in front of you. A little self-discipline will go a long way. Tonight: Funnel your charged energy where it counts.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ You will be taking a walk on the wild side if you are not careful. Dealing with certain people who are known to be hot-tempered could be a problem. Try not to get triggered because of someone else's statement or insinuations. Tonight: Share a favorite spot with a loved one.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Your creativity comes through with your choice of words. You could trigger a family member beyond belief without even trying to. Be aware that friction seems to be present when dealing with anyone, anywhere — at least in the daytime. Tonight: Take a midweek break.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ You are likely to speak your mind, but know that you are likely to get a very strong reaction as a result. People might not be accepting right now. Think through what you want to say. Tonight: Buy a favorite dessert on the way home.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Use care with your finances, and with any sort of commitment that could cost you time or money. Be open to a suggestion, but don't finalize an agreement just yet. Think before you leap into action. Tonight: At a favorite haunt with favorite people.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You might not want to show your teeth, but you won't be able to help yourself. How you deal with someone

and the choices you make could create even more of a problem. Opt for diplomacy, and you'll be happier as a result. Listen to your gut. Tonight: Out late.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Not until mid-afternoon will you feel a change in the air. At that point, you will blossom and become irresistible. You will feel the difference, and you suddenly might be up for making plans and scheduling meetings. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ You could be sorry that you made a decision involving a friend or a particular situation. You might be seeing some limitations. You will beam in much more of what you want later in the day. You won't be able to bypass a discussion, no matter what. Tonight: Face the music.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★★ Your temper could explode when you least expect it. You seem to have been holding in some anger for far too long. Review a situation to assess what might have triggered you. Ask yourself when it was that you first experienced that feeling. Tonight: Find your friends.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ You could be in trouble. You might have tried very hard to do the research necessary for a project, but a change of plans will create a problem. Listen to news with an open mind, because what you hear could change your direction with this endeavor. Tonight: In the limelight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★★ A partner might give you an earful. You'll need to have a discussion, as you can't postpone it any longer. Take the time to sit down and finally clear up an ongoing issue. The right solution has yet to appear, but it will in time. Tonight: Make plans for the coming weekend.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ Keep searching for a different opinion. You will hear many opinions today, but the issue will be sorting through them and finding the right solution. Fortunately, it will be your call. Schedule an important meeting for later in the day. Tonight: Say "yes" to a dinner invitation.

**BORN TODAY**  
 Former President Lyndon B. Johnson (1908), novelist C.S. Forester (1859), fashion designer Tom Ford (1961)

**DAILY CROSSWORD**

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 18 In \_\_, actually  
 19 Cry out for  
 20 Plays first, in some card games  
 21 Innocent  
 23 Comedy Central send-up  
 25 Chowder morsel  
 26 Pre-A.D.  
 28 Portable Asian dwellings  
 30 Horses' tresses  
 34 Gyro meat  
 36 Portable bed  
 37 Without even a scratch  
 38 McFlurry option  
 39 Rounded hill  
 41 Italian hot spot  
 42 Sounds echoing through the castle  
 44 Quill, perhaps  
 45 Commuter's option  
 46 Clark Kent, at birth  
 47 Son of Sarah  
 49 Gettysburg Campaign VIP  
 50 Use profanity  
 52 East Asian capital  
 54 Where it'll all come out?  
 58 Oldest of the Stooges  
 61 Amos at the piano  
 62 Early Genesis brother  
 63 Stooges court  
 64 All fed up  
 65 Anti-leather gp.  
 66 Sweetie  
 67 Chichin Itzá builder  
 68 KFC side  
 69 London's Park

**DOWN**  
 1 And others, in citations: Abbr.  
 2 Maker of Lifewater beverages  
 3 "Hearty repast"  
 4 Surpass  
 5 It can't help being negative  
 6 "Poppycock"  
 7 ABCs  
 8 Detect, in a way  
 9 "Politically incorrect" host games  
 10 Berry sold in health food shops  
 11 Giraffe's trademark  
 12 Fake in the rink  
 14 Test type you can't really guess on  
 22 Rhett's last word  
 24 Lures (in)  
 26 Inhibit  
 27 "Cheers" waitress  
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 29 Sporty car roofs, and, literally, what the first words of the answers to starred clues can have

31 "Sensitivity to cashews, say  
 32 Bert's roommate  
 33 Old  
 35 "Fine porcelain  
 37 Radii neighbors  
 40 Legislation pertaining to dogs  
 43 Stuff to stick with?  
 47 "Eva Luna" author Allende  
 48 Goes for

51 Scoreless Words  
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 53 "That's correct"  
 54 Couple in the news  
 55 Old Chevy  
 56 "South Park" co-creator Parker  
 57 \_\_ good example  
 59 Ancient drink making a comeback  
 60 Paris pop

**ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:**

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# CAMP TIME

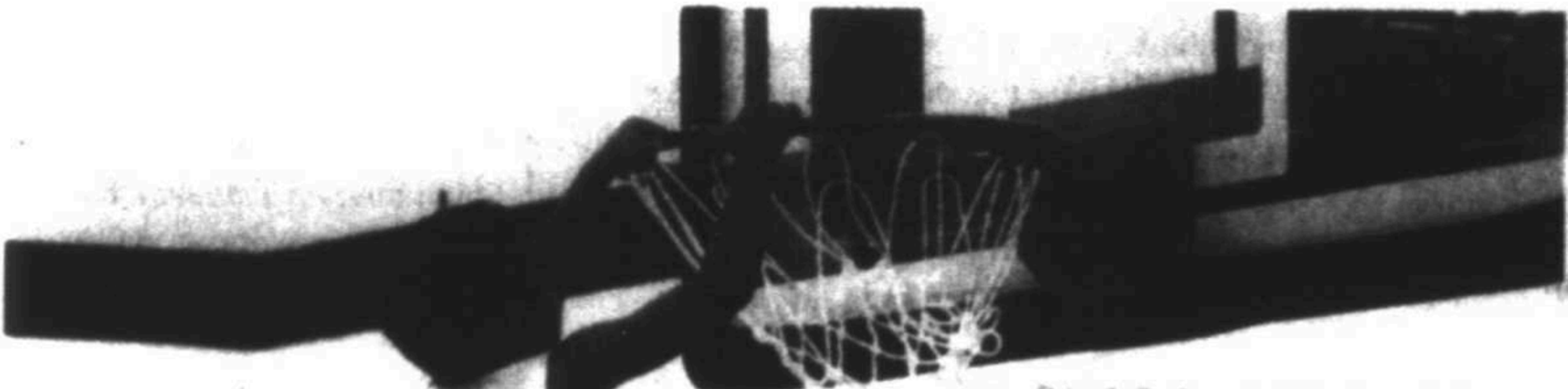
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Midland College men's basketball assistant coach Bryan Hodgson works with children during basketball camp July 9 at MC.

## MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL CAMP

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Midland College men's basketball head coach Jordan Drelling, far right, works with children.



Chaparral men's basketball player Maurice Ofield plays with the campers.



Chaparral basketball player Jamal Evans plays with the kids.



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# SPORTS

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## Trying to slow down



AP file photo

An official holds a ball as a steady rain falls during the third quarter of an NCAA college football game between Missouri and Southeastern Louisiana in Columbia, Mo., in 2012. The NCAA's switch to a 40-second play clock in 2008 altered the way college football games were managed, the pace of play no longer in the hands of the officials but the two teams' offenses. Now the officials want control back.

## Refs want to hit pause on up-tempo play

By John Marshall  
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The quarterback throws toward the sideline, where a receiver hauls the pass in, gets two feet down and flips the ball to the official.

What follows is a chaotic dance between an up-tempo offense and the defense trying to stop it.

Offensive players stream off the field, crossing paths with their replacements. The defense makes substitutions, players scramble to get into position.

Caught in the middle are the officials, who have to find a balance between spotting the ball quickly for the offense and allowing the defense time to set up — something that's increasingly been a problem since fast-paced offenses have cropped up more frequently in college football.

"From the officiating standpoint, we kind of got caught up in this thing and allowed ourselves to sort of get overwhelmed by it," NCAA coordinator of officials Rogers Redding said. "Too much rushing around, hurrying and trying to be speedy about getting the ball in play and it sort of put the defense at a disadvantage."

Now, the officials are taking the pace back.

Formalizing ideas they've discussed among themselves over the past few seasons, the officials have added pace-of-play procedures in the football officiating mechanics manual.

It's not specific rules, but more of an outline on how to appease the up-tempo offenses while keeping the defenses relatively happy.

"It's not revolutionary, but it sort of calls attention to the need for the officials not to make the ball ready for play until all the officials are in position," said Redding, a referee in the SEC from 1994-2004. "That may mean cleaning up the sideline before, but having the umpire sort of crisply jog but don't sprint, hustle but don't hurry in getting the ball ready for play."

The officials had control of a game's pace when college football had a 25-second clock. They stopped the clock at the end of a play and started it again before the next one through an orchestration of hand signals to the clock operator.

Switching to a running 40-second play clock in 2008 changed everything.

Under the new system, the play clock for the next play starts immediately after the

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AP file photo

Alabama head coach Nick Saban argues with an official in the first half of the Sugar Bowl against Oklahoma in New Orleans on Jan. 2. The NCAA's switch to a 40-second play clock in 2008 altered the way college football games were managed, the pace of play no longer in the hands of the officials but the two teams' offenses. With defenses struggling to keep up, the NCAA football rules committee earlier this year looked at possibly prohibiting teams from snapping the ball until at least 10 seconds had run off the 40-second play clock.

## US teen Bellis, 15, stuns Cibulkova at US Open

By Rachel Cohen  
Associated Press

NEW YORK — American teen Cici Bellis became the youngest player to win a U.S. Open match since 1996 — almost three years before she was born — when she stunned Australian Open runner-up Dominika Cibulkova.

The 15-year-old Bellis rallied from down a break in the third set for a 6-1, 4-6, 6-4 first-round victory Tuesday over the 12th-seeded Cibulkova. With an overflow crowd at a cozy side court roaring, she broke Cibulkova's serve to clinch the match.

"I never thought I'd come out like this," she said in an on-court interview.

Anna Kournikova was also 15 when she won at the U.S. Open in 1996.

Bellis' title at the USTA Girls' 18s National Championship earned her a wild card into her first four-level main draw. The Californian was the youngest champion of that event since Lindsay Davenport also won it at 15 in 1991.

When Tuesday's match was over, Bellis ran across the court to hug members of her cheering section. She's the youngest American to win at the U.S. Open since a 15-year-old Mary Joe Fernandez in 1986.

Wimbledon champ Petra Kvitová fared far better than the last time she came to New York after winning at the All England Club. In 2011, she lost in the first round; on Tuesday, she beat Kristina Mladenovic 6-1, 6-0.

The player Kvitová defeated in the

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## Cowboys' Bryant: No contract talks during season

By Schulyer Dixon  
Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Dez Bryant couldn't stop smiling at the luxury watches that are more expensive than some cars, far removed from his days as a troubled rookie facing a lawsuit over unpaid jewelry bills.

The Dallas Cowboys were giving their star receiver the fancy timepiece as a reward for being among just four players chosen to attend a news conference announcing a partnership with the Swiss manufacturer Hublot.

Bryant beamed for the cameras during Monday night's ritzy event at the \$1.2 billion home of the Cowboys, and then offered one more illustration of his transformation.

While reiterating that he wants to be paid like a big-time receiver, he wants negotiations to stop before the Sept. 7 opener against San Francisco with or without deal.

Why? Because a player who was the king of distractions four years ago doesn't want to be "distracted" once the regular season starts.

"I don't want to talk about it anymore," Bryant said. "Put it behind me. I love this game. Either way, I feel like I can't be distracted once I'm on the football field."

The fifth-year receiver is entering the final year of his rookie contract after Tyron Smith, drafted a year later and one of the teammates joining him for the watch presentation, recently got an eight-year extension that pushed the value of his deal to more than \$100 million.

Bryant has a base salary of \$1.8 million in 2014, and the average of the highest-paid receivers is around \$12 million per year. The 25-year-old believes he belongs in that company.

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## Cowboys' Spencer will start year on active roster

By Schulyer Dixon  
Associated Press

IRVING — Dallas defensive end Anthony Spencer's recovery from microfracture surgery on his left knee is coming along well enough for him to start the season on the active roster.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said on his radio show Tuesday that Spencer wouldn't be ready for the Sept. 7 opener against San Francisco, but would avoid a six-week stay on the physically unable to perform list.

The 30-year-old Spencer said he hopes to return to practice within two weeks, but can't say when he'll be ready for a game.

"I'm still working to get back on the field," Spencer said. "That's the main goal. I'll know when I get my first type of contact against another player, how much of that I'm going to need."

Spencer dealt with a nagging knee issue throughout the offseason last year and skipped the opener before playing in Kansas City. When swelling and soreness persisted, he opted for microfracture surgery last October.

The eighth-year player made about \$19.5 million over two seasons playing under the franchise tag in 2012 and 2013. When he re-signed for \$1.3 million with only \$250,000 guaranteed, it still wasn't certain he would return from a surgery that's described as potentially career-ending for professional athletes.

"I really didn't have a timetable for myself," said Spencer, who had a career-high 11 sacks two years ago. "I really was taking on the strength of my body. Right now it's stronger than it has been. I feel like we're in a good place."

Spencer's return could be a boost to a defense still trying to figure out the rotation for a front four that's missing franchise sack leader DeMarcus Ware and 2013 sack leader Jason Hatcher from last season. Ware signed with Denver after the Cowboys released him, and Hatcher chose Washington in free agency.

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Associated Press

Catherine Bellis returns a shot against Dominika Cibulkova during the first round of the 2014 U.S. Open tennis tournament Tuesday in New York.

DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

'HOUNDS WATCH

Table with columns: Tuesday, Today, Thursday, Friday, Saturday. Rows: Midland 4, San Antonio 3; Midland at San Antonio; Midland at San Antonio; Midland at San Antonio; Midland at Frisco.

WHAT'S ON TV

COLLEGE FOOTBALL: Abilene Christian at Georgia State, 6 p.m., ESPN. GOLF: European PGA Tour, Italian Open, first round, part I, at Turin, Italy, 4:30 a.m., TGC. MLB: St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 11:30 a.m., MLB. N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 6 p.m., ESPN. SOCCER: UEFA Champions League, Copenhagen at Leverkusen.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL: American League. CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Reinstated OF Adam Eaton from 15-day DL. Optioned OF Jordan Danks to Charlotte (A). LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Designated LHP Wade Lefebvre for assignment. Selected the contract of RHP Yoelkin Herrera from Salt Lake (PCL). SEATTLE MARINERS — Signed general manager Jack Zdurick with a multiyear contract extension. TEXAS RANGERS — Extended its player development agreement with Spokane (NWL) through the 2016 season. TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Re-called OF Kevin Pillar from Buffalo (A). Designated OF Nolan Reimold for assignment. National League. CHICAGO CUBS — Reinstated INF Starlin Castro from the bereavement list. Optioned INF Logan Watkins to Iowa (PCL). Midwest League. QUAD CITIES RIVER BANDITS — Announced they signed a two-year extension of their player development contract with the Houston Astros through the 2016 season. American Association. AMARILLO SOX — Released OF Cory Patton. Atlantic League. LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Activated C Brandon Bantz. Released C A.J. Puma. Frontier League. WINDY CITY THUNDERBOLTS — Signed OF Deuan Williams. BASKETBALL: National Basketball Association. ATLANTA HAWKS — Re-signed F Mike Scott. MILWAUKEE BUCKS — Acquired F Jared Dudley and a 2017 first-round draft pick from the Los Angeles Clippers for F Carlos Delfino, C Miroslav Radulovic and a 2015 second-round draft pick. Signed F Damien Inglis to a multi-year contract. OKLAHOMA CITY THUNDER — Acquired a trade exception and a 2015 protected second round draft pick from Philadelphia for C Heston Thabeet and cash considerations. FOOTBALL: National Football League. BUFFALO BILLS — Signed QB Jordan Palmer. Released QB Thad Lewis. Placed LB Kiko Alonso on the reserve/non-football injury list. Claimed P Jordan Gay off waivers from Carolina. CHICAGO BEARS — Waived G James Brown and CB Isaiah Fry. CINCINNATI BENGALS — Waived LB J.K. Schaffer, CB LeVelle Westbrooks, TE Kevin Brock, WR Jasper Collins, LB James Davidson and CB Matt Scott. CLEVELAND BROWNS — Placed OL Michael Bowie and LB Darrius Ekanium on injured reserve. Placed OL Nick McDonald on the reserve/non-football injury list. DETROIT LIONS — Claimed TE Michael Egnew off waivers from Miami and FB Eric Owen off waivers from Philadelphia. Released TE Jacob Maxwell and G Bryce Outguy. GREEN BAY PACKERS — Placed WR Jared Abbrederis, T-G Don Barclay, RB Rajion Neal, DT B.J. Raj, LB Joe Thomas and G Andrew Tiller on injured reserve. INDIANAPOLIS COLTS — Placed RB Vick Ballard, RB DeJ Karim and OL Urick John on injured reserve. Placed FB Stanley Havili on the PUP list. KANSAS CITY CHIEFS — Waived DT Ryan McKel, CB Kevin Rutland and CB Damon Smith. MIAMI DOLPHINS — Terminated the contract of QB Brady Quinn. Waived WR Armon Binns, TE Brett Brackett, CB Steven Clark, DE Ralston Cox, DT Cory Gressom, C Tyler Larsen and WR Ryan

RODEO LEADERS

Table with columns: Through Aug. 24, All-Around. Lists names and scores for various rodeo events like Barrel Racing, Breakaway Riding, etc.

MLS STANDINGS

Table with columns: Eastern Conference, Western Conference. Lists team names, wins, losses, points, goals for, goals against.

FISHING REPORT

WEST: ALAN HENRY: Water stained; 55-60 degrees; 35.1 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Keller Bay early, later switching to Carolina egg and jig. Crappie are good on the reservoir and jig over brush piles. Catfish are good on chum near Worm-Gel nightcrawlers. APPROXIMATE: Water of color; 55-60 degrees; 15.71 feet low. One carp report and few anglers have been on the lake. FORT PRYOR CREEK: Water color; 55-60 degrees; 15.57 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Zed Poles. Texas rig and shinerheads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers. HURSTON CREEK: Water of color; 55-60 degrees; 57.56 feet low. Black bass are good on reservoir early, transitioning switching to Texas egg, nightcrawlers and jigs. Crappie are good on reservoir and jig over brush piles. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait. HAWORTHY: No report available. OAK CREEK: Water stained; 55-60 degrees; 23.93 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Carolina rig, jig and shinerheads. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair to good on chum near Worm-Gel nightcrawlers. O.H. WIE: Water stained; 55-60 degrees; 59.73 feet low. Black bass are good on Zed Poles early and late, midday switching to Texas rig, jig and Red-C-Traps. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. SHILOH: Water color; 55-60 degrees; 15.55 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Zed Poles early, later switching to Texas rig, Carolina rig, Texas rig and Red-C-Traps. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair to good on stable and stable Gages. Striped bass are fair on live steel and white fishing. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

RockHounds beat Missions in late rally

From staff reports SAN ANTONIO — Dusty Coleman hit the go-ahead two-run home run in the eighth inning to lift the Midland RockHounds to a 4-3 victory over the San Antonio Missions at Nelson Wolff Stadium on Tuesday. With Frisco losing to Corpus Christi, 1-0, the RockHounds and RoughRiders are tied for first place in the Texas League South Division standings. With both of the teams having clinched playoff spots, the winner of the division will clinch homefield advantage in the postseason. San Antonio led 3-0 after three innings before Midland began its comeback in the sixth inning on a single by Jeremy Barfield. The RockHounds added a run in the seventh on a triple by Chad Oberacker, before Coleman's 18th hit of the season in the eighth. Ryan Doolittle (5-3) got the win in relief, while Jose Flores picked up his 11th save. ROCKHOUNDS 4, MISSIONS 3. Midland 4, Frisco 3. Frisco 4B, 1 RB. Catchers: 2B, 1 10. Spangberg 2B, 5 0 0.

RockHounds 4 Missions 3. Wilson 0 0 1 0. Midway 2b 3 1 0 0. Munoz 3b 4 5 2 1. Hagan 1b 4 0 1 1. Barfield 1b 4 0 1 1. Coleman 2b 4 1 1 2. Foreythe 3b 3 1 1 0. Oberacker 4 4 0 1 0. Nakajima 1b 4 0 2 0. Maxwell 1c 4 0 0 0. Totals 26 41 8 2. Midland 2B 5 0 0 1. Ben Anderson 1B 3 0 0 0. Christian (11) DP 1. Ben Anderson 1. LDH 1. Midland 4, San Antonio 3. — Christian (11), Munoz (2B), Hagan (1B), Oberacker (3B), Deaton (2B), HR — Coleman (1B), CB — Spangberg.

Table with columns: P, H, R, E, R, SB, SO. Rows: Midland, Frisco, Doolittle W, 5-3, Vaden, Flores 5, 11, Faltus, Patten, Neely L, 10-5, Pettibone.

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HIGHSCHOOL VOLLEYBALL ROUNDUP

LEE FALLS TO ABILENE COOPER ABILENE — The Lee volleyball team dropped a four-set, non-district match at Abilene Cooper on Tuesday and the Lady Cougars won, 15-25, 25-23, 26-24, 25-12. The Lady Rebels were led by Bree Jeter with 18 assists and 18 digs, while Bentleigh Dunavan had 11 kills and 14 digs. Lee (9-8) next faces Canyon in the Friendship Tournament at 8 a.m. Friday.

ABILENE COOPER DEF. LEE 15-25, 25-23, 26-24, 25-12. Kills — Bentleigh Dunavan 11, Haley Sparks 7, Darby O'Grady 7, Taylor Warren 4, Alissa Erdmann 4, Jan Jeter 2, Lani White 2, Rachael Pritchard 1. Assists — Bree Jeter 18, Taylor Hopkins 6, Alissa Erdmann 6, J. Jeter 1, Dunavan 1, O'Grady 1. Digs — B. Jeter 18, Dunavan 14, J. Jeter 10, O'Grady 6, Hopkins 4, Latham 4, Spauld Block 3, O'Grady 5, Erdmann 4, Dunavan 2, Sparks 2, J. Jeter 1, Warren 1. Aces — J. Jeter 3, Dunavan 2, B. Jeter 1. Records: Lee 9-8, Cooper 12-6. Next: Lee vs. Canyon at Friendship Tournament, 8 a.m. Friday, Wofforth.

MCS TOPS ANDREWS The Midland Christian volleyball team improved to 11-3 this season with a 14-25, 25-13, 25-18, 25-18 victory against Andrews in a non-district contest at the McGraw Events Center. Carleigh Moore and Laycie Duncan led the Lady Mustangs with 10 kills each as Bailey Wright had 22 assists and four digs. Megan Ashton added 10 kills and Claire Hardeman had two blocks. Midland Christian will have the weekend off before returning to the court at 6:30 p.m., Sept. 2 to take on Pecos.

Midland Christian's Savana Walker (20) sets the ball against Andrews on Tuesday at McGraw Special Events Center. Record: Midland Christian 11-3. Next: Pecos at Midland Christian, 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 2. Tournament, 8 a.m. Friday. Blocks — Callie Rose Gilbert 3. Records: Greenwood 2-13. Next: Greenwood at Wofforth Friendship Tournament, Friday.

PECOS DEFEATS TRINITY PECOS — Pecos defeated Trinity in non-district action on Tuesday, 25-23, 18-25, 25-23, 25-15. Ashley Stroup led Trinity (6-4) with 17 kills, four assists, 25 digs, three aces and two blocks, while Mady Walker added 15 kills, 23 assists and two aces. The Lady Chargers next travel to the Lake Country Christian Tournament this weekend.

PECOS DEF. TRINITY 25-23, 18-25, 25-23, 25-15. Trinity statistics: Kills — Ashley Stroup 17, Mady Walker 15, Avery Walker 8, Annette Mayne 4, Hilar Walker 1, Kinzie Roemer 1. Assists — Larrier 20, Stroup 4. Digs — Stroup 25, Walker 23, Larrier 16, Watson 15, Abbie Beard 5, Claudia Zeman 5, Mayne 4, Roemer 1, Avery Collier 1. Aces — Stroup 3, Walker 2, Mayne 2, Watson 1, Beard 1, Larrier 1. Blocks — Stroup 2, Curley 1. Record: Trinity 6-4. Next: Trinity at Lake Country Christian.

ODessa HIGH DEF. GREENWOOD, 25-13, 25-15, 25-18. Greenwood statistics: Kills — Callie Payne 6, Paylee Sims 6, Regan Shockley 4, Callie Rose Gilbert 3. Digs — Payne 7, Faith Duncan 5, Kadyn Ely 9, Sims 23, Shockley 3. Assists — Payne 7, Duncan 8.

FRESHNIP SWEEPS BIG SPRING WOFFORTH — Wofforth Freshnip defeated Big Spring in straight sets, 25-19, 25-19, 25-21, in non-district action. Erin Pollard had nine kills, Julianna Rodriguez had 14 assists, Erin Pollard had 12 digs and Katie Wash had 10 digs to lead the Lady Steers. Big Spring next heads to the Freshnip Tournament this weekend.

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN DEF. ANDREWS, 14-25, 25-13, 25-18, 25-18. Midland Christian statistics: Kills — Carleigh Moore 10, Laycie Duncan 10, Anne Fisher 9, Claire Hardeman 6, Emma Holder 4, Bailey Wright 3. Assists — Megan Ashton 10, Mady Blanchard 7, Savana Walker 7, Anne Fisher 6, Bailey Wright 4, Megan McClendon 3, Claire Hardeman 2, Laycie Duncan 1, Carleigh Moore 1. Aces — Bailey Wright 2, Savana Walker 1. Blocks — Claire Hardeman 2, Anne Fisher 1, Bailey Wright 1, Carleigh Moore 1. Aces — Bailey Wright 1, Carleigh Moore 1.

Big Spring statistics: Julianna Rodriguez — 14 assists, 3 kills, 1 ace, 8 digs. Erin Smith — 9 assists, 4 kills, 1 ace, 4 kills. Erin Pollard — 9 kills, 12 digs, 6 blocks. Laycie Wash — 6 kills, 1 dig. Katie Wash — 10 digs, 3 blocks, 2 kills, 3 assists. August Alexander — 5 digs, 2 aces. Next: Big Spring vs. Lubbock Coronado at Freshnip Tournament, 2 p.m. Friday.

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Kevin Love pledges commitment to Cavs

By Tom Withers Associated Press INDEPENDENCE, Ohio — Kevin Love's phone rang in July and LeBron James asked the All-Star forward if he wanted to play with him in Cleveland. "I'm in," Love told James. For the long haul. Getting used to a new city and new team after being acquired by the Cavaliers on Saturday, Love said he's committed to winning an NBA title with the Cavaliers — however long it takes. Love, who didn't make the playoffs during six sometimes rocky seasons with Minnesota, can opt out of his contract and become a free agent next summer. But 25-year-old Love, regarded as the game's top "spacing" forward, said he intends to stay with James and the Cavs. "I'm committed to this team, committed long term to the end goal and that's to win championships," he said. Cleveland is smitten with its newest superstar. Love was introduced Tuesday by the Cavs, who acquired him in a blockbuster, three-team trade that instantly turned Cleveland, which won just 33 games last season, into an NBA championship favorite. The deal also gives the team a star-powered trio in Love, James and Kyrie Irving. Love and James became friends two summers ago as U.S. Olympic teammates in London. It was there, while chasing a gold medal together, that James began recruiting Love, who

wasn't sure what to make of the four-time league MVP's overtures. "Sitting next to me, a locker really close to me and he would always tell me how good he thought I was," Love said. "For me I would just kind of brush it off and shake it off because I was standoffish because I didn't know him well." James persisted and after more conversations, Love realized there could be a time when their careers could intersect again. "I thought that one day maybe I could play with

LeBron James," he said. And now that Love is gone, the Timberwolves are left to rebuild around No. 1 overall pick Andrew Wiggins and last year's top pick, Anthony Bennett, two young players they were able to pry from Cleveland. Love didn't leave the Timberwolves on the best of terms. He was the face of the franchise, and Minnesota is where he developed into one of the game's top rebounders and scorers, a dual threat from inside and out. But the years of losing wore on him and it was no secret that he wanted out. Still, Love said he'll look back on his first NBA home as a positive experience. "The people of Minnesota were great, the fans were great, they showed up, win, lose or draw, and I really developed a lot of relationships all the way down through the organization," he said. "It was a great six years, and I enjoyed my time, and I can't say enough good things about it."

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The Houston Astros' Chris Carter watches the ball go over the wall for a go-ahead three-run home run against the Oakland Athletics in the eighth inning on Tuesday in Houston. The Astros won 4-2.

**MLB ROUNDUP**

FROM WIRE REPORTS

**American League**

**ASTROS 4 ATHLETICS 2**  
**HOUSTON** — Chris Carter hit his 32nd homer, a three-run drive in the eighth inning that lifted the Houston Astros over the Oakland Athletics 4-2 on Tuesday night.

Oakland starter Jason Hammel had retired 10 straight batters when he was replaced by Luke Gregerson (3-3) for the eighth inning. Robbie Grossman reached on an error by first baseman Stephen Vogt with one out and Gregerson hit Jose Altuve with a pitch.

Carter then launched a 90 mph fastball onto the tracks atop the wall in left field to put Houston on top.

Josh Fields (4-6) pitched a scoreless eighth for the win and Chad Qualls did the same in the ninth for his 15th save.

The A's began the day tied with the Angels for the AL West lead.

**ORIOLES 4 RAYS 2**  
**BALTIMORE** — Jonathan Schoop singled in the go-ahead run in the sixth inning and Caleb Joseph had two RBIs as the Baltimore Orioles beat the fading Tampa Bay Rays 4-2 Tuesday night.

Nelson Cruz had two hits and drove in a run for the AL East-leading Orioles, who improved to 10-4 against Tampa Bay. Baltimore relievers gave up one hit over the final 4-1-3 innings.

**TIGERS 5 YANKEES 2**  
**DETROIT** — Rick Porcello pitched eight impressive innings to set a career high for victories, and the Detroit Tigers snapped New York's five-game winning streak Tuesday night, beating the Yankees 5-2.

Porcello (15-8) joined teammate Max Scherzer as the American League's only 15-game winners, allowing two runs and nine hits. The 25-year-old right-hander threw a shutout in his previous start against Tampa Bay, and he blanked the Yankees until Jacoby Ellsbury's homer in the fifth.

Ellsbury added another solo shot in the eighth.

Brandon McCarthy (5-3) dealt with some uncharacteristic control problems in the second, and he ended up allowing five runs and nine hits in 6 1-3 innings.

Joe Nathan pitched a perfect ninth for Detroit for his 28th save in 34 chances. First baseman Miguel Cabrera made two nice plays to close out the win.

**ROYALS 2 TWINS 1**  
**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** — Alex Gordon hit a two-run homer in the ninth inning, giving Kansas City a 2-1 win over the Minnesota Twins and helping the Royals avoid their first three-game skid since mid-July.

The Royals had been shut down all night by Ricky Lasaco, who scattered three hits over seven innings. But after going quietly in the eighth, the AL Central leaders managed to break through against closer Glen Perkins (3-1) in the ninth.

Alcides Escobar led off with a blooper to shallow right for a single, and Gordon followed by swatting the second pitch he saw over the right-field wall for his 10th homer.

Wade Davis (7-2) earned the win with a perfect ninth inning in relief.

**PIRATES 5 CARDINALS 2**  
**PITTSBURGH** — Pinch-hitter Ike Davis launched a

tiebreaking, three-run homer off Seth Maness in the eighth inning Tuesday night, lifting the Pittsburgh Pirates over the St. Louis Cardinals 5-2.

The Pirates won after reigning NL MVP Andrew McCutchen left in the fifth inning because of discomfort in his left ribs. Recently on the disabled list because of a rib problem, the center fielder ran into the wall earlier in the game.

Davis sent a 2-2 pitch from Maness (5-3) deep over the fence in right-center for his ninth home run of the season and his third as a pinch-hitter.

Tony Watson (9-1) couldn't protect an early lead after six-plus dominant innings by starter Gerrit Cole, but picked up the win. Mark Melancon worked the ninth for his 23rd save.

Josh Harrison homered for the Pirates.

**METS 3 BRAVES 2**  
**NEW YORK** — Juan Lagares hit a two-run homer and ran down one ball after another in center field, sending Dillon Gee and the New York Mets to a 3-2 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Tuesday night.

Gee stopped the longest losing streak of his career at five games, outpitching Alex Wood in the opener of a three-game series. Lagares, rated one of the best defensive outfielders in baseball, scurried from gap to gap and finished with seven putouts.

One of them was spectacular — he robbed Wood of a base hit with a diving, tumbling grab in shallow center to end the third inning. Lagares also began the game by running a long way to track down consecutive fly balls, and he made all three putouts in the sixth.

Streaking slugger Justin Upton went 3 for 3 with an RBI double and a walk for Atlanta.

Right in the thick of a crowded NL wild-card race, the Braves have totaled only five runs while dropping three straight after a 7-1 stretch.

With the Mets minus ailing David Wright and Daniel

Murphy, nobody in either lineup was batting higher than .295 — and both starters were effective.

**PHILLIES 4 NATIONALS 3**  
**PHILADELPHIA** — Freddy Galvis and Darin Ruf homered and Carlos Ruiz drove in go-ahead runs with an eighth-inning sacrifice fly to lead the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-3 victory over the Washington Nationals on Tuesday night.

Ken Giles (3-1) struck out the side in a scoreless eighth to help the Phillies to their fifth win in six games.

Asdrubal Cabrera homered for the Nationals, who lost consecutive games for the first time since Aug. 4-5.

Cole Hamels took a lead into the eighth before giving up a leadoff homer to Cabrera. The left-hander was lifted for Giles after that batter, finishing with three runs allowed on eight hits with five strikeouts and a walk.

Gio Gonzalez (6-10) gave up three runs on six hits in six innings to extend his winless streak to nine starts. Gonzalez is 0-6 with a 4.35 ERA since winning his last game on July 5.

**CUBS 3 REDS 0**  
**CINCINNATI** — Travis Wood pitched six innings of two-hit ball against his former team for his first win in two months, leading the Chicago Cubs to a 3-0 victory over Johnny Cueto and the Cincinnati Reds on Tuesday night.

Arismandy Alcántara hit a two-run shot and Anthony Rizzo connected for his 30th homer for the Cubs, who have won four in a row for the first time since June 30-July 4.

Cincinnati was shut out for the 12th time this season. Cueto (15-8) struck out eight in 6 1-3 innings in his second straight loss after winning seven consecutive decisions.

Wood (8-11) struck out five and walked one.

**MLB STANDINGS, BOXES AND LINESCORES**

Division	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th
<b>AL EAST</b>	<b>BALTIMORE</b> 11-4	<b>DETROIT</b> 8-6	<b>ORIOLES</b> 10-5	<b>YANKEES</b> 7-9	<b>TORONTO</b> 7-10	<b>TAMPA BAY</b> 5-11
<b>AL CENTRAL</b>	<b>MINNESOTA</b> 9-7	<b>KANSAS CITY</b> 8-8	<b>CHICAGO</b> 7-10	<b>CLEVELAND</b> 6-11	<b>ST. LOUIS</b> 6-12	<b>CHICAGO</b> 5-12
<b>AL WEST</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES</b> 10-4	<b>OAKLAND</b> 8-7	<b>TEXAS</b> 7-10	<b>HOUSTON</b> 6-11	<b>SEATTLE</b> 5-12	<b>COLORADO</b> 4-13
<b>NL EAST</b>	<b>ATLANTA</b> 9-7	<b>BRUNSWICK</b> 8-8	<b>MIAMI</b> 7-10	<b>FLORIDA</b> 6-11	<b>WASHINGTON</b> 6-12	<b>PHILADELPHIA</b> 4-13
<b>NL CENTRAL</b>	<b>ST. LOUIS</b> 10-5	<b>PITTSBURGH</b> 8-7	<b>CHICAGO</b> 7-10	<b>CLEVELAND</b> 6-11	<b>NEW YORK</b> 6-12	<b>ARIZONA</b> 5-13
<b>NL WEST</b>	<b>LOS ANGELES</b> 10-4	<b>SD</b> 8-7	<b>COLORADO</b> 7-10	<b>TEXAS</b> 6-11	<b>PHOENIX</b> 5-12	<b>DALLAS</b> 4-13

**TUESDAY'S LINESCORES**

Team	Score	Opponent
Tampa Bay	5-2	Baltimore
Baltimore	2-4	Tampa Bay
Los Angeles	5-2	Seattle
Seattle	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	San Francisco
San Francisco	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Arizona
Arizona	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Colorado
Colorado	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	San Diego
San Diego	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	St. Louis
St. Louis	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Philadelphia
Philadelphia	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	New York
New York	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Atlanta
Atlanta	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Washington
Washington	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Chicago
Chicago	0-3	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Cincinnati
Cincinnati	0-3	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	Pittsburgh
Pittsburgh	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	San Diego
San Diego	2-5	Los Angeles
Los Angeles	5-2	San Francisco
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**US OPEN**

From 1C

Wimbledon final, Eugenie Bouchard, was back to her winning ways in her return to the Grand Slam stage.

The seventh-seeded Bouchard routed Olga Govortsova 6-2, 6-1. The last time she played at a major tournament, the 20-year-old made history: the first Canadian to reach a Grand Slam final.

In the Wimbledon title match, though, she was swept away by Kvitova 6-3, 6-0, and things didn't go much better in her three hard-court tuneups for the U.S. Open. Bouchard won just one of her four matches, including an upset loss in her opener in her home tournament in Montreal.

But against the 117th-ranked Govortsova, she had little trouble. Govortsova, who has been ranked as high as 35th, had won just two main draw WTA matches this year.

Ana Ivanovic was feeling good about her game coming into the U.S. Open, and it showed Tuesday. The eighth-seeded Serb beat American Alison Riske 6-3, 6-0. Ivanovic has won 48 matches this year, more than anyone else on tour.

The 2008 French Open champion has struggled to get back to that level but finally seems to be inching closer. She returned to the top 10 this month for the first time in more than five years.

The 24-year-old Riske made a breakthrough at last year's U.S. Open, reaching the fourth round after an upset of Petra Kvitova. She reached a career-high ranking of No. 40 this summer.

Samantha Stosur, the 2011 U.S. Open champ, also quickly dispatched a young American, beating Lauren Davis 6-1, 6-4.

The 49th-ranked Davis fell to 0-3 at her home Grand Slam event.

Svetlana Kuznetsova lost her first-round U.S.

Open match for the first time since 2005, the year she was the tournament's defending champion.

Kuznetsova, seeded 20th this time, was beaten 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3) by 82nd-ranked Marina Erakovic of New Zealand.

Roger Federer and Serena Williams play the night session at Arthur Ashe Stadium. Williams faces American teen Taylor Townsend, who's making her U.S. Open debut.

John Isner, a former top American college player, beat this year's top American college player. The 13th-seeded Isner won 7-6 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (2) against Marcos Giron, who earned his first spot in a Grand Slam tournament when he won the NCAA title for UCLA in May.

Fellow American Sam Querrey improved to 3-9 in five-set matches with a 6-2, 4-6, 6-4, 4-6, 6-3 victory over Argentina's Maximo Gonzalez.

Another American, Jack Sock, retired from his match because of a right calf injury. Sock was trailing 6-4, 3-6, 6-1 to Pablo Andujar of Spain when he decided he couldn't continue.

Fourth-seeded David Ferrer beat Damir Dzumhur 6-1, 6-2, 2-6, 6-2.

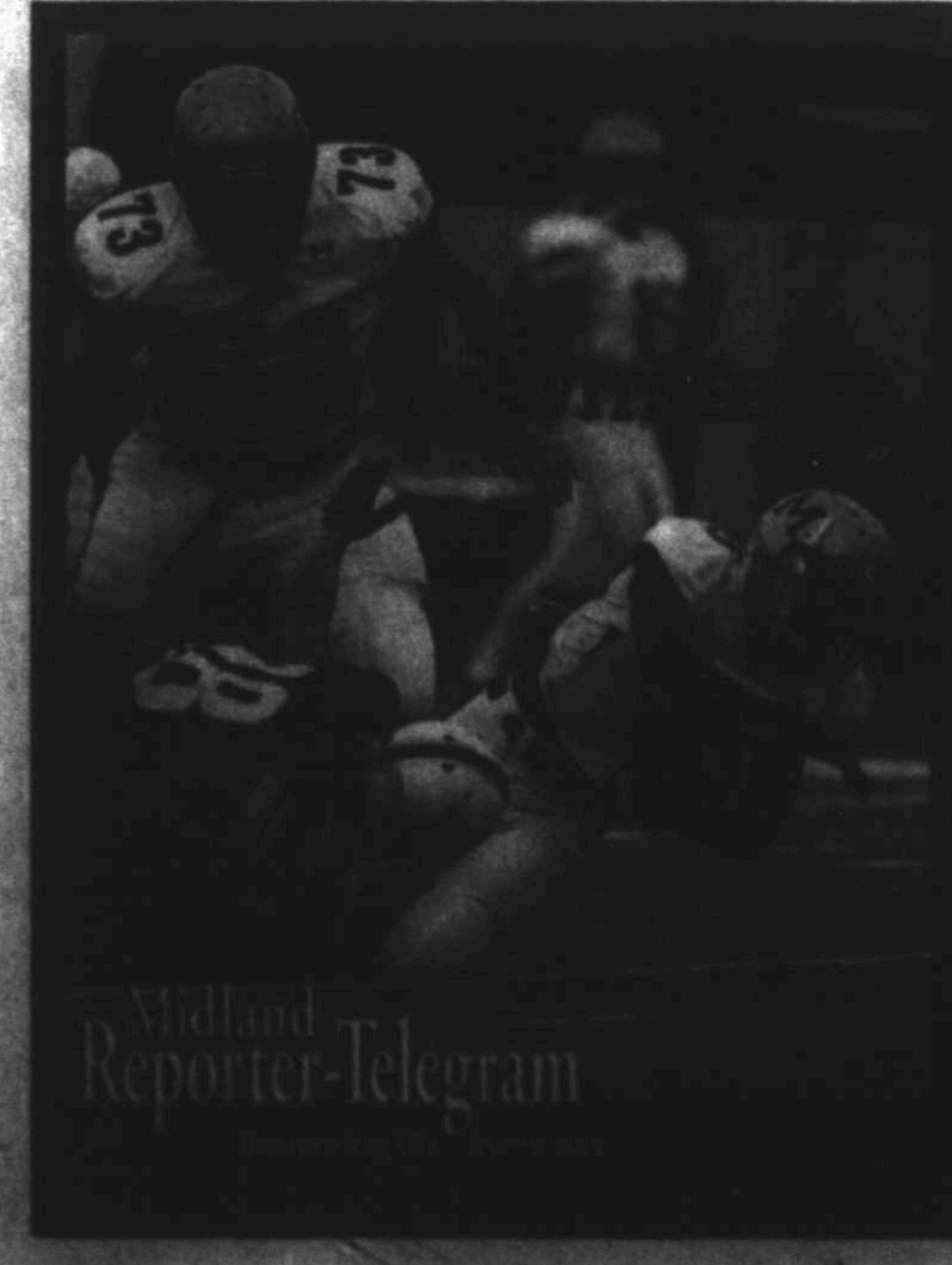
Tenth-seeded Kei Nishikori of Japan cruised to a 6-2, 6-4, 6-2 victory over American Wayne Odesnik, showing no apparent effects from a toe injury that hampered his preparations.

The 176th-ranked Odesnik earned a wild card into the U.S. Open, his first appearance in five years. He served a yearlong ban after pleading guilty for importing human growth hormone into Australia.

Victor Estrella of the Dominican Republic earned his first Grand Slam victory at age 34, beating Igor Sjsling 2-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2. Estrella hadn't played in a major tournament until this year.

**US OPEN RESULTS**

Round	Winner	Score	Loser
<b>First Round</b>	Eugenie Bouchard (CAN)	6-2, 6-1	Olga Govortsova (BLR)
	Alison Riske (USA)	6-3, 6-0	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)
	Ana Ivanovic (SRB)	6-3, 6-0	Riske
	Svetlana Kuznetsova (RUS)	3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (3)	Marina Erakovic (NZL)
	Sam Querrey (USA)	6-2, 6-4, 6-2	Maximo Gonzalez (ARG)
	John Isner (USA)	7-6 (5), 6-2, 7-6 (2)	Marcos Giron (ESP)
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# Two-QBs system possibility for Browns

By Steve DiMatteo  
Associated Press

BEREA, Ohio — There are advantages to playing two quarterbacks in the NFL. Just ask Browns safety Donte Whitner, who saw it work on one of his former teams.

With Johnny Manziel serving as Cleveland's backup quarterback to Brian Hoyer, coach Mike Pettine has hinted at developing an offensive package for the rookie first-round pick. The idea is not unlike what San Francisco did in 2012 before Colin Kaepernick eventually became the starter while Alex Smith was injured, leading the team to the Super Bowl.

Whitner was on the 49ers at the time and said that even if the package isn't used much in a game, simply making sure an opposing team has to prepare for two QBs can offer an advantage.

"With those words alone, they have to prepare," Whitner said. "They have to prepare for the option, they have to prepare for the read play and all of that. You're supposed to make them prepare for things even if you're not going to see it."

The extra work can lead to mistakes on other plays, Whitner said.

"Now you have to teach those defensive ends and those outside linebackers to slow down, to slow play certain things," he said. "We just want to make them take some time off of something else. Might mess up on something else on the offense by having to



Cleveland Browns quarterbacks Johnny Manziel (2) listens in as offensive coordinator Kyle Shanahan, center, talks with Brian Hoyer (6) on the sidelines in the fourth quarter of a preseason game against the St. Louis Rams in Cleveland on Aug. 23. Manziel doesn't view himself as the Browns' savior, but almost everyone else does.

worry about the read option and Johnny being back there and being a mobile quarterback."

Pettine was the defensive coordinator for the Jets when they played the 49ers during that 2012 season. New York spent time preparing for Kaepernick and Smith before ultimately losing that game 34-0. Kaepernick threw one incomplete pass, but rushed for 50 yards and a score.

"It does have a big effect on your prep time," Pettine said. "And the hard part of it is you might only get a handful of plays from the other quarterback, but just the amount of time it takes to (prepare), because if you don't prepare for it, you

have a chance to look very unprepared and give up some big plays."

Of course, a two-quarterback system requires its own amount of prep time for the team actually running the scheme, a fact not lost on Pettine.

"There is that positive to it, that you're forcing prep time," he said. "But the negative is that you're affecting your own continuity."

Cleveland's offense struggled in a 33-14 preseason loss to St. Louis on Saturday night.

While Manziel is promising to do whatever is asked of him, Hoyer is trying to develop some continuity with the starters in preparation for the Sept.

7 season opener at Pittsburgh.

"Our problems aren't from lack of timing or anything like that. It's just consistency and going out there and doing it," Hoyer said. "I think the most frustrating part to us is that we do some things really well and then we shoot ourselves in the foot."

NOTES: The Browns placed OL Nick McDonald on the reserve/non-football injury list, putting their roster at 75 players. ... WR Josh Gordon continued to practice while he waits to hear from the NFL regarding his appeal of a possible yearlong suspension for again violating the league's substance-abuse program.

## BRYANT

From 1C

"I believe a player should get paid what he deserves," said Bryant, who is tied for the league lead with 25 touchdowns over the past two seasons. "If I'm top five, I'm top five. If I'm top three, I'm top three. If I'm top two, I'm top two."

Owner Jerry Jones, not one to offer many details on negotiations, didn't reject Bryant's suggestion that there was a "big chance" a deal could be done by the end of next week. Bryant's agent, Eugene Parker, didn't return a call seeking comment.

"He's got a good sense of it," Jones said at Monday's event, which was also attended by tight end Jason Witten and running back DeMarco Murray. "He obviously feels in the right circumstances he wants to get something done. We do, too."

Bryant's tumultuous first two years with the Cowboys included jewelry lawsuits that were settled, a baggy pants incident at an upscale Dallas mall and a domestic disturbance charge over an incident

with his mother. He's also created stir with a variety of sideline antics.

While the sideline shows are more recent, the brushes with the law are now at least two years old. And he says a big contract won't change him.

"I'm here to take care of my family," says Bryant, who has two young sons. "That's all I ever wanted to do, is take care of my family. I know how to survive with nothing."

NOTES: QB Caleb Hanie was among 11 players waived or released to get the Cowboys to the 75-player limit. S Matt Johnson, who battled chronic hamstring problems after getting drafted in the fourth round in 2012, and LB DeVonte Holloman were among the injured players waived. Doctors told Holloman last week he should quit football because of a neck condition. ... Rookie DE Ben Gardner (shoulder) was placed on season-ending injured reserve, and DT Amobi Okoye will spend the first six weeks of the season on the non-football illness list.

## SPENCER

From 1C

Free agent tackles Henry Melton and Terrell McClain have missed most of training camp and the preseason, and rookie second-round pick DeMarcus Lawrence is out until midseason with a broken foot.

The Cowboys are also waiting for word from the NFL on a possible suspension for defensive tackle Josh Brent, who recently completed a jail sentence for his intoxication manslaughter conviction in the

drunken-driving death of teammate Jerry Brown.

"We have really as many as five players that aren't immediately going to be on the field with us at San Francisco on our defensive front that we've got to by hook or crook, figure out ways for them to keep their eligibility so that we can use them early in the season," Jones said. "That's going to be quite a juggling act when we also want to use the players we've got that can play in a rotation."

# Gordon's DWI case rescheduled for November

Associated Press

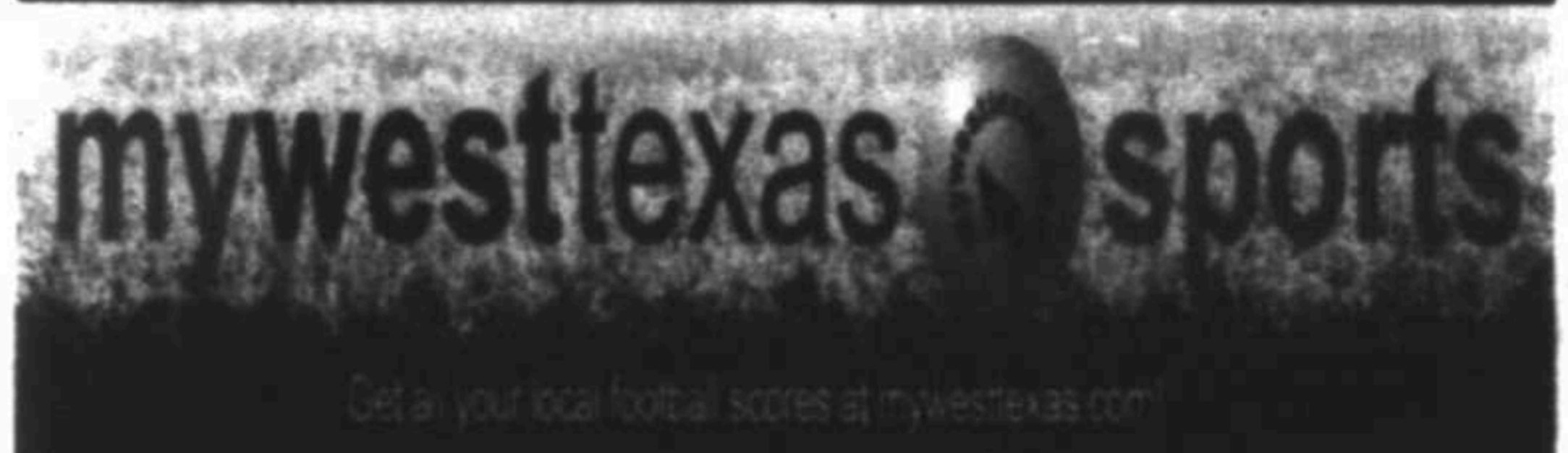
RALEIGH, N.C. — The attorney for Josh Gordon says the Cleveland Browns receiver's hearing on a drunk-driving charge in North Carolina has been rescheduled for November. Gordon was due to appear in Wake

County court Tuesday on charges of driving while impaired and speeding. Attorney Trey Fitzhugh says Gordon had a waiver to miss the pretrial appearance and the case is continued until Nov. 18.

Gordon was arrested July 5 in Raleigh after being pulled for going

50 mph in a 35 mph zone.

He is still waiting to hear from the NFL on whether he'll be suspended for all or part of the upcoming season for violating the league's substance-abuse program. The Pro Bowler led the NFL with 1,646 yards receiving last year.



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KMID ABC	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	The Middle	Goldberg	Modern Family	Modern Family	Motive "For You Die" (S1) (R)	KMID News	(S1) Jimmy Kimmel Live	(S1) News Nightline	(S1) News Nightline	(S1) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7 News	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother (R)	Extant "Care and Feeding" (R)	Extant "A Pack of Cards" (R)	F Troop	F Troop	Twilight Zone	F. Mason "The Case of the Footloose Doll"	(S1) Craig Ferguson	(S1) Craig Ferguson	(S1) Craig Ferguson
KWWT CW	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome to the Jungle	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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FLIX	9:40	9:55	10:05	(R) Hello Again	(S) But For a Cheerleader	(S) Duck Dynasty	(S) Duck Dynasty	(S) Duck Dynasty	(S) Duck Dynasty	(S) Duck Dynasty	(S) Duck Dynasty	(S) Duck Dynasty
HBO	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia	(S) Mamma Mia
HBO2	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) Epic	(S) Epic	(S) Epic	(S) Epic	(S) Epic	(S) Epic	(S) Epic	(S) Epic	(S) Epic
HBO3	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5	(S) Parade's End 3/5
MAX	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick	(S) The Knick
MAX2	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel	(S) Man of Steel
PLEX	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno	(S) Bruno
SHOW	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies	(S) Dark Skies
TMC	9:00	9:15	9:30	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears	(S) Bad News Bears
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	(S) Wahlburgers	(S) Wahlburgers	(S) Wahlburgers	(S) Wahlburgers	(S) Wahlburgers	(S) Wahlburgers	(S) Wahlburgers
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(S) The Perfect	(S) The Perfect	(S) The Perfect	(S) The Perfect	(S) The Perfect	(S) The Perfect	(S) The Perfect
BET	58	26	40			(S) Apollo Live	(S) Apollo Live	(S) Apollo Live	(S) Apollo Live	(S) Apollo Live	(S) Apollo Live	(S) Apollo Live
BRAVO	65	63	41			(S) Housewives NJ	(S) Housewives NJ	(S) Housewives NJ	(S) Housewives NJ	(S) Housewives NJ	(S) Housewives NJ	(S) Housewives NJ
CHBC	46	45	39	72		(S) The Profit	(S) The Profit	(S) The Profit	(S) The Profit	(S) The Profit	(S) The Profit	(S) The Profit
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	(S) OutFront	(S) OutFront	(S) OutFront	(S) OutFront	(S) OutFront	(S) OutFront	(S) OutFront
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	(S) American Muscle	(S) American Muscle	(S) American Muscle	(S) American Muscle	(S) American Muscle	(S) American Muscle	(S) American Muscle
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	(S) Austin Dog Blog	(S) Austin Dog Blog	(S) Austin Dog Blog	(S) Austin Dog Blog	(S) Austin Dog Blog	(S) Austin Dog Blog	(S) Austin Dog Blog
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(S) MLB Baseball (L)	(S) MLB Baseball (L)	(S) MLB Baseball (L)	(S) MLB Baseball (L)	(S) MLB Baseball (L)	(S) MLB Baseball (L)	(S) MLB Baseball (L)
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HALLMARK	54	49	58	34		(S) Waltons "The Beau"	(S) Waltons "The Beau"	(S) Waltons "The Beau"	(S) Waltons "The Beau"	(S) Waltons "The Beau"	(S) Waltons "The Beau"	(S) Waltons "The Beau"
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	(S) Buying and Selling	(S) Buying and Selling	(S) Buying and Selling	(S) Buying and Selling	(S) Buying and Selling	(S) Buying and Selling	(S) Buying and Selling
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	(S) American Pickers	(S) American Pickers	(S) American Pickers	(S) American Pickers	(S) American Pickers	(S) American Pickers	(S) American Pickers
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	(S) Bring It! "Kayla's Big Surprise"	(S) Bring It! "Kayla's Big Surprise"	(S) Bring It! "Kayla's Big Surprise"	(S) Bring It! "Kayla's Big Surprise"	(S) Bring It! "Kayla's Big Surprise"	(S) Bring It! "Kayla's Big Surprise"	(S) Bring It! "Kayla's Big Surprise"
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SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	(S) Cops	(S) Cops	(S) Cops	(S) Cops	(S) Cops	(S) Cops	(S) Cops
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TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(S) White Heat	(S) White Heat	(S) White Heat	(S) White Heat	(S) White Heat	(S) White Heat	(S) White Heat
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TLC	51	33	32	38	52	(S) Boss "Kampgrounds of America (ROA)"	(S) Boss "Kampgrounds of America (ROA)"	(S) Boss "Kampgrounds of America (ROA)"	(S) Boss "Kampgrounds of America (ROA)"	(S) Boss "Kampgrounds of America (ROA)"	(S) Boss "Kampgrounds of America (ROA)"	(S) Boss "Kampgrounds of America (ROA)"
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	(S) The Town (2010, Action)	(S) The Town (2010, Action)	(S) The Town (2010, Action)	(S) The Town (2010, Action)	(S) The Town (2010, Action)	(S) The Town (2010, Action)	(S) The Town (2010, Action)
TYLAND	49	48	35	54	35	(S) Griffith A. Griffith	(S) Griffith A. Griffith	(S) Griffith A. Griffith	(S) Griffith A. Griffith	(S) Griffith A. Griffith	(S) Griffith A. Griffith	(S) Griffith A. Griffith
USA	26	30	42	27	49	(S) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trade"	(S) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trade"	(S) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trade"	(S) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trade"	(S) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trade"	(S) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trade"	(S) Law & Order: Special Victims Unit "Trade"
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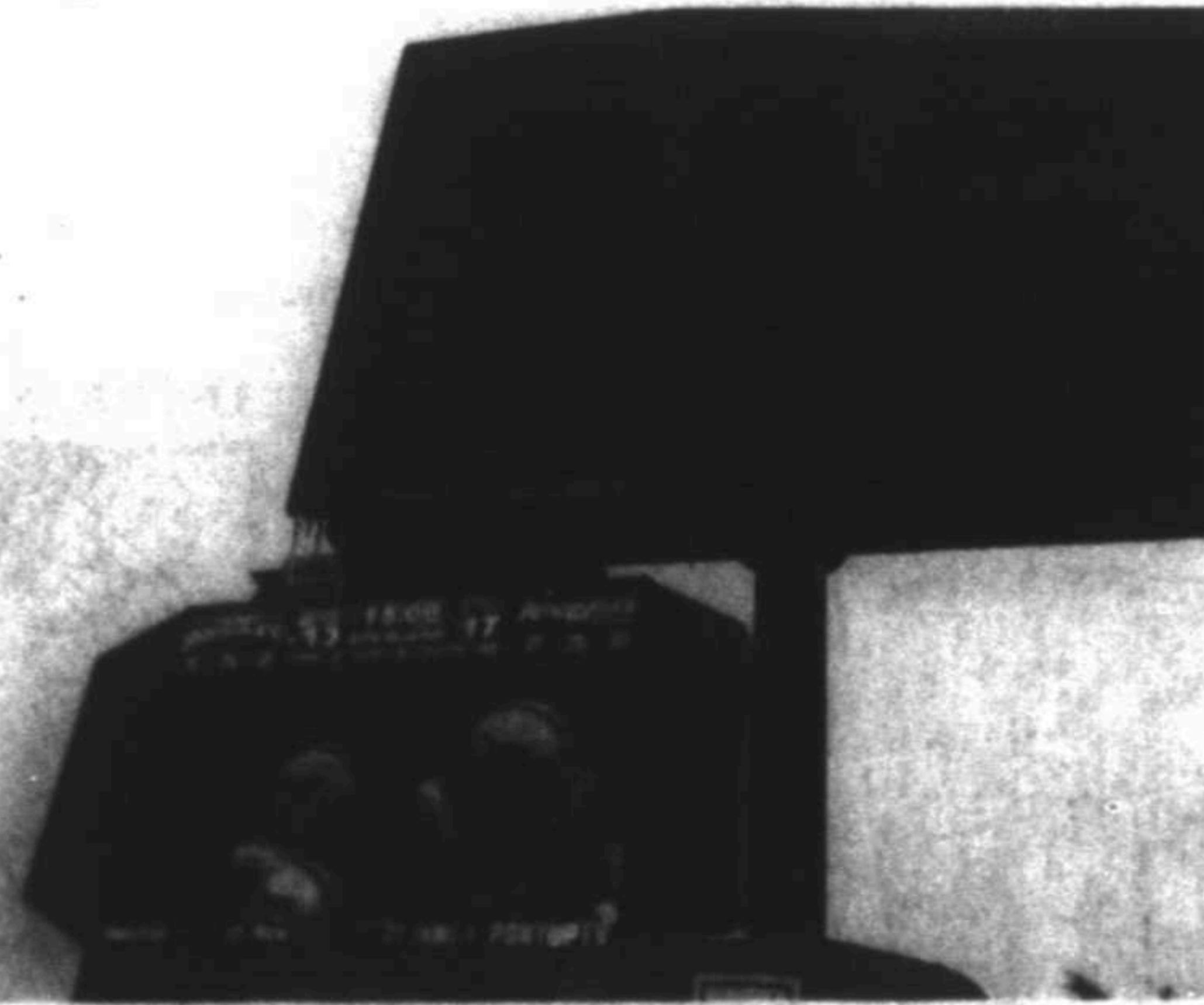
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previous one ends. That put the pace of a game into the hands of the offense; the faster they lined up to the ball, the faster they could snap it. As is usually the case, it didn't take teams long to figure a way to use the new rule to their advantage. By playing at a 2-minute-drill pace the entire game, they realized they could wear opposing defenses down and limit their ability to make substitutions. Once a few teams had success with it, more piled on, some running up to 100 plays a game. With coaches and players screaming in their ears to spot the ball quickly, the officials found themselves rushing — and putting defenses at a disadvantage in the process. "There was a sense of urgency because it was something new to us, especially the teams that wanted to go at that fast pace," said Gerald Austin, coordinator of officials for Conference USA. "Across the country, we pretty much said, wait a minute, there's no obligation to speed up how we get the ball spotted during the normal portion of the game." The officials are trying to do what the NCAA has



Officials hang from the play clock during the second half of a game between UCF and SMU at Ford Stadium in Dallas in 2013. Under the old 25-second play clock, pace of play was almost entirely under the officials' control. The men regulating the game determined when the clock stopped after a play and when it started before the next snap, orchestrating the pace with hand signals to the clock operator.

been unable to so far. With defenses backpedaling to keep up with the up-tempo offenses, the NCAA looked into the possibility of prohibiting teams from snapping the ball until at least 10 seconds had run off the 40-second play clock. Supporters of the rule, like Arkansas' Bret Bielema and Alabama's Nick Saban, argued it was needed to allow teams to substitute for fatigued players and prevent injuries. Coaches of fast-paced offenses vehemently opposed the proposed rule and the NCAA shelved it, but will likely have more discussions about pace of play in the coming years. "It is a trend in the game that a lot of people on the offensive side of the ball love, but if you're on the defensive side, you're concerned about it," Redding said. "I really believe the pace of play debate is going to continue for some

time." How the officials handle the game isn't the only thing that has changed with the increase in up-tempo offenses. The officials themselves have changed. Used to be, officiating crews had a few older guys who had trouble keeping up with fleet receivers and a beefy guy in the middle — usually a former offensive or defensive lineman

— working as the umpire. They would run a bit in the weeks before the season, but that would be it. Over the past decade or so, officials have spent much more time on their conditioning, running and working out year-round so they'll be ready for the rigors of the new fast-paced game. The annual camps they attend often have a trainer or doctor on site to talk about conditioning

and nutrition, and overall fitness is also something conferences now look at when hiring new officials. "You very seldom see an official at the college level anymore who appears to be out of shape," said Austin, a former NFL official. "Even those who appear to be big boned and bulkier, they're in shape and ready to go for a full 60 minutes." They need to be at this pace.

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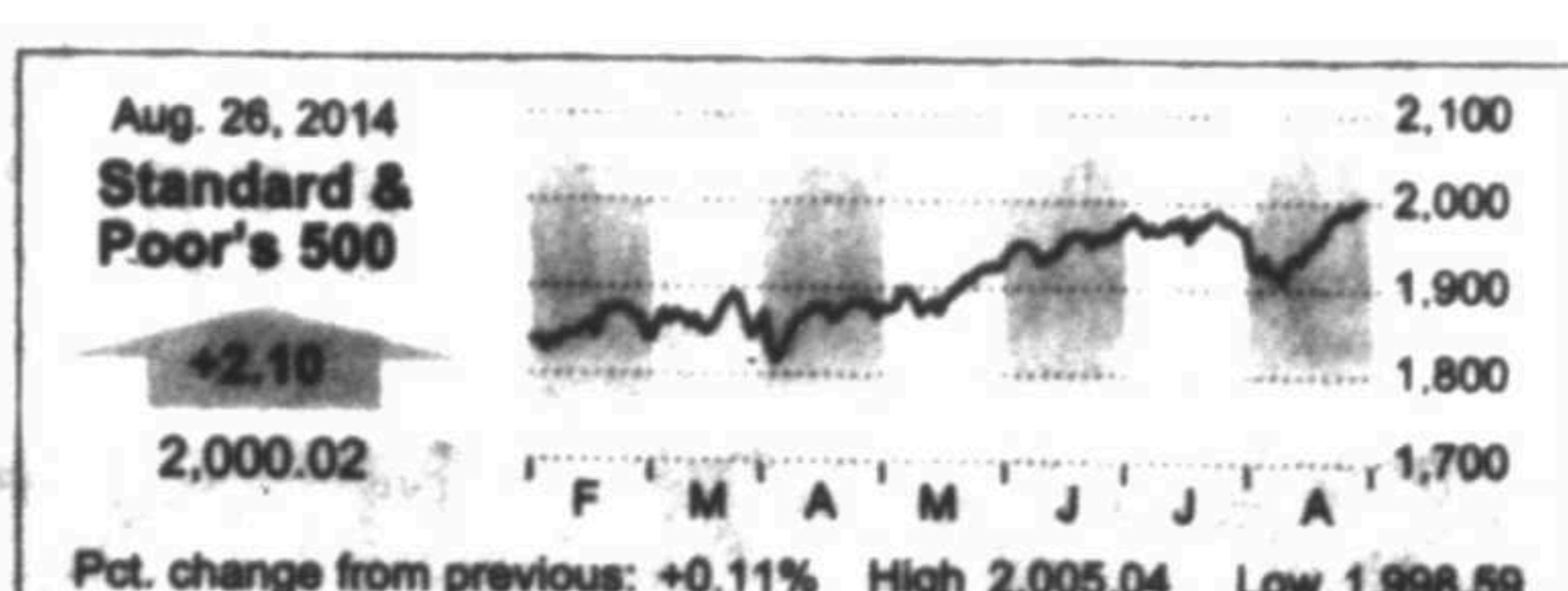
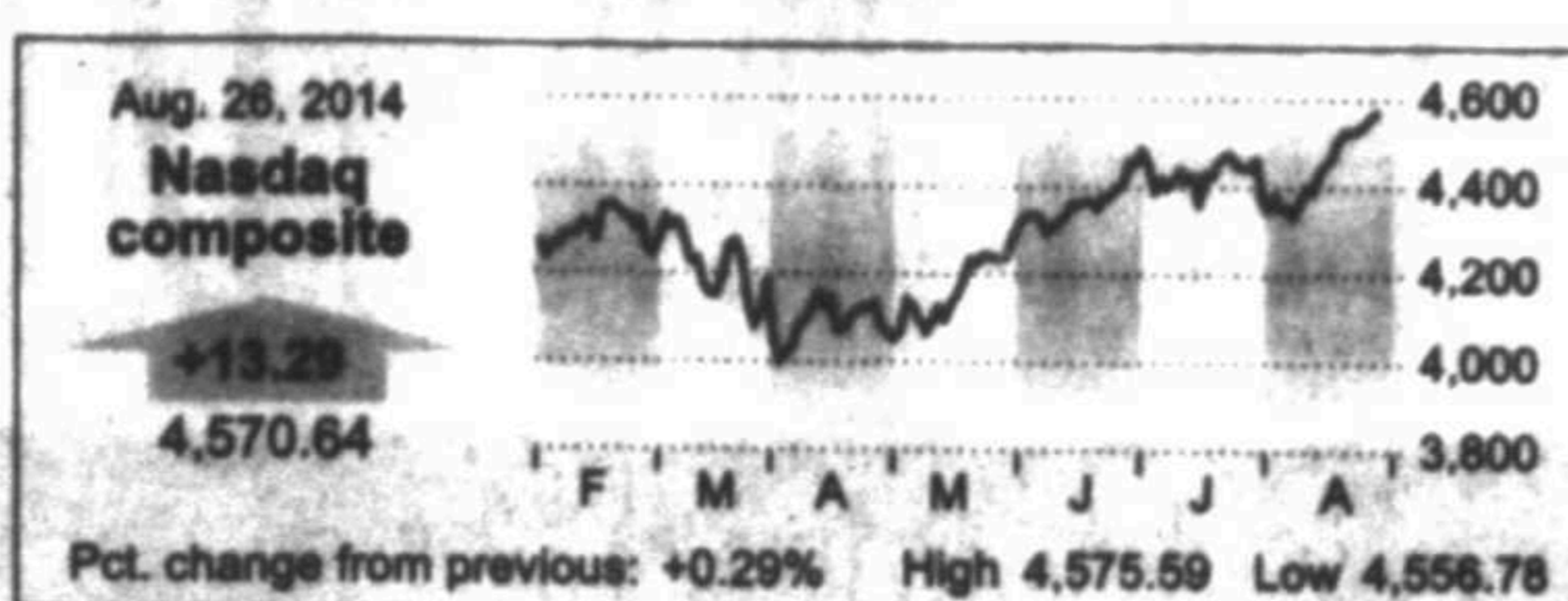
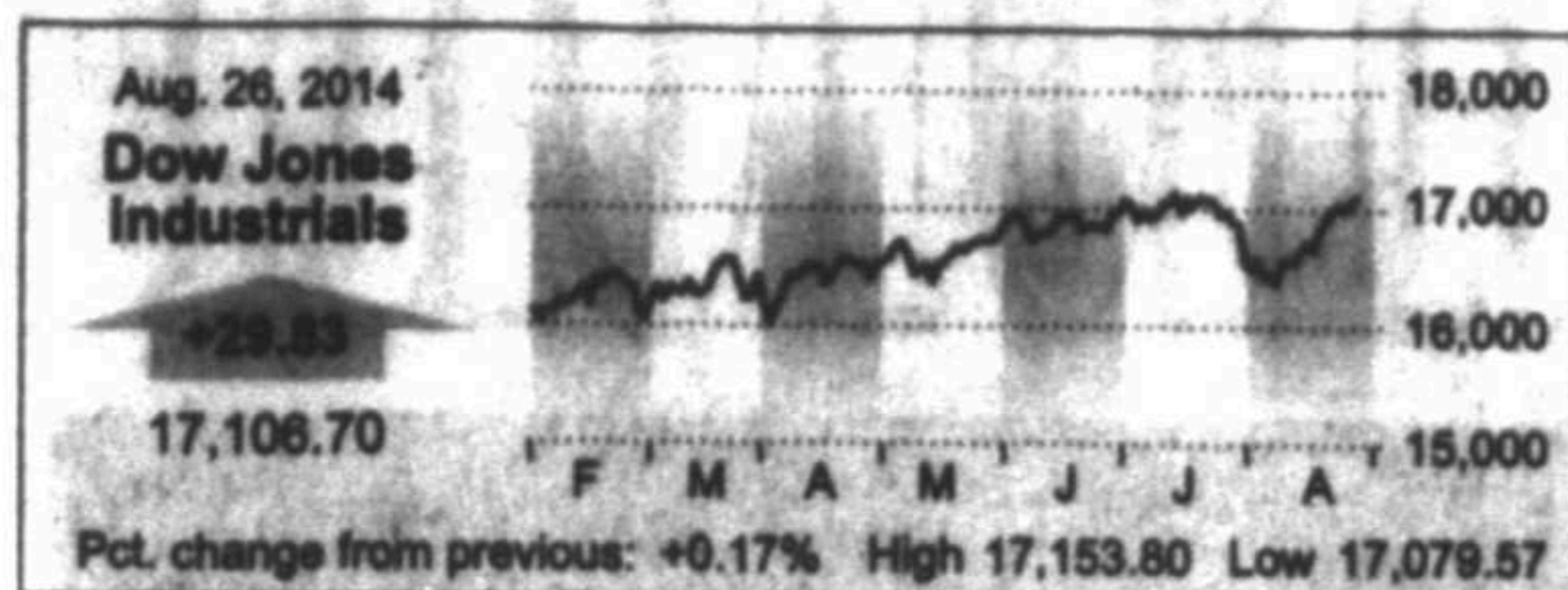
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## Public Notice

Midland College District is accepting competitive sealed proposals for the installation and operation of all beverage vending machines located on the Midland College Campus. Proposal packets may be picked up Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., in the Purchasing Office, located at 3800 N Garfield, Midland, Texas. Proposals will be accepted until 2:00 p.m., Thursday, September 18, 2014 in the Purchasing Office at which time they will be opened and the vendor names read into record. For proposal packet information contact Barbara Fennell, Director of Purchasing, (432)686-4250 or bfennell@midland.edu. A final determination may be made at a future board meeting. The College reserves the right to accept or reject any and or all bids submitted.

## Legal & Public Notices

### NOTICE OF APPLICATION TO INJECT FLUID INTO A RESEVOIR PRODUCTIVE OF OIL OR GAS

Kinder Morgan Production Company LLC, Opr. No 463316, 500 W. Illinois, Ste. 500, Midland, Tx. 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. The applicant proposes to inject fluid into the San Andres, formation in the Goldsmith-Landrett/San Andres/UT Lease, Well Number 203RW. The proposed injection well is located 3 miles northwest of Goldsmith, Texas, in the Goldsmith Field, in Ector County. Fluid will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4199 feet to 4400 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources Code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas. Requests for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing, within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section, Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512/463-6792).

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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Joseph William Keffler, Deceased, were issued on August 19, 2014, in Cause No. P-17,984, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Robert J. Keffler, Independent Executor, whose residence address is 505 Pagan Street, Suite 101, Fort Worth, TX 76102.

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the Independent Executor.

DATED the 26th day of August, 2014

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Midland County Hospital District is accepting bids for one (1) Electrophysiology Recording System for Midland Memorial Hospital.

Specifications may be secured at the Purchasing Office of Midland Memorial Hospital on or after Wednesday, August 27, 2014.

All proposals must be received in the Department of Materials Management of Midland Memorial Hospital by 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014.

All proposals must be sealed and labeled "RFP # 1140 - 082714."

Under no circumstances will faxed or emailed proposals from bidders be accepted.

All proposals must be price protected for a period of twelve (12) months.

All proposals will remain confidential until after an award has been made. Vendors will then be allowed to review the proposals in the purchasing office according to the policy/procedure of Midland Memorial Hospital. Midland County Hospital District reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive formalities.

Proposals shall be addressed to:  
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