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Sibley Nature Center recently welcomed thousands of new visitors.

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OFF TO A GOOD START

Megan Rapinoe's two goals gave the United States a 3-1 victory over Australia on Monday in the opener at a Women's World Cup match. The U.S. is seeking its third World Cup title and first since 1999.

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MPD not likely to have body cams soon

Shooting on Saturday won't hasten decision to adopt technology, mayor says

By Brandon Mulder
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Midland city officials likely won't hasten the discussions surrounding the Midland Police Department's adoption of body-camera technology following Saturday's shooting involving two officers, Mayor Jerry Morales said Monday.

The episode, which led to the death of 42-year-old Joe Nevels after he allegedly threatened officers with a box cutter, is the second fatal shooting in recent months. A man who had a machete was shot and killed by police in December.

But while the adoption of body-cam technology would follow a trend as various cities adopt body cams in the wake of shootings by officers, the local incidents won't expedite that decision-making process in Midland.

"The two situations that have taken place, you've had individuals who were attacking the police with weapons, and the police reacted the way they were trained," Morales said. "I think we're a small enough community where we don't have to rush into this."

Last year, MPD turned down a $17,000 state grant that would have provided the force with 60 to 70 body cameras because the department did not have the time to set up the infrastructure and policies for the project.

"We were on a tight deadline for a project of this magnitude," Chief Price Robinson told the Reporter-Telegram last year. "Instead of rushing the cameras in, we chose not to participate at this time."

The Midland County Sheriff's Office took advantage of the grant in MPD's stead, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Now, one year later, the discussion has not progressed much further, Morales said.

"We need to be prepared for heavy expenditure if we were to go down that route," he said.

City spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz said body cams are something the department could have in the future. However, state lawmakers might have a say in the decision.

During the 84th legislative session, Rep. Ron Reynolds, D-Missouri City, authored a bill that would require police in Texas to wear the cameras.

The bill passed overwhelming in both the House and Senate and is expected to become law after Gov. Greg Abbott signs it, Reynolds said.

"We want to build more public confidence," he said in a phone interview. "It protects the officers from unfounded complaints, and it protects the citizens from unscrupulous

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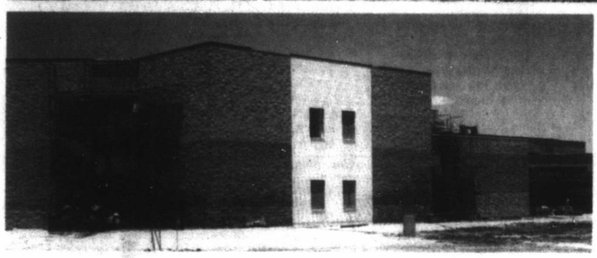
NEW SCHOOL TAKES SHAPE



Construction continues on Barbara Yarbrough Elementary in Legends Park on Monday. Yarbrough Elementary is one of three Midland ISD elementary schools under construction and set to open for the 2015-16 school year. The other two are Fasken Elementary in Fasken Oil and Ranch's The Vineyard community and Bunche Elementary in southeast Midland. The new schools are being funded by the $163 million elementary bond passed in 2012.

Photos by Tim Fischer Reporter-Telegram

Officials make efforts to get La-Z-Boy furniture store on Loop 250

From staff reports

The number of furniture stores in Midland might be increasing.

The Midland City Council during its Tuesday meeting is set to hold a public hearing for a zone change request that would allow a developer to locate a La-Z-Boy furniture store along Loop 250.

If the council approves the change from a planned district for a shopping center to a LR-2 Local Retail District, then Lebco Industries could place a store to the west of the current Mazda of Midland, 1,500 feet east of Holiday Hill Road.

A La-Z-Boy furniture store would join a growing list of furniture sellers in Midland, including at least four retailers — Furniture Row, Ashley's Furniture, Havertys and Rooms To Go — on Loop 250.

In other meeting preview notes, the council will consider:

■ approval of plans and authorize advertisement for bids for the Animal Services Renovation Project Phase II.

The city reports that $500,000 — which includes a $250,000 donation from Bryan and Sharoll Sheffield and Parsley Energy — has been allocated to the project. The project will include new flooring, new roof, acoustical ceiling tiles, fenced-in exercise yards and air circulation fans.

The existing shelter was built in 1991, and renovations will help to "attenuate" the noise throughout the building and prevent the spread of disease between animals, according to city documents;

■ awarding the Spaceport Business Park Demolition project to a Plainview company.

Total project cost is more than $400,000, and the City Council will decide on appropriating more than $157,000 from the Airport Operating Fund on Tuesday.

■ executing an agreement with Rock the Desert Ministries that will allow the city to reimburse Rock the Desert for "certain expenditures in an amount not to exceed $50,000 from the city's hotel-motel fund."

City documents indicate the resolution "is not to be construed or interpreted as endorsing the message or activities promoted by Rock the Desert Ministries," which conducts a contemporary Christian musical festival every summer.

■ purchasing 25 laptop computers

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Wal-Mart gets demolition permit for plumbing

By Rye Druzin
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The weekly permit list revealed that Wal-Mart was granted a demolition permit for the Midland Drive location's plumbing system.

The permit was issued on Friday for commercial demolition. Jeremy Mills, a commercial plan reviewer in the Construction Permits and Inspections division, said Monday that the permit is related to work being done on a pipe in the store.

The permit comes less than a month after Bill Wertz, Wal-Mart director of communications-east, said that in addition to plumbing, the northside Wal-Mart would be receiving a new roof. Midland building official Steve Thorpe said in a previous Reporter-Telegram article that such roof work would not require a permit.

Citing long-standing plumbing issues, the northside Wal-Mart was closed in April with less than a day's notice. The closure came at the same time as four other Wal-Mart stores across the country closed for the same reasons. All stores planned to be out of service for six months, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

Wertz was unavailable for comment as of press time.

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Planning and Zoning OKs affordable housing for seniors

■ Commission also approves EOG expansion

By Rye Druzin
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A new apartment complex in which half of the apartments would be set aside as affordable housing for seniors was unanimously approved Monday by the Planning and Zoning Commission.

District 4 Councilman J.Ross Lacy came out in support of the apartment complex, which will be located on the east side of Loop 250 south of Thomason Drive. Lacy said that he has been working for a year to get this complex approved, and that last year the project was overtaken by one in Odessa by just one point, according to scoring criteria set for such projects by the Texas Department of Housing & Community Affairs.

"I just want to make sure that we do everything possible to see that we get

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The big number
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City releases name of man killed by police Saturday

From staff reports

The man shot and killed on Saturday after allegedly charging at two Midland police officers with a box cutter has been identified as 42-year-old Midlander Joe Nevels, according to a press release from city spokeswoman Sara Bustilloz.

The incident began before 8 p.m. when Nevels had been entering and exiting Bill's Bottle Store at the corner of Midland Drive and Neely Avenue. Employees believed that Nevels had stolen from the store, and he was bleeding from cuts and acting suicidal, according to the release.

When Midland Police and Fire departments arrived at the scene about 8 p.m., Nevels was acting aggressively and charged a police officer with a box cutter, and both officers fired rounds at Nevels, according to the release.

While Nevels cut himself, "It most likely wasn't enough to be fatal. Autopsy would show cause for sure, but he died shortly after the shooting," Bustilloz said in a previous Reporter-Telegram article.

The officers — whose identities have not been released pending an internal investigation — have been put on administrative leave, as is protocol, according to the release. The Texas Rangers with the Department of Public Safety are investigating the use of force, according to the release.

DPS: 16-year-old dies in collision north of Big Spring

From staff reports

BIG SPRING — A Big Spring teen died and three other Big Spring residents were injured Sunday night after a collision on U.S. Highway 87, three miles north of the city, according to the Department of Public Safety.

Dylan Edward Lance, 16, was pronounced dead after he failed to yield the right of way to a 2013 Chevrolet Silverado 2500 HD, which was traveling north, according to DPS. Lance was driving and two others were riding in a 1998 Ford F-150, which was traveling west on County Road Center Point Road.

The Ford F-150 failed to yield the right of way and pulled out onto the roadway, according to DPS. At that point, the Silverado struck the Ford F-150 on its left side driver door causing both vehicles to skid into the center median. The F-150 rolled onto its left side and came to rest in the southbound lanes facing southeast.

The Silverado, according to DPS, came to rest facing northwest in the southbound lanes of traffic.

The driver of the Silverado was listed as injured but refused treatment, according to DPS.

The passengers in the F-150 were Blantyn Tre Gusman, 16, and Zachary Tyler Duncan, 23. Gusman was taken to Medical Center Hospital in Odessa where he was listed Monday in critical condition. Duncan was taken to University Medical Center in Lubbock. His condition was not known, according to DPS.

CRIMEBRIEF

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Woman allegedly stabs man in arm

A Midland woman was arrested Saturday after allegedly stabbing a relative in the bicep, according to court documents.

Doreen Nguyen, 44, was charged with a first-degree felony charge of aggravated assault of a family member with a weapon and a third-degree felony charge of assault of a family member impeding breathing. She was being held Monday on a $100,000 bond, according to the Midland County Sheriff's Office.

Police officers were called out to an apartment complex at about 9 p.m. on Friday in response to a stabbing. The alleged stabbing victim feared that the assailant, Nguyen, would try to harm herself, according to the arrest affidavit. The officers entered the residence and found Nguyen on a back porch covered in blood, but apparently uninjured, according to the affidavit.

A cellphone led to a confrontation between the man and Nguyen and she allegedly hit him with the cellphone, according to the affidavit. When the man tried to leave, Nguyen blocked the exit, and allegedly began choking him.

Nguyen then retrieved a knife from the kitchen and stabbed the victim in the left bicep, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the first- and third-degree felonies Nguyen faces between 12 and 109 years in prison.

STATEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

GALVESTON

Vendor, parks board, at odds over beach umbrellas

The Texas General Land Office is involved in a dispute over umbrella and chair rentals on Galveston's Seawall Boulevard beaches.

A vendor, Frank Maceo, has been operating on a section of the beach without the usual lease agreement from the Galveston parks board. He said sand on that part of the beach has been owned for years by a business affiliated with his family, which has a long history in Galveston.

Maceo told The Galveston County Daily News he has a deal with that company, meaning his umbrellas and chairs have been competing with vendors who have parks board leases.

The board now has marked disputed beach territory where no one can set up rentals until the General Land Office can figure out who can use the space.

SAN ANGELO

Angelo State student killed as Jet Ski collides with kayak

San Angelo police have recovered the body of a 21-year-old Angelo State University student whose kayak was involved in a collision with a Jet Ski on Lake Nasworthy.

Authorities said Manuel Rivas Jr. wasn't wearing a life jacket when his kayak was struck.

Police said the 29-year-old driver of the Jet Ski told officers the setting sun Saturday impeded his vision and he didn't see Rivas and a 19-year-old woman in another kayak next to him. The woman, also an Angelo State student, was taken to a hospital for treatment of a head injury and later released.

Rivas' body was recovered Sunday.

Authorities said the Jet Ski driver showed no signs of intoxication. No charges have been filed and no citations immediately issued.

AUSTIN

EMS blame synthetic drug for 100 calls over 10 days

Austin-Travis County Emergency Medical Services officials say they've handled more than 100 calls over the past 10 days from people getting sick after taking a synthetic drug known as K2.

While no deaths have been blamed on the drug, the Austin American-Statesman reported EMS crews have treated at least 122 people over that time.

The synthetic drug is designed to mimic the effects of marijuana.

But it also can cause violent behavior, paranoia, seizures, low heart rates and low blood pressure.

IOWA

Authorities find dead Texas woman, dog near burning car

COUNCIL BLUFFS — Authorities in western Iowa are investigating the death of a Texas woman found near her dead dog and a burning car.

Sgt. David Dawson of the Council Bluffs Police Department said 43-year-old Paula Arnett was found early Monday near a burning pickup parked at a local Days Inn. Arnett had a gunshot wound to the head.

A handgun was found underneath Arnett. Dawson said police are investigating the death, but they do not suspect foul play.

Arnett's dog was also found nearby with a fatal gunshot wound to the head.

Dawson said Arnett, of Ingleside, was staying at the Days Inn with her husband and 17-year-old stepson as they traveled to Sioux City. The husband and stepson were in a room at the time Arnett was found dead.

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Arizona observes Mountain Standard Time on a year round basis. The one exception is the Navajo Nation, located in the northeast corner of the state, which observes the daylight savings time change.

The original London Bridge was shipped stone-by-stone and reconstructed in Lake Havasu City.

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Pastor Ronald Wright, middle, speaks during a news conference outside the McKinney Police Department headquarters, Monday in McKinney. A McKinney police officer has been placed on leave after a video showed him pushing a 14-year-old girl to the ground outside a pool and pointing his gun at other black teens. Also pictured are author David Lee, left, and Pastor Dominique Alexander, second from right.

Video of officer who drew gun on black teens raises tension

By David Warren
Associated Press

McKINNEY — A black teenager in a swimsuit repeatedly cried out, "Call my momma!" as a white police officer pinned her to the ground, only moments after drawing his handgun on other black teens.

"On your face!" the officer yelled at the girl, amid screaming from a crowd of onlookers.

The officer's actions raised tensions Monday in this Dallas suburb, where some community activists accused him of racism while others urged calm until the facts are investigated.

Jahi Adisa Bakari, the father of another teenage girl at the party, said he would press for the officer to be fired, saying he "was out of control."

But Benét Embry, a black local radio personality who witnessed the incident, said it was "not another Ferguson" or "another Baltimore," referring to other police encounters that have left suspects dead and fueled a nationwide "Black Lives Matter" movement.

"This was a teenage party that got out of hand," Embry said.

Police said some of the young people did not live in the area and did not have permission to be at the pool in McKinney, an affluent, predominantly white city.

According to neighbors, Embry said, a woman who lives in the community reserved the pool for a party. The homeowners' association limits the number of guests each homeowner may have at the pool to two. But about 130 people, mostly kids, showed up for the woman's party, he said.

At one point, several kids began jumping over the fence to get into the pool area and were causing a disturbance, Embry said, and a couple of fights broke out.

While he did not agree with the officer's profanity or belligerence, Embry said, police were right to respond.

"That's what they are supposed to do — protect us," he said. "I don't know any other way he could have taken her down or established order."

The officer has been placed on administrative leave. In a statement, the police department said the video "raised concerns that are being investigated."

City spokeswoman Anna Clark identified the officer as 41-year-old David Eric Casebolt, who joined the police force in August 2005.

Before that, he served almost two years as a state trooper, according to records from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement.

Casebolt took eight hours of cultural diversity training at Collin County Community College in February 2009. He has also taken courses in racial profiling and use of force.

As police broke up the crowd, the officer pulled the bikini-clad girl to the ground, then used his knees to pin her down. He also pointed his gun at other teens and cursed.

The girl claimed the officer told her to walk away but forced her down after "he thought we were saying rude stuff to him," according to an interview she gave to television station KDFW.

"He grabbed me, twisted my arm on my back and shoved me in the grass and started pulling the back of my braids," Dajerria Becton, 15, told the station. "I was telling him to get off me because my back was hurting bad."

"I understand how he was feeling, everybody surrounding him," she said. "I don't think he should have pulled a gun out on 15-year-old kids."

Brandon Brooks, the teen who recorded the video, told KDFW that tensions rose after a white woman and a black teenager at the party had an altercation. He said the white woman told the teen "to go back to Section 8 housing," a reference to federal housing aid given to low-income families.

Brooks said the officer was "out of line" and felt compelled to keep filming when Casebolt pulled out his gun.

"At that point my heart did drop and I was scared that someone was going to get shot and possibly killed," he said.

McKinney Mayor Brian Loughmiller said city officials plan to meet with community leaders to discuss the incident.

"We really need to come together as a community," the mayor said.

Nikki Perez, a black resident of McKinney, attended a City Council meeting Monday to express her concern over the officer's actions.

"I don't excuse the behavior of those teenagers, but if I call 911, then I wouldn't want that cop to respond," Perez said. "He blew his credibility when he opened his mouth and started cursing at the kids."

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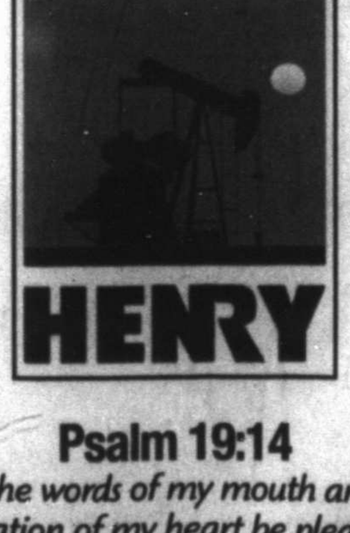


HENRY

Psalm 19:14

May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

Barbara Bush celebrates 90th birthday by promoting literacy

Associated Press

KENNEBUNKPORT, Maine — Former first lady Barbara Bush celebrated her 90th birthday on Monday by spending time with her family and promoting literacy, a cause long dear to her.

Foundations set up by Bush and by Dollar General have partnered with X Prize for a competition aimed at boosting adult literacy. The $7 million competition challenges people or teams to create a mobile app capable of giving the biggest boost to adult literacy skills within 12 months.

Bush said she hopes the competition will bring "a radical breakthrough" that will help an estimated 36 million U.S. adults who read at the third-grade level or lower.

"A parent's literacy level is a significant predictor of their child's future educational success, influencing generations to follow," Bush said in a statement. She created the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy more than 25 years ago while first lady; the foundation has raised $42 million since it became a public charity in 2012.

The original X Prize was awarded 11 years ago for privately funded, suborbital flight. Since then, there have been other X Prize competitions aimed at spurring innovation.

For Bush's birthday, family members including former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, former President George W. Bush and three other children were in Kennebunkport.

Tents were set up at St. Ann's Church, down the street from her summer home, for a Monday evening gala featuring special guests Amy Grant, Reba McEntire and Michael W. Smith.

It was a relatively low-key day compared to last June when her husband, former President George H.W. Bush, celebrated his own 90th birthday by skydiving.

"The two of them are going to live life to the fullest. It's not over until it's over. I admire that about them," said Paula Webb, a neighbor and calligrapher who posted a sign that said "Happy Birthday, Mrs. Bush" across from Walker's Point, where generations of Bush family members have summered on Maine's rocky coast.

Barbara Bush is known for her humor — and for speaking her mind.

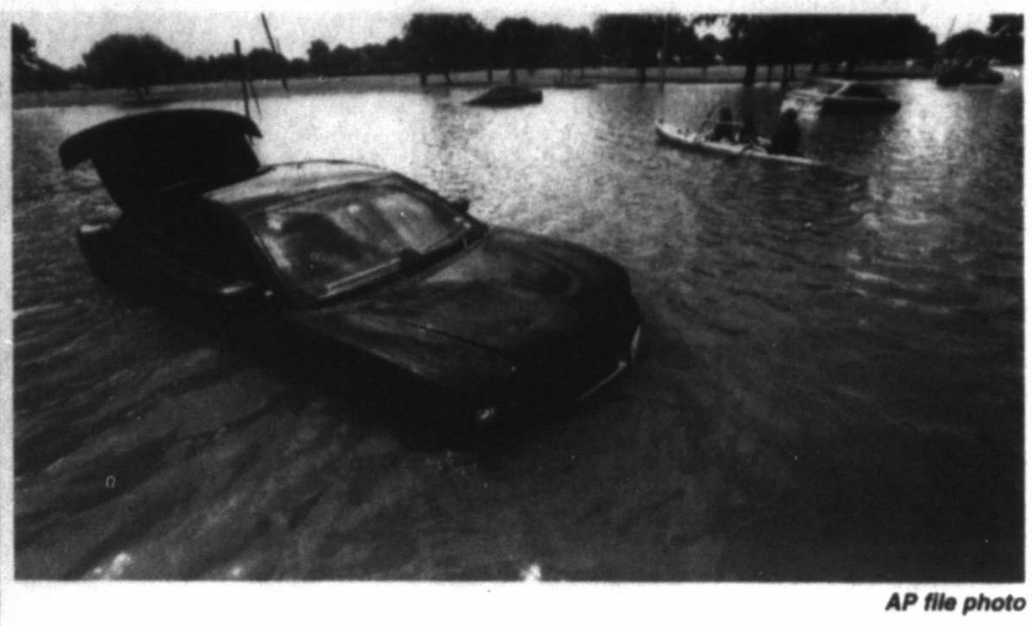
"She's a good egg, always entertaining. We like her a lot," said Chris MacGregor, a waitress at Mabel's Lobster Claw, where the former first lady is a fan of the peppermint stick ice cream. "She has a great sense of humor. You never know what she's going to say."

Bush told her granddaughter, NBC correspondent Jenna Bush Hager, in a segment on NBC's "Today" show that she's had a great life with her husband. "I've been the luckiest woman in the world, truthfully. And I know it," she said.

She also said she's vowed to keep quiet during the 2016 presidential race; Jeb Bush will announce his run for the Republican nomination June 15 in Miami. But she couldn't resist adding: "I think he's brilliant."

Associated Press

Former first lady Barbara Bush uses a walker as she leaves a luncheon at the Kennebunk River Club on her 90th birthday Monday in Kennebunkport, Maine. Bush family members, including her son, former Florida Gov. Jeb Bush, who is expected to announce his presidential run next week, were in Kennebunkport for her birthday.



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In this May 26 file photo a boat is paddled down a flooded street in Houston. Feeling soggy? Federal officials calculate that last month was the wettest on record for the contiguous U.S. On average 4.36 inches of rain and snow fell over the Lower 48 in May, sloshing past October 2009, which had been the wettest month in U.S. records with 4.29 inches. Records go back to 1895. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) climate scientist Jake Crouch calculated that comes to more than 200 trillion gallons of water in May.

Forget April showers, this May was wettest in US records

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Feeling soggy? Last month was the wettest on record for the contiguous United States, according to federal meteorologists.

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Crouch said the record was triggered by a stalled pattern of storms that dumped massive amounts of rain in the central U.S., especially in Texas and Oklahoma, which had their rainiest months.

Oklahoma and Texas had been in a five-year drought and it was washed away in just one month, Crouch said: "It's like one disaster ending a catastrophe."

Colorado had its rainiest May on record. Arkansas, Nebraska and Utah had their second wettest month on record. Fourteen states had one of their 10 rainiest Mays on record, all of them west of the Mississippi River and east of California.

Still, parts of the Northeast were unusually dry. It was the second driest May for Massachusetts and the third driest May for Rhode Island and New Jersey.

Last month was 1.45 inches wetter than 20th-century average for May. It was only the seventh time the entire contiguous United States averaged four inches of rain or more.

The global climate phenomenon El Nino, which starts with a warming in the central Pacific and changes weather worldwide for a year or so, is usually associated with such heavy rainfall, Crouch said. He added that it is too early to say if it triggered the record moisture. Also, more heavy downpours are expected as the world warms, but Crouch said there's no way to connect climate change to a single, soggy month.

May's average temperature in the U.S. was 60.8 degrees, which is slightly warmer than the 20th-century average. However, Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Rhode Island had their warmest Mays on record.

Jeb Bush fundraising machine preps for campaign's launch

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As Jeb Bush focuses on foreign policy this week during a visit to Europe, his team at home is finalizing a fundraising blitz that will begin as soon as he steps into the 2016 presidential race.

Bush will publicly announce his bid for the Republican presidential nomination on Monday, while privately embarking on what his team has dubbed the "27 in Fifteen" challenge — asking fundraisers to collect at least $27,000 in donations in the 15 remaining days of the month.

Those who do will be awarded certain perks, including an invitation to a two-day July retreat at the Bush family compound in Kennebunkport, Maine. The private gathering features an "evening picnic" with Bush and a morning "political and campaign briefing" with senior campaign staff, according to materials distributed to donors and obtained by The Associated Press.

Bush will also begin an 11-city fundraising tour in Washington on June 19 that will include stops in Florida, New York, Chicago, Texas and Atlanta, according to the materials obtained by the AP. Bush's team filed paperwork last week with the state of Florida to create a formal campaign, "Jeb 2016 Inc." That allowed the campaign to open a bank account and begin courting donors even before the announcement.

The fundraising rollout comes as Bush makes final tweaks to the political structure of his 2016 campaign.

Day-to-day operations will be led by campaign manager Danny Diaz, a longtime Republican operative going back to former President George W. Bush's 2004 re-election campaign.

David Kochel, a veteran of presidential campaigns in Iowa who was expected to serve as campaign manager, will instead serve as a top strategist and oversee early state operations, while longtime adviser Sally Bradshaw will continue to serve as Bush's "right hand."

"Jeb Bush is a leader who has a history of attracting top talent and pushing them beyond what they thought possible," Bradshaw said. "David can best position us for success by playing a key leadership role focusing on how Jeb wins primaries, caucuses, and ultimately the general election, and Danny's skill at rapidly moving content and campaign organization makes him perfectly suited for running the day-to-day operations."

Bush's campaign will also benefit from six months of groundwork laid by a supportive super PAC named Right to Rise. The former Florida governor has toured the country raising money for that group since announcing plans to explore a White House run in December.

As part of the statement outlining the campaign leadership, the campaign confirmed longtime Bush adviser Mike Murphy will lead the Los Angeles-based super PAC, as was widely expected.

Unlike formal campaigns, which are governed by fundraising limits, super PACs can accept unlimited donations from individuals and corporations. But they are not allowed to coordinate their activities with candidates and campaigns for office.

Bush advisers confirmed Monday that an internal firewall was instituted on June 4 blocking any formal communication between campaign staff and the Bush allies who will run the super PAC. The advisers spoke on the condition of anonymity because they were not permitted to publicly discuss internal campaign operations.

Super PACs will play a crucial role in the 2016 presidential campaign — particularly in the Republican primary.

In 2012, Restore Our Future, a group helping eventual nominee Mitt Romney, spent about $153 million — primarily on televised attack ads. Romney's campaign spent more than three times that amount.

Murder charge dismissed for Houston man on death row

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Harris County District Attorney Devon Anderson on Monday dismissed capital murder charges against a 33-year-old Houston man sent to death row nearly a decade ago for the fatal shooting of a Houston police officer.

Alfred Dewayne Brown won a new trial last year after the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals agreed that telephone records bolstering his claims of innocence in the death of Houston Officer Charles Clark were withheld from Brown's 2005 trial. The phone records surfaced in 2013 as a homicide investigator was cleaning out his garage.

The non-disclosure of evidence was "inadvertent," the prosecutor's office said in a statement.

"After very careful consideration, I have decided that at this time, there is insufficient evidence to corroborate the testimony of Brown's co-defendant," Anderson said, adding that the decision to drop the charge against Brown "is the right thing to do."

Brown's lawyer, Katherine Scardino, said she expected her client to be released sometime on Monday and that his first order of business would be, "Go home, get reunited with his family and get on with his life."

In 2013, then District Attorney Mike Anderson, who was married to Devon Anderson and has since died, said a new trial for Brown was warranted and entered into an agreement with Brown's lawyers. Brown's trial judge agreed and sent the recommendations to the appeals court.

Clark was killed in 2003 responding to a robbery at a check cashing store. A store clerk, Alfredia Jones, 27, also was killed. One of Brown's friends, Elijah Joubert, also is on death row for the slaying.

Brown's lawyers argued their client had learning disabilities and a low IQ, and they unsuccessfully tried to show a third man involved in the robbery actually killed the 45-year-old officer, who died one day short of his 20th anniversary with the department. Defense lawyers contended the third man, Dashan Glaspie, was testifying against Brown to save himself.

Devon Anderson said Monday her decision to drop the capital murder charge was made after prosecutors and Houston homicide detectives re-examined the case as it was headed for retrial. She said the investigation remained open. There is no statute of limitations for capital murder.

According to court documents, Glaspie was supposed to be the lookout and getaway driver as Brown and Joubert pulled off the robbery at the store, which was a second target. Their first attempt at a robbery was thwarted when a store owner pulled a gun on them and they left.

Evidence showed Joubert approached Jones as she arrived to open the store for the day, and allowed her to make a telephone call to another store that would tell them she was open for business. Instead, she used a code word that alerted the second store to the robbery.

Glaspie and Brown were waiting at a store next door and had joined Joubert when Clark showed up and went inside. According to court documents, Brown then shot Clark and Joubert shot Jones after accusing her of tipping off police. Glaspie testified against both Brown and Joubert as part of a plea agreement.

Scardino said she warned Brown, who expressed to her the hope to "work crawfishing with his cousin in Louisiana," to not discuss the facts of the case with anyone.

Scardino also represented Anthony Graves, who spent nearly half his adult life in prison before he was released in October 2010 after prosecutors determined through DNA testing that he was not involved in the 1992 slayings of six members of a family in Burleson County.

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Things to do

■ Workshop with artist Kay Smith, Midland Palette Club. paletteclubmidland.com. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

■ Summer Movie Camp "The Book of Life," 9:30 a.m. or 1 p.m., Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Chuggington "The Great Rescue Adventure" Live, 6:30 p.m., Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center. wagnernoel.com.

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

Meeting

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City H all
300 N. Loraine Ave.

Pools today

Doug Russell Aquatic Center, 900 N. Midland Drive, closed.

Washington Aquatic Center, 1601 E. Indiana, noon to 9 p.m.; Family night is from 7-9 p.m.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ Pop-Up Toasters Toastmasters Club., 6:30 a.m., First Presbyterian Church's Family Life Center - Room 228, 800 W. Texas Ave.; 432-242-2061 or popuptoasters@gmail.com.

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

■ Midland Optimist Club, noon, Abuelo's; 685-7486.

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

■ American Legion Post No. 19, 6:30 p.m., 501 Veterans Airpark Lane; 682-5511.

■ ACT IX, 6:30 p.m., Cole Theater; Carolyn Schoolcraft, 685-7416.

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

■ Midland Quilters Guild meets 7 p.m., Alamo Heights Baptist Church Fellowship Hall. For more information call 694-0561.

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

■ Permian Basin Coin and Stamp Club, 7 p.m., Michael's Charcoal Grill; Dave Taylor;559-9890 or www.midlandcoins.com.

■ Permian Basin Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church; 520-4343.

Community calendar

■ Permian Basin Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind is hosting an informational meeting 2-4 p.m. Saturday at the parlor of St. Stephen's Catholic Church. Representatives will have information on Newsline, a service that provides access to newspapers.

For more information, call Stella Davila at 528-2350.

■ Simon Kidgits Club is hosting Lil' Chefs at 2-4 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall. The event will include a variety of food-focused activities ranging from cooking demonstrations to etiquette lessons and craft-making with meal items.

Non-perishable food items will be collected for the West Texas Food Bank. Lil' Chefs is free for club members. Simon Kidgits Club membership fee is $5.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/MidlandParkMall or www.simon.com/mall/midland-park-mall.

■ Midland Senior Center, Illinois Avenue at Midkiff Road, will be hosting a barbecue dinner 6-10 p.m. June 20 in honor of Purple Heart recipients.

Purple Heart recipients who wish to attend should call Buck Main at 553-9566. Each veteran may bring one guest, he said. Deadline to RSVP is Monday.

■ Kid's Half Pint Triathlon is 9 a.m. June 27 at Midland YMCA. The event is for children 4-12. Registration fee is $15 for members and $25 for non-members and includes a T-shirt and medal.

Deadline to register is June 26. For more information, call 682-2551.

Correction

The photo on page 6B of Sunday's edition is of Dorothy Perkins. The photo was accompanied by the wrong name.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Lottery

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Pick 3 day: 4-4-0
Pick 3 evening: 4-3-4
Pick 3 night: 3-7-1
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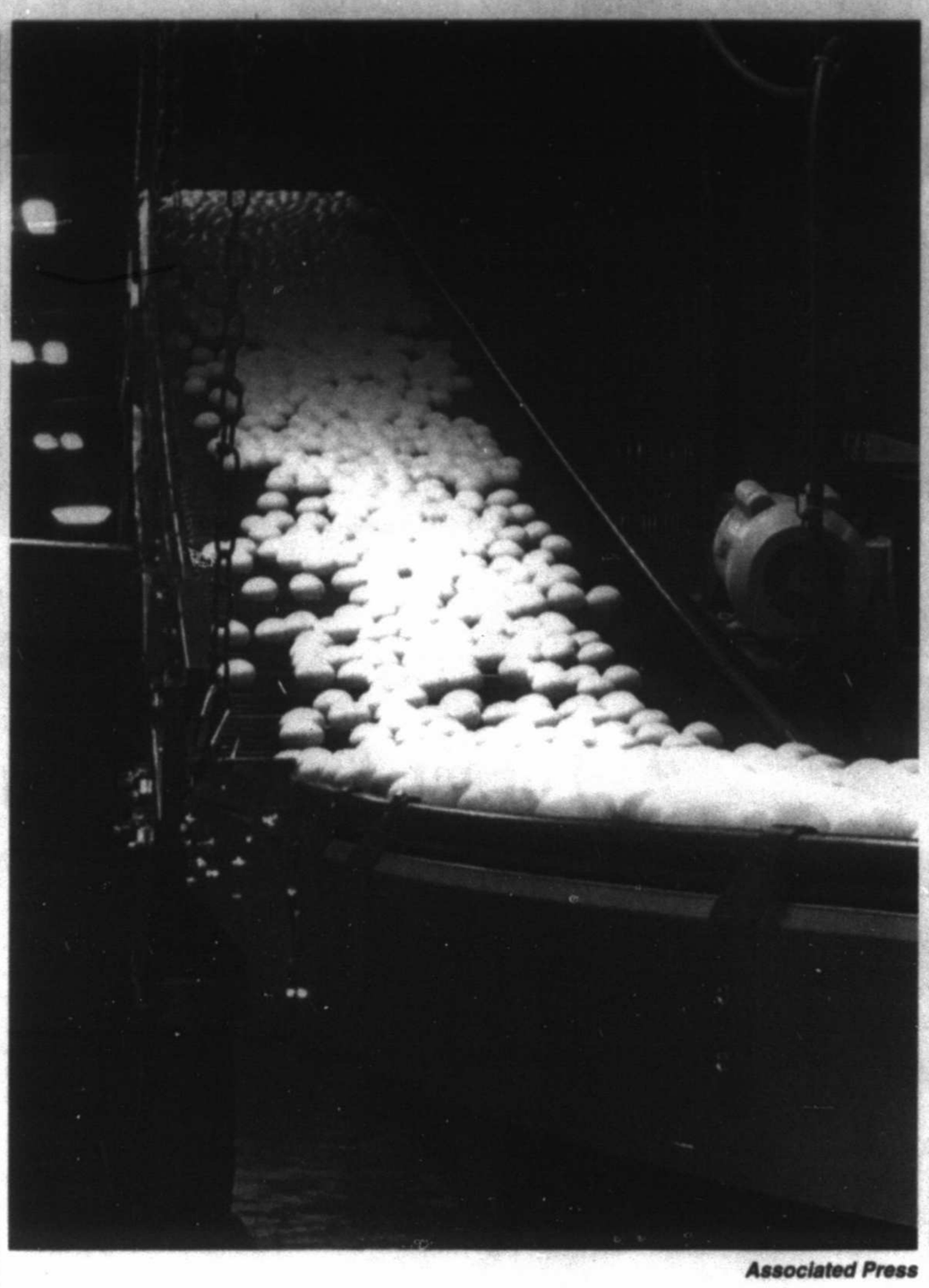

Associated Press

This undated photo provided by Katie Coyle shows eggs on a conveyor belt coming in from an Iowa chicken house. The bird flu outbreak has caused the U.S. Department of Agriculture to approve importing egg products from the Netherlands to be used for baking and in processed foods. A third of the supply disappeared in recent weeks because of the H5N2 virus which spread through Midwest egg farms including many in Iowa, the nation's leading egg producer.

US to import egg products from Netherlands to ease shortage

By David Pitt
Associated Press

DES MOINES, Iowa — With an increasing egg shortage due to the widespread bird flu outbreak, the United States will soon allow imported egg products from the Netherlands to be used for commercial baking and in processed foods.

It's the first time in more than a decade the U.S. has bought eggs from a European nation, and comes as consumers are seeing a surge in shell egg prices and a Texas-based supermarket began limiting purchases.

Generally, the U.S. produces enough eggs to meet domestic supply and export more than 30 million dozen eggs a month to trade partners including Mexico and Canada, the largest buyers. But the H5N2 virus — which began to spread widely through Midwest farms in the early spring, including in Iowa, the nation's largest egg producer — has left nearly 47 million birds dead or dying.

About 35 million were egg-laying hens that provided 80 percent of the eggs for the breaker market — eggs broken then liquefied, dried or frozen to be used in processed foods like mayonnaise and pancake mixes or sold to bakeries to make cakes, cookies and other products. Because there are fewer chickens laying eggs, a third of the supply for companies buying egg products has disappeared in just a few weeks.

"Our members are not able to get their hands on enough eggs to continue their production. It's very much a crisis for us right now," said Cory Martin, director of government relations for the American Bakers Association, a trade group representing wholesale bakeries including cookie and cracker maker Pepperidge Farm, Krispy Kreme Doughnut Corp., and White Plains, New York-based Linden's Cookies.

Prices for egg products used by food manufacturers and bakeries jumped more than 200 percent in the past month, and even large bakeries have been forced to buy eggs by the carton and crack them individually to continue production, Martin said.

Only Canada has been certified to sell liquid, dried and frozen egg products to U.S. companies in recent years. But with manufacturers scrambling, the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service, which oversees importation of egg products, announced last week the Netherlands again had been approved to export to the U.S. — something it hasn't done since 2002.

"Through a rigorous process of verification by FSIS of The Netherlands government inspection system, FSIS has determined that the country's food safety system continues to be equivalent to that of the U.S., which ensures that product is safe, wholesome and properly labeled," the federal agency said in a statement.

Five egg processors in the Netherlands, which had been approved initially in 1987 but saw its certification expire, will begin selling to U.S. companies as soon as export certificate language details can be worked out, FSIS spokesman Adam Tarr said. That's expected to happen within a few days.

Seven countries have been approved to import shell eggs to be cracked and used by bakeries and food processors, according to the Agriculture Marketing Service: Chile, Argentina, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Spain and Portugal. But the supply issue isn't likely to go away quickly, Martin said, noting the bakers association is encouraging the government to approve additional trade partners.

"I've been told by the producers it may take up to two years to get back up and running to where they were before they got hit with the flu," he said.

In an effort to discourage commercial buyers from stocking up, Texas-based grocery store chain H-E-B has limited egg purchases to three cartons per customer.

"H-E-B is committed to ensuring Texas families and households have access to eggs, our eggs are not for commercial sale," the company said in a statement. "The signs placed on our shelves last week are to deter commercial users from buying eggs in bulk."

Meanwhile, shoppers saw the price of a carton of large eggs shoot up more than 120 percent in a month — on average, above $2.60 a dozen, according to Urner Barry, a commodities reporting firm.

The higher prices have driven some consumers to buy specialty eggs including cage-free and organic, which typically cost more but haven't seen a similar increase because specialty-egg chicken houses haven't been hit as hard, Urner Barry egg industry analyst Brian Moscogiuri said. He noted that specialty-egg prices are closer to regular eggs, leading some consumers to justify the purchase.

BODY CAMS

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officers. It provides transparency and accountability. It's just a win-win — a win for the public and a win for the officer that protects them."

Major metropolitan areas in Texas, such as Houston, Dallas and soon Austin, already have begun rolling out body cameras for their police forces.

But the bill anticipates the financial burden local agencies might face in adopting the technology. The bill includes language that would also set aside $50 million in the state budget to help local law enforcement agencies pay for the cameras, software, staffing, training and storage the technology would demand. One camera is estimated to cost around $1,000.

In crafting the bill, Reynolds discovered that many jurisdictions have ended up saving money after adopting body cams.

"My research has shown that the jurisdictions that have them ended up saving money because the excessive-force complaints were down, the number of internal affairs investigations were down, the number of lawsuits were down," he said. "Basically, in the long term the benefits outweigh the initial investment costs."

STORE

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for police vehicles from PCMG Inc. of Chantilly, Virginia. The total cost is $103,061.

■ purchasing 25 XG-75M mobile radios with accessories for police vehicles from Dailey and Wells Communications Inc. of San Antonio. The total cost is $114,656.

■ purchasing additional police vehicle equipment from CapFleet Upfitters of Temple. The total cost is $163,230.

Mexico president poised for majority despite discontent

By E. Eduardo Castillo
Associated Press

MEXICO CITY — Despite widespread disillusionment with his government, President Enrique Pena Nieto on Monday emerged from midterm elections with an expected congressional majority that will let him forge ahead with his reform agenda without compromising with opponents.

With 89 percent of the ballots counted, Pena Nieto's Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, and its two coalition partners received about 40 percent of the vote in Sunday's election.

Under Mexico's mixed system of direct and proportional elections for congressional seats, analysts predicted the PRI coalition will ultimately control 245 to 263 seats in the 500-seat legislature.

"I can assure you that Pena Nieto will be able to put together a majority with certainty," said Roy Campos, director the Mitofsky polling firm. "Having 251, which is what he needs, is practically a done deal."

But "if the government measures the electoral result as an endorsement," Campos added, "that means they didn't understand this vote."

Halfway through Pena Nieto's six-year term, the election was widely seen as a referendum on a government whose approval ratings have been hit by scandals over real estate deals with government contractors, a less dynamic economy than expected and ongoing security concerns, as well as suspected massacres of civilians and the disappearance and presumed murder of 43 students who were grabbed by police last September.

But a schism in the country's main leftist Democratic Revolution Party caused by former two-time presidential candidate Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador breaking off to launch his own party, known as Morena, cost the left seats and benefited the PRI.

A year after it was formally recognized, Morena will have its first representation in Congress while Democratic Revolution, which was winning less than 11 percent of the vote in the preliminary results, could lose about a dozen seats.

The third main political force, the conservative National Action of the Party that produced Mexico's two previous presidents, maintained more or less steady support with about 21 percent of the vote.

Analysts noted that in many places around the country there were no local elections for mayor or governor, and voters were casting ballots for unknown congressional candidates. In such races, the PRI enjoys an advantage because of its large, entrenched political machine.

"It's a sigh of relief (for the PRI), yes...," said Jose Antonio Crespo, a political analyst and professor at the Center for Economic Research and Teaching. "What was not reflected was discontent with the government and the parties. All the indicators of discontent did not appear ... except at the local level."

The most notable example was the election of Jaime Rodriguez, known as "El Bronco," who became the first independent candidate in Mexico to win a governor's race, in Nuevo Leon state on the border with Texas. This was the first year independents could seek office under a recent electoral reform.

In doing so, the horseback-riding, boot-clad Rodriguez ousted the PRI from a key state that includes the business hub of Monterrey.

Rodriguez filled a void where fed-up voters felt that traditional parties weren't responsive to their needs, and it could set a precedent for similar candidacies in the future, Crespo said.

"The independent gives you hope, an expectation, simply because it's something different," he said, "even though we have no proof that he will be more effective."

In the city of Cuernavaca outside the Mexican capital, recently retired soccer star Cuauhtemoc Blanco was ahead in the vote for mayor and poised to take over an office previously held by the PRI. He represented the tiny Social Democratic Party, which doesn't exist in most other states.

And the major city of Guadalajara turned its back on the traditional powers, the PRI and National Action, by giving an overwhelming victory to Enrique Alfaro of the center-left Citizens Movement, which barely registers in polls in much of the country.

Pena Nieto was boosted by a bump in support for the allied Green Party, which jumped from about 6 percent of the vote to 7 percent following a controversial campaign in which it was fined millions for ignoring campaign finance laws. That could give the Greens as many as 20 new seats.

Protesters burned ballot boxes in several restive states in southern Mexico, but officials said they were isolated incidents.

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"Usually what happens with these types of projects is that after the state funding runs out after seven or eight years they really start going down. ... So if you do a rate between 50 percent market and 50 percent affordable then you have the additional income and revenue to keep the building in good shape," Lacy said.

The apartment complex, if approved and built, will take up one of the last pieces of unutilized land in District 4, according to Lacy. He hopes that if the project is approved, construction could begin by the end of the year.

Also, at Monday's meeting, the commission approved:

■ plans by EOG Resources to build additional buildings and parking infrastructure next to their current building west of the loop.

The company will add an unknown amount of office space.

■ a specific use permit with term for the sale of alcohol at Clear Springs Café, which is located next to Sam's Club.

The restaurant also requested that their seating capacity be increased from 345 seats to 504 seats.

■ a wireless tower by Verizon along the Scharbauer Draw near the intersection of East Scharbauer Drive and North Tyler Street.

The tower would be 68 feet tall and would help match growing demand, according to a representative present at the meeting.

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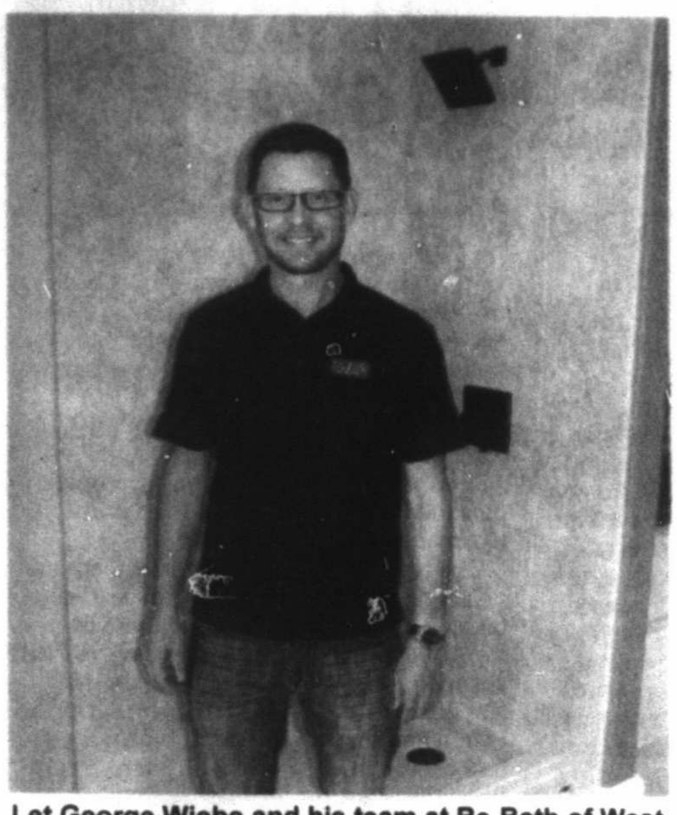

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■ Senator's course is reckless; his politics are no longer "romantic"

MICHAEL GERSON
Washington Post Writers Group

Rand Paul's presidential campaign, by many recent accounts, is sputtering. The candidate, according to The Atlantic's Molly Ball, is "flailing." His campaign, reports National Journal's Josh Kraushaar, has been called a "disaster."

These judgments, even if true, are provisional. Pretty much any candidate in the Republican pack is one killer debate performance, one strong poll result, one especially good fundraising report away from a narrative of resurgence.

But there is little question that the initial, ineffable appeal of the Paul campaign has faded. In March 2013, when Paul filibustered against the government's possible use of Hellfire missiles to murder civilians in San Francisco cafes and Houston restaurants — this seemed to make sense to some people at the time — many conservatives were swept away. "His voice, once lonely," wrote Noah Rothman, "grew in stature. ... It was poetic. It was romantic."

Compare this to Paul's recent filibuster of the Patriot Act. The Senate gallery was staged with supporters wearing "Stand With Rand" T-shirts. Paul's online campaign store offered a "filibuster starting pack" for $30, including a "spy blocker" for your computer's video camera and a shirt reading "The NSA knows I bought this Rand Paul T-shirt." Paul's Senate colleagues found themselves dragged into the middle of an infomercial, And many were not pleased.

Once it was Mr. Smith goes to Washington. Now it is Mr. Smith uses Senate procedure to conduct a fundraising campaign on a national security issue that he distorts to serve his political interests.

The romance is gone. The bitterness and conspiratorial hints remain. Paul recently blamed the rise of the Islamic State on Republican "hawks." Under pressure, Paul conceded, "I could have stated it better." But this was a gaffe of excessive clarity. Paul's foreign policy libertarianism is founded on the belief that an aggressively fought war against terrorism actually produces terrorism — that America has somehow earned the enmity it faces.

And Paul's accusation goes further. "People here in town [Washington, D.C.] think I'm making a huge mistake," he said on the Senate floor. "Some of them I think secretly want there to be an attack on the United States so they can blame it on me."

Paul likes to present himself as a voice of reason and outreach. But he is prone to rhetorical recklessness. Which of Paul's rivals, in this case, would be secretly pleased about the killing of Americans if it helped justify a political argument? Any names? Paul, by his account, is not only facing opponents but monsters.

According to Paul, it is "hawks" and "neocons" who "glory for war," who "really think war's always the answer." Some, as we've seen, "secretly want there to be an attack on the United States." Sen. John McCain wants "15 wars more." Paul has accused former Vice President Dick Cheney of supporting the Iraq War in order to benefit his former employer, Halliburton. Paul's charges are often nasty, often ad hominem, often involve the questioning of motives. In democratic discourse, this type of argument is a conversation stopper. How can you find agreement with scheming warmongers?

Paul sometimes apologizes, at least partially, for his sweeping hyperbole. But he falls into this habit frequently, and almost always on foreign policy matters. This reveals much about Paul's sense of political calling. He presents himself as someone engaged in a quest against sinister forces — a quest to dismantle the national security state, in both commitments abroad and surveillance at home. And the main obstacles to this goal are not Democrats (Paul often shares foreign policy views with President Obama), they are pro-military Republicans.

Paul's wink-and-nod primary strategy — winking toward his father's libertarian base, nodding toward establishment foreign policy thinking — has collapsed. Paul was always more comfortable on the Snowden side of the national security ramparts. During the Patriot Act debate, by strategy or ideological compulsion, this showed. Limiting the reach and authority of American intelligence services — at a time of Chinese cyberaggression and online Islamist radicalization — would be a core mission of a Paul presidency.

Yet Paul succeeded, in part. Republican leaders in the House and Senate could not muster the votes to defend the Patriot Act in its original form, and had to accept a system that further restricts access to bulk data. The cost for Paul was to abandon the pretense of ideological moderation, and to embrace a rhetorically, and substantively, reckless course.

GUEST VIEW

Lift the export ban on U.S. crude oil

San Antonio Express-News

A ban on crude oil exports made a bit of sense once upon a time.

It does no longer. It was born out of the Arab oil embargo in the 1970s when U.S. dependence on foreign oil was a clear threat to domestic economic security. Now that the U.S. is reaching the ranks of high oil producers, such as Saudi Arabia and Russia, and alternative energy sources are emerging, the case is far less compelling.

But where this ban makes even less sense is when it prevents U.S. crude oil from going to Mexico, though no such ban exists for Canada.

Gov. Greg Abbott was spot on recently in signing a state Senate resolution calling on Congress to lift the ban. The resolution said that thwarting a job creator is unreasonable and, now that domestic supplies are plentiful, it makes little sense not to compete with other producers on the world market. He signed a Senate resolution that asks the federal government to expedite the export of domestic natural gas as well.

That leaves environmental concerns for maintaining the ban. But the fact remains that the market still exists for oil, other countries will supply what we do not, the world's economies still depend on oil, its export to areas in short supply will hasten global economic good generally, and starving economies to force alternatives is not the best way to make these more economically efficient anyway. And exporting U.S. crude — exporting refined products is already allowed — can lower domestic gas prices, some studies have shown. This will also benefit the domestic economy.

U.S. producers — of oil and gas — can export and the country can still make sure plenty of reserves are stored, another concern raised.

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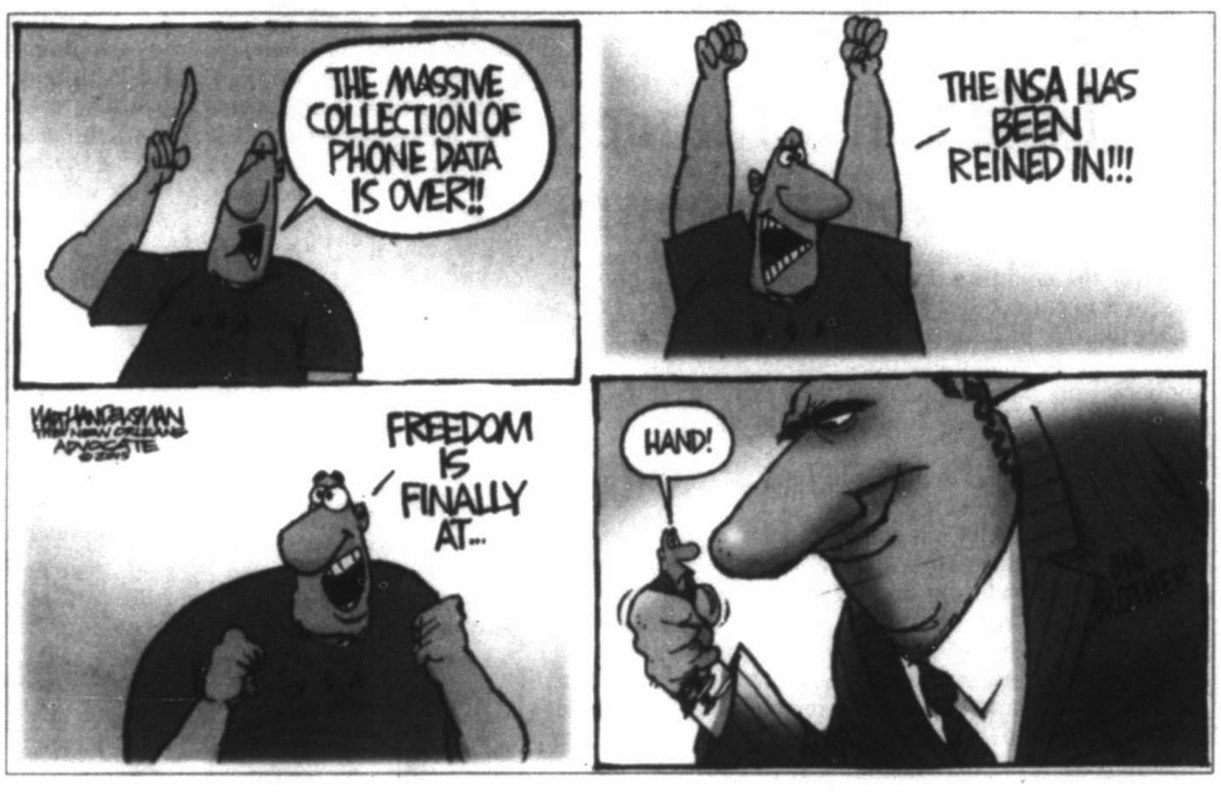

Clinton has Bernie Sanders problem

CARL LEUBSDORF
Dallas Morning News

On the morning after Bernie Sanders unveiled his presidential candidacy along the windswept shores of Lake Champlain, the pundits on MSNBC's "Morning Joe" were speculating on the Vermont senator's prospects against Hillary Clinton.

Bloomberg's Mark Halperin said he could easily surpass 25 percent in Iowa or New Hampshire. NBC's Chuck Todd observed that, "if he's flirting with 40 percent somewhere, then all of a sudden it is Gene McCarthy territory," a reference to the Minnesota senator's 1968 insurgency that helped end Lyndon Johnson's presidency.

No one predicted Sanders — or former Maryland Gov. Martin O'Malley — would beat Clinton. But their discussion spotlighted her real problem in next year's caucuses and primaries: expectations and, more precisely, the likelihood her rivals will do "better than expected."

The history of the Democratic Party tells us that threat is real. For half a century, insurgent Democrats generally representing the party's left have repeatedly outstripped expectations, either winning nominations outright or forcing front-runners into longer, more damaging battles to secure what initially seemed theirs.

McCarthy ultimately lost, but his 1968 campaign revealed party divisions that undermined the eventual nominee, Vice President Hubert Humphrey, and helped elect Richard Nixon. Four years later, antiwar insurgent George McGovern won the nomination, but suffered a devastating general election defeat.

Jimmy Carter, victorious as an insurgent in 1976, was himself the victim four years later, when Sen. Edward Kennedy's challenge helped elect Ronald Reagan. Walter Mondale survived Sen. Gary Hart's 1984 challenge but lost decisively in November.

More recently, insurgent Barack Obama defeated establishment favorite Clinton in 2008, and won comfortably in November.

That brings us to Sanders, O'Malley and Clinton's latest challenger, former Rhode Island Gov. and Sen. Lincoln Chafee.

Already, a significant minority of Democrats say they want an alternative to Clinton — or at least a choice. Polls show 2 out of 5 Iowa Democrats and up to half in New Hampshire resist naming her their choice; she is so well known, those numbers seem more valid than most early polls, though subject to change.

Clinton may benefit from a divided opposition preventing any single rival from doing too well. But reporters, anchors and pundits, always eager for a contest, will probably focus on her percentage, especially if it's under pre-caucus and primary polls.

Her campaign has already sought to lower expectations with a memo noting no contested nonincumbent ever won more than 50 percent in either state. But Kurt Meyer, the Democratic chairman of three north-central Iowa counties, expressed the reality by warning in an interview with The New York Times that a Clinton victory "by less than 20 percent" will create a two-person race heading into New Hampshire.

The classic example was 1984, when Mondale led a large Iowa field with 49 percent, Hart finished a distant second with 16, but the press immediately characterized it as a two-person race, noting Hart's strong New Hampshire organization. Hart won there, but had difficulty sustaining his momentum, while weakening Mondale in the process.

Yet, in 2000, Al Gore's slim New Hampshire margin over challenger Bill Bradley (50-46 after winning Iowa 63-37) proved more than enough when Bradley was unable to maintain his challenge in later primaries.

The existence of multiple Clinton rivals means a heated scrap to become her prime opponent. Sanders has advantages: He announced first, and has more money, a sharper persona and more genuine ideological identity as a progressive spokesman.

He could stand out when debates start, probably in October, though Sanders is seeking earlier confrontations.

Some Democrats fear pressures from Massachusetts Sen. Elizabeth Warren, New York Mayor Bill de Blasio and her rivals might push Clinton too far to the left. But their leftist rhetoric and positions — Sanders advocates breaking up big banks, a single-payer health care system and increased Social Security benefits — might help Clinton confirm her more centrist image.

Barring a Clinton implosion or a Sanders or O'Malley breakthrough like McCarthy's 42 percent in New Hampshire, the former secretary of state remains heavily favored for the Democratic nomination.

But her road there could be unexpectedly difficult.

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Obama: Court shouldn't have considered health law challenge

By Jim Kuhnhenn and Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

ELMAU, Germany — With a crucial legal decision looming, President Barack Obama said Monday the Supreme Court should not even have considered the latest challenge to his signature health care law but he voiced confidence the justices "will play it straight" — and leave the law intact.

Obama weighed in on the merits of the case against the 5-year-old Affordable Care Act as the high court prepares to announce a decision sometime later this month that could wipe out health insurance for millions of people.

Wrapping up a two-day international summit Monday, Obama told reporters there was no reason for the health program to end up in court, maintaining that "the thing is working."

"Frankly, it probably shouldn't even have been taken up," he said.

The remark was a direct and provocative challenge to a court that holds the fate of one of Obama's top legislative achievements in its hands. To prevail, Obama needs the votes of Chief Justice John Roberts or Justice Anthony Kennedy, one of whom most likely voted to hear the case in the first place.

At issue in the case is whether Congress authorized federal subsidy payments for health care coverage regardless of where people live, or only for residents of states that created their own insurance marketplaces. The decision could have far-reaching implications because nearly 6.4 million low- and moderate-income Americans could lose coverage if the court said people who enrolled through the federal site weren't eligible for the subsidies.

Obama said it has been well-documented that Congress never intended to exclude people who went through the federal exchange.

"You interpret a statute based on what the intent and meaning and the overall structure of the statute provides for," said Obama, a lawyer who once taught constitutional law.

Pressed in a news conference on whether he had an alternative if he loses in court, Obama insisted he had no "Plan B." "This would be hard to fix," he said.

But he made it clear that if the court were to rule against him, then he would place the political burden directly on the Republican-controlled Congress, betting that an angry public would demand a fix.

During oral arguments earlier this year before the Supreme Court, Justice Antonin Scalia also suggested that Congress could easily fix it.

"This Congress, your honor?" responded the administration's lawyer, Solicitor General Donald Verrilli Jr., eliciting ripples of laughter from observers in the chamber.

Still, most of the health insurance losses would occur in states governed by Republicans who have resisted the health care law and not created state exchanges. Twenty-six of the 34 states that would be most affected by the ruling have Republican governors, and 22 of the 24 GOP Senate seats up in 2016 are in those states.

As a result, those most affected if the court blocks subsidies are likely to be constituents of Republican lawmakers, a fact not lost on White House officials.

Public opinion remains mixed, however. A recent Washington Post-ABC poll found that a majority of Americans continue to oppose the law. But the poll, conducted at the end of May, also found that 55 percent of those surveyed don't want the court to block any subsidies.

"It's a bad idea," Obama said, noting that the case turns on the interpretation of a short phrase in the law. "It's not something that should be done based on a twisted interpretation of four words in — as we were reminded repeatedly — a couple-thousand-page piece of legislation."

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German Chancellor Angela Merkel speaks with President Barack Obama at Schloss Elmau hotel near Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany on Monday during the G-7 summit.

Obama: US lacks 'complete strategy' for training Iraqis

By Julie Pace and Nedra Nickler
Associated Press

ELMAU, Germany — Acknowledging military setbacks, President Barack Obama said Monday the United States still lacks a "complete strategy" for training Iraqi forces to fight the Islamic State. He urged Iraq's government to allow more of the nation's Sunnis to join the campaign against the violent militants.

Nearly one year after American troops started returning to Iraq to assist local forces, Obama said the Islamic State remains "nimble, aggressive and opportunistic." He touted "significant progress" in areas where the U.S. has trained Iraqis to fight but said forces without U.S. assistance are often ill-equipped and suffer from poor morale.

IS fighters captured the key Anbar provincial capital of Ramadi last month, prompting Defense Secretary Ash Carter to lament that Iraqi troops lacked "the will to fight." That was a strikingly negative assessment of a military that has been the beneficiary of billions in U.S. assistance dating back to the war started during the administration of U.S. President George. W. Bush in 2003.

Still, Obama indicated that simply increasing the number of Americans in Iraq would not resolve the country's issues. The U.S. currently has about 3,000 troops there for train-and-assist missions.

"We've got more training capacity than we have recruits," he said at the close of a two-day Group of Seven meeting at a luxury resort tucked in the Bavarian Alps.

G-7 leaders invited Iraqi Prime Minister Haider al-Abadi to join them Monday for talks on the security situation in the Middle East. Obama and Abadi also met one-on-one shortly before the president departed for Washington.

In both public and private, Obama urged Abadi and his Shiite-led government to allow more Sunnis to fight the Islamic State. The White House has long blamed Iraq's sectarian divisions for stoking the kind of instability that allowed the militants to thrive.

"We've seen Sunni tribes who are not only willing and prepared to fight ISIL, but have been successful at rebuffing ISIL," Obama said by the U.S. government. "But it has not been happening as fast as it needs to."

In Washington, the highest-ranking Sunni in Iraq's government said Sunni tribes are still receiving insufficient training and inferior weapons compared to the national army. Parliament Speaker Salim al-Jabouri put the onus for fixing that on Baghdad, saying it should provide clear assurances that the tribes will receive the necessary weapons.

"Guarantees create confidence, and we need confidence," al-Jabouri told a small group of reporters, speaking through an interpreter.

An early opponent of Bush's war in Iraq, Obama withdrew U.S. forces in late 2011 and has vowed that he won't send Americans back into combat there. The U.S., along with coalition partners, is launching airstrikes in both Iraq and Syria, but is banking on local ground forces to supplement that effort.

A six-week U.S. combat training course instructs Iraqi forces in how to shoot, communicate and move about on the battlefield. They are also given individual military equipment.

Col. Steve Warren, Pentagon spokesman, told reporters Monday that the U.S. wants to be able to increase the number of Iraqi troops being trained, but to do that the Iraq government has to increase the number of troops it provides. As of June 4, the U.S. had trained 8,920 Iraqi troops at the four sites, and 2,601 more are undergoing training, Warren said.

Beyond Iraq's sectarian divisions, senior defense officials said, training is hindered because Iraqi security forces have difficulty getting to training sites. Not only are they consumed with fighting, but there are also risks in the travel itself, from Islamic State fighters to roadside bombs and blocked roads.

Some Republicans in the U.S. said the Islamic State's strength is a result of what they see as Obama's muddled and ineffective strategy. The president was sharply criticized in August for saying the U.S. didn't have an overall strategy for fighting the Islamic State, and his comments Monday about plans for training the Iraqis sounded similar.

"We aren't winning the fight against ISIL because we don't have a winning plan," Rep. Kevin McCarthy, R-Calif., said. "The president can't delay anymore, especially as ISIL continues to make major gains."

The campaign against the Islamic State was one of several security issues on the agenda during the G-7 talks. Leaders also spent significant time discussing the crisis in Ukraine, where the West alleges Russia continues to sow instability.

In a joint statement, the leaders vowed to keep sanctions in place until a fragile peace agreement is fully implemented. They also said sanctions could increase if Russia escalates its aggression, despite the fact that the economic penalties have done little to change Vladimir Putin's approach so far.

Until last year, Russia had joined the U.S., Canada, Britain, Germany, France, Italy and Japan in the bloc of leading industrial nations. But those nations kicked Russia out last year as part of its punishments for actions in Ukraine.

State budget gaps force longer sessions in some legislatures

Associated Press

ATLANTA — With budget deadlines looming for nearly all states, disagreements over closing deficits or expanding Medicaid are forcing several legislatures to extend their sessions.

The number of states in which lawmakers and governors are at odds over budget problems pales in comparison to those dealing with red ink during the Great Recession. But it serves as a cautionary note during a year in which the national economy is at its healthiest since the recovery began.

Legislative special sessions are underway in Alaska, Florida, Illinois and Washington, and a number of other states facing significant shortfalls are struggling to figure out how they will meet their constitutional requirements to balance their budgets. Forty-five states begin the next fiscal year on July 1 and must have their operating plans in place by then.

Describing late budgets as "summer cliffhangers no one wants to see," credit analyst Gabriel Petek with Standard & Poor's Ratings Services said recently he expects most states will pass budgets before the June 30 deadline and avoid the prospect of a state having to shut down any government functions.

"A handful of states, however, continue to grapple with large projected budget gaps or still have major policy issues to resolve," Petek wrote in a recent report. "This doesn't necessarily mean these states won't have budgets in hand by the start of the new fiscal year. But the significance of what remains unresolved does raise the specter that in at least a few of them, budget adoption could be late."

Even with falling unemployment and a roaring stock market, experts said a majority of states have failed to climb back to their pre-recession status in terms of tax revenue, financial reserves and job creation.

A recent survey by Associated Press statehouse reporters found at least 22 states were projecting budget shortfalls for the coming fiscal year. Stagnant or declining tax revenue, combined with rising pension and health care costs, are among the chief reasons for the budget turmoil, which experts say could mean deep cuts in state services.

Supreme Court strikes down 'born in Jerusalem' passport law

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Siding with the White House in a foreign-policy power struggle with Congress, the Supreme Court ruled Monday that Americans born in the disputed city of Jerusalem can't list Israel as their birthplace on passports.

In a 6-3 ruling, the court said Congress overstepped its bounds when it approved the passport law in 2002. The case mixed a dispute between Congress and the president with the thorny politics of the volatile Middle East.

The ruling ended a 12-year-old lawsuit by a Jerusalem-born American, Menachem Zivotofsky, and his U.S.-citizen parents.

The law the court struck down Monday would have forced the State Department to alter its long-standing policy of not listing Israel as the birthplace for Jerusalem-born Americans. The policy is part of the government's refusal to recognize any nation's sovereignty over Jerusalem until Israelis and Palestinians resolve its status through negotiations.

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Apple makes product upgrades, pushes into streaming music

By Ryan Narkashina and Brandon Bailey
Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Apple announced a major new foray into streaming music Monday as it showed off a host of new software features for its iPhones, iPads and Mac computers.

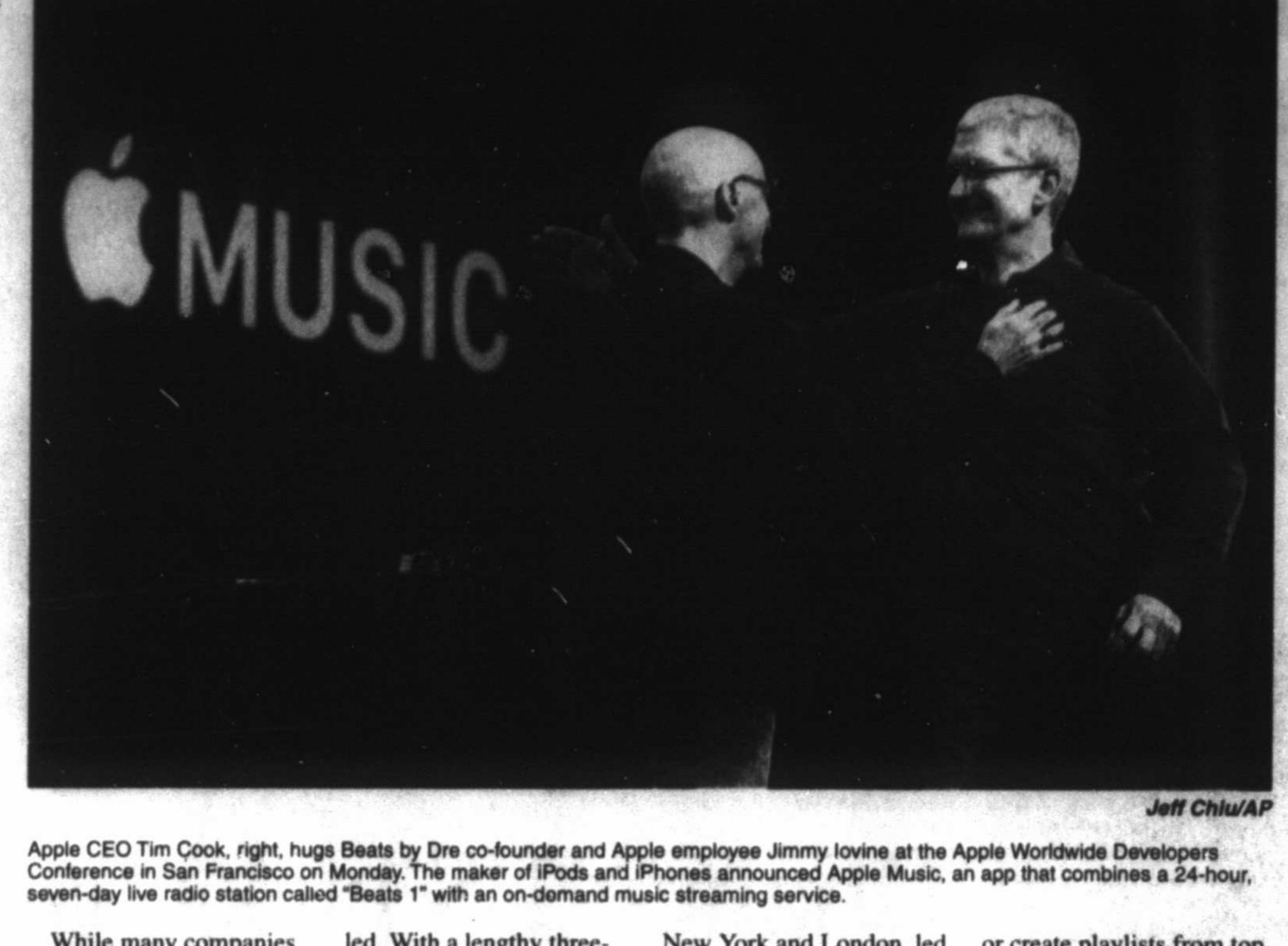
The $10-a-month music service is called Apple Music and combines on-demand listening, a 24/7 radio station hosted by live DJs and a forum for artists to give fans behind-the-scenes content from upcoming releases.

The service, which was announced during Apple's annual software conference Monday, will be launched later this month in more than 100 countries. It comes at a time when iTunes songs and album sales are falling, while streaming music leaders like Spotify and Deezer are gaining subscribers and revenue.

The music service was the biggest news of the company's five-day conference, but Apple also announced a host of new upgrades and services coming later this year to the operating software for its popular iPhones, iPads and Mac computers.

The new features including enhancements to Siri, the company's voice-activated digital assistant, as well as Apple Pay, Apple Maps and the Apple Watch. Executives also mentioned a new streaming TV service that Apple is reportedly hoping to announce later this year.

Analysts said the new services and upgrades, which will be available when Apple releases free updates to its iOS and Mac OS software this fall, are part of a broader strategy to make Apple's devices indispensable.



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Apple CEO Tim Cook, right, hugs Beats by Dre co-founder and Apple employee Jimmy Iovine at the Apple Worldwide Developers Conference in San Francisco on Monday. The maker of iPods and iPhones announced Apple Music, an app that combines a 24-hour, seven-day live radio station called "Beats 1" with an on-demand music streaming service.

While many companies make smartphones and computers, "Apple's crown jewels are its software and online services," said analyst Daniel Ives, who follows tech companies for FBR Capital Markets.

Some of the new features could provide new profits for the tech powerhouse. But perhaps more importantly, they may help keep customers from defecting to rivals like Google, which showed off new features for its competing Android mobile software at its event last month.

Here's a look at the new features Apple announced:

Apple Music

The service represents a chance for Apple to come from behind in a digital music field that it once led. With a lengthy three-month free trial, a $15-a-month plan for up to six family members, and the ability to push the app to 100s of millions of iPhone and iPad users, the launch could mark a major milestone in digital music.

Besides offering the new subscription plan, the app also will continue to allow download purchases from iTunes. It will be available this summer for Apple devices and Windows PCs, and in a break from Apple's usual practice, it will also be released as an app for Android devices this fall.

The live radio station, called "Beats 1," puts a twist on Internet radio, a field led by Pandora, by having human DJs host a constant stream of talk and music from Los Angeles, New York and London, led by former BBC host Zane Lowe.

The company is also touting a feature called "Connect," which artists can use to share notes, recordings and photos with their fans who subscribe to Apple Music.

"Apple Music is the next chapter in music," CEO Tim Cook told an estimated 5,000 software developers attending the conference. "It'll change the way you experience music forever."

Siri

Apple's voice-activated digital assistant will be integrated into the new music service, so subscribers can ask it to play songs from movie soundtracks, find hit songs from a certain year, or create playlists from top songs in different genres.

Siri is also gaining more intelligence, according to Apple executives, who demonstrated by having Siri do things like search an iPhone-users' photos with a voice command, such as "Show me pictures from San Francisco last July."

With the coming software update, Siri also will be able to anticipate certain requests and remember websites, said Apple senior vice president Craig Federighi. So, a user can tell Siri to "remember this" and it will later show a link to a website viewed earlier.

Siri will also gain the ability to search within apps loaded on the iPhone, to provide links to information from a restaurant or food app, for example.

Apple Pay

Along with making payments tied to a credit or debit card, Apple Pay will soon incorporate store-issued payment cards and rewards from loyalty programs offered by merchants like Walgreens and Dunkin Donuts. That could be a key to making the service more useful for shoppers, according to analysts at Forrester Research.

Apple said Apple Pay has been quickly embraced by shoppers and merchants since it was launched last fall, but it hasn't released many financial details. Forrester analysts said in an email that the idea of paying with a smartphone in stores is still new and it's unclear if consumers view it as a novelty or an essential shopping tool.

Apple Watch

Apple announced an update to the watch operating system and said it will release the programming tools that independent developers need to build apps that can interact directly with the watch's hardware and sensors.

The watch still requires a link to the iPhone to perform many functions, but Apple's Kevin Lynch said the new software upgrade will let the watch connect directly to Wi-fi networks, so it will be able to provide some services even if the owner's iPhone isn't nearby.

While tech experts see big opportunities in wearable devices, some consumers are "still on the fence," said app-builder Jordan Edelson of Appetizer Mobile. He said the new app-building tools will help developers show how useful the watch can be.

Apple did not release any sales figures for the watch, which it began selling in April.

NTSB: Collision avoidance systems should be standard in cars

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Automakers should immediately include as standard equipment in all new cars and commercial trucks systems that automatically brake or warn drivers to avoid rear-end collisions, the National Transportation Safety Board said in a report released Monday.

The systems could prevent or mitigate more than 80 percent of the rear-end collisions that cause about 1,700 deaths and a half-million injuries annually, the report said. There are about 1.7 million rear-end crashes each year in the U.S.

Some of the collision-avoidance systems issue a warning to drivers that a collision is imminent, but do not automatically brake. The board recommended manufacturers begin by making a warning system standard, and then add automatic emergency braking after the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration completes standards for them.

The board has recommended adoption of collision-avoidance systems or other steps to encourage their use a dozen times over the past 20 years, but the report called progress "very limited." Only four of 684 passenger vehicle models in 2014 included automatic braking systems as a standard feature: the Mercedes-Benz G Class 4X4, an SUV; the Subaru Forester and Outback, also SUVs, and the Subaru Legacy, a mid-sized sedan.

When the systems are offered as options they are typically on high-end vehicles like Cadillac, Infiniti and Lexus models and are often bundled with non-safety features like heated seats or faux leather interiors, making the overall package more expensive.

"You don't pay extra for your seatbelt," NTSB Chairman Christopher Hart said in a statement. "And you shouldn't have to pay extra for technology that can help prevent a collision."

But the Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers said collision avoidance systems should remain optional.

"There are almost two dozen driver assists on sale now, and some consumers may prefer a 360 degree camera view or parking assist," Gloria Bergquist, vice president of the Alliance, said in an email. "Automakers see automatic braking as helpful to consumers, but consumers should decide what they want and need."

The board also recommended that federal regulators develop tests and standards to rate the performance of each vehicle's collision-avoidance system and to incorporate those results into an expanded government safety rating system.

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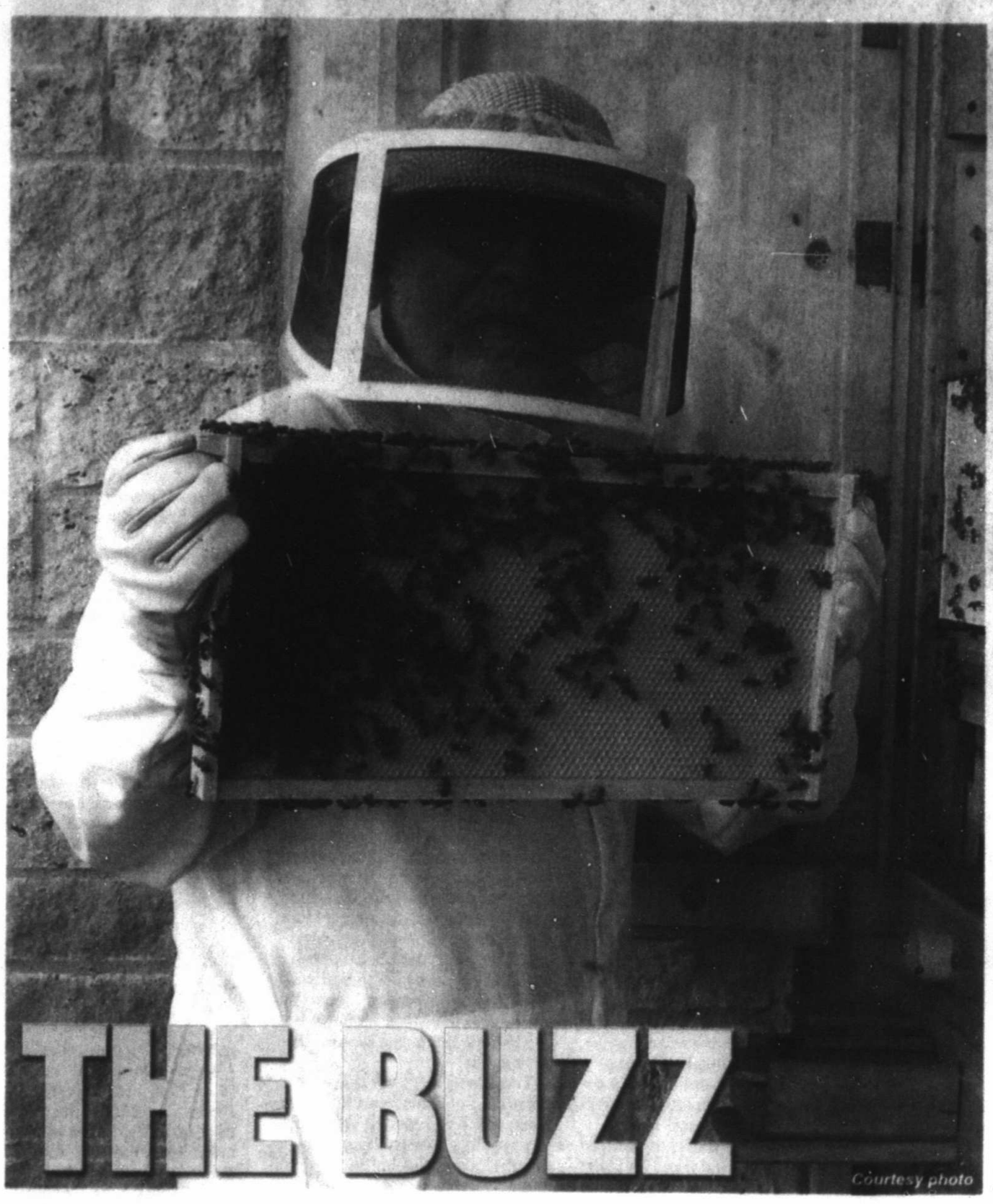

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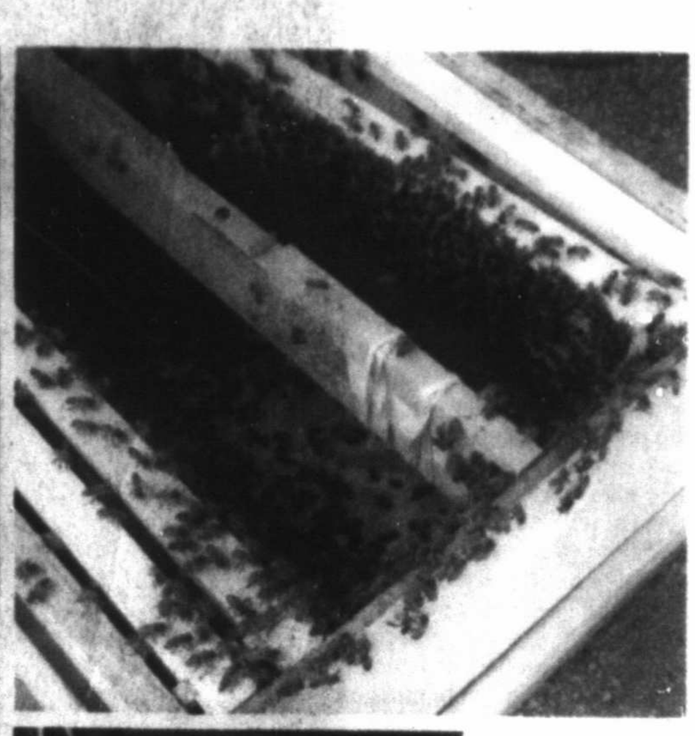

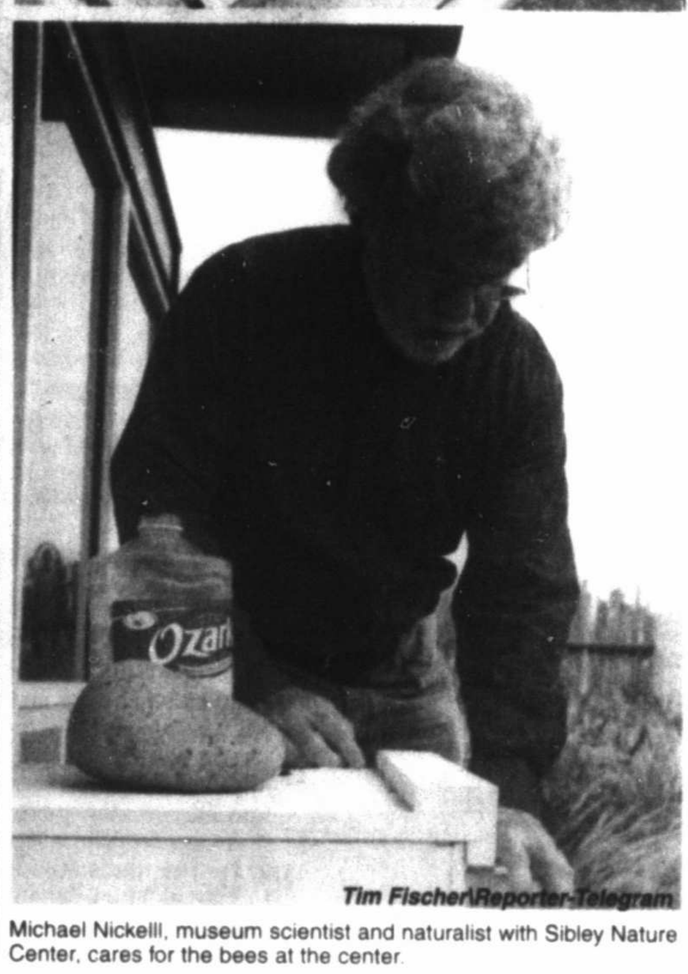

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Michael Nickelll, museum scientist and naturalist with Sibley Nature Center, cares for the bees at the center.

New bee colonies settle in at Sibley Nature Center

By Megan Lea Buck
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Sibley Nature Center recently welcomed thousands of new visitors. The center announced last month the arrival of new bee colonies. The center keeps bees to enhance the educational experience of visitors, said Michael Nickelll, museum scientist and naturalist. Nickell, who maintains the hives at Sibley, shared some of his knowledge and experience about bees. Here's the buzz:

MRT: How long have you had the bees at Sibley?

Nickell: We've been keeping bees here at Sibley — I want to say this is our fourth year, maybe fifth year. But the colonies that we have out there right now, they're new. I just recently installed them in the past couple of weeks.

MRT: Where do you get them?

Nickell: There are several apiaries across the country. I get mine from an apiary in Navasota. I primarily want bees that are more adapted to living here in Texas and the southwest. There are several strains or varieties of honey bees so I want to select one that's very adaptable to this area.

MRT: Do you drive out there and get them or do they deliver?

Nickell: Mine came UPS.

MRT: They sent bees UPS? I had no idea they would do that.

Nickell: I think the delivery driver that brought them had no idea they would do that either. As long as you handle the box very carefully, there's no worry about being stung. But here's a box of about 10,000 bees and a driver who didn't realize that, 'Hey, I've got a box with 10,000 bees.' He was a little bit nervous about that but I assured him it's fine. The box is pretty secure.

When he delivered it, I showed him what was going on and he was just absolutely enthralled. So when he made another delivery out here a week or two later he was asking about how the bees were doing. So I took him out there and showed him.

MRT: How often do you need to replace colonies?

Nickell: It largely depends on the health and success of the colony. Last year was not a good year for us at Sibley, so the colonies died off and we had to replace them. But if I have a good robust, healthy colony they can actually last several years.

MRT: What's the purpose of having bees at Sibley?

Nickell: It's primarily educational. We have two types of hives. We have a display hive that's encased behind glass so people can watch the bees doing all of their activities, and if they're fortunate can see the queen but you can also see some drones. You can see all the activity of the workers, them doing their bee dance, and coming and going, and bringing back pollen and drawing out wax. It's quite educational watching that.

But we also have a colony specifically for the production of honey. We're not in the commercial area of manufacturing honey for public sale, but we're using honey harvesting as an educational tool. Once our colonies are fit enough and large enough to produce honey, we'll have educational programs to show people where honey comes from.

Oftentimes we think, well, honey comes from the grocery store in a little squirt bottle shaped like a little bear. No, it doesn't.

MRT: What goes into care and maintenance of the colonies?

Nickell: They need to be monitored frequently. There's many, many diseases and parasites that affect our bees. So I'm looking for evidence of things like tracheal mites or wax moths or something like that that would actually devastate a bee colony.

MRT: How long have you been the one keeping the bees at Sibley?

Nickell: I sort of inherited the task. I've got an entomology background. I had not planned on becoming a bee keeper, but when we had our capital campaign to build up the trail system and construct this wildlife observation room, part of that construction included having a display bee colony. Well, sort of by default, I was the one who was in charge of the bees. It was a very steep learning curve and even though I've been doing it about four years now I'm still very much a novice at bee keeping.

MRT: Bees have been in the news a lot lately. Is there anything you think we can do as a community? Do you think we can make a difference?

Nickell: Everybody can make

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Mariachi musician aims to entertain and inspire

By Rich Lopez
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Although a classical violinist at first, Monica Trujillo found her way to mariachi after being moved by seeing a local group. Switching directions musically, she became the first female to be invited to officially play in the New Mexico band Mariachi Tenampa. Now having played mariachi for more than two decades, Trujillo looks to not only entertain with her band, but also to inspire.

She and her bandmates will bring Mariachi Tenampa to Midland this week as part of the Hispanic Cultural Center's 12th Annual Mariachi Workshop and Competition from Wednesday to Friday, culminating in the Una Noche de Mariachi concert Friday night at the Cimarex Pavilion.

Trujillo talked about her coming into mariachi music, her musical heroes and the significance of being the lone female member of Mariachi Tenampa.

MRT: How long have you been playing mariachi music?

Trujillo: I play violin and sing, and have been playing mariachi for 21 years, not including a two-year break when I had my twin boys in late 2012. I just recently came back to gigging full time last month.

MRT: And then with Tenampa?

Trujillo: I was invited as a permanent member of the group back in 2004.

MRT: How do you see the presence of a female perspective on mariachi in what most people assume is all male?

Trujillo: Well, for the most part, people seem to really enjoy seeing females as mariachis these days. I think that having at least one female in the group definitely opens up more song possibilities for performing, whether it's the range needed for chorus parts or lyrics that really are only appropriate for a female to sing. I can say that it's still not an easy road to travel.

MRT: How so?

Trujillo: Some of the hardships I've faced personally are wives and girlfriends not trusting having another female around. Then I've been told that I play "pretty

Monica Trujillo

good for a girl" (still not entirely sure if that was meant as a compliment). There have been times that I have not been taken seriously by male mariachis, and I have even been outright told that females have no place in the genre.

MRT: How would you confront those obstacles?

Trujillo: It was very difficult for me to face and deal with for the first few years, but I decided that I would not fight it. I would simply keep doing what I'm doing and let my music speak for itself. When I meet

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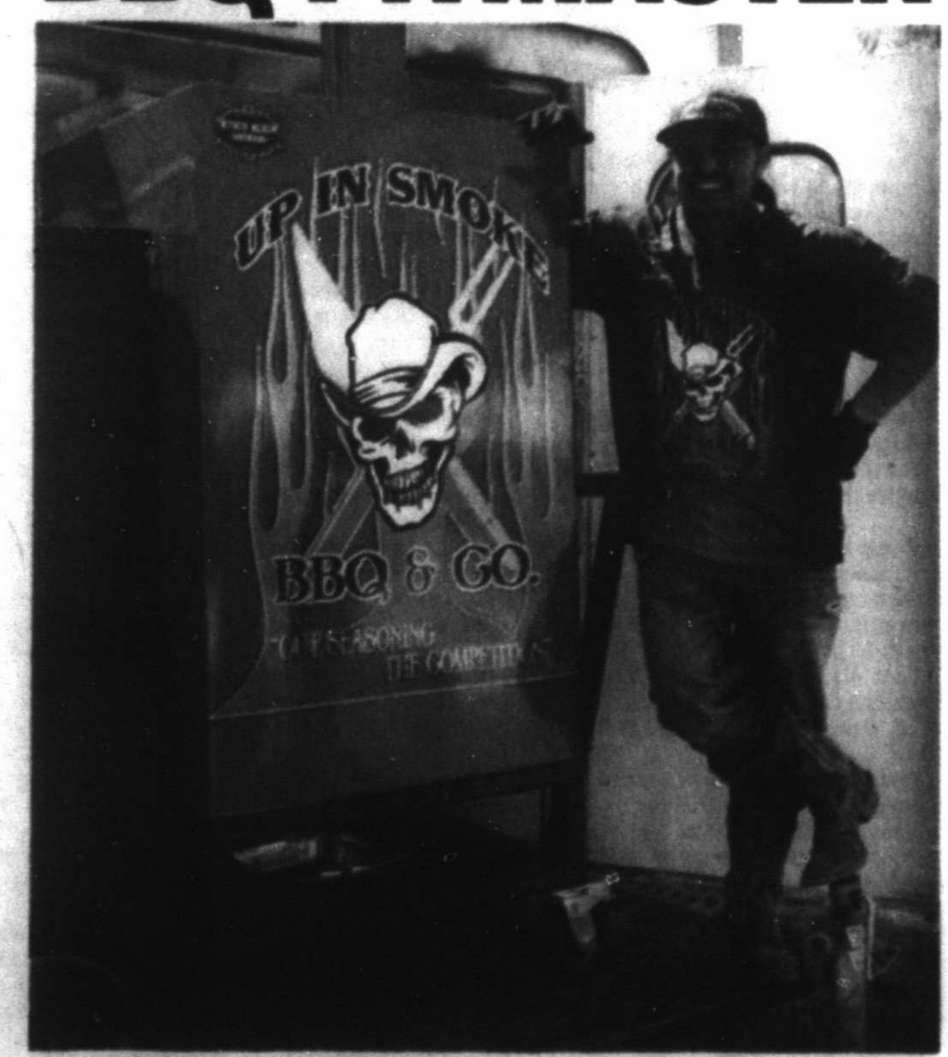
TEXAS CHAMPION BBQ PITMASTER



Don't miss Midlander Junior Urias on this week's episode of "BBQ Pitmasters." After winning the title of BBQ Pitmasters Texas Champion last year, Urias and his team, Up in Smoke, were invited to compete against other winners in the reality show's sixth season. "BBQ Pitmasters" airs 8 p.m. Thursday on the Destination America network.

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a difference. Whenever I go into the grocery store into the produce section, I am just amazed at the variety of produce that's available. The fruits and vegetables, the colors, the aromas — it's a feast for not only the palate but the other senses as well. We are truly blessed to live in a nation in which we have this great variety of fruits and vegetables.

That being said, we have that variety because we have honey bees. The vast majority of our crops are pollinated by honey bees, so imagine that you go into the produce section of the grocery store and all that you have available were things like corn, pecans, wheat and rice and things made out of corn and that was basically it. The vast majority of fruits and vegetables are pollinated by bees — so the apples and oranges and melons and cucumbers need bees to pollinate those.

You can plant around your house bee-friendly flowers. Bees get their needs met through the flowers. They get their protein needs met through the pollen that they gather. They get their carbohydrate needs met through the nectar that they gather. And so flowers are needed to provide for the nourishment of bees.

MRT: Can you explain what's happening with bees?

Nickell: There are several things that are going on out there that bees are having a hard time with. Certainly there are many different kinds of diseases that are affecting bees. There's some inbreeding that's taken place as well, which affects the genetics. But probably the most dire thing that's affecting bees is what we call colony collapse disorder. And CCD is probably a perfect storm of several things that are happening simultaneously to the bee populations, and probably one of the most severe things that is happening to the bees is probably the introduction of a certain class of pesticides called neonicotinoids in which the pesticide gets actually incorporated into the plant parts. So when bees come along and feed on the pollen or feed on the nectar of these plants, they might not necessarily get a lethal dose of the toxin but it's enough so that it can disorient them and they just simply lose their way. They can't find their way back home. They're disappearing. It's not just a U.S. thing. It's a global thing.

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Rene Zubia on guitar and others practice June 12, 2014, during the Midland Hispanic Cultural Center's mariachi workshop.

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someone's wife or girlfriend, I introduce myself and try to get to know her, and make it clear I'm not trying to move in on her relationship. I think I've gained some respect in my time, and I'm happy with that. This group in particular has taught me so much and I've grown so much as a musician. They gave me an opportunity that I'll never forget, one that I will always be grateful for. They are my second family.

MRT: Were you always into mariachi music?

Trujillo: I started with classical violin first which served me well for 10-11 years before I joined the mariachi world, in terms of technique and foundation. My family has always enjoyed listening to mariachi, so I was somewhat familiar with the genre growing up. It always felt like a special treat to see live mariachis! But when I graduated high school, I turned down my music scholarships because I felt at the time that it was something I did not want as a career choice.

MRT: Being that mariachi is mostly male, what made you decide to go that route?

Trujillo: Just before I started college, I went with my parents to hear a local group and I was so moved that I spoke with the leader during their break. I told him how much I love mariachi music and that I was a violinist myself. He invited me to join in on their next practice, so I did and that night I was invited to join. At the time, I had no idea I could get paid for my music, and the gender issue never crossed my mind.

MRT: Could you talk about your musical heroes?

Trujillo: Well, my very first mariachi music hero was the late Miguel Santiago, my "padrino" of mariachi. He was the very first man that gave me a shot at being a mariachi and he taught me a lot about playing al talon (taking requests). My second would definitely be Laura "La Grandota" Sobrino. She was one of my first mariachi violin teachers, and she had already paved the way for female mariachis everywhere. She taught me the difference in style between classical and mariachi music. She was a mentor, a role model, at times a harsh critic, and over the years she became my great friend. This is tough for me to discuss, as she has very recently passed away and left a hole in the world of mariachi that can never again be filled.

MRT: Are you a full-time mariachi?

Trujillo: That would depend on your definition of full-time. I only miss gigs for extreme extenuating circumstances, so in that aspect yes, I am a full-time mariachi. In another aspect, I also teach mariachi violin, and since 1997 I've worked for the local school district, most recently in an autism specific program, grades 6-8. I'll be taking a leave of absence from the school district to go back to college this fall, but I plan to return after two years. I am also a full-time wife and mom.

MRT: What's been your feedback from young musicians or budding mariachis?

Trujillo: I have good rapport with my students. When one expresses a desire to make mariachi their profession, I still encourage them to go to college. It's always good to have a backup plan. Being a professional musician is a very fickle career to have. Work ebbs and flows with the seasons and with the economy. With that being said, if I can inspire anyone to pursue music, then I've done my job.

MRT: What music do you like to listen to?

Trujillo: The easier question is what kind of music do I not like to listen to! If you looked at my iPod, you would see everything from the obvious mariachi, to classical, country, hip-hop, rock, some pop (though not much), jazz, you name it. I think any musician should be able to appreciate most, if not all genres for what they have to offer.

For more information about the 12th Annual Mariachi Workshop and Competition and the Mariachi Tenampa performance, call the Hispanic Cultural Center at 638-4226 or visit hccmidland.org.

DAYCAMPS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Various organizations and agencies in Midland are offering day camps during the summer. This list will run in the Reporter-Telegram throughout the summer as space is available. To add a camp to this list, email mbuck@mrt.com.

The Art of Texas | 699-2125 | theartoftx.com
Craft Camp. $275
Kids will complete variety of crafts
10 a.m.-2 p.m. | June 8-12 and July 6-10 | Ages 6-13

Books & Brushes Camp | $175
Campers will have storytime followed by craft related to the book
9 a.m.-noon | June 22-26 and July 20-24 | Ages 3-5

Disney Art Camp | $275
Kids will do a painting and two crafts daily based of different Disney movie
10 a.m.-2 p.m. | June 15-19 and July 13-17 | Ages 6-13

Advanced Art Camp | $275
For more experienced artists working in variety of mediums
June 29-July 3 | 10 a.m.-2 p.m. | Ages 10 and older
July 20-24 | 2:30-6:30 p.m. | Ages 10 and older

Bush Tennis Center | 620-8180 | bushtenniscenter.com
Last session begins Aug. 11
Day camp | 7:30-9:30 a.m. Monday through Thurday | all ages | $48
Balloon tennis | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 3-4 | $48
Quick start | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 5-8 | $80
Orange ball | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 9-10 | $80
Green ball | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 9-14 | $80
Yellow ball | 9:30-11:30 a.m. Monday through Thursday | 11-18 | $80
Road to College Academy | 1-3 p.m. Monday through Thursday | $120

Camp Fire West Texas | 570-4114 | www.campfirewtx.org
Summer day camp
Ages 5-12. Camp times are 7:45 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday through Aug. 14 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church. $70. Snacks provided. Children need to bring lunch.

Casa de Amigos | www.casadeamigosmidland.org, | 682-9701
Summer Literacy Camp
Four two-week sessions for students entering second through seventh grades. $10 per child per session. Lunch included.
11:30 a.m.-5 p.m. | June 15-26, June 29-July 10, July 13-24 and July 27-Aug. 7.

Double Diamond Equestrian Center | 692-0255 | doublediamondequestriancenter.com.
The equestrian center offers summer riding camps for ages 7-15 for $250 per session.
June 8-12 | half-day camp - junior rider level 1
June 15-19 | half-day camp - junior rider level 2
July 13-17 | half-day camp - junior rider level 1
July 20-24 | half-day camp - junior rider level 2
Aug. 3-7 | full-day camp - junior rider level 3 and senior rider

Ellen Noel Art Museum | 550-9226 | noelartmuseum.org
Summer Art Camp
Each session is divided into two classes - one for ages 6-8 and one for ages 9-12.
June 22-26 | $95
Ceramics: Build and throw clay on a wheel
Art & Imagination: Original artwork based on fantasy such as mermaids, faires, spacemen and robots
July 20-24 | $80
Painting: Traditional painting in classroom and garden
3D Design: Make sculptures and objects with 3D printers
July 27-31 | $80
Creatures!: Create paper mache creatures
Textiles: Make things with yarn and fabric
July 13-17 | $80
Art for Students with Visual Challenges for ages 6 through adult

Midland College | www.midland.edu
Summer Science Academy | 685-6731 or pmagnum@midland.edu
Hands-on lab experiments in biology, chemistry, computer science and geology for students who just completed 10th through 12th grades. Free. Lunch will be served
10 a.m.-4 p.m. June 15-25

Kids College | www.midland.edu/kidscollege | 685-4518
Courses in topics such as math, science, sports, arts and crafts, personal development for students who just completed first through sixth grades. $45 a course, plus supply fee
Session 1 | June 8-18
Session 2 | June 22-July 2

MC sports camps | www.gochaps.com | 685-4650, 685-6747
Girls volleyball. $80. Contact Tammie Jimenez, 685-4650 or Holli Reyna, 685-6747
June 29-July 1 | fourth- through sixth-graders, 9 a.m.-noon; seventh- and eighth-graders, 1-4 p.m.
July 27-29 | seventh- and eighth-graders, 9 a.m.-noon; ninth- through 12th-graders, 1-4 p.m.

Boys basketball | $150. Contact Coach Jordan Dreiling, 685-4577
Who: Kindergartners through eighth-graders
July 6-9 | Kindergartners through eighth-graders, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.
July 20-23 | Kindergartners through eighth-graders, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Girls basketball | Contact Ron Jones, 685-4581; Ginger Gatliff, 685-6469
July 13-16 | Kindergartners through fourth-graders, 9:30-11:30 a.m. | $60
July 13-16 | Fifth- through 10th-graders, 1-5 p.m. | $100

Midland Community Theatre | 682-2544, ext. 121 | mctmidland.org
Classes are inspired by classic cartoon characters from Hanna Barbera, such as Scooby Doo and Huckleberry Hound. Each session includes classes in acting, music, movement and art.
June 15-18 | kindergarten-sixth grades, 9 a.m.-noon
June 22-July 2 kindergarten-ninth grades, 9 a.m.-noon

Midland Festival Ballet | 686-0071 | midlandfestivalballet.org
Princess Camp | 9-10:30 a.m. June 8-11 | Ages 3-5 | $65
Nutcracker's Magical Camp | 9-11 a.m. July 6-9 | Ages 5-8 | $80
Swan Lake's Mystical Camp | 9-11 a.m. July 13-16 | Ages 5-8 | $80

Petroleum Museum | 683-4403 | petroleummuseum.org
The museum hosts Summer Movie Camps for children age 5 and older and Summer Science Classes for specific ages throughout the summer.
Summer Movie Camps
9:30 a.m.-noon or 1-3 p.m. Tuesdays. Popcorn and lemonade provided. $5 per movie.
June 9 | "The Book of Life"
June 16 | "Big Hero 6"
June 23 | "The Nut Job"
June 30 | "Planes: Fire and Rescue"
July 7 | "The Box Trolls"
July 14 | "The Lego Movie"
July 21 | "101 Dalmations"
July 28 | "Mr. Peabody and Sherman"
Aug. 4 | "Penguins of Madagascar"
Summer Science Classes
Classes are 9 a.m.-noon and $20 for museum members, $25 for non-members.
June 12 | "Scaly Science" for students in second through fourth grades
June 26 | "Pumped About Science" for students in fourth through sixth grades
July 17 | "Cultivating Science" for students in third through sixth grades
July 24 | "Dig Into Science" for students in third through sixth grades
Aug. 7 | "Life Size Science" for students in third through sixth grades
Aug. 14 | "Splash into Science" for students in second through fourth grades

Sibley Nature Center | 684-6827, 685-3396 | www.sibleynaturecenter.org
Mini Day Camp
9 a.m.- noon for ages 5-8 and 2-5 p.m. for ages 9-12. $9 for members, $11 for non-members
June 5 and July 17 | Blast from the Past: Learn about archaeology and dig up artifacts and fossils.
June 12 and July 24 | Magnificent Birds of Prey: Learn about the birds and go on bird-watching hike.
June 19 and July 31 | Wonderful World of Wildlife: Get a close look at nature and go on a hike to discover signs of animals.
June 26 and Aug. 7 | Rock-O-Rama: Learn about rocks and minerals with experiments and dig for gold.
July 10 and Aug. 14 | Our Amazing Planet: How earth functions and how people's impact on it. Experiments on water and soil samples, composting and eco-solutions
Bug Camp: Introduction to entomology and anthropod biology: Insect anatomy and physiology, behavior, ecology, metamorphosis, classification. For students entering fourth through sixth grades.
$60 for members; $80 for non-members
9 a.m.-noon Monday through Thursday and 8-10 p.m. Friday
Sessions | June 15-19, July 13-16 or Aug. 17-21

Tiki Island Water Park | 360-3337 | tikiislandwaterpark.com
Camp Tiki offers camps for children who have completed kindergarten through age 8 and for children ages 9-12. $125.
June 15-18; July 20-23 | Shipwrecked: An Island Adventure
June 22-25; July 27-30 | Amazon Jungle Safari
June 30-July 2; Aug. 3-6 | Back to the Future
July 6-9; Aug. 10-13 | Diggin' for Dinos
July 13-16; Aug. 17-20 | Finding Tiki: Into the Depths of the Ocean

YMCA | www.midlandymca.org | 682-2551
Weekly swimming lessons | Various times. $18 for members; $36 for non-members

Indoor soccer camp | $35 for members; $75 for non-members
July 20-24 | Boys and girls ages 4-8, 1-4 p.m.

Volleyball camp | $35 for members; $75 for non-members
June 15-19 | Boys and girls ages 8-12, 1-4 p.m.

Basketball camp | $35 for members; $75 for non-members
June 8-12 | Boys and girls ages 5-12, 1-4 p.m.
July 13-17 | Boys and girls ages 5-12, 1-4 p.m.

Tennis camp | $35 for members; $75 for non-members
June 22-26 | Boys and girls ages 5-12, 1-4 p.m.

All sports camp | $35 for members; $75 for non-members
July 27-31 | Boys and girls ages 5-12, 1-4 p.m.

Obituaries

Sara Elizabeth Gober

Sara Elizabeth Gober, 59, left to be with the Lord suddenly on Wednesday night, June 3, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. of an apparent heart attack.

She is survived by her husband, Will Gober of Midland; her daughter, Molly Gober of Odessa; her mother, Eleanor Spears; sisters, Mary Slaughter and husband Hal Slaughter of Prescott, Arizona, and Mary Ann Collins and husband Bill Collins of Phoenix Arizona; brother, Dan Humphrey and wife Donna Humphrey of Tucson, Arizona; brother-in law, Ray Crumpler of Plano, Texas; sister-in-law, Claudia Humphrey of Tucson; and her lifelong friend, Joan Bullis of Prescott, Arizona.

She was preceded in death by her sister, Kay Crumpler of Plano, and by her brother, David Humphrey of Arizona. Sara was a lover of all living things. She and Will shared their horse farm with horses big and small, a mini donkey for a time, dogs, cats, and even cows though not her favorites.

She grew up on horseback in Arizona and her passion grew for paint horses. For 30 years, Sara made her home in Prescott, where she met and married Will, and had and raised their daughter Molly. Business opportunities brought them to Midland. Upon moving to Texas and settling on a perfect horse farm, she began to cultivate her dream through a stud horse named Stars. He sired her pride and joy - an award winning mare named Fancy. Her joy was complete when her daughter Molly moved to Midland as well. Sara was a peace loving woman and loved her family and friends well.

A memorial service will be held at their farm 3710 SCR 1090 at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday morning, June 10, 2015, with a meal served after.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks for donations to be made to the West Texas Horse Rescue Foundation, Inc., account number 10175242 at Community National Bank 501c3 ID #31649.

Death Notices

Col. James Barclay Carvey

A memorial service and Celebration of Life will be held for Col. James B. Carvey at the Chapel in the Manor Park Wallace Building at 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, June 10, 2015.

The Colonel passed away on May 6, 2015 and was laid to rest at Peaceful Gardens in Lubbock on May 14, 2015.

He was the father of Joan Southerland Rice, and three other daughters.

Hernando F. Nieto

Hernando F. Nieto, 78, of Midland, passed away on Thursday, June 4, 2015.

No services will be held.

He is survived by his son, H. Britt Nieto; and by three brothers and two sisters.

Robert "Bob" Dyer

Robert "Bob" Dyer, 86, of Midland, passed away on June 7, 2015. There will be a private service and burial.

Survivors include wife, Mary Louise Dyer; sons, James Robert Dyer and Joel Edward Dyer; and daughter, Carolyn Ann Wardlaw.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Jimmy Kimmel	Countdown (L)	NBA Basketball Playoffs Golden State Warriors at Cleveland Cavaliers Final Game 3 (L)					(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "So It Goes"		NCIS: New Orleans "Carrier"		48 Hours		CBS 7 News	(:35) CSI: Crime Scene "Buzz Kill"		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Carol Burnett	Mason "The Case of the Vanishing Victim"		Perry Mason...
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Smarter-5th Grader (N)		Kitchen "Winner Chosen" (SF) (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		The Roosevelts: An "The Rising Road (1933-1939)" Ken Burns examines FDR's New Deal.				Frontline "Prison State"			TBA	Tavis Smiley (N)	Global 3000
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HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	R&RHall	Night at the Museum Ben Stiller.				LastWeek	Bill Maher		True Detective			
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MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:30) Lone Survivor			(:25) As Above, So Below			Man of Steel ('13, Act) Henry Cavill.				(:25) Zane	
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A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Married at First Sight "Lifestyle"		Love Unlocked "Final Hope for Love" (N)		Married at First Sight "The Big Decision" (N)				(:05) Married at First Sight "The Big Decision"			
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	Saving Private Ryan (1998, War) Matt Damon, Edward Burns, Tom Hanks.								We Were Soldiers Mel Gibson.			
BET	58	26			40	(5:30) I Think I Love My Wife Chris Rock.					Love Jones ('97, Rom) Larenz Tate, Nia Long.					Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63			41	The Real Housewives		New York Social (N)		Real Housewives (N)		Secrets Wives (N)		Wives "Pop of Crazy"		Real Housewives	
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HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	The Waltons		Waltons "The Visitor"		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Veritas"		Castle "For Better or for Worse"		Castle "Flowers for Your Grave"		Castle "Nanny McDead"		CSI: NY "The Lady in the Lake"		CSI: NY "Clue: SI"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Gilligan	Gilligan	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Younger (N)		Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows (N)	Chrisley Knows (N)	Royal Pains "False Start" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Chrisley Knows	(:35) Chrisley
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San Antonio man collects, sells thousands of license plates

TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller

Most people call Jesse Perez of San Antonio "License Plate Jesse" because he has thousands of them.

"It just seems like license plates are something that a lot of people like and they want to buy them from me," he said. "So I started selling my license plates. I get them from collectors, garage sales, flea markets and individuals. I hear about some being for sale and I go buy them. Matter of fact I bought some today. I have all the years for Texas and I have all the states. We have them from rusty to brand new. Some are still in the boxes, never been used."

Some people use the license plates as materials to create art.

"Arts and crafts people cut them up to make things like stars, the state of Texas, flowers, just all kinds of things. Some people buy my plates then come back and show me what they've made from them. Some are real pretty."

The license plates have different prices.

"I might buy a plate for $1 and if someone offers me a $1.50 for it, I'll probably sell it for that. I just buy them for re-sale. I buy some just because I like them. I keep them in my garage. Except I have so many the garage won't hold them any more so I have all kinds of canopies and portable buildings full of junk. I also collect bottles, toys, magazines, oil cans, anything. To get in the garage, you've got to take stuff out."

Some people look for plates from a certain year.

"For example, someone might have a 1930 Model A and wants a pair of 1930 license plates to register. Somebody might tell me they were born in 1940 and want a 1940 license plate from every state. I've helped a lot of people complete what they call their birth year run."

Jesse doesn't have a website or a store. He sells at swap meats or over the phone.

"People call me all the time. Every day the wife gets mad at me because so many people call me. I would estimate we get from five to 25 phone calls a day. Every day people call me for license plates or they want information. Somebody called with a 1968 license plate and asked me what it was worth. I help everybody."

At swap meets, Jesse takes his big Chevy Suburban, which is completely covered with little one-inch by two-inch license plate stickers. Even the insides of the door wells have them.

"I buy those, too. One time a guy sold me 350,000 of them. I've started to cover another SUV with them now. It's funny. If I'm at a swap meet and start putting them on my vehicle people join me and we can completely cover a car in a couple of hours. Kids love to put them on."

Tumbleweed Smith is a historian, folklorist and humorist who loves Texas and Texans. Contact him at ts@tumbleweedsmith.com.

Indie Book Fair to feature West Texas authors

From staff reports

Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) at the Permian Basin is hosting an Indie Book Fair this weekend. The book fair will be 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the TTUHSC auditorium, 800 W. 4th St. in Odessa.

West Texas authors participating include Glen Aaron, Tonya Cox, Steven Sanders, Joyce Shaughnessy, Ann Swann, Gary Ventolini, M.D. and Joseph Willis.

For more information, call 703-5130.

Correction

Photos under "On Display" in Sunday's Culture section were mislabeled. H.A. Tuck's photograph of a cactus is on display at Community National Bank. Debra Borgen's painting is on display at Artizen Outlet. The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

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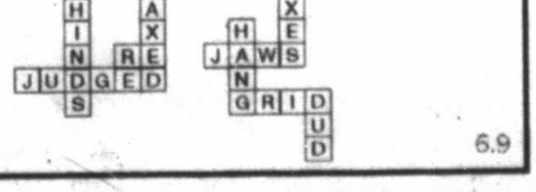

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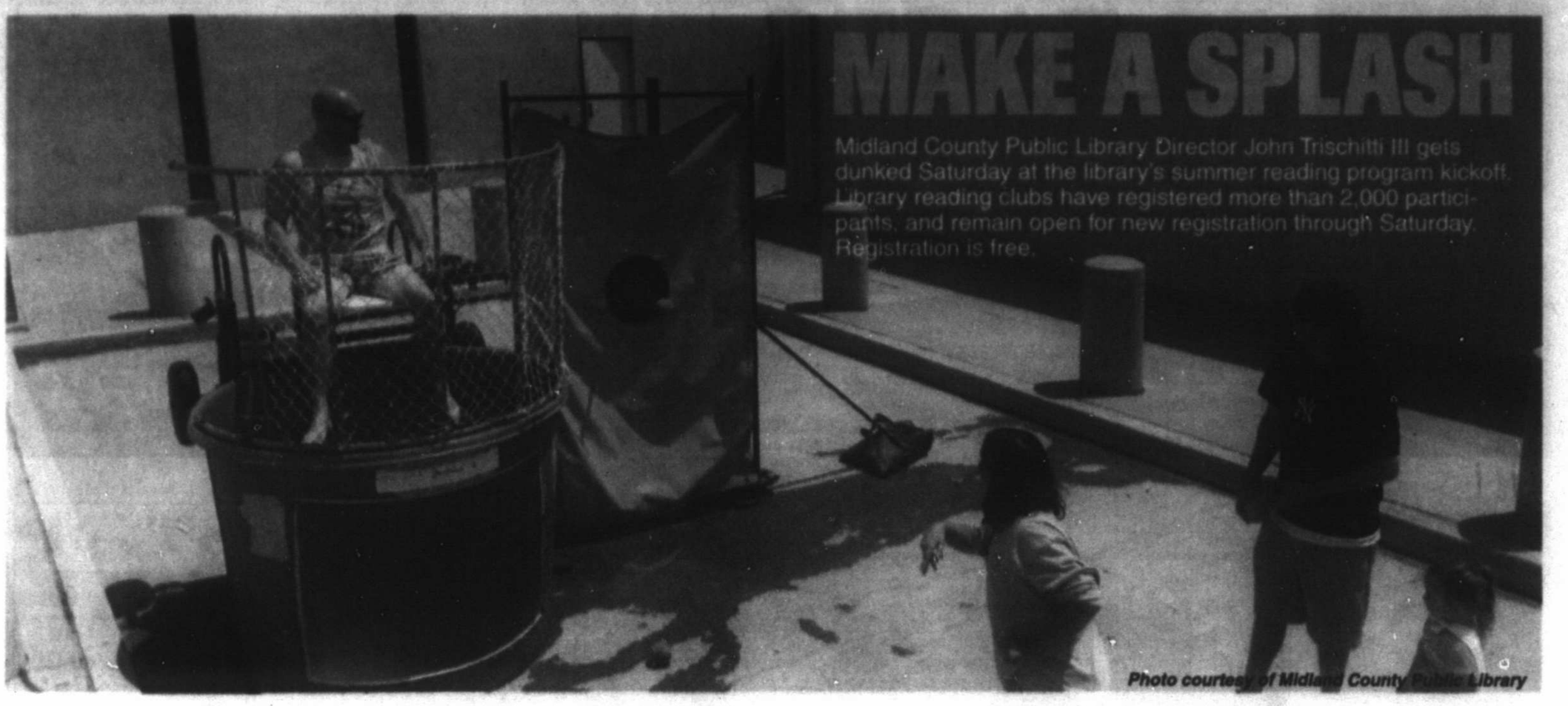

MAKE A SPLASH

Midland County Public Library Director John Trischitti III gets dunked Saturday at the library's summer reading program kickoff. Library reading clubs have registered more than 2,000 participants, and remain open for new registration through Saturday. Registration is free.

Photo courtesy of Midland County Public Library

Re-Leaf by Debbie Frost

Whatever is blooming at the time is what gets the attention. What's getting attention right now is vitex (Vitex agnus-castus), also known as chaste tree, Texas lilac and several other names. Look for the beautiful, long, lavender blue flower stalks. They are hard to miss.

Vitex is an excellent choice for a fast growing, large shrub or small flowering tree. It grows 10-15 feet tall and up to 15 feet wide. It does best in full sun and will grow in a variety of soils, provided they are well drained. Once established, vitex will tolerate hot, dry landscape sites. It's a tough tree.

Vitex attracts butterflies and other insects with its nectar-rich flowers that begin in June and continue for at least two months. Young plants will bloom from May to September. Young or old specimens will bloom longer with deadheading. Flower spikes are covered in small purple, lavender-blue, white or pink flowers. Flowers are followed by brown to black seeds about the size of a bb. Modern varieties such as montrose purple, lecompte or Shoal Creek have spikes as long as eight to 12 inches.

Vitex leaves are aromatic, palmately compound, with five to seven leaflets. They look a bit like marijuana, so you may want to educate your neighbor about your new ornamental tree. All dead wood and lower limbs may be removed as plants grow to train them into a small tree form in late winter. Or plants may be pruned heavily, almost to the ground, in late winter to keep them shrub-like. This will result in larger flower spikes and a longer blooming period. Pruning in this manner keeps plants small, easy to deadhead and extends the bloom period.

Vitex is invasive. The seeds germinate readily in low or wet areas including water ways. It may be headed for the Texas Invasive Plant list, but right now it makes a fast growing, colorful, tough as a Texas boot, ornamental tree.

Find re-leaf in the hardiness and beauty of the vitex tree.

Debbie Frost is a local horticulturist specializing in regionally appropriate horticulture. Email her at garden.frost@gmail.com.

Basil plants grow well in West Texas climate

Jacquelyn Warnock
Family and Consumer Sciences Agent for Ector County Extension Office

By now most of us have our little — or big in some cases — gardens going and are looking forward to some juicy red tomatoes to savor. And a perfect complement to the tomatoes is basil.

Basil has been cultivated in Europe for 2,000 years and there are at least 200 different varieties. It has been thought to be poisonous, good for the heart and used for bites of venomous beasts. Early Greek and Roman physicians believed the only way to grow a good crop of basil was to scatter the seeds while cursing and stomping their feet. Fortunately for us in West Texas, basil thrives in warm climates and is easy to start from seed.

The most popular basil to grow is sweet basil because of its flavor, aroma and nice big leaves that can be used in salads or other dishes. Nothing is better than a stacked salad with basil. Stack a nice, thick slice of juicy red tomato, a slice of fresh mozzarella and fresh basil leaves. Then repeat. Drizzle a little good olive oil over it, some freshly-ground black pepper and dive in.

One of my favorite varieties to grow is African blue basil. This is a sterile hybrid basil, so you don't need to be continually clipping off the blossoms. In warmer areas like Houston, it can be a perennial. And the beautiful amethyst colored blossoms are magnets for butterflies and especially bees. I do anything to help the bees! Valentino or lettuce leaf basil is exceptional because of its huge leaves.

As for sweet basil, it needs to be pinched back or pruned to continue growing for the season and that doesn't mean just pinching off the blossom ends. Once they reach 6-8 inches tall, pinch the central stem back by half or about 1/4 inch above the leaf axils. This will force the plants to branch and grow more leaves. As the plants keep sending out new branching stems, continue to pinch them back in the same manner. Of course, all that you pinch back can be used for some delicious dish at that time.

Use the beautiful basil leaves to make pesto to eat now or freeze for use during the winter. It freezes well and in mid winter a nice pasta dish with fresh (frozen) pesto will seem like summer again. The following pesto recipe is tried and true. I guarantee you will love it.

Spinach/Basil Pesto

3 cups (packed) fresh spinach leaves (about 5 oz)
1 cup (packed) fresh basil leaves
4 1/2 tablespoons fresh lemon juice
3 tablespoons capers with juices
1 cup shelled unsalted pumpkin seeds
2 tablespoons chopped shallots
1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
1 tablespoon chopped fresh garlic
1 1/2 cups vegetable oil

Process leaves, juice and capers coarsely. Add remaining ingredients except oil. Process finely. Gradually add oil while processor is running. Add salt and pepper to taste. Allow to flavor several hours before serving. Serve with thinly sliced baguettes. Also good on grilled chicken, pasta, baked potatoes and pizza. It freezes well.

Texas weather too warm for lilacs

Neil Sperry
Neil Sperry's "Plant Talk Texas" and "Texas Lawn and Garden Hour" can be heard on radio stations across the state. Email him at mailbag@sperrygardens.com.

Dear Neil: I just returned from a trip to Minnesota, and the lilac plants were in full bloom. I miss their aroma and was wondering if they would grow here in Texas.

Answer: Not well at all. We're about 15 or 20 degrees too warm in the winter and too hot by those same measures in the summer for them to prosper. You'll see them in counties near the Red River (and people will argue in support of them), but if you balance the shrub size and vigor and the flower head size to what you saw in Minnesota, there won't be a comparison. For what it's worth, we have a lot of very fragrant plants that grow well in Texas, but that can't handle Minnesota winters. Those folks are jealous of us, too. Better stick with adapted types.

Dear Neil: We xeriscaped our backyard two years ago. There are many oaks nearby, and now we have hundreds of baby oak seedlings. I can't let them grow where they are. Can I dig them up and plant them in pots? What is the proper way to do so?

Answer: If you're sure they're actually seedlings from acorns and not root sprouts tethered to the mother tree's root system, yes, you can dig and pot them. Use a sharpshooter spade or a large trowel to lift each one out with a grapefruit-sized ball of soil tightly packed around its roots. Hopefully they're not larger than 5 or 6 inches tall. Plant them into really good potting soil, one plant per 2-gallon pot, and put them in the shade for a few days. Once you're sure that your transplants are taking off, you can do whatever you wish with the rest.

Dear Neil: I have many Texas mountain laurels along a backyard fence. A cluster of them has developed a growth at their bases, and the plants appear dead and lifeless. How can I prevent this from spreading?

Answer: I sent your photo to a former Texas arborist of the year recipient, and he said he feels the basal canker you're seeing is the same one that colonizes the bases of hackberries, soapberries and several other species. He suggested you take a knife and scratch through the growth. He suspects you will find black, charcoal-like material, and he said it may be growing entirely through the bark. It's one of the hypoxylon cankers, related to the ones that killed many of our native oak trees following the drought. He said it is an "opportunistic organism," meaning it moves in when a host plant is under stress. I would suggest you retain a certified arborist to visit your plantings on site.

Dear Neil: I have aerated my lawn every year because of poor soil. I have purchased compost and had it applied (expensive). I have purchased a less expensive combination of compost and manure at a hardware store and applied it myself (hard work, doing 4,500 square feet at age 68). Is there any liquid that would take the place of the solid materials I've been using to improve my soil?

Answer: No! There are tons of oddball products that will make claims like that. They are allowed to make those claims in Texas, when many other states do not allow them to do so. Organic matter improves the soil as it decays, and these liquid products have so little organic matter to contribute that they are essentially useless.

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TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 93 Low: 72

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 94 Low: 69

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 95 Low: 73

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 95 Low: 72

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 91 Low: 70

SUNDAY: Partly sunny High: 88 Low: 69

Local forecast

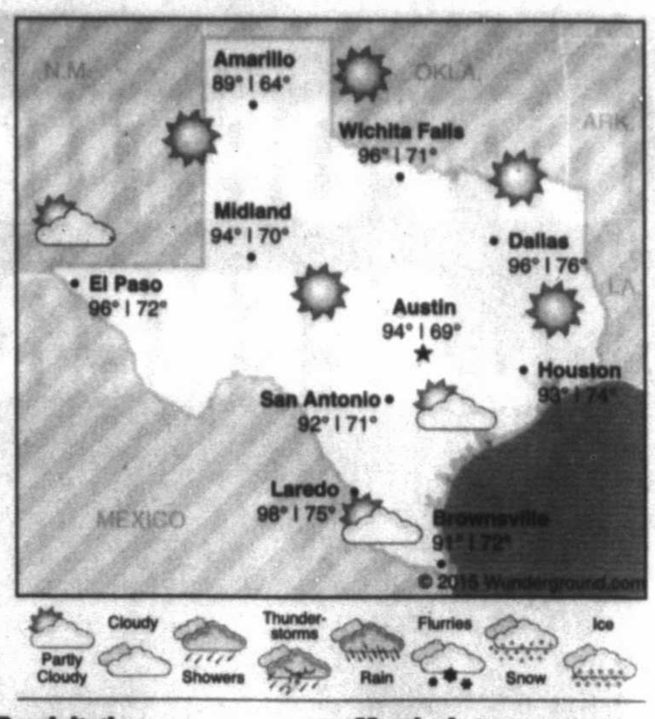
Conditions will be sunny and dry until Friday and the weekend, when the National Weather Service has forecast a chance of showers.

The high on Monday reached 91, while the low was 68. The record high for June 8 is 105 set in 2011. The record low is 57 set in 1949 and 1933.

National forecast

A round of showers and thunderstorms will affect areas along the Atlantic Seaboard to the central Gulf Coast today. The storm activity will occur along an advancing front with dry, but no cooler, air in its wake. Some of the storms are forecast to be heavy and gusty, with the risk of isolated flash flooding and damaging winds. Warm and humid air will hold east and south of the front.

Dry and warm conditions will expand from the Great Plains and Texas to the Midwest. An area of high pressure will build east across the southern Plains to the mid-Mississippi Valley. The dry weather will come to an end midweek for the central Plains and the Upper Midwest, and there may be enough rain to cause flooding.

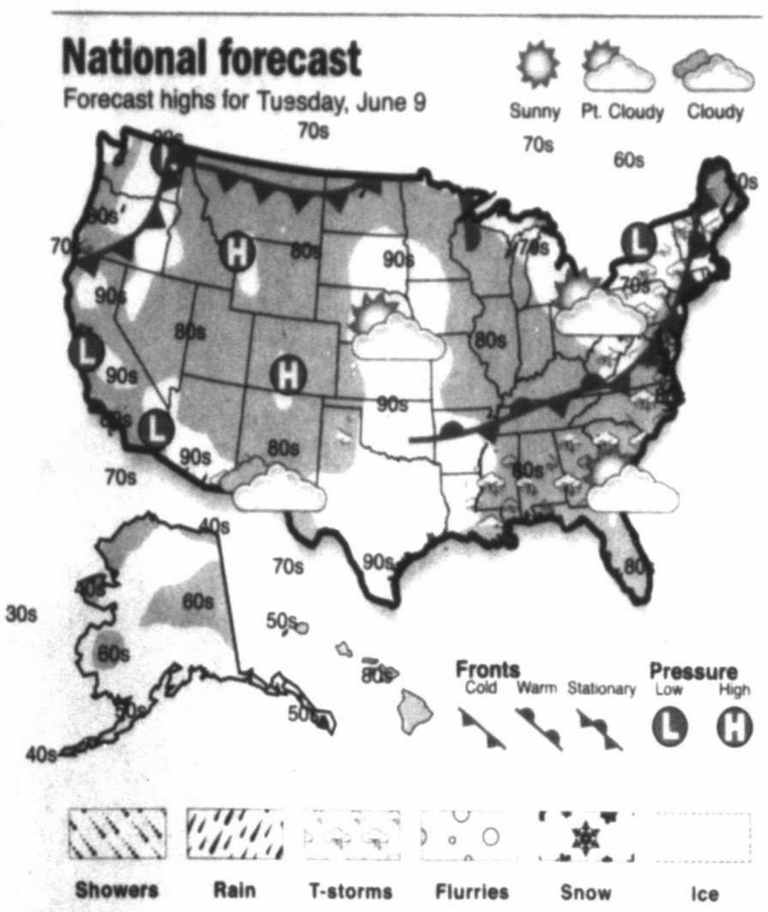


Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.00 in.
Year total	8.99 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.80 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	91
Low	68
Normal high	93
Normal low	66
Sunrise	6:42 a.m.
Sunset	8:54 p.m.



Meet comments about biracial child with humor and pride

DEAR ABBY

Write Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069. Her column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

DEAR ABBY: May I comment on the letter from "Open-Minded in Pennsylvania" (3/6), the adoptive mother of a biracial child who asked for a witty comeback for strangers' comments/questions? This is a rare teaching moment! If a parent reacts with the slightest hint of displeasure, the child will think the parent is displeased with her/him.

We adopted a daughter of a different race 29 years ago. When I received comments/questions from acquaintances and strangers, my face would light up, and I'd respond, "Oh, we adopted her! She is Filipino! We are so blessed to have her in our lives!" Usually, the person would smile and say something positive. The rare times someone didn't, we would hurry on with a wave and a smile, and I would hug her close.

Our daughter has grown up proud of her ethnic background and knowing she's special. She is now married and the proud mother of two biracial children. — JUDY IN TEXAS

DEAR JUDY: You handied the situation beautifully. I heard from a slew of adoptive parents after printing that letter. Let me share some of their comments:

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago, we adopted two baby girls of a different race from ours. Our adoption social worker gave us some insightful advice about what to do when someone made a bigoted or ignorant remark. She said:

"Always remember your child is watching you to see how she is supposed to feel about what has just happened. If you become upset and defensive, your children will feel that way too and begin to believe something is 'wrong' about them and your family. So take the role of teacher and educate the ignorant person. Keep it light, add humor if you can, and then chuckle later with your child and other family members about the silly dumbness of a few people in the world." It worked for us. — ANTONIA, MOTHER OF TWO

DEAR ABBY: When my adopted son from Bogota, Colombia, was about 4 months old, we were shopping for groceries one day. A woman approached our cart and asked, "Where is he from?" I smiled and replied, "Heaven!" — KATHY IN NEW YORK

DEAR ABBY: I employ a strategy I learned from your column. I face the questioner with a smile and say, "I am stunned that you would ask such a personal thing!" The look on the asker's face is priceless. And it makes it quite clear that I have no obligation to respond to anything someone may choose to ask. To that mother: Hold your head high, radiate pride in your precious child, and know all's right in your world. — PAT IN THE NORTHWEST

DEAR ABBY: I have a wonderful grandchild of mixed race. When I'm asked insensitive questions like, "What is he?" I smile, hold him close, and respond, "He's PERFECT — don't you think?" — PROUD GRAN IN SOUTH CAROLINA

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ K 9 6 3
♡ A K
◊ A K 10 5
♣ A K Q

WEST
♠ Q J 10 8
♡ J 10 6
◊ 8 6 2
♣ 9 4 2

EAST
♠ Void
♡ 9 7 5 3 2
◊ Q 7 3
♣ 10 7 6 5 3

SOUTH
♠ A 7 5 4 2
♡ Q 8 4
◊ J 9 4
♣ J 8

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
2♣	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	4♠	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Dbl
All pass			

Opening lead: Jack of ♡

This hand was played many years ago by the late Al Benjamin, of Scotland. Benjamin was an important contributor to bridge in his country in many areas, and was also a fine player. All that remains of this deal is the final contract and the play — the auction is lost in the sands of time. The given auction is a guess.

Benjamin realized that the only possible justification for West's double was a holding of all four missing trumps. Even knowing that, he needed some luck on his side. Benjamin found a line of play that gave him a chance.

Declarer won the opening heart lead on the board and cashed the other high heart. The three high clubs were cashed next as Benjamin shed a diamond. This was followed by the ace, king and another diamond, ruffed in hand. Benjamin led the queen of hearts and was quite pleased to see West follow suit to all these plays. In this four-card ending, Benjamin simply exited with a low trump and played low from dummy when West played the 10. West was forced to lead a trump and give away the second trump trick that he was counting on to set the contract.

Doubling the opponents when you are only hoping for a one-trick set is usually a poor idea. The increased penalty when you are right can be offset for years by a hand like this, where the contract would almost surely have failed had it not been doubled.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, June 9, 2015:

This year you will need to recognize that you sometimes say one thing yet do another. Because you might not be aware of this behavior, you should listen to feedback from others. Your temper is close to the surface, and it would be wise to learn to share your feelings before they turn into anger. If you are single, in the next few months you are likely to meet someone who knocks your socks off. This person will have a strong effect on your life. If you are attached, you might need to be more in touch with your feelings and be more aware of your sweetie's response. PISCES can be touchy at times.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ Try not to lose control in a discussion where someone considers him- or herself to be above the majority of people. Follow your intuition, and test out any solutions in your head before you verbalize them. Curb statements that could cause a problem. Tonight: Play it low-key.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ Remain focused on your objectives, and don't allow any uproar to distract you. Addressing one item at a time will be the best way to proceed. You might have to switch gears when you least expect to, and it could add to the present confusion. Tonight: Where your friends are.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Tension is likely to build as an authority figure starts causing a problem and creating additional pressure. You might be past the point of worrying about this person's wishes, but that could cause you a major problem where you least want it. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might want to maintain a lower profile than usual. Anger might rise to the surface, but be smart and don't reveal anything that you'd rather not discuss. Financial gain is possible if you can keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ It doesn't take a genius to see how stressed out many of your friends and loved ones are. Listen carefully, and try to reconcile all the different opinions. One-on-one relating will result in a different reaction from what you might have anticipated. Tonight: Work through a problem.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ When you try to initiate a conversation with a parent or higher-up, you could discover that there is a problem. You might feel as if this person is using you as his or her punching bag. Use your instincts, and you won't make a bad decision. Tonight: Vanish while you can.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★ Your focus and determination continue to be your strong suits. Others might want to play devil's advocate and go into deep reflection, but you will get the job done. Tension is likely to emerge because of what you must do. Tonight: Put your feet up and relax.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ An interesting conversation with a loved one or someone you are financially involved with is likely to spur your imagination. A discussion with an expert or an older friend will point you toward a positive path. Follow through, and don't question yourself. Tonight: Be a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ You could be juggling more than you want to handle. You'll see an important relationship or a matter involving your home experience some ups and downs. You might find it hard to be present, especially as others seem to be demanding! Tonight: Go for what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ Keep communication moving. You might feel as if you have too much information. You will want to change your approach with several people, especially if they are loose cannons. Listen to an associate who is argumentative, but wait to comment. Tonight: Relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You might want to revise your thinking about a risk for now. Your creativity easily translates into ingenuity when dealing with a touchy associate or loved one. Don't get your funds involved in any of your dealings, except when paying for lunch! Tonight: Pay bills.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You might want to come to a better understanding of what is happening with a loved one. You could be overwhelmed by this person's attitude, which is likely to be cantankerous and difficult. Go off and do something just for you. Tonight: Let the games begin!

BORN TODAY

Former emperor of Russia Peter the Great (1672), novelist Patricia Cornwell (1956), actor Johnny Depp (1963)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Lioness in "Born Free"
5 __ optic cable
10 It must be made with one hand
14 Ruth's husband, in the Bible
15 Massey of old films
16 "My treat"
17 Rush off
18 Daniel Boone portrayer
20 In the mail
22 Double play pair
23 Road repair consequence
24 Cookie-cutter abode
27 "If __ King of the Forest": Cowardly Lion's song
29 Lend a hand
30 Channel for bargain hunters
31 Joan of Arc, e.g.
32 Forsaken child
34 MASH system
37 Both sides of an argument ... and what can literally precede the starts of 18-, 24-, 53- and 60-Across
41 Slip by
42 Falling out between friends
45 "__ as she goes"
48 Fireplace residue
51 UPS driver's assignment
52 Rush hour sounds
53 New car trial run
56 Pumper's pride
57 Fairy tale bad guy
59 Oodles
60 Unexpected source of cash
63 Osbourne of rock
66 Made haste
67 Supreme Court justice since 2006
68 Visionary
69 Slow-cooked meal
70 Spotless
71 Very, in Versailles

DOWN

1 Flow out
2 London lav
3 Tortilla chip topper
4 Templo Mayor builder
5 Some whiskey purchases
6 Project extension?
7 __ buddies
8 Happen as a result
9 Immersed (in), as a book
10 In support of
11 Printer choice
12 Easily smudged
13 First-__: rookie Congressman
19 Italian cheese
21 Ultimate degree
24 Noticed, to Tweety
25 Narrow waterway
26 Ready to draw, as ale
28 Little songbirds
31 Big __: fast-food buy
33 One-in-a-million
35 "M*A*S*H" staffers
36 Inspirations
38 Ireland, affectionately
39 Vocalize
40 Wine-and-soda drink
43 Rugged transport, briefly
44 Casual top
45 Mine passages
46 As well
47 Make certain
49 Visit a bit longer
50 "Good" cholesterol letters
53 Fairy tale bad guy
54 Start of an elimination rhyme
55 Pigeon perch
58 Former auto financing co.
61 Never done before
62 Approx. landing hour
64 New York's Tappan __ Bridge
65 12-mo. periods

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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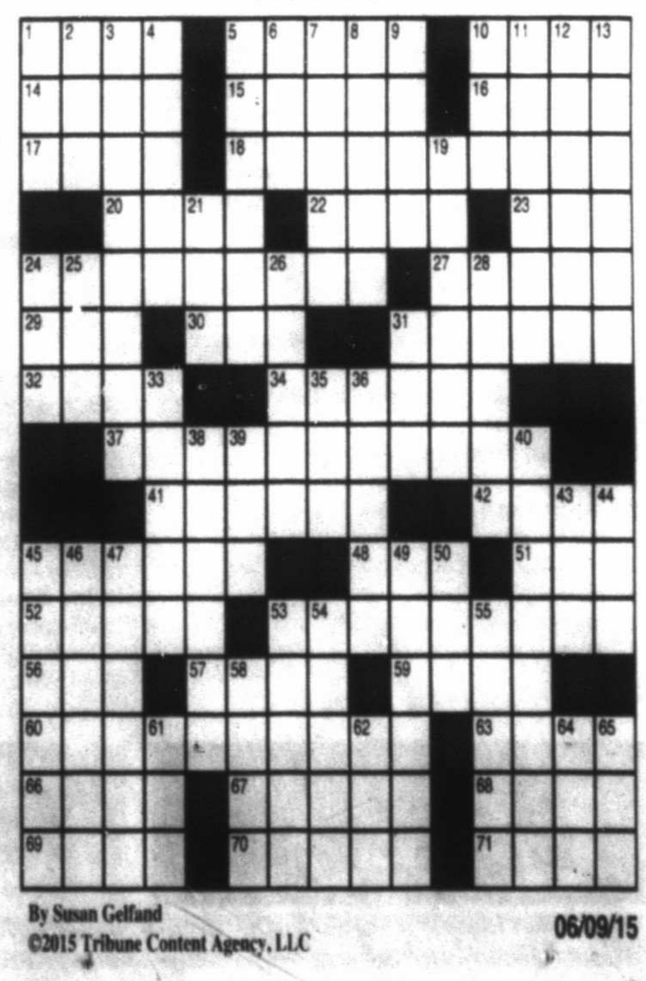

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

BEBE REXHA
"I Don't Wanna Grow Up"

Bebe Rexha may not have originally received on-screen credit as the vocalist behind David Guetta and Nicki Minaj's latest smash, "Hey Mama" — which Rexha co-wrote — but it's all good: the singer's debut EP gives enough attention to this budding performer's musical talents.

"I Don't Wanna Grow Up," her five-song album, strikes a chord as Rexha sings with passion, aggression and strength. "I'm Gonna Show You Crazy" is theatrical and anthemic as Rexha sings lyrics like, "I'm tired of trying to be normal, I'm always overthinking, I'm driving myself crazy." It's followed by another powerful track, "Pray," where Rexha's beautifully screeching vocals are highlighted.

Passion is Rexha's forte: You can hear her swag all over Eminem and Rihanna's "The Monster," the No.1 hit that Rexha co-wrote and originally created. Others have benefited from her skill with the pen, too, from Usher to Pitbull to Tinashe.

The EDM-flavored "I Can't Stop Drinking About You" is radio-friendly like "Hey Mama," which recently cracked the Top 10 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart. And the falsetto-heavy "I Don't Wanna Grow Up" is breezy and soft"

Mesfin Fekadu/AP

MARVIN SAPP
"You Shall Live"

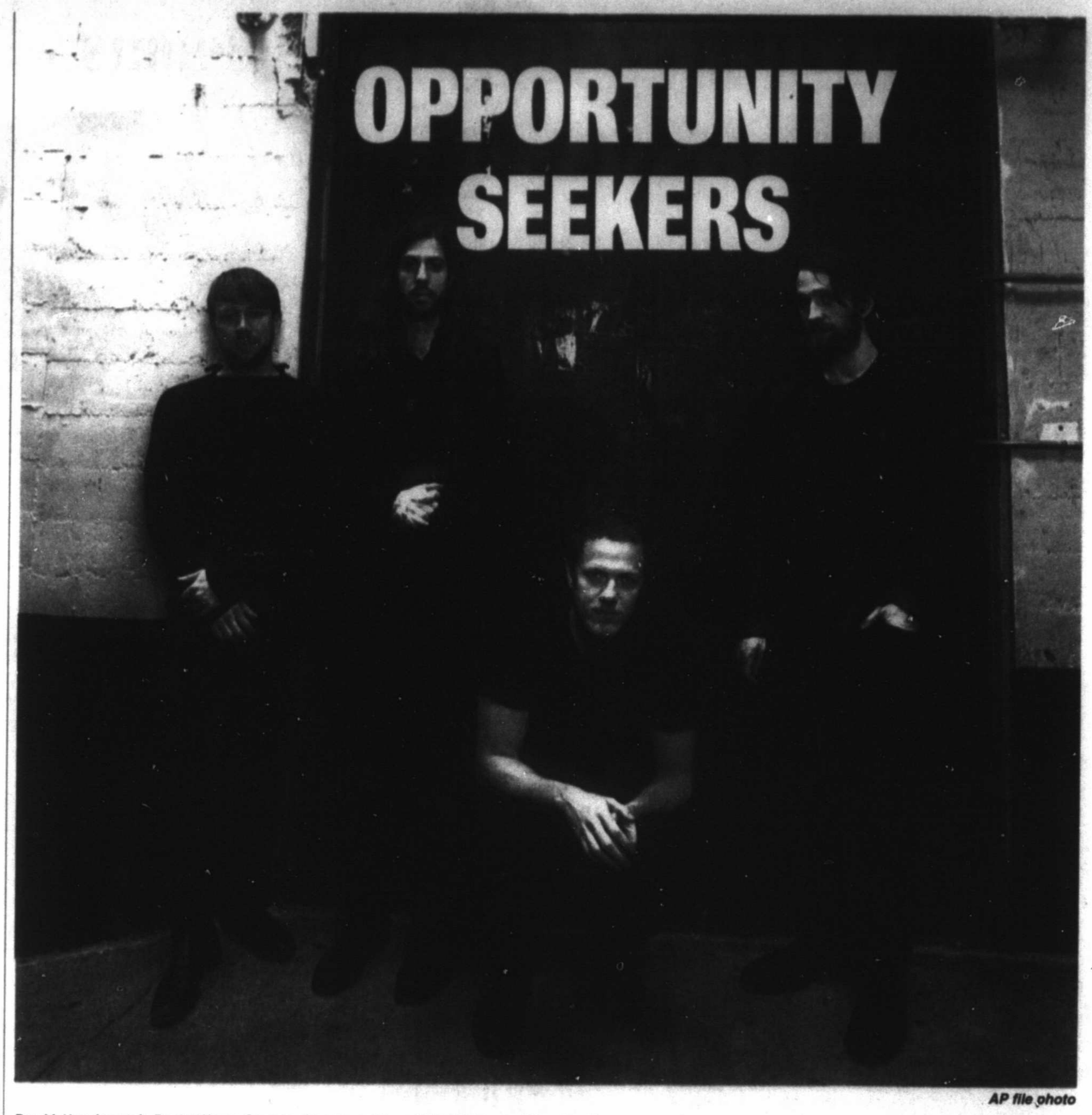
On his 10th offering, "You Shall Live," Marvin Sapp continues his honest approach of how he has combated tumultuous times with faith. No matter the heartbreak, he sings with an optimistic desire to encourage those who are struggling in the belief department.

Sapp collaborated with his longtime producer Aaron Lindsey, who once again laid down a mixture of high-energy and slowed-paced tracks that mesh well with the gospel singer's soaring vocals.

The 22-time Stellar Award winner is at his best on the upbeat "Yes You Can," singing about removing doubt from his mind and becoming stronger each day. He pours his heart out on "Thank You for the Cross" when he sings about receiving second chances. It closes out with a smooth piano medley.

On "Count on You," Sapp pays homage to the late Andrae Crouch, the Grammy-winning gospel performer and prolific songwriter who died earlier this year. Sapp sings about life being precious, urging listeners to embrace it to the fullest on the album's partial title track, "Live." The track — and entire album — hits home since Sapp's wife died from colon cancer five years ago. His voice sounds as raw as ever — even the heavens will hear him sing.

Jonathan Landrum/AP



AP file photo

Ben McKee, from left, Daniel Wayne Sermon, Dan Reynolds and Dan Platzman of Imagine Dragons pose for a portrait at the Mayan Theater in Los Angeles. The band recently launched their second headlining Smoke + Mirrors Tour.

Imagine Dragons once opened for a mime

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Grammy winners Imagine Dragons will launch their second headlining arena tour this week, but they remember the days when they opened up for anyone — including a mime.

"It was an opportunity," bassist Ben McKee said in a recent interview. "This was early, early on and ... we had the opportunity to play with a mime at a junior varsity cheerleading squad at a shopping mall in Henderson, Nevada. We jumped on it."

Bandleader Dan Reynolds recalls "literally like five people in the mall that day."

"They set up tons of seats, which makes it even worse," the 27-year-old singer said. "That was maybe the lowest — that was the lowest low."

Imagine Dragons have moved far away from opening for other acts on the road as the band launched its North American tour last week in Portland, Oregon. They had a successful run with arenas last year after their debut, "Night Visions," continued to reach new heights: It went on to sell more than 2 million units and launched back-to-back hits with "It's Time," "Demons" and the group's signature smash, the Grammy-winning "Radioactive."

The young band, which released its debut album in 2012 and its follow-up earlier this year, has quickly risen to arena status. The stops on the Smoke + Mirrors Tour include the Barclays Center in Brooklyn, New York; Bridgestone Arena in Nashville, Tennessee; and the Forum in Inglewood, California.

Reynolds credits the band's success with hours and hours of practice and the motto: "Say yes to every gig."

"I think it was pretty overwhelming at times for us to walk out and actually believe it," Reynolds said. "It's funny. I went home from the arena tour and my mom sat down with me, her first question was like, 'So do people really come fill out the arenas to watch your band play?'"

"To my mom, a year and half before that, she would come to see me at some small club in California and it would be 10 people there."

The band, which also includes guitarist Wayne Sermon and drummer Daniel Platzman, released its sophomore album, "Smoke + Mirrors," in February. It debuted at No. 1 on the Billboard 200 albums chart.

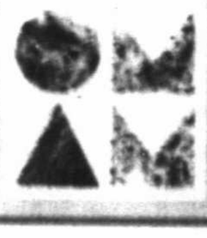
The Las Vegas-based foursome said life hasn't changed too much, though they have topped the charts and won multiple awards.

"We didn't have crazy lives before. We're all pretty much giant music nerds and we do music and the fact that we get to do music on a stage with four people makes us really, really happy," said Platzman. "It's just the crowds have gotten bigger."

"It's a cliche thing, but literally, really, none of us got into music thinking we'd have money or wanting to have money," Reynolds said. "My friends come over to my house I bought and they're like, 'This is your house?'"

"And I'm like, 'What is that supposed to mean?' It's like they're expecting the 'Night Visions' mansion."

This week's releases



Of Monsters and Men 'Beneath the Skin'

Muse 'Drones'

Sonny Landreth 'Bound by the Blues'

A Thousand Horses 'Southernality'

Tamia 'Love Life'

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MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JUNE

9 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
10 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
10 **Screamin' Jay & His Rebel Yell, The Heroine, We Are Tornadoes** @ Blue Max
11 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
11 **Randall Orlinger** @ Blue Max
11 **Micky and the Motorcars** @ Rockin Rodeo
12 **Cleto Cordero** @ Basin Burger House
12 **E-40, Stevie Stone, Cool Nutz, NessaSary** @ Graham Central Station
12 **Koe Wetzel and the Konvicts, Ryan Wilcox** @ Redneck's
12 **Forgotten Road** @ The Detour
12 **Hey, Gurl** @ Noel Heritage Park
12 **Gary Gorence** @ Polo Park Estates (1 p.m.)
12 **Gary Gorence** @ The Wine Rack (6 p.m.)
12 **Julion Alvarez, Conjunto Primavera, Los Vendavales** @ Hacienda
12 **Kathy Lollar**@ Music City Mall
12 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry and Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
12-13 **The Unsweet T's** @ Your Place
12-13 **Groove Twenty4** @ The Bar
13 **Calamity James** @ Basin Burger House
13 **Silence The Khaos, The Hive Mind, Seek Irony** @ Blue Max
13 **Richard Acuna, Mike Leonard, Samuel Zachary, Stephen Hillyard, Kathy Lollar** @ Music City Mall
13 **Vitale Justice** @ Tea2Go
13 **158 Breakdown** @ The Wine Rack
13 **Austin English Band** @ Redneck's
13 **Chillfactor, Who'z Drivin** @ The Eagles Lodge
14 **Ese, Broken Glass Dissection** @ Blue Max
14 **Weatherstone** @ Museum of the Southwest
14 **Tucker Binkley** @ Music City Mall
15 **Showdown** @ Andrews Senior Center
16 **Johnny & Susie Band** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
16 **Adipocere, Disentomb, Delusional Parasitosis, Iniquitous Dead, Girth Grinder, Embodied Torment** @ Renedy's
17 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
17 **Creepshow** @ Blue Max
18 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
18 **If Birds Could Fly** @ Basin Burger House
18 **Gary Allan** @ Hacienda
18 **The Memphis Strange** @ Lone Star Bar
18 **JB and the Moonshine Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
19 **Texas Outlaws** @ The Detour
19 **All Stars, River Atwood, Kathy Lollar** @ Music City Mall
19 **Element A440, SeVIn** @ Blue Max
19 **Kirk Baxley** @ 10 Sports Bar
19 **Zac Wilkerson** @ Lone Star Bar
19 **Unsweet Ts** @ Basin Burger House
19 **Rankin Twins** @ Noel Heritage Park
19 **Forgotten Road** @ Redneck's
19-20 **Bobby Champion and the New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
19-20 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
20 **Terry Hendrix and Lloyd Maines** @ ArtiZen
20 **Seth Walker** @ Basin Burger House
20 **Beau Taylor & Spur 644** @ Hacienda
20 **Back of a Car** @ Kamiposi
20 **Aloha O Hawaiian Dancers, Mike Leonard, Ty Miller, Mateo Rivas, River Atwood, Kathy Lollar** @ Music City Mall
20 **Wolf 359** @ The Wine Rack
20 **Cami Maki** @ Redneck's
20 **Autopilot** @ Blue Max
21 **John Tole, Kilter, Enbrace the Machine** @ Blue Max
21 **Buggaboo** @ 10 Sports Bar
21 **Emily King** @ Music City Mall
21 **Tommy Lewis and the Panic Room with Adam Rivera** @ Museum of the Southwest
22 **Black TarPoon, The Raven Claw Hammer** @ Blue Max
23 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
23 **Buggaboo** @ Redneck's
23 **Mark Lowry, The Martins, Stan Whitmire** @

LUBBOCK

JUNE

26 **We Are Harlot** @ The Pavilion @ Lone Star Event Center

JULY

4 **3 Doors Down, Theory Of A Deadman** @ Amphitheatre @ Lone Star Event Center

MARFA

JUNE

14 **Steve Earle and the Dukes** @ Crowley Theater

NEW MEXICO

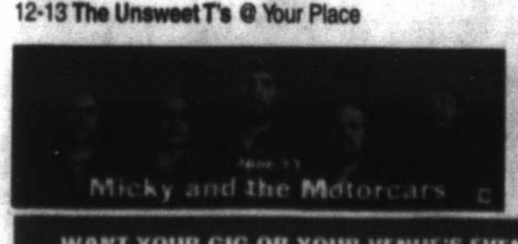
JUNE

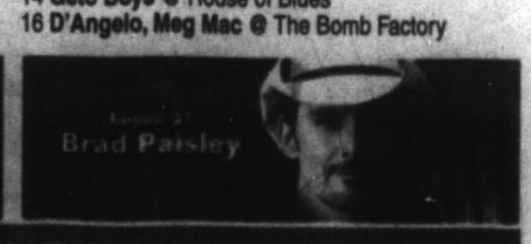
18 **Marshall Tucker Band** @ Ruidoso Downs

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JUNE

12 **Lynyrd Skynyrd, Blue Oyster Cult** @ Verizon Theatre
14 **Geto Boys** @ House of Blues
16 **D'Angelo, Meg Mac** @ The Bomb Factory





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White Sox beat Astros; Correa debuts with RBI

By Brian Sandalow
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Chris Sale struck out 14 and the Chicago White Sox handed Houston its fifth straight loss, 3-1 on a rainy Monday night. Highly regarded Carlos Correa drove in the Astros' run in his big league debut.

Sale (6-2) became the first White Sox pitcher to fan at least 10 in four straight games, the team said in citing Elias Sports Bureau.

It was Sale's third straight game with 12 or more strikeouts. He gave up one run and five hits.

Correa, the top pick in the 2012 draft, was promoted from Triple-A and became the youngest player in the majors at 20. Batting sixth and playing shortstop, he went 1 for 4 for the AL West leaders.

White Sox	3
Astros	1

In the fourth, Correa came up with runners at second and third and two outs. After a replay review, he was called safe for beating out a grounder to short.

David Robertson struck out two for his 11th save.

Lance McCullers (2-1) took the loss. He also was taken in the 2012 draft and the became close friends with Correa while they were together in the Astros' system.

Avisail Garcia hit a two-run homer in the fourth in a game that started 25 minutes late because of rain and later was delayed for 38 minutes.

Correa was hitting a combined .335 with 10 home runs, 44 RBIs and 21 doubles with 18 stolen bases between Fresno and Double-A Corpus Christi.

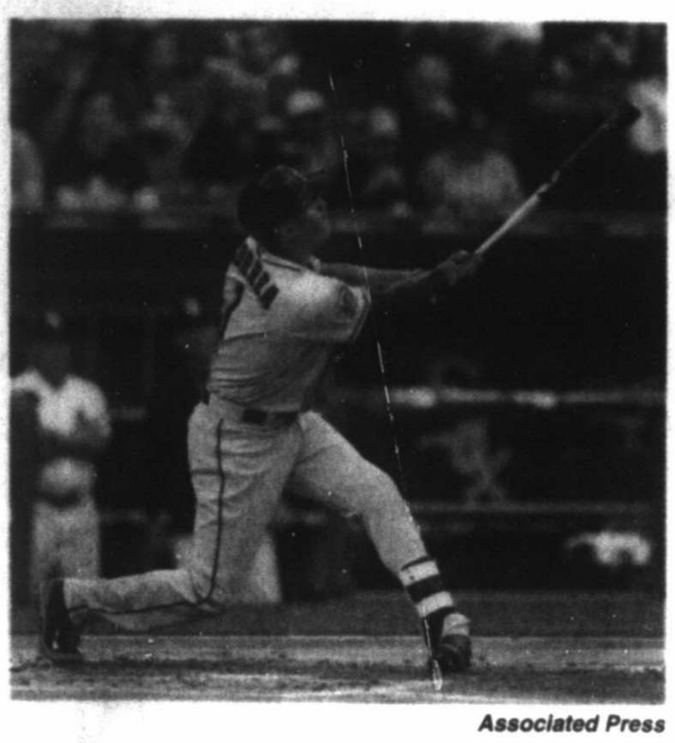
Trainer's Room

Astros: Manager A.J. Hinch said the team hasn't assessed how Correa's arrival could impact SS Jed Lowrie. Lowrie (right thumb) underwent surgery May 1 and was transferred to the 60-day disabled list May 18.

White Sox: LHP Dan Jennings (neck) and RHPs Nate Jones (right elbow) and Matt Albers (right pinkie) remained on the disabled list.

Up next

Houston LHP Dallas Keuchel (7-1, 1.85) faces White Sox LHP Carlos Rodon (1-0, 3.45). Rodon was mentioned as a possible target for the Astros with the first overall pick last year that was used on LHP Brady Aiken.



Houston Astros' Carlos Correa watches his pop out fly ball on his first major league at bat during the second inning of a game against the Chicago White Sox, Monday in Chicago.

Associated Press

USA beats Australia

Associated Press

Megan Rapinoe of the United States celebrates her second goal during the group D match against Australia at the 2015 FIFA Women's World Cup in Winnipeg, Canada, on Monday. The U.S. won the match 3-1.

Rapinoe scores twice in US win over Australia

By Annie M. Peterson
Associated Press

WINNIPEG, Manitoba — Megan Rapinoe scored twice and the United States overcame early defensive shakiness to beat Australia 3-1 Monday night in the Americans' opener at the Women's World Cup.

Christen Press also scored for the second-ranked U.S., which is seeking its third World Cup title and first since 1999.

Lisa De Vanna had tied the score midway through the first half for Australia, beating controversial American goalkeeper Hope Solo.

"Obviously, we were a bit nervous," Rapinoe said. "Couldn't play a lot worse at times."

U.S. star forward Alex Morgan, sidelined by a bone bruise in her left knee, entered in the 79th minute in her first game action with April 11 with her Portland club.

United States	3
Australia	1

Rapinoe scored in the 12th minute for the Americans, Press put the U.S. ahead for good in the 61st, and Rapinoe added her 31st international goal in the 78th, the first two-goal game at the World Cup for the Americans since Abby Wambach against Norway in 2007.

The U.S., which won the title in 1991 and '99, improved to 5-0-2 in World Cup openers and 23-0-2 in all matches against Australia. The game was televised in prime time on network television back home, where large numbers of fans tuned in last year for the men's World Cup in Brazil.

"Couldn't be prouder to have the women of Team #USA representing us in stars, stripes, and shin guards. Good luck," Democratic president candidate Hillary Clinton tweeted.

In the absence of the 25-year-old Morgan, 35-year-old Abby Wambach and Canada-born Sydney Leroux started up top against the No. 10 Matildas, whose best World Cup finish was sixth in 2007

While the American women have won three straight Olympic gold medals, the third World Cup title has eluded them. They lost the 2011 final to Japan on penalty kicks.

The field has expanded from 16 teams to 24 this year, and the Americans' next match in Group D will be Friday against Sweden and former U.S. coach Pia Sundhage. They finish group play on June 16 against Nigeria, which tied Sweden 3-3 in the opener of Monday's doubleheader.

The World Cup is being played as FIFA deals with a scandal which U.S. prosecutors allege involves more then $150 million in bribes. FIFA President Sepp Blatter, who is not at the tournament, announced last week that he plans to resign.

Please see U.S./2C

Short & Sweet: 3 shortstops lead off MLB draft for 1st time

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
Associated Press

SECAUCUS, N.J. — Shortstops were a big hit leading off the Major League Baseball draft.

The Arizona Diamondbacks selected Vanderbilt slugger Dansby Swanson with the No. 1 pick Monday night, setting off a history-making run at the position.

With the second pick, Houston took LSU's Alex Bregman — marking the first time the first two players chosen were shortstops since Shawon Dunston (Cubs) and Augie Schmidt (Blue Jays) got drafted in 1982. Colorado made it 3 for 3 by taking Florida high schooler Brendan Rodgers at No. 3 overall.

A fourth shortstop went 10th, with Philadelphia selecting Georgia high schooler Cornelius Randolph.

Swanson, who helped lead the Commodores to the College World Series earlier in the day, was the first college shortstop to be the top pick since Brown University's Bill Almon in 1974.

"I think it sounds pretty good," a smiling Swanson said in an interview on MLB Network.

It marked the first time the Diamondbacks had the No. 1 selection since they took Justin Upton in 2005.

Swanson seamlessly switched from second base to shortstop this season as a junior. He was the Most Outstanding Player at the College World Series last year, helping the Commodores to the national championship. Swanson is a finalist for the Golden Spikes Award and Howser Trophy, given to college baseball's top player.

"An exceptional baseball player that has all of the intangibles and makeup of a championship-type player for which this organization is building a foundation on," Diamondbacks scouting director Deric Ladnier said in a statement.

Swanson also is the first shortstop — college or high school — to go No. 1 since Houston took Carlos Correa out of the Puerto Rico Baseball Academy in 2012. Correa made his major league debut Monday night, just more than three years to the day after he was drafted.

It was the 50th anniversary of the first draft in 1965, and the first for new Commissioner Rob Manfred, who took over when Bud Selig retired in January.

"I actually was going to call him on the way out here and I got tied up,"

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American Pharoah owners racing to capitalize on champ's name

By Jonathan Fahey
Associated Press

NEW YORK — American Pharoah's owners and thoroughbred racing now have a new race to run: A race to capitalize on the horse's Triple Crown victory before the excitement fades away.

As the first winner of the sport's Triple Crown in 37 years, American Pharoah has a wealth of marketing opportunities that could never have been imagined by owners of the last winner, Affirmed, in 1978. At the same time, horse racing has declined into a niche pastime that is facing an aging demographic, a shrinking number of race tracks, and competition from new ways of betting on sports.

"Marketing has changed, media has changed, and how people consume the product has changed," says David Carter, a sports business professor at the University of Southern California's Marshall School of Business. "It's one thing to drive notoriety, but it's another thing to get people to part with their money."

American Pharoah's owner, Ahmed Zayat, has already struck sponsorship deals with Monster energy drinks and a private-airplane membership company called Wheels Up. Deals for merchandise are already in place, including one with Fanatics, according to Ben Sturner, CEO of Leverage Agency, the firm Zayat hired to market American Pharoah. Similar apparel and merchandise deals with All Pro Championships and Steiner Sports were announced Monday.

But Zayat will be looking for more, and he has also pledged to try to use the horse's popularity to try to give thoroughbred racing a boost. The horse is expected to compete in a few more races this year, which will increase interest and attendance at the tracks where he runs and help drive television ratings for those races.

As the winner of a crown that went unclaimed for so long that it seemed it would never be won again, American Pharoah will without question sell more merchandise and attract more sponsorship deals than any horse in recent memory. Sturner dreams of bobble-head dolls, lunchboxes, "anything you can think of that people will want to wear," and a wide range of other sponsorships. He says his first call Monday will be to General Mills, to try to get the horse on a Wheaties cereal box.

"Forget about analytics and demographics, this is about making history, doing something unique," he says. "American Pharoah is more than just a horse, he's an icon."

Secretariat, the Triple Crown winner in 1973, got a postal stamp and was featured on major magazine covers even outside of sports, remaining a pop culture touchstone even today.

Still, it's unclear just how much advertisers will spend to associate a product or company with the hero of a sport very few follow most of the year, and one that will likely compete only a few more times in his life. At the end of the year, control of the horse is transferred to the owner of his breeding rights, a company based in Ireland called Coolmore.

It's even less clear whether the horse's popularity will slow or reverse horse racing's downward trajectory.

Casual horse racing fans care only about the three races of the Triple Crown: the Kentucky Derby, the Preakness Stakes, and the Belmont Stakes. Interest in those special events is at least as much about the pageantry as about betting on horses. In general, horse racing attendance has been plummeting for decades.

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DAILY RUNDOWN

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ON THE AIR

WHAT'S ON TV

MLB

Chic. Cubs at Detroit or Washington at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB

Houston at Chic. White Sox, 7 p.m., ROOT

Texas at Oakland, 9 p.m., FSSW

MEN'S SOCCER

Friendly: Ecuador vs. Panama, 1 p.m., beIN

FIFA U-20 World Cup: Ghana vs. Mali, 11 p.m., FS1/NBCU

FIFA U-20 World Cup: Serbia vs. Hungary, 11 p.m., FS2

FIFA U-20 World Cup: USA vs. Colombia, 2:30 a.m., FS1/NBCU

FIFA U-20 World Cup: Ukraine vs. Senegal, 2:30 a.m., FS2/TELE

NBA

NBA Finals Gm 3: Golden State at Cleveland, 8 p.m., ABC/ESPNDEP

SOFTBALL

USSSA Pride at Dallas Charge, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Women's Soccer (FIFA Women's World Cup)

France vs. England, Noon, FOX

Colombia vs. Mexico, 3 p.m., FOX/TELE

Spain vs. Costa Rica, 3 p.m., FS1/NBCU

Brazil vs. South Korea, 6 p.m., FS1/NBCU

WHAT'S ON RADIO

MLB

Texas at Oakland, 9 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

TEXAS LEAGUE BASEBALL

Corpus Christi at Midland, 6:30 p.m., KCRS 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Optioned RHP Jose Ramirez and 3B Lonnie Chisenhall to Columbus (IL).

HOUSTON ASTROS — Designated INF Matt Dominguez for assignment.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Optioned OF Grant Green to Salt Lake (PCL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Optioned SS Danny Santana to Rochester (IL). Recalled 1B Kennys Vargas from Rochester.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES — Agreed to terms with RHP David Aardsma on a minor league contract.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Optioned RHP Dominic Leone to Mobile (SL). Reinstated RHP David Hernandez from the 15-day DL. Sent LHP Patrick Corbin to Visalia (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

CINCINNATI REDS — Released RHP Matt Magill.

COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed RHP Rafael Betancourt on the 15-day DL. Recalled RHP David Hale from Albuquerque (PCL).

LOS ANGELES DODGERS — Sent RHP Brandon League to Rancho Cucamonga (Cal) for a rehab assignment.

MIAMI MARLINS — Placed RHP Bryan Morris on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Recalled LHP Adam Conley from New Orleans (PCL).

NEW YORK METS — Optioned RHP Vic Black to Las Vegas (PCL).

PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Agreed to terms with RHP Kevin Correia on a one-year contract.

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent OF Will Myers to El Paso (PCL).

American Association

AMARILLO THUNDERBIRDS — Traded INF Zack MacPhee to Camden (Atlantic) for a player to be named. Released C Chad Bunting.

LAREDO SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed INF Stephen Rogers.

GRAND PRAIRIE AIRHOGS — Announced RHP Dakota Watts signed with Monclova (Mexican).

FOOTBALL

National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS — Signed CB Tracy Porter to a one-year contract and WR Ify Umodu to a three-year contract. Released LB Jamil Merrell.

DALLAS COWBOYS — Released RB Syrryn Days. Signed LB Justin Jackson and RB Lache Seastrunk.

MIAMI DOLPHINS — Signed WR Tommy Streeter.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released LB Brandon Spikes. Signed DB Derek Cox.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

EDMONTON OILERS — Signed D Brad Hunt and F Andrew Miller to one-year contracts.

American Hockey League

BRIDGEPORT SOUND TIGERS — Agreed to terms with F Colin Markison on a one-year contract.

TORONTO MARLIES — Named Sheldon Keefe coach.

TENNIS

USTA — Appointed Bill Macatee to the USTA Foundation board of directors.

OLYMPIC SPORTS

USAGA — Announced ice hockey player Emily Field accepted a one-year suspension for committing an anti-doping rule violation due to her failure to properly file whereabouts information.

COLLEGE

AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE — Named Hali Oughton multimedia coordinator and reporter.

MID-AMERICAN CONFERENCE — Signed commissioner Jon Steinbrecher to a three-year contract extension through the 2019-20 academic year.

PATRIOT LEAGUE — Named Jennifer Heppel executive director.

AUGSBURG — Named Meghan Peyton men's/women's cross country coach and Emily Hackert men's/women's track and field coach.

AUSTIN PEAY — Named Chelsea Turner women's assistant basketball coach.

EAST CAROLINA — Named Dorian Jackson director of creative services.

FURMAN — Named Trent Johnson men's assistant soccer coach.

GEORGIA TECH — Named John David Wicker senior associate athletic director for operations.

IOWA STATE — Named Steve Prohm men's basketball coach and agreed to terms with him on a five-year contract.

N.C. STATE — Men's sophomore basketball G Torin Dorn is transferring from Charlotte.

TENNESSEE — Named Larry Simcox assistant baseball coach.

STANLEY CUP GLANCE

FINALS

(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)

Tampa Bay 2, Chicago 1

Wednesday, June 3: Chicago 2, Tampa Bay 1

Saturday, June 6: Tampa Bay 4, Chicago 3

Monday, June 8: Tampa Bay 3, Chicago 2

Wednesday, June 10: Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8 p.m.

Saturday, June 13: Chicago at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

x-Monday, June 15: Tampa Bay at Chicago, 8 p.m.

x-Wednesday, June 17: Chicago at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.

FISHING REPORT

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water stained. 73-82 degrees. 0.58 feet high. Black bass are fair on flukes, Senkos and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse Use Worm-Glo nightcrawlers.

ARROWHEAD: Water off color. 72-79 degrees. 1.36 feet high. One ramp open and few anglers have been on the lake.

COLORADO CITY: 21.29 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water clear. 73-81 degrees. 12.93 feet low. Black bass are fair on chatterbaits, flukes and Texas rigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and live minnows in 2-8 feet. Catfish are fair on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color. 75-83 degrees. 20.38 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on shallow running crankbaits, Texas rigs and chartreuse or white spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and live shad.

NASWORTHY: No report available.

OAK CREEK: Water stained. 74-81 degrees. 21.71 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on chatterbaits, Texas rigs and split shot rigged flukes. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs under a slip cork. Catfish are fair on chartreuse Use Worm-Glo) nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained. 75-83 degrees. 42.74 feet low. Black bass are good on Texas rigs, weightless Grande Bass Rattlesnakes and buzzbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs fished shallow. Catfish are fair to good on live bait.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water fairly clear. 76-83 degrees. 0.99 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, weightless Senkos and finesse jigs. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on Road Runners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are fair to good on live shad and nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 63.93 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: 2.26 feet low. No report available.

SWEETWATER: Water off color. 74-81 degrees. 27.93 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained. 75-82 degrees. 15.93 feet low. No report available.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky. 70-74 degrees. 28.38 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, spinnerbaits, jerkbaits, and soft plastics. Striped bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Red Fins. White bass are fair on live minnows, jigging spoons, and small white crankbaits. Crappie are slow. Catfish are good on cheesebait, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are very good on trotlines and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

BRAUNIG: Water stained. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin crankbaits and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are fair down rigging spoons near the dam and jetty. Redfish are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp, cheesebait, and cut bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

CALAVERAS: Water stained. Black bass are fair on watermelon soft plastic worms and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

CHOKE CANYON: Water murky. 70-74 degrees. 21.14 feet low. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Drum are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on punchbait and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

COLETO CREEK: Water murky. 79 degrees in main lake, 87 at hot water discharge; 0.33 feet high. Black bass are good on crankbaits and spinnerbaits over grass beds. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs at the Coletoville Bridge in 10-12 feet. Channel and blue catfish are excellent on live perch and cut bait in 8-10 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

FALCON: Water murky. 70-74 degrees. 18.60 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon crankbaits and Carolina rigged soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on cut bait and stinkbait in the river. Yellow catfish are slow. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained. 73-77 degrees. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed soft plastics and spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are fair on nightcrawlers, and stinkbait. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water murky. 68-72 degrees. 11.02 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water murky. 72-76 degrees. 0.88 feet low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are fair over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water murky. 69-73 degrees. 22.10 feet low. Black bass are fair on weightless wacky rigged green pumpkin Whacky Sticks with chartreuse tails, Daiquiri Skip-N-Pop topwaters, and Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps in 5-15 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on Pet Spoons and jigging Pirk Minnows in 10-20 feet. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are fair on live bait and cut bait. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

CANYON LAKE: Water murky. 70-74 degrees. 18.66 feet high. Black bass are fair on Texas rigged watermelon Whacky Sticks and pumpkinseed Curb's Erratic jigs in 6-15 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are slow. Crappie are fair on Curb's crappie jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are fair on live bait. Yellow and blue catfish are slow.

COLEMAN: Water murky. 68-73 degrees. 9.42 feet low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

GRANBURY: Water murky. 69-73 degrees. 0.45 feet low. Black bass are fair on pumpkinseed soft plastics, crankbaits, and spinnerbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on minnows and chartreuse spinnerbaits. Crappie are slow. Catfish are fair on stinkbait, shrimp, and liver.

GRANGER: Water murky. 75-79 degrees. 14.66 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained. 70-74 degrees. 0.30 feet low. Black bass are fair on Bleeding Shad Rat-L-Traps and weightless green pumpkin wacky rigged Whacky Sticks along break lines of flats early in 4-10 feet. White bass are fair trolling Shad Raps. Crappie are fair on minnows and chartreuse Curb's crappie jigs in 10 feet. Channel catfish are good on minnows and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with live perch and carp.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water murky. 68-72 degrees. 17.19 feet high. Black bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky. 67-71 degrees. 16.11 feet high. Black bass are slow. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky. 69-73 degrees. 20.33 feet high. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

Associated Press

The United States' Christen Press (23) celebrates her goal against Australia with Lauren Holiday (12) during a FIFA Women's World Cup soccer match in Winnipeg, Manitoba, on Monday.

U.S.

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Controversy also hangs over the U.S. team. Solo started a day after an ESPN report revealed new details about her arrest last June in Washington state on domestic violence charges.

The U.S. team has defended Solo in the face of the allegations. The charges were dismissed by a Kirkland, Washington, judge earlier this year, but prosecutors told ESPN there is an appeal scheduled.

"That was a long time ago. I'll be honest, we've moved on," coach Jill Ellis. "She's been a fantastic player and teammate. None of that has even resonated with us, and I'm sure many of the players aren't aware of it."

Solo was tested in the fifth minutem, when she tipped Emily Van Egmond's shot off the crossbar and over. She made another save on Michelle Heyman in the 13th.

Rapinoe's kick from the top of the penalty area deflected off an Australia's Laura Alleway past goalkeeper Melissa Barbieri.

But De Vanna tied it when she facing off with Solo and slotted the ball inside the near post for her 36th goal in 100th international appearance appears

Press scored off a cross from Leroux in the 61st minute. When Press was subbed off seven minutes later she was given a hearty ovation from the crowd of 31,148, which overwhelmingly sided with the Americans. It was her first career World Cup goal.

Monday's international football scores
By The Associated Press
(Home teams listed first)
FIFA Womens World Cup
Group Stage
Vancouver, British Columbia
Cameroon 6, Ecuador 0
Winnipeg, Manitoba
Sweden 3, Nigeria 3
Winnipeg, Manitoba
United States 3, Australia 1

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"The casual fan will say 'that's great!' but then move on," Carter said of American Pharoah's feat. "If you vanish from the consciousness for a while it's hard to maintain any marketing momentum."

Before failed Triple Crown bids by California Chrome in 2014 and I'll Have Another in 2012, the last horse that captured attention from casual fans was Zenyatta, a rare female superstar with a 19-race winning streak that was named horse of the year in 2010.

Zenyatta's owner, Jerry Moss, has been unable to drum up much commercial interest in the horse. "There was interest around her, but we haven't had any big offers," he said. "I'm amazed myself because she captured America's heart."

Moss thinks that American Pharoah will have far more commercial success than Zenyatta and will help pull racing out of its small niche, at least for the rest of this year.

Alex Waldrop, CEO of the National Thoroughbred Racing Association thinks American Pharoah's win will boost efforts already in place to increase racing's appeal, simply because more people are paying attention now that the Triple Crown has finally been won again. He described the mainstream media coverage since Saturday afternoon's race as an "explosion."

But Waldrop worries that interest in American Pharoah will wane as the year goes on. "I'm not concerned about the next two weeks, that'll take care of itself, that's the easy part," he says. "The big question is does it take people from interest to participation. Wagering is ultimately our lifeblood."

Bach: FIFA must go through 'painful experience' to reform

Associated Press

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — Saying there is "no comparison" in the scale of the IOC's Salt Lake City scandal and FIFA's corruption crisis, IOC President Thomas Bach urged soccer's governing body to take the "painful" steps needed to clean itself up and restore credibility in the organization.

Bach gave his most extensive comments to date on the bribery allegations engulfing FIFA, a far-reaching scandal that led Sepp Blatter to resign as president last week pending new elections.

Bach said FIFA should press ahead with reforms, citing the measures taken by the International Olympic Committee to recover from the Salt Lake crisis in the late 1990s.

"It's not up to the IOC to give advice, it's just to remember that we had this kind of problems 15 years ago," Bach said. "We also know from our experience that ... putting everything on the desk can be a painful experience, but it is absolutely necessary to do this as we have seen from our own history."

Also Monday, the IOC executive board approved new events for the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang, South Korea — Big Air in snowboard, mass start in speedskating, mixed doubles in curling, and a nations team event in Alpine skiing. The IOC also approved cost-cutting venue changes for seven sports for the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, bringing to $1.7 billion the total amount saved by Japanese organizers so far.

Bach said the board also moved forward with plans to set up a special "mourning place" in the Olympic Village in Rio de Janeiro where athletes can remember family, friends and others who have died, including the 11 Israeli athletes and coaches slain at the 1972 Munich Games. The IOC also plans to hold a "moment of remembrance" during the closing ceremony of the 2016 Games to honor those who have passed away.

Bach said the size of the FIFA scandal was much bigger than the case that led to the ouster of 10 IOC members for accepting improper inducements during Salt Lake's winning bid for the 2002 Winter Games.

In addition to kicking out members, Bach said, the IOC undertook structural reforms, including a ban on member visits to bid cities, creation of an ethics commission, introduction of term limits and inclusion of athlete members on the committee.

"We can only encourage FIFA to continue (with) the reforms which have been initiated," Bach said. "We cannot give advice of what to do in detail but we appreciate there is the readiness for reforms now and for substantial reforms."

Blatter announced he's stepping down less than a week after seven officials were arrested in a dawn Swiss police raid on a Zurich hotel on corruption charges filed by the U.S. Department of Justice. Blatter made the decision four days after winning re-election to a fifth term, saying he would lead reform efforts until new elections can be held.

Asked whether Blatter should step aside completely now, Bach said: "This is something that FIFA has to decide. FIFA is a federation of its own right and it is not for the IOC to interfere."

In other developments Monday:

— Bach said a piece of stone taken from Ancient Olympia in Greece will be placed in the mourning area in the Rio athletes village, where an inauguration ceremony will be held.

"It should not be just for a certain group, it should be for everybody," Bach said.

Asked about the victims of the Munich killings, he said: "Of course, the 11 Israel athletes and the German policemen who died in this worst moment of Olympic history, the terrorist attack in Munich, they will be remembered but there will also be others who will be remembered."

He cited Georgian luger Nodar Kumaritashvili, who was killed in a training accident on the eve of the Vancouver Games.

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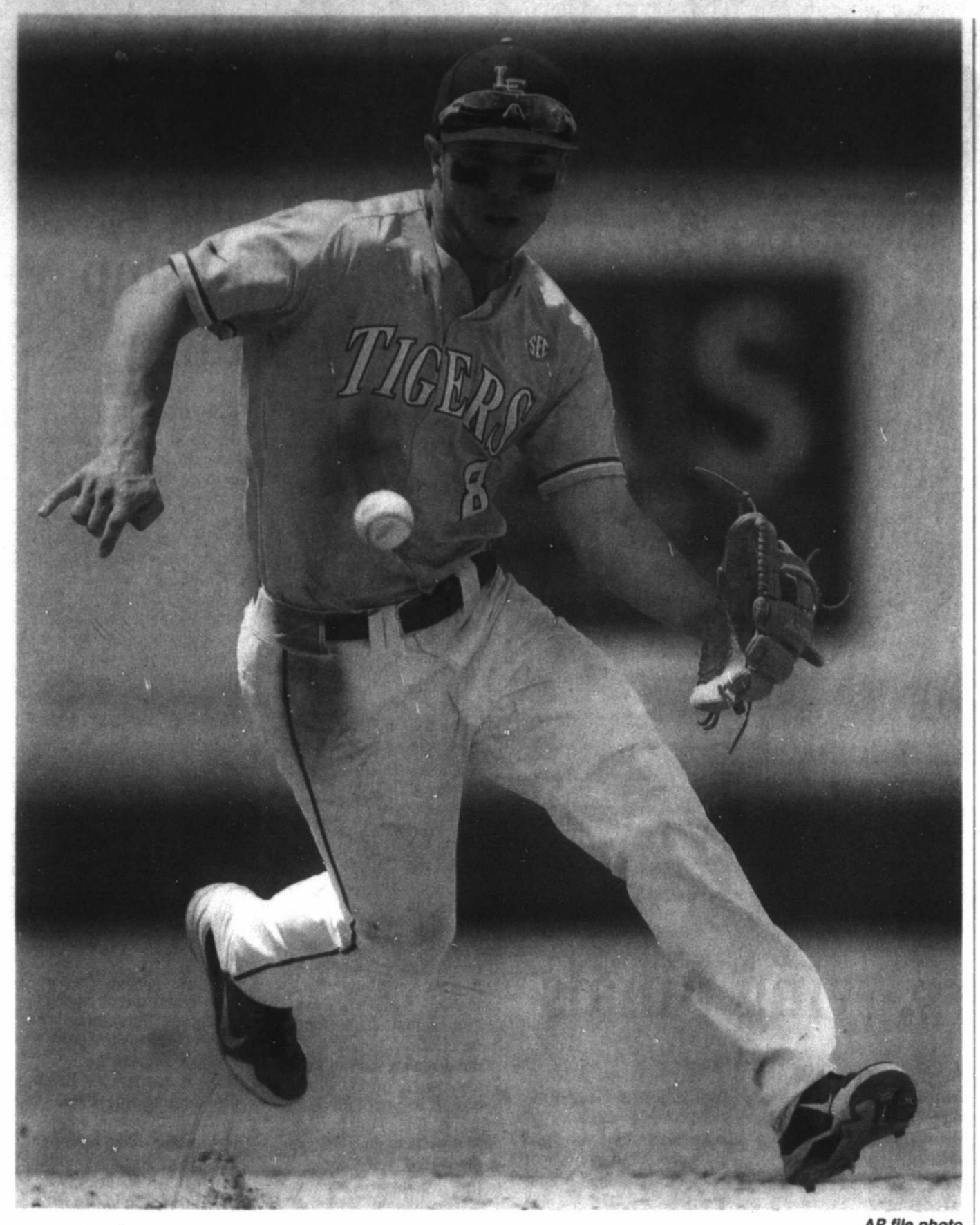

AP file photo

In this June 1 file photo, LSU infielder Alex Bregman (8) fields a grounder hit by UNC Wilmington's Robbie Thorburn in the eighth inning of an NCAA college baseball tournament regional game in Baton Rouge, La. Bregman was drafted second overall by the Houston Astros in the 2015 MLB Draft.

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Manfred said, minutes before stepping to the podium to begin announcing the first-round selections. "So I didn't get any advice. I think I can get through it."

The Astros received the No. 2 pick as compensation for not signing pitcher Brady Aiken, last year's top pick. Aiken was taken by Cleveland at No. 17 despite having Tommy John surgery in March.

Bregman is the offensive leader of an LSU team that will play in the College World Series and has been ranked No. 1 in the country in several polls for most of the season. The Golden Spikes Award finalist is hitting .312 with nine homers and 49 RBIs, and has stolen 37 bases.

"It's such an honor," Bregman said. "I can't wait to get to work right after we go win the College World Series."

Houston kept things in the family at No. 5, taking Florida high school outfielder Kyle Tucker, the younger brother of Astros outfielder Preston Tucker. He broke his brother's school record with 31 career homers, and has the power to potentially move to a corner outfield spot at the next level.

"I've never had the opportunity to play with him since he's 7 years older," Kyle Tucker said. "I've sat in the stands and watched him. Possibly having the opportunity to play with him at the major league level, that would be something really special for me."

With the first pick of the second round, the Astros went for another player with baseball bloodlines by taking Georgia high school outfielder Daz Cameron, son of former All-Star Mike Cameron.

California high school third baseman Tyler Nevin, the son of 1992 No. 1 overall pick Phil Nevin, went next to Colorado.

With Cano struggling, Mariners among biggest disappointments

Associated Press

SEATTLE — Robinson Cano was only supposed to hear the jeers and boos cascading from the spectators when he was playing on the road.

Hearing them at Safeco Field after strikeouts and weak grounders was not envisioned when he signed a $240 million, 10-year contract with the Seattle Mariners.

"I always stay positive and every at bat for me is a different one. I'm not going to overthink," Cano said. "I haven't done my job lately. Just go game by game and play hard every single day."

Cano's unexpected struggles at the plate are just the tip of one of the biggest underachievers in baseball to date. Picked by many observers to be a playoff-bound club thanks to Cano and the addition of Nelson Cruz, the Mariners' 2-9 homestand left them seven games under .500 at 25-32, the second-worst record in the American League.

Seattle became just the fourth team in major league history to score no more than three runs during any game of a homestand of 10 games or longer, following the 1913 Chicago White Sox, 1968 Houston Astros and 2010 Mariners. The three prior teams had only 10 games to fail in, according to STATS.

If 90 victories was the benchmark for the Mariners following an 87-win season that left them one victory shy of a postseason tiebreaker game, the ugly first two months has left Seattle needing to win at a .619 clip the rest of the way to reach that mark.

It's certainly possible. But nothing the Mariners have shown lately, highlighted by an offense unable to get clutch hits, makes it appear probable.

"The focus is always there to win games. With runners in scoring position is where we need to tighten it up," Cruz said. "We get all our hits ... but when it matters the most to drive in runs we don't get it done."

Cano's .239 batting average is the second-lowest of his career to this point of a season.

Cano's .278 on-base percentage and .320 slugging are down 100 points from this time last year and his poorest output through 57 games other than 2008 with the Yankees when Cano was hitting .216 with four homers and 19 RBIs. He has only two home runs this season and is batting .188 with one extra base hit in his last 20 games.

Even more alarming for Cano are the pitches he's chasing outside the strike zone and the lack of solid contact. Cano has 40 strikeouts and is on pace for a career-high 113.

Cruz has done more than his part for Seattle's offense, leading the AL in home runs with 18 and hitting .329.

"Guys that are supposed to perform have to perform," manager Lloyd McClendon said. "The fact is if Robbie Cano, Cruz and (Kyle) Seager don't hit, then we're not going to win. And if they continue not to hit, then you'll be talking to someone else. I'll be driving a garbage truck. That's just the way it goes."

Aside from Cruz, there's been little consistency, adding to the frustration. When the offense was good early, the starting pitching aside from Felix Hernandez was shaky. Lately, when the pitching has been good, the offense has floundered.

And a bullpen that was the best in baseball a season ago hasn't come close to matching the efficiency of 2014, capped by the roller-coaster ninth innings from closer Fernando Rodney.

McClendon continues to say he likes his club and believes Seattle will come out of this funk.

"This is a business of results and positive results only. You can talk about expectations or what a player should do or what we know what he can do, but the bottom line is you've got to get it done," he said. "If we don't get it done, there will be changes, absolutely. It's the nature of the business."

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

ROYALS 3
TWINS 1

MINNEAPOLIS — Jason Vargas threw six shutout innings and Kendrys Morales hit a long home run against his former team to push the Kansas City Royals to a 3-1 victory over the Minnesota Twins on Monday night.

Vargas (5-2) gave up five hits and struck out two, Morales hit a two-run shot in the second inning and Eric Hosmer drove in another run in the eighth to move the AL champion Royals (32-23) ahead of the Twins (33-24) by percentage points for first place in the AL Central. Greg Holland got his 10th save in 11 chances.

National League

PADRES 5
BRAVES 3, 11 INNINGS

ATLANTA — Matt Kemp drove in the go-ahead run with a loud double, former Braves star Craig Kimbrel earned his 200th career save and the San Diego Padres beat Atlanta 5-3 in 11 innings on Monday night.

The Padres forced extra innings by scoring one run off Braves closer Jason Grilli in the ninth.

Justin Upton, facing Atlanta for the first time since his off-season trade from the Braves, led off the 11th with a walk from Cody Martin (2-3).

Upton stole second and easily scored when Kemp doubled off the left-field wall. Kemp scored on Alexi Amarista's double.

Kimbrel made a triumphant return to Atlanta after being traded to the Padres in early April, recording the final three outs. He reached the milestone in his 318th game — faster than any pitcher in major league history, Jonathan Papelbon recorded his 200th save in his 359th game for the previous fastest pace

REDS 6
PHILLIES 4

CINCINNATI — Ivan De Jesus Jr. hit the first homer of his big league career and Cincinnati finally beat Cole Hamels with the help of a couple of Philadelphia misplays that set up the victory.

De Jesus hit a tiebreaking, two-run homer in the sixth inning off Hamels (5-5), who was unbeaten in 14 career starts against Cincinnati, including the playoffs.

Mike Leake (3-4) got his first win since May 6. He gave up three runs and 10 hits in six innings, including three hits by Maikel Franco. Aroldis Chapman walked two and let in a run on a wild pitch while getting his 11th save in 12 chances.

Interleague

BLUE JAYS 11
MARLINS 3

TORONTO — Blue Jays pitcher Marco Estrada retired the Miami Marlins in order in the top of the first inning. Then he waited while the Toronto Blue Jays set 10 batters to the plate.

Chris Colabello extended his hitting streak to 18 games with an RBI single during that six-run first and the Blue Jays routed Miami 11-3 Monday night for their sixth win in a row.

"They were asking me if I wanted to go inside and throw a little more because you kind of sit for a while and you tie up a little but I was fine," Estrada said of the lengthy wait. "It's awesome watching these guys swing the bat, it's impressive."

Josh Donaldson homered and drove in three runs for the Blue Jays, the top-scoring team in the majors.

"I don't think any part of our lineup has a real hole in it," Toronto's Danny Valencia said. "One to nine it's tough. Coming in here and pitching against us has got to be hard."

The Blue Jays have gotten at least six runs in six straight games, their best streak since a seven-game burst in 2000. They've also scored 10 or more 10 times this year, matching all of last year's total.

Estrada (3-3) allowed three runs in seven innings and won back-to-back starts for the first time since last June with Milwaukee.

MLB AT A GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	32	25	.561	—
Tampa Bay	31	27	.534	1½
Toronto	29	30	.492	4
Boston	27	31	.466	5½
Baltimore	26	30	.464	5½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	32	23	.582	—
Minnesota	33	24	.579	—
Detroit	30	28	.517	3½
Cleveland	27	29	.482	5½
Chicago	26	30	.464	6½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	34	25	.576	—
Texas	30	27	.526	3
Los Angeles	28	29	.491	5
Seattle	25	32	.439	8
Oakland	23	36	.390	11

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	31	27	.534	—
Washington	30	27	.526	½
Atlanta	27	30	.474	3½
Miami	24	34	.414	7
Philadelphia	22	37	.373	9½

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	38	20	.655	—
Pittsburgh	31	25	.554	6
Chicago	30	25	.545	6½
Cincinnati	25	31	.446	12
Milwaukee	20	37	.351	17½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	32	25	.561	—
San Francisco	32	26	.552	½
San Diego	30	29	.508	3
Arizona	27	29	.482	4½
Colorado	26	30	.464	5½

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Chicago White Sox 3, Houston 1
Kansas City 3, Minnesota 1

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati 6, Philadelphia 4
San Diego 5, Atlanta 3, 11 innings
Colorado 11, St. Louis 3

INTERLEAGUE
Toronto 11, Miami 3

Today's games

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Houston (McCullers 2-0) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 5-2), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (J.Vargas 4-2) at Minnesota (P.Hughes 4-5), 7:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Milwaukee (Nelson 2-5) at Pittsburgh (Burnett 6-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Hamels 5-4) at Cincinnati (Leake 2-4), 7:10 p.m.
San Diego (Kennedy 3-5) at Atlanta (S.Miller 5-2), 7:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Lackey 4-3) at Colorado (Hale 1-0), 8:40 p.m.
Arizona (R.De La Rosa 4-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Bolsinger 3-1), 10:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE
Miami (Hand 1-1) at Toronto (Estrada 2-3), 6:07 p.m.

Texas box scores

WHITE SOX 3, ASTROS 1

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Chicago	ab	r	h	bi
Springr rf	4	0	1	0	Eaton cf	4	0	0	0
Villar lf	4	1	1	0	AlRmrz ss	3	0	0	0
Altuve 2b	4	0	2	0	Abreu 1b	3	1	1	0
Gattis dh	4	0	0	0	LaRoch dh	3	1	1	0
Carter 1b	3	0	0	0	AvGarc rf	2	1	1	2
Correa ss	4	0	1	1	MeCarr lf	3	0	1	1
Conger c	3	0	0	0	GBckh 3b	3	0	0	0
MGnzlz 3b	3	0	0	0	Flowrs c	3	0	0	0
Mrnck cf	3	0	0	0	CSnchz 2b	3	0	0	0
Totals	32	1	5	1	Totals	27	3	4	3

Houston	000	100	000	—1
Chicago	010	200	00x	—3

E—Mc.Cabrera (2). DP—Houston 1. LOB—Houston 6, Chicago 1. 2B—Springer (11), Altuve (11), LaRoche (9). HR—Av.Garcia (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
McCullers L,2-1	7	4	3	3	0	7
Sipp	1	0	0	0	0	2
Chicago						
Sale W,6-2	8	5	1	1	1	14
Robertson S,11-14	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by McCullers (Av.Garcia), by Robertson (Carter).

T—2:13 (Delay: 0:38). A—17,352 (40,615).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
ROYALS 3, TWINS 1

Kansas City	030	000	010	—3	8	0
Minnesota	000	000	100	—1	8	0

J.Vargas, Madison (7), W.Davis (8), G.Holland (9) and S.Perez; P.Hughes, A.Thompson (8), Pressly (9) and K.Suzuki. W—J.Vargas 5-2. L—P.Hughes 4-6. Sv—G.Holland (10). HRs—Kansas City, K.Morales (7). Minnesota, E.Rosario (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
REDS 6, PHILLIES 4

Philadelphia	100	200	001	—4	10	0
Cincinnati	111	002	01x	—6	11	0

Hamels, De Fratus (7) and Ruiz; Leake, M.Parra (7), Hoover (8), A.Chapman (9) and Barnhart. W—Leake 3-4. L—Hamels 5-5. Sv—A.Chapman (11). HRs—Cincinnati, De Jesus Jr. (1), Cozart (8).

PADRES 5, BRAVES 3

San Diego	010	000	01102	—5	9	0
Atlanta	003	000	00000	—3	11	2

Kennedy, Thayer (6), Garces (7), Quackenbush (7), Benoit (9), Maurer (10), Kimbrel (11) and De.Norris; S.Miller, JI.Johnson (8), Grilli (9), Masset (10), Co.Martin (11), Avilan (11) and Perzynski. W—Maurer 3-0. L—Co.Martin 2-3. Sv—Kimbrel (14).

INTERLEAGUE
BLUE JAYS 11, MARLINS 3

Miami	000	201	000	—3	8	1
Toronto	010	010	30x	—11	12	0

Hand, Rienzo (1), Mazzaro (6), K.Flores (7) and Realmuto; Estrada, Delabar (8), Tepera (9) and Ru.Martin. W—Estrada 3-3. L—Hand 1-2. HRs—Miami, Stanton (19). Toronto, Donaldson (16).

NCAAROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

CSU FULLERTON 4
LOUISVILLE 3

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — David Olmedo-Barrera led off the 11th inning with a home run and lifted Cal State Fullerton to a 4-3 win over host Louisville on Monday night and into the College World Series for the first time since 2009.

His second homer of the game was down the left-field line. It was initially ruled a home run by third-base umpire Heath Jones and the call was upheld after a replay review to give Fullerton the win in the deciding game of the Louisville Super Regional.

The Titans (39-23) will play defending national champion Vanderbilt Sunday night in the final first-round game of the College World Series in Omaha, Nebraska.

Fullerton senior Tyler Peitzmeier (4-3) picked up the win with five solid innings of relief of starter Connor Seabold. The left-hander gave up one earned run on four hits while striking out three.

Titans ace Thomas Eshelman picked up the save, striking out one in the 11th.

Louisville closer Zack Burdi (6-1) took the loss. The sophomore right-hander gave up one earned run on three hits while walking one and striking out two in 3 1-3 innings.

Zach Lucas had three hits to lead the Cardinals (47-18), the No. 3 overall seed in the NCAA Tournament.

VANDERBILT 4
ILLINOIS 2

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — Dansby Swanson was sure you couldn't script a better afternoon than the one he had Monday.

He's right.

Swanson scored the go-ahead run in a 4-2 struggle against Illinois, eliminating the Illini and helping the defending national champion Commodores return to the College World Series.

The shortstop and his teammates celebrated on the field with Detroit Tiger and former Commodore David Price, who used an off day to catch the game.

And, oh yeah, minutes after the win, the Arizona Diamondbacks picked Swanson first in the Major League Baseball draft. He was the first of three Commodores, along with pitchers Carson Fulmer and Walker Buehler, expected to be first-round picks Monday.

"Yeah, I can't complain, that's for sure," Swanson said. "Surreal moment."

While the Commodores celebrated, Illinois (50-10-1) tried to figure out what went wrong.

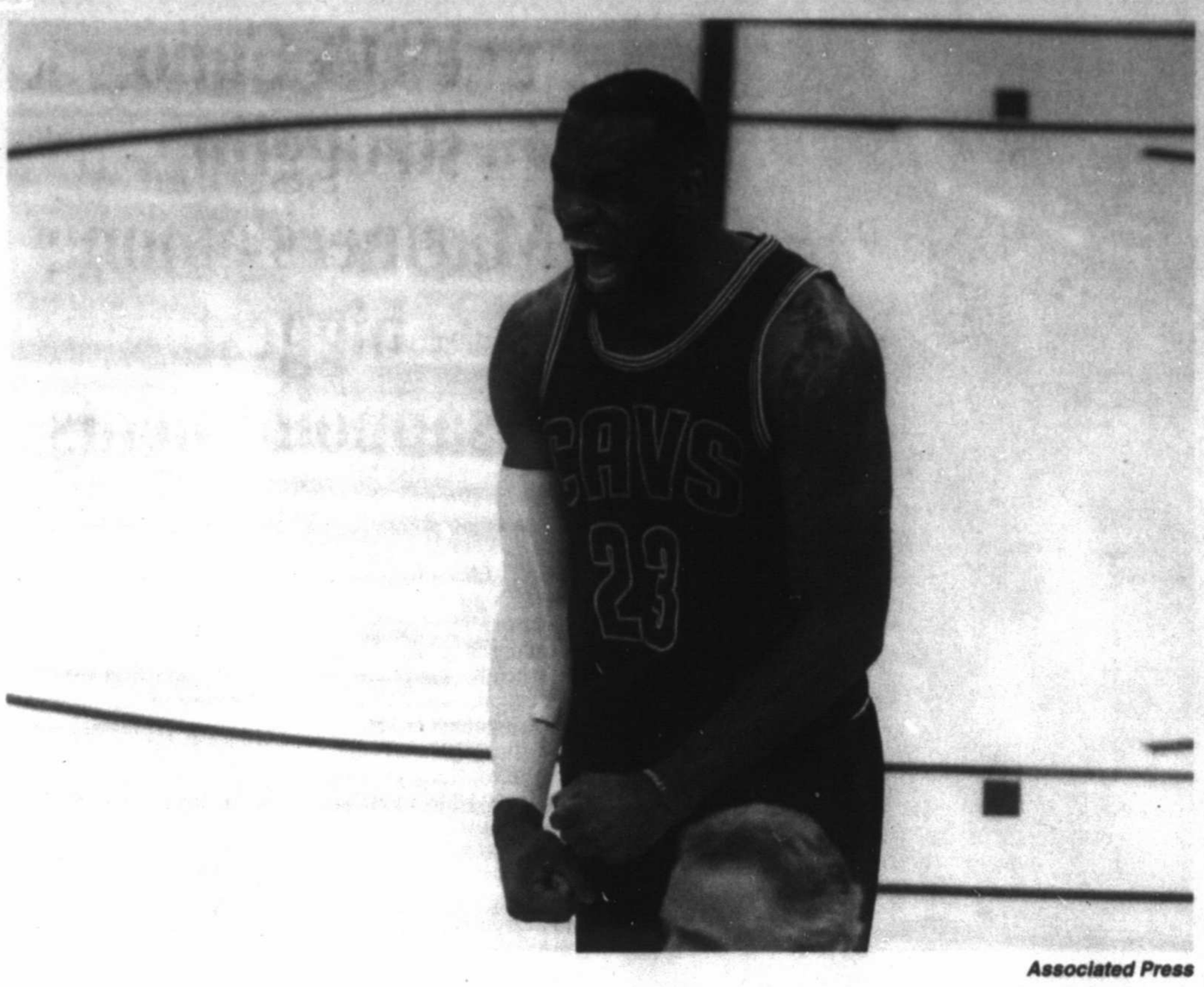
"It was just tough going down like that," right fielder Casey Fletcher, who appeared to have been crying, said. "We thought we had an Obama-bound team."

The Commodores (47-19) ground their way past Illinois' most-talented pitcher, left-handed reliever Tyler Jay, who was making just his second start since high school. Jay himself was drafted a little later, at No. 6 by the Minnesota Twins.

And Vanderbilt got a gritty six-inning start from another player with a tough-to-script story, lefty Philip Pfeifer. Pfeifer missed all of the Commodores' championship season after failing a drug test in 2013.

He struggled early Monday, giving Illinois multiple base runners in each of the first three innings. But the Illini scratched out just the two runs. And then Pfeifer found his control.

"If I've learned anything the past two years, it's going to look bad before it looks good," said Pfeifer, who just added to the Vanderbilt starting rotation midway through this season.



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Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James celebrates after end of the overtime period of Game 2 of the NBA Finals against the Golden State Warriors in Oakland, Calif., on Sunday. The Cavaliers won 95-93 in overtime.

LeBron, Cavaliers recover after beating Warriors, tying Finals

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Once LeBron James tied up the NBA Finals with another one of his virtuoso postseason performances, his legs were in knots.

He needed ice, treatment and rest. He wasn't the only one.

After a pair of entertaining, exhausting, drama-filled overtime games at Golden State, everyone — players, fans, even the refs — needed a day to take a breather and recover before the Cavaliers and Warriors resume a series getting stellar TV ratings and shifting to Quicken Loans Arena for Game 3 tonight.

As midnight approached in California following Cleveland's stunning 95-93 OT win on Sunday night, James, who scored 39 points with 16 rebounds and 11 assists, grimaced as he lifted himself from a chair on the postgame interview dais. He was hurting after playing 50 methodical minutes, one game after going 46.

James, incredibly, believes he can give more.

"It's a maximum of five games left in the NBA season," he said. "So I'm ready for whatever."

He has been all season.

With James leading the way, the Cavaliers, who were already a heavy underdog before losing All-Star guard Kyrie Irving to a broken left kneecap in the opener, dragged down the Warriors and Stephen Curry, the league's MVP.

Hounded by Cavs guard Matthew Dellavedova, who seemed to be inside his jersey, Curry missed 18 of 23 shots and ended his night with an uncharacteristic 3-point air-ball with four seconds left in overtime.

But while Dellavedova's contributions starting in place of Irving were huge, James was again the difference and the reason why the Cavs can't be dismissed.

The best all-around player of his generation, James has pushed a team missing two All-Stars — Irving and Kevin Love — and a franchise that has its first finals win, within three victories of an improbable title that would end Cleveland's 51-year major sports championship drought.

James hasn't been flawless, far from it. He's twice missed potential game-winning shots in the final seconds, and has made only 40 percent of his field-goal attempts.

However, he's dictating the pace of the game, controlling the clock and slowing the run-and-gun Warriors, who are accustomed to doing things their way. He's also motivated his teammates — James dubbed them "The Grit Squad" — by telling them that they not only belong in this series, but they can win it.

The Cavs may be underdogs, but James is reminding them that this is their moment. And as he chases his third title, one that would crown his brilliant career and help him make good on a promise to his home area, James has the Cavs savoring every step.

"We have a chance to be a part of history," he said.

Cavs coach David Blatt has watched James with awe.

"You'd be hard pressed to find a guy anywhere, anytime, I can think of a name or two, but that's the whole history of basketball, that can give you the kind of all-around performance and all-around leadership that LeBron does for his group," he said. "He really willed his guys to win that game.

"That's what a champion does."

James is averaging 41.5 points, 12 rebounds and 8.5 assists in his fifth straight finals. He's drawn inspiration from doing it without Love and Irving, proving his doubters wrong and the 30-year-old suggested that there is "other motivation" driving him.

Maybe it's a chance to outperform Curry, tagged by some as his heir apparent as the league's biggest star.

Curry was off the mark from the start in Game 2, and afterward he didn't have an explanation for going 2 of 15 on 3-pointers. Warriors coach Steve Kerr isn't worried about his superstar.

"It happens to everybody, whether you're the MVP or a role player," Kerr said. "Sometimes the shots don't go in. Sometimes things don't go your way. Steph will bounce back. He's a great player. We'll help him. We'll try to see if we can get him into a better groove. But he'll be fine."

The workload on James has been overwhelming, maybe even too much for him. He's as mentally focused as he's ever been, and heading into the finals, James acknowledged his game is at its pinnacle.

He's dug deep to make it through two games, and he may be forced to play 40-plus minutes per game from here on out.

"Am I built for it?" said, repeating a reporter's question. "Well, of course I'm built for it."

LeBron has Cleveland believing a championship is near

By Tom Withers
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — High above downtown, there's no visible evidence of a painful 51-year professional sports championship drought — the longest for any major U.S. city.

Atop Terminal Tower, 42 stories over revitalized Cleveland, heartbreak and curses don't exist. Just a spectacular view.

Directly below the centerpiece of Cleveland's skyline, the city is undergoing a modern renaissance as heavy construction equipment transforms Public Square in advance of the city hosting the 2016 Republican National Convention.

Orange barrels line nearly every street. Pedestrians jam the sidewalks, all seeming to wear something with Browns, Indians or Cavaliers written on the front — or a LeBron James jersey. In the distance, the sun's reflection dances off the windowed atrium of the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

Behold a new, shining Cleveland, once dubbed the "Mistake on the Lake."

The changes are more than cosmetic. There's been a startling attitude adjustment among skeptical and cynical Cleveland fans, who hope for the best, expect the worst and have agonized through painful sports moments given dubious nicknames like "Red Right 88," "The Drive," "The Fumble," "The Shot," "The Move," and "The Decision."

One man has transformed that. James has made Cleveland believe.

From the moment the Akron kid turned basketball king announced he was returning home, preaching togetherness to a fan base he spurned by leaving as a free agent for Miami in 2010, a new positive vibe has enveloped a place that often sees the glass not as half full, but broken.

And although the Cavs lost All-Stars Kevin Love and Kyrie Irving to season-ending injuries, James' brilliance and gritty contributions from unlikely players like Matthew Dellavedova and Timofey Mozgov have the team within three wins of an NBA title.

The Cavs are tied 1-1 with the Golden State Warriors heading into Game 3 of the NBA Finals tonight.

"Not only are we becoming a destination that people want to come to, but we potentially have a championship team," said Laura Kubinski, operations director of Cleveland Clothing Company, a hip downtown store. "It's our time. It's about damn time for Cleveland to win a championship."

Since the Browns won the NFL title in 1964, the city's three pro teams and a hockey club that merged with Minnesota in 1978 have completed 143 seasons without one finishing on top.

Close calls and runner-up trophies have scarred the locals. Something always cancels the parade.

If not injuries, it's Browns quarterback Brian Sipe forcing a pass and getting intercepted by Oakland's Mike Davis in 1981 (Red Right 88 was the play call). It's John Elway's 98-yard march in the 1986 AFC championship or Earnest Byner's muff at the goal line in Denver the next year. It's Michael Jordan's hang-in-the-air jumper over Craig Ehlo, owner Art Modell taking the Browns to Baltimore or James announcing South Beach would be his new home.

Or it's 1997, when cases of champagne and the World Series trophy were wheeled into, then out of the Indians clubhouse when Jose Mesa blew a save in Game 7 of the World Series.

The drought is ingrained in the citizenry's collective psyche — part of a Clevelander's DNA.

"I've only been around for 38 years of it," said Nathan Zaremba, standing outside Quicken Loans Arena after buying a new Cavaliers cap for his 6-year-old son, Milo.

Zaremba said Clevelanders know all the bad moments and experience them from the first day of their lives.

Lightning beat Blackhawks 3-2, lead the Stanley Cup Final 2-1

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

Lightning	3
Blackhawks	2

Lightning leads series 2-1

CHICAGO — Victor Hedman had two assists for Tampa Bay while playing stout defense on Chicago's top forwards and the Lightning beat the Blackhawks 3-2 in Game 3 of the Stanley Cup Final on Monday night.

Ryan Callahan, Ondrej Palat and Cedric Paquette scored as Tampa Bay used its second straight win to take a 2-1 lead in the best-of-seven series. Ben Bishop made 36 saves in a gutsy performance after he was questionable coming into the game. Game 4 is Wednesday night.

Brad Richards and Brandon Saad scored for Chicago, and Corey Crawford finished with 29 stops.

The third consecutive one-goal game in the final was tied at 1 after two periods, and then tied again after the teams exchanged goals in a 13-second burst in the third. But Hedman helped the Lightning take the lead for good when he skated into the corner and made a perfect pass to Paquette in the middle for his third goal of the playoffs with 3:11 remaining, silencing the United Center crowd.

Bishop and company held up down the stretch as the Lightning improved to 8-3 on the road in the playoffs.

Tampa Bay wasted a chance to go in front in the second after Saad was whistled for goaltender's interference, creating a 5-on-3 opportunity. Bishop, who was a game-time decision with some sort of issue left over from Game 2, was shaken up on the collision, but stayed in the net. Crawford then made a couple of big saves to help the Blackhawks kill off the power-play time, leading to roars of approval from the crowd of 22,336.

Marian Hossa made a slick pass to set up Saad's seventh goal at 4:14 of the third, giving the Blackhawks a 2-1 lead. But the Lightning came right down and scored when Palat stuffed in a rebound for his eighth of the playoffs.

After nearly two days' worth of speculation, Bishop led the Lightning out of the tunnel for warmups and got the start in goal. He participated in the morning skate, but there was no definitive word on his status until he was announced as the starter right before the game.

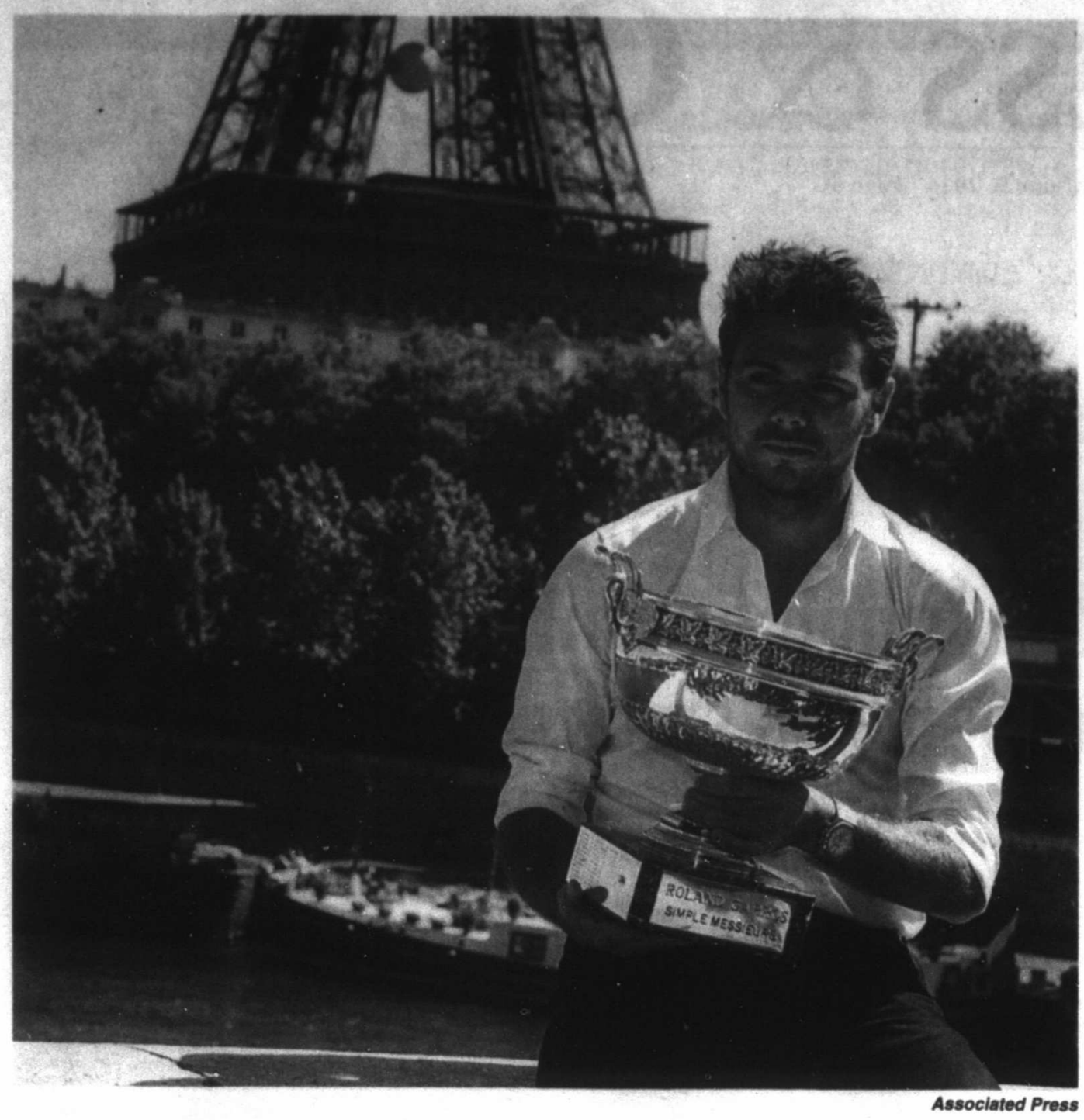
The 6-foot-7 Bishop left two different times during the third period of Tampa Bay's 4-3 victory in Game 2 on Saturday night. The team has not provided a reason for his twin departures, but he appeared to be dealing with some sort of groin or leg injury as he struggled to get up and down for much of the night.

The Lightning got the first goal for the fourth straight time when Hedman made a terrific stretch pass to an open Callahan for a big drive over Crawford's left shoulder at 5:09 of the first. Hedman has four assists in the series while hounding Chicago's talented group of scorers, establishing himself as an elite defenseman on the NHL's biggest stage.

The Blackhawks dominated the rest of the period. Hossa wasted a prime opportunity when his shot on an open net was wide left as he tumbled to the ice. Teuvo Teravainen also shot it wide on a good look while Bishop struggled to move around the goal.

Tampa Bay defenseman Braydon Coburn was sent off for hooking with 7:18 left, and the Blackhawks capitalized on their first power-play opportunity. With Andrew Shaw lurking in front of the goal, Richards' big slap shot went off the top of Bishop's glove and into the net for his third goal of the playoffs.

NOTES: Blackhawks D Johnny Oduya missed the last part of the second, but returned for the start of the third. ... Blackhawks F Bryan Bickell and rookie D Trevor van Riemsdyk each made their first appearance of the series. Bickell had been sidelined by vertigo, while van Riemdsyk was coming back from surgeries on his left knee and right wrist. It was the first NHL game for van Riemsdyk since Nov. 16. F Kris Versteeg and D David Rundblad were inactive. ... Nikita Nesterov returned to Tampa Bay's lineup, giving the Lightning seven active defensemen. Rookie winger Jonathan Drouin was scratched. ... It was Richards' first goal in the Stanley Cup Final since he scored for Tampa Bay in Game 6 of the 2004 series against Calgary. ... NASCAR driver Danica Patrick was in attendance and so was Smashing Pumpkins front man Billy Corgan. Both grew up in Illinois.



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French Open Men's Singles champion Stan Wawrinka poses for a photo with his trophy in front of the Eiffel tower in Paris, France, on Monday. Wawrinka defeated Serbia's Novak Djokovic in four sets, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4, in the men's final of the French Open tennis tournament, at Roland Garros stadium in Paris.

French champ Wawrinka: Federer 'always really happy' for him

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — So here's how far Stan Wawrinka has come: Now that he is a two-time major champion, the guy ignores congratulatory phone calls from none other than Roger Federer.

OK, well, that's not exactly how it went. But Wawrinka did say Monday, less than 24 hours after beating Novak Djokovic in the French Open final, that he wasn't able to answer a post-match call from good pal Federer, his Swiss Olympic and Davis Cup teammate, because it was time to do a news conference.

Wawrinka did read a text message from Federer.

"He is always really happy for me. It's true happiness," Wawrinka said. "He is always behind me. He likes when I win. He loves that."

For years, Wawrinka toiled in his countryman's not-insignificant shadow, a top-20 player who would occasionally win a smaller tournament or get to the quarterfinals of a major — while Federer was spending more time at No. 1 in the rankings, and collecting more Grand Slam trophies, than any man in history.

They paired up to win a gold medal in doubles for Switzerland at the 2008 Beijing Olympics, then gave the nation its first Davis Cup title last November.

Those successes helped boost Wawrinka's confidence. So did coach Magnus Norman, the 2000 French Open runner-up.

After their first practice session, in 2013, they sat down to check a calendar and figure out which tournaments Norman could attend. Norman mentioned the season-ending ATP World Tour finals, which only admits the top eight players.

Wawrinka wasn't even among the top 15 at the time.

"I told him: 'What? I'll be there?'" the 30-year-old Wawrinka said Monday.

Sure enough, he made it.

"Some coaches try to give you confidence, to push you all the time, telling you that you are great, that this is a boxing match and you are going to hit your opponent hard," Wawrinka said. "He is just telling me small things that make a big difference."

Norman helped improve some aspects of Wawrinka's game, such as his forehand. His one-handed backhand, as pure as any stroke in the sport, was just fine.

The partnership paid dividends. Wawrinka reached his first major semifinal at the 2013 U.S. Open, and won his first Grand Slam title at the 2014 Australian Open.

Then Wawrinka showed up at the 2014 French Open and lost in the first round.

"We had a burger at McDonald's," Norman recalled.

This time, they stuck around for the entire tournament, then feted Wawrinka's triumph Sunday night with a low-key dinner and drinks at his hotel with family and friends.

"I did not feel capable of winning Roland Garros," Wawrinka said. "Now that I've done it, I can say that I'm capable of doing it."

Yes, actuality does prove possibility.

Still, the day after, it all seemed a bit surreal to the guy known as "Stan the Man."

He will relax a little at home before heading to the Queen's Club grass-court tournament. Wimbledon begins June 29.

"That's the good thing and bad thing in tennis. The good thing is, like, when you lose, you already have a chance the next week to focus and to have a chance to win," Wawrinka said. "But when you win, you don't have too much time to enjoy it, because you need to be ready for the next one."

Whatever happens at the next one, and those after that, he is now, and forever will be, the winner of multiple Grand Slam titles.

"It's strange to say, and to see, that I'm there," Wawrinka said. "It's a strange feeling, but it's a great feeling."

Fendrich on Tennis: Williams' Slam bid moves on to Wimbledon

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press

PARIS — Serena Williams was only a few hours' removed from her second major trophy of 2015, putting her halfway to a true Grand Slam, when she expressed a wish for a particular outcome in the following day's men's final at the French Open.

Williams

Like Williams, Novak Djokovic already had won the Australian Open in January. And like Williams, he would be appearing in the title match at Roland Garros.

"I'm kind of hoping Djokovic will win," Williams said with a laugh Saturday night, "so I'm not the only one with this pressure on me. So, like, we're in this together, brother."

Alas, less than 24 hours later, the championship went to Stan Wawrinka, who beat Djokovic in four delightful sets.

So as the tennis world moves to grass courts — Wimbledon begins June 29 — Williams stands alone in a bid for a calendar-year Grand Slam.

"That's probably the most difficult thing to do in tennis," said Williams' coach, Patrick Mouratoglou. "But it's possible."

With all of the hype and excitement that surrounded American Pharoah's sweep of horse racing's Triple Crown races — becoming the 12th to do it, and first since 1978 — it's worth noting how rare a full-fledged tennis Grand Slam is: Only two men and three women have done it. The last man was Rod Laver in 1969. The last woman was Steffi Graf in 1988.

Williams was asked what it might mean to accomplish pretty much the only thing missing from a resume that includes 20 major singles titles, another 13 in doubles, four Olympic gold medals and nearly 250 weeks at No. 1 in the rankings.

"Oh, God. I'm not missing it," the 33-year-old American corrected, playfully wagging a finger at the reporter who posed the question. "I've got a 'Serena Slam,' and I'm close to another 'Serena Slam.'"

That is true.

Williams won the U.S. Open last September, meaning she has won the last three major championships.

The last woman to do that? Williams, of course. She won four consecutive majors from the 2002 French Open to the 2003 Australian Open, dubbed a "Serena Slam."

Purists insist that the only way a Grand Slam is really a Grand Slam is if the four titles are earned during the same season.

Williams was asked whether she thinks there really is a difference.

"You know what? I'm not going there. You guys — you go there," she said. "I didn't put that pressure on me. I've lost every year at Roland Garros after winning the Australian Open, and I told you then, 'I'm not going there.' And I'm keeping my word."

The last time a woman pulled off the Australian-French double was in 2001, when Jennifer Capriati did it. But her Slam bid stalled in the Wimbledon semifinals with a three-set loss to Justine Henin.

One big difference: Capriati never had won Wimbledon — and she never did.

Williams, in contrast, already has claimed that title in 2002, 2003, 2009, 2010 and 2012. She was also the runner-up in 2004 and 2008.

Win No. 6 at Wimbledon, and major title No. 21 overall, and Williams would head to the U.S. Open with much at stake. At a tournament where she has won the past three championships and a half-dozen in all, she'd have a chance to complete the full-year Grand Slam and equal Graf at 22 majors, second-most behind Margaret Smith Court's 24.

Now that would get some attention.

The gap from Roland Garros to the All England Club has been two weeks in the past, but an extra week was added this year to allow for the transition from clay to grass.

Mouratoglou, Williams' coach for her past seven major titles, called it "a great idea."

"To win Roland Garros and Wimbledon back-to-back, it's incredible. With one more week, you have more chances to do it," he said. "They were much too close."

Luke Donald back in the US Open the hard way

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

Forced back to U.S. Open qualifying for the first 11 years, Luke Donald responded with a 68 in his second round Monday to earn a spot at Chambers Bay next week.

On a long day of eight 36-hole qualifiers across the country, Donald chose his home course — The Bear's Club — in the Florida qualifier and had rounds of 72-68 to avoid a playoff by one shot. The former No. 1 player in the world tied for medalist honors with Jack Maguire of Florida State and Andrew Pope.

Sam Horsfield, an 18-year-old who plans to attend Florida, won a playoff for the last spot.

Two-time champion Lee Janzen finally made it back to the U.S. Open.

Janzen had 69-68 at Old Oaks and Century to earn the first of four spots available in New York. The other three qualifiers were Jamie Lovemark, Pat Wilson and Rich Berberian Jr.

The 50-year-old Janzen won the U.S. Open at Baltusrol in 1993 and at Olympic Club in 1998. He kept trying to qualify when his 10-year exemption expired after the 2008 U.S. Open. He was disqualified in 2013 for wearing metal spikes at a golf club that bans them, and he missed by two shots last year.

That sets up Janzen for three busy weeks. Not long after his qualifier, he was making travel plans to Boston for a Champions Tour major. The U.S. Open is June 18-21 at Chambers Bay south of Seattle. And then he heads to Sacramento, California, for the U.S. Senior Open a week later.

In other sectionals:

— Roberto Castro, who played in all four majors last year, made it through the Georgia qualifier at Hawks Ridge by not making a bogey in rounds of 64-68. But his brother, Franco Castro, missed by one shot and will be first alternate. The other qualifiers from that site were college players Matthew NeSmith and Lee McCoy.

— Power rookie Tony Finau shot 66-67 to earn one of four spots in the secondary Ohio qualifier to earn one of four spots. The others were Michael Davan, Illinois freshman Nick Hardy and Stephan Jaeger.

The biggest qualifier was in Columbus, Ohio, a site filled mostly with PGA Tour players on the day after the Memorial. David Lingmerth, who beat Justin Rose on the third playoff hole for his first PGA Tour title, failed to earn a spot in the U.S. Open.

Thunderstorms interrupted the second round and it wasn't clear if it would finish. One player who was safe was Michael Putnam, who lives nearby Chambers Bay and gives the U.S. Open two hometown players. Ryan Moore already was exempt.

Sam Saunders was tied for the lead and done with his round in Columbus, securing a spot for Arnold Palmer's grandson.

Truex overcomes series of setbacks for gratifying victory

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — It's never come easy for Martin Truex Jr., a journeyman driver who has never found the success he hoped to have at NASCAR's highest level.

Oh, it was fun a decade ago when a friendship with Dale Earnhardt Jr. led to a full-time ride in NASCAR's second-tier series. Driving for Dale Earnhardt Inc., Truex won 12 races in two years and back-to-back championships in what's now called the Xfinity Series.

It earned him a promotion to the big leagues with DEI — just about the same time the organization was heading into a downward spiral. He headed into that 2006 season with high hopes, but nothing materialized through four bumpy seasons that saw Earnhardt flee his late father's team and DEI needing a merger with Chip Ganassi to keep its doors open.

Truex never publicly complained. He quietly went about his business and tried to do his job to the best of his ability.

That professionalism got him to Michael Waltrip Racing, where he faced a fair share of speedbumps but seemed to have turned a corner with a strong summer that qualified him for NASCAR's championship with a big performance in the final qualifying race.

And then it was gone.

Truex found himself the involuntary participant in a cheating scandal that rocked NASCAR on the eve of its 10-race championship series. NASCAR found that MWR used its two other cars to manipulate the finish of the race to ensure Truex earned a spot in the Chase field.

As punishment to MWR, Truex was kicked out of the Chase. His sponsor bailed soon after, and MWR had to let Truex go in a wave of layoffs after the scandal decimated the organization. On the cusp of a turnaround one minute, out of a job the next.

That was nothing compared with what came next.

Truex and longtime girlfriend Sherry Pollex were moving toward starting a family when Pollex was diagnosed last year with ovarian cancer. Her fight for her life has made everything on the track seem trivial for Truex.

It was Pollex who picked Truex up after the cheating scandal, helped him see there would be another chance for him at Furniture Row Racing. Truex tried hard to believe her.

"I just knew it was going to take a lot of work. I knew it was going to be a tough road to get back," he said.

Truex had faith that Furniture Row, coming off a Chase berth in 2013 with Kurt Busch, would be a good home. But he had an awful year on the track and any hope of picking up where he'd left off at MWR was dashed.

"It was just miserable," he said. "Nothing went our way, nothing. We had no speed. We couldn't make the cars work, they felt terrible to me."

Then came Pollex's diagnosis and Truex had to take stock of his situation.

"It was like, 'This is when you show people what you're made of,'" he said. "She showed me what she was made of, and I was like, 'Wow, if she can do that, I can do this. This is easy.'"

This roller-coaster journey the past 20 months took another turn Sunday when Truex won for the first time since 2013. His victory at Pocono Raceway was a popular one in that drivers who respect Truex and Pollex, who admire the fight they've shown, were eager to congratulate them both.

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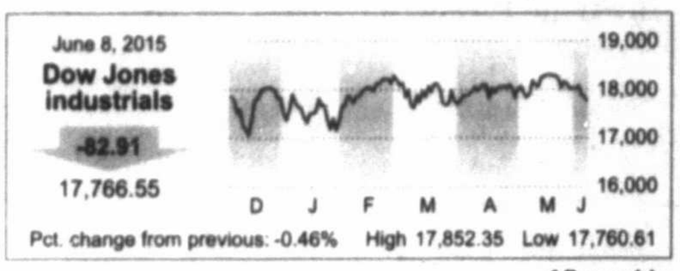
A DAY ON WALL STREET



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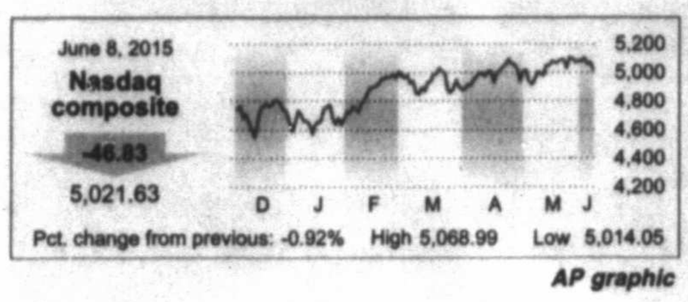

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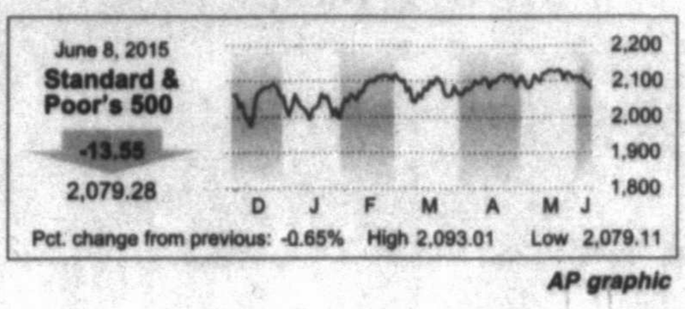

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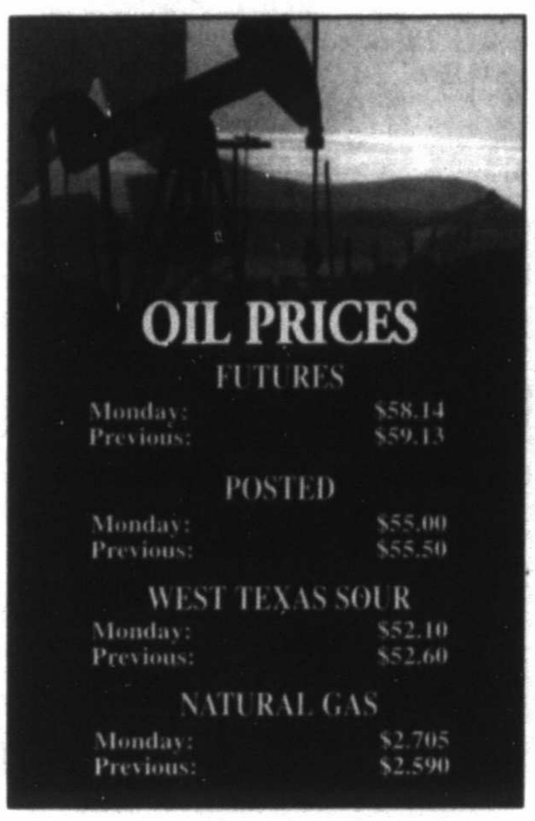

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BkofAm	878387	16.93	+.26
S&P500ETF	782312	211.92	+.56
CSVLgCrde	497449	3.46	-.27
AT&T Inc	385313	35.03	+.67
iShEMkts	373024	40.91	-.21

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NQ Mobile	5.24	+.70	+15.4
500.com	22.00	+2.32	+11.8
Guidewire	52.98	+5.58	+11.8
Invitae n	14.39	+1.35	+10.4
QuanexBld	19.15	+1.78	+10.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DB AgDS	29.49	-4.47	-13.2
ITT Ed	4.09	-.58	-12.4
ViolinMem	2.77	-.39	-12.3
DxRsaBlt rs	25.96	-2.78	-9.7
Cemig	4.20	-.42	-9.1

DIARY

Advanced	1,582
Declined	1,545
Unchanged	111
Total issues	3,238
New Highs	105
New Lows	60
Volume	2,982,269,691

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
iShIndia bt	49143	29.27	-.59
CherwereEn	43245	72.05	-1.86
BarcGSOil	35982	12.25	-.37
Globastar	29736	2.24	-.08
SynthBiol	28286	2.45	+.17

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ImpacMtg	20.13	+2.88	+16.7
SynthBiol	2.45	+.17	+7.5
LadThalFn	3.50	+.22	+6.7
PacBkvM g	3.90	+.23	+6.3
AmpcoPhm	2.66	+.15	+6.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ContMatls	14.73	-1.22	-7.6
YumaE ptA	18.60	-1.20	-6.1
TrangPet	5.05	-.29	-5.4
VoltionRX	3.80	-.19	-4.8
FieldPnt	2.05	-.10	-4.7

DIARY

Advanced	171
Declined	217
Unchanged	29
Total issues	417
New Highs	10
New Lows	6
Volume	79,891,127

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
FrontierCm	572842	5.38	+.22
Intel	373822	32.73	-.54
Apple Inc s	299559	130.12	+.16
Facebook	289237	82.44	+2.00
Microsoft	273752	46.85	-.07

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Voltari	8.74	+2.59	+42.1
BioLifeSol	2.79	+.81	+40.9
Ardelyx n	14.95	+4.25	+39.7
Qumu Cp	9.95	+2.70	+37.2
CymaBay n	3.46	+.76	+28.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChiFnOnl	4.67	-1.28	-21.5
ICAD	3.31	-.60	-15.3
CleanDsl h	2.14	-.38	-15.1
VBradley	12.16	-1.98	-14.0
SteadyM n	6.91	-1.08	-13.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,903
Declined	856
Unchanged	145
Total issues	2,904
New Highs	151
New Lows	27
Volume	1,762,137,140

More 'phony numbers' in reports as stocks rise

By Bernard Condon
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Those record profits that companies are reporting may not be all they're cracked up to be.

As the stock market climbs ever higher, professional investors are warning that companies are presenting misleading versions of their results that ignore a wide variety of normal costs of running a business to make it seem like they're doing better than they really are.

What's worse, the financial analysts who are supposed to fight corporate spin are often playing along. Instead of challenging the companies, they're largely passing along the rosy numbers in reports recommending stocks to investors.

"Companies are tilting the results," says fund manager Tom Brown of Second Curve Capital, "and the analysts are buying it."

An analysis of results from 500 major companies by The Associated Press, based on data provided by S&P Capital IQ, a research firm, found that the gap between the "adjusted" profits that analysts cite and bottom-line earnings figures that companies are legally obliged to report, or net income, has widened dramatically over the past five years.

At one of every five companies, these "adjusted" profits were higher than net income by 50 percent or more. Many more companies are in that category now than there were five years ago.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. After the dot-com crash of 2000, companies and analysts vowed to clean up their act and avoid highlighting alternative versions of earnings in a way that could mislead investors.

But Lynn Turner, chief accountant at the Securities and Exchange Commission at the time, says companies are still touting "made-up, phony numbers" as much as they did 15 years ago, perhaps more, and few experts are calling them out on it.

Offering an alternative view of profits that leaves out various costs is not new. It's perfectly legal, and sometimes helpful as a tool for investors to gain insight into how a business is doing.

But with stocks breaking record after record and the current bull market entering its seventh year, there's more money riding on the assumption that the earnings figures being touted by companies and analysts are based on sound calculations.

"The longer the rally, the bigger the downside because of all the smoke and mirrors," says money manager John Del Vecchio, co-author of "What's Behind the Numbers?" a book on how profit reports can mislead.

In its study, AP compared bottom-line profit figures that follow rules called generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, to the adjusted profit figures calculated by financial analysts and collected by S&P Capital IQ. AP looked at companies in the Standard & Poor's 500 index.

Most of the time, the adjustments made companies look better by leaving out things like costs related to laying off workers, a decline in the value of patents or other "intangible" assets, the value of company stock distributed to employees, or losses from a failed venture. Critics argue that these are regular costs and shouldn't be excluded.

Key findings

■ Seventy-two percent of the companies reviewed by AP had adjusted profits that were higher than net income in the first quarter of this year. That's about the same as in the comparable period five years earlier, but the gap between the adjusted and net income figures has widened considerably: adjusted earnings were typically 16 percent higher than net income in the most recent period versus 9 percent five years ago.

For a smaller group of the companies reviewed, 21 percent of the total, adjusted profits soared 50 percent or more over net income. This was true of just 13 percent of the group in the same period five years ago.

■ Quarter after quarter, the differences between the adjusted and bottom-line figures are adding up. From 2010 through 2014, adjusted profits for the S&P 500 came in $583 billion higher than net income. It's as if each company in the S&P 500 got a check in the mail for an extra eight months of earnings.

Fifteen companies with adjusted profits actually had bottom-line losses over the five years. Investors have poured money into their stocks just the same.

■ Stocks are getting more expensive, meaning there could be a greater risk of stocks falling if the earnings figures being used to justify buying them are questionable. One measure of how richly priced stocks are suggests trouble. Three years ago, investors paid $13.50 for every dollar of adjusted profits for companies in the S&P 500 index, according to S&P Capital IQ. Now, they're paying nearly $18.

In a crackdown after the dot-com crash, regulators required companies to lay out clearly in their financial reports how they arrived at alternative versions of their profits. The bottom-line figures have to be prominently reported, too. But it's not clear the extra details have helped.

"The data is more confusing than it's been in a long time, and the reason is all the junk they put in the numbers," says fund manager Michael Lewitt of the Credit Strategist Group. He says analyst reports don't help, and finds himself spending too much time sifting through the same "nonsense" figures he confronted back in the dot-com days.

US stocks end lower

The Dow Jones industrial average slipped into the red for the year on Monday as stocks extended their slump.

Airlines were among the biggest losers amid concern that capacity growth in the industry may curb profitability. JetBlue Airways, American Airlines and Delta Air Lines were among the carriers that declined.

Stocks have sagged in the past two weeks as investors try to assess if Federal Reserve policymakers will raise their benchmark interest rate later this year for the first time since the recession. A stronger-than-forecast jobs report on Friday suggested that the economy is recovering from its winter slump.

The Fed has kept its benchmark interest rate unchanged at close to zero for more than six years to help support lending and boost the economy. Those low rates have also boosted the stock market in that time, pushing it to record levels.

"The market is suggesting that if the data continue at this pace, the Fed will be more inclined to raise rates in September, rather than waiting," said Quincy Krosby, a market strategist at Prudential Financial.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 13.55 points, or 0.7 percent, to 2,079.28. The Dow fell 82.91 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,766.55, giving it a loss of 0.3 percent for 2015.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $58.48 Up 0.23

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $120.23 Up 2.07

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $580 Down 0.08

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $78.83 Up 0.57

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $9.42 Down 0.38

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.81 Down 0.06

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.57 Down 0.35

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $28.02 Down 0.35

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.36 Down 0.04

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $18.49 Up 0.49

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			5.54	+.10	-6.7
AT&T Inc	1.88	32	35.03	+.67	+4.3
Abraxas	...	6	3.07	+.02	+4.4
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.30	+.05	+4.5
Alcoa	.12	20	12.61	-.01	-20.1
AlonUSA	.60f	19	17.50	-.07	+38.1
AlteraCp lf	.72	35	51.73	+.03	+40.0
Ambev	.24e		5.85	-.04	-5.2
AmAirlines	.40	9	43.13	-.65	-19.6
AmIntlGrp	.50	11	61.11	+1.43	+9.1
Amgen	3.16	21	157.13	+.69	-1.4
Anadarko	1.08	...	83.92	-.87	+1.7
Apache	1.00	...	58.95	-.65	-5.9
Apple Inc s	2.08f	16	130.12	+.16	+17.9
ApldMatl	.40	20	20.36	-.01	-18.3
ArcelorMit	.20	...	11.40	+.20	+3.4
ATMOS	1.56	18	52.67	-.53	-5.5
AutoData	1.96	29	85.47	+.01	+2.5
BP PLC	2.40	45	41.23	-.27	+8.2
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.95	+.01	+.4
BakrHu	.68	32	64.69	-.53	+15.4
BkofAm	.20	25	16.93	+.26	-5.4
B /PVixST			18.79	-.33	-40.4
BarrickG	.20	75	11.99	+.01	+11.5
BasicEnSv			8.50	-.44	+21.3
BerkHa A	...	17214	500.00	-220.00	-5.0
BioLifeSol			2.79	+.81	+70.1
BlkHillsCp	1.62	16	46.93	-.49	-11.5
BrMySq	1.48	49	65.70	-.10	+11.3
Broadcom	.56	48	54.62	-.19	+26.1
BrownFA	1.26	33	105.17	-2.20	+19.8
BrownFB	1.26	31	96.75	+2.40	+10.1
CVS Health	1.40	25	101.91	+.08	+5.8
Cameron	...	12	52.59	-.36	+5.3
Caterpillar	2.80	14	86.23	+.06	-5.8
Celestic g	...	15	12.46	-.24	+6.1
Cemex	.40t	...	9.21	-.21	-6.0
CntryLink	2.16	25	32.99	+.03	-16.6
ChesEng	.35	...	13.56	-.49	-30.7
Chevron	4.28	11	102.17	-.41	-8.9
Chicos	.31	38	16.80	+.14	+3.6
Cimarex	.64	...	116.24	-.20	+9.7
Cisco	.84	17	29.09	+.01	+5.3
Citigroup	.20f	22	55.63	+.91	+2.8
ClayEng	...	47	54.56	+1.05	-14.5
CocaCola	1.32	26	40.87	-.12	-3.2
ColgPalm	1.52f	26	66.57	-.16	-3.8
Comcast	1.00	18	59.32	+.50	+2.3
ConAgra	1.00	...	38.33	+.17	+5.7
ConchoRes	...	30	119.59	-2.66	+19.9
ConocoPhil	2.92	16	63.80	-.27	-7.6
CrackerB	4.40f	23	146.72	+.17	+4.2
CSVLgNGs	...	...	1.87	-.14	-53.0
CSVLgCrde	...	...	3.46	-.27	-29.2
CSVelIVST			45.65	+.78	+46.6
CrosTim	2.24e	7	17.50	-.34	+1.0
DCP Mid	3.12	14	37.53	-.50	-17.4
DTE	2.76	16	76.67	-1.17	-11.2
Dataram h	...	...	2.09	+.01	+22.9
DevonE	.96	...	63.91	-.92	+4.4
DxGldBull	...	...	10.70	-.68	-4.1
DnxSCBear	...	...	9.59	-.29	-20.1
Disney	1.15f	24	111.17	+.42	+18.0
DowChm	1.68	16	53.01	+.36	+16.2
EMC Cp	.46	22	27.05	+.43	-9.0
EOG Resrc	.67	17	89.01	-.76	-3.3
EmpDist	1.04	16	22.98	-.11	-22.7
Energen	.08	41	69.49	-.92	+9.0
EngyTsfr	4.06f	71	55.46	-.68	-14.7
EnPro	.80	83	60.72	+.36	-3.3
EntPrdPt s	1.50f	23	31.64	-.52	-12.4
Ericsson	.39e	...	11.34	+.01	-6.3
ExterranH	.60	24	33.46	-.38	+2.8
ExxonMbl	2.92f	13	84.95	-.19	-8.1
Facebook	...	80	82.44	+2.00	+5.7
FordM	.60	20	15.20	-.06	-1.9
FrptMcM	.20m	...	19.87	-.59	-14.9
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.38	+.22	-19.3
GATX	1.52	11	56.84	+.59	-1.2
GabMultT	1.05e	...	9.52	+.03	-4.9
GAInv	3.50e	...	36.58	+.12	+1.7
GenElec	.92	...	27.53	+.20	+8.9
GenMotors	1.44f	17	35.94	-.28	+3.0
GtPlainEn	.98	16	25.32	-.21	-10.9
Groupon	...	...	6.15	+.12	-25.5
HalconRes	...	...	1.30	-.01	-27.0
Halliburtn	.72	17	45.62	-.30	+16.0
ICICI Bk s	.16e	...	9.64	-.33	-16.5
iShBrazil	1.38e	...	33.27	-.32	-9.0
iShJapan	.15e	...	13.13	+.05	+16.8
iShChinaLC	1.04e	...	49.65	+.34	+19.3
iShEMkts	.88e	...	40.91	-.21	+4.1
iSh20 yrT	3.41	...	117.52	-1.92	-6.7
iS Eafe	2.26e	...	67.14	+.37	+10.4
iShR2K	1.59e	...	125.76	+1.24	+5.1
iShREst	2.70e	...	74.45	-.91	-3.1
IntegrysE	2.72	23	70.40	-.87	-9.6
Intel	.96	14	32.73	-.54	-9.8
InterDig	.80	...	59.46	+.03	+12.4
ItauUnibH	.41e	...	10.80	-.25	-16.9
JPMorgCh	1.76f	12	66.70	+.68	+7.3
JohnJn	3.00f	18	100.09	+.11	-4.3
Keycorp	.30f	14	14.84	+.20	+6.8
KimbClk	3.52	27	107.98	+.49	-6.5
LegacyRes	1.40m	...	9.95	-.33	-12.9
Lubys	...	...	5.17	+.01	+13.6
MktVGold	.12e	...	19.41	-.37	+5.6
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McDnlds	3.40	21	96.52	+.23	+3.0
Merck	1.80	16	60.39	+.15	+6.3
MeritMed	...	36	21.26	+.26	+22.7
MexcoEn	...	...	4.70	-.10	-13.4
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Microsoft	1.24	19	46.85	-.07	+.9
Nabors	.24	12	14.93	-.20	+15.0
NBGreece	...	...	1.46	+.06	-18.4
NetGrid	3.35e	...	67.99	-.81	-3.8
NOVarco	1.84	9	49.66	-.54	-24.2
NvMad	.79e	...	13.29	-.04	-2.7
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OnBncnd	...	31	13.26	+.28	+30.9
ParTech	...	...	4.08	-.01	-33.7
ParkDri	...	11	3.45	+.04	+12.4
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PeabdyE	.01	...	3.27	-.18	-57.8
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Petrobras	...	...	8.82	-.10	+20.8
Pfizer	1.12	24	34.41	-.08	+10.5
PioNtrl	.08	30	150.92	-2.57	+1.4
PlainsAAP	2.74f	21	47.00	-.80	-8.4
PwShs QQQ	1.49e	...	110.40	+.33	+6.9
Praxair	2.86	22	122.82	+1.00	-5.2
PrmEgy	...	...	59.80	+2.80	-17.8
ProctGam	2.65f	24	78.56	+.02	-13.8
RangeRs	.16	23	55.58	...	+4.0
RegionsFn	.24f	14	10.30	+.17	-2.5
RiteAid	...	22	8.67	+.16	+15.3
Rowan	.40	...	22.01	-.18	-5.5
RoyDShllA	3.76	12	59.54	-.08	-11.1
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SabnR	3.95e	10	39.65	-.20	+10.8
SanderFm	.88e	6	77.75	-.37	-7.5
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Schlmbrg	2.00	23	91.36	-.14	+7.0
SigmaAld	.92	33	138.65	+.39	+1.0
SiriusXM	...	43	3.91	+.04	+11.7
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Twitter	...	...	37.00	+.60	+3.2
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UBWV	1.28	20	38.53	+.46	+2.9
US OilFd	...	...	20.17	-.51	-.9
USSteel	.20	50	25.64	-.14	-4.1
Vale SA	.60e	...	6.66	-.15	-18.6
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ValeroE	1.60	8	57.76	-.75	+16.7
VangEng	1.13e	...	42.25	-.21	+5.6
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VulcanM	.40	86	89.14	-1.06	+35.6
WalgBoots	1.35	34	85.82	-.51	+12.6
WellsFargo	1.50f	14	56.91	+.73	+3.8
Wendys Co	.22	44	11.47	+.37	+27.0
WstnRefin	1.36f	7	42.44	-.43	+12.3
WhitingPet	...	14	33.37	-.42	+1.1
WmsCos	2.36f	91	49.91	-1.33	+11.1
XcelEngy	1.28	18	32.84	-.56	-8.6
Xerox	.28	15	11.53	+.05	-16.8
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9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,510.04	+102.60	+1.22	-6.89	+5.34
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	571.44	-8.68	-1.50	-7.55	+4.38
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2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,114.07	+4.47	+.21	+2.68	+9.66
1,545.79	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,535.64	+7.59	+.50	+5.73	+10.64
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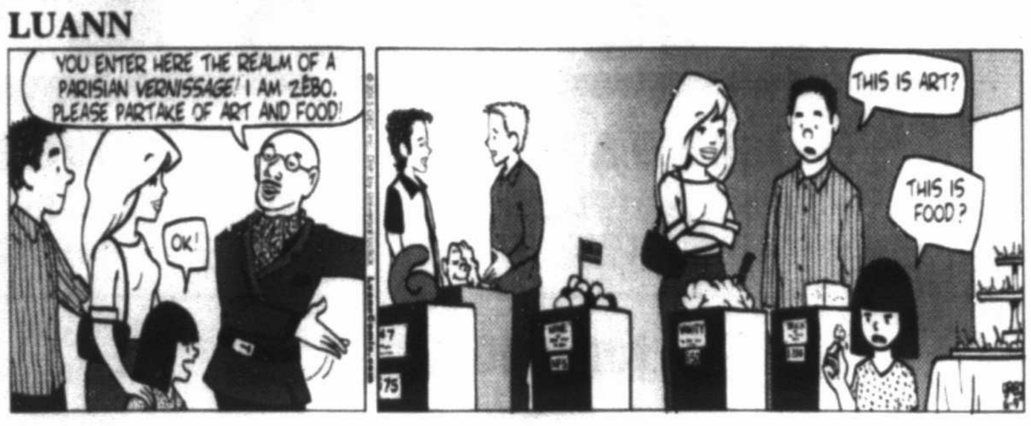

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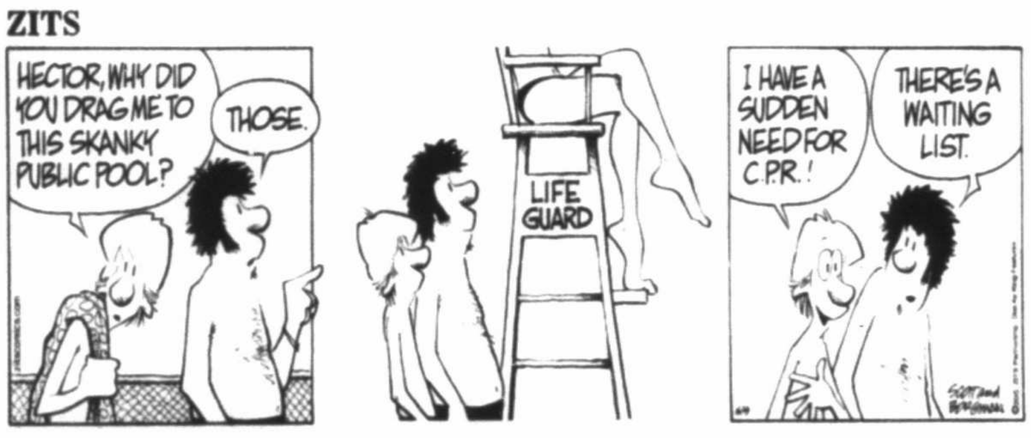

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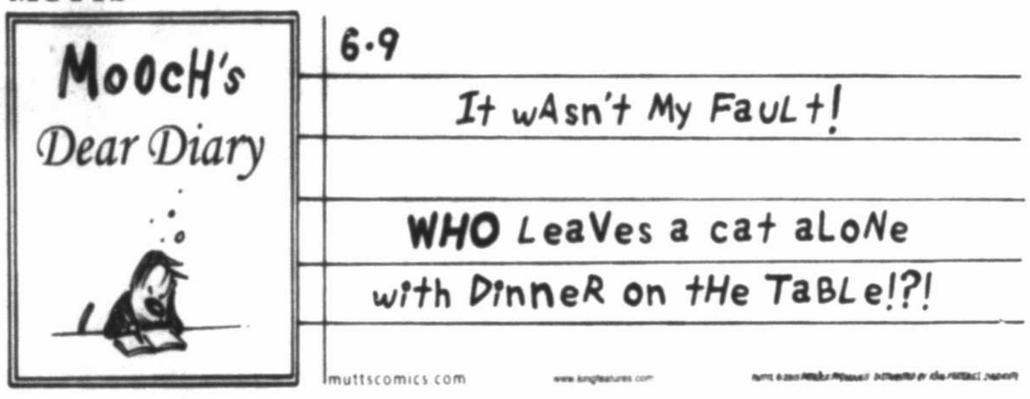

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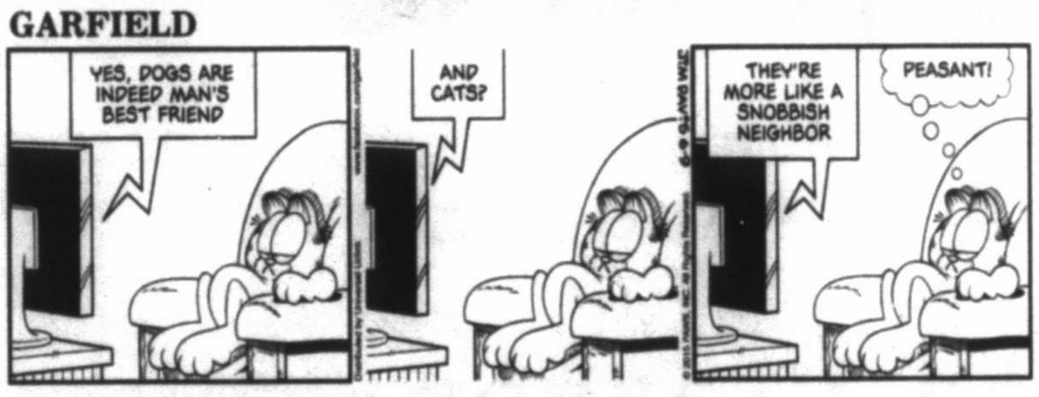

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July 14 & 15	July 21 & 22
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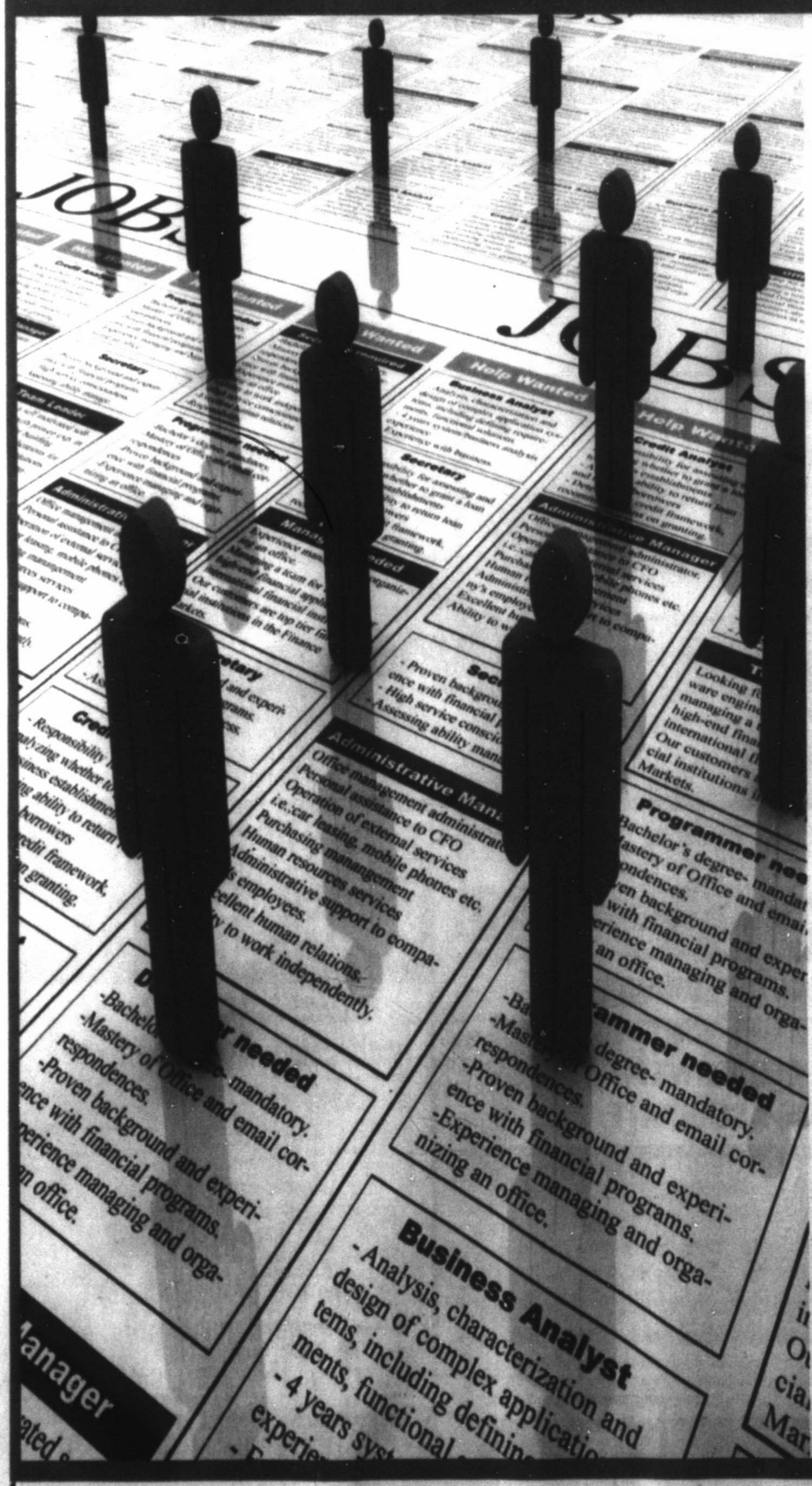

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Notice is hereby given that Diamondback E&P LLC (RRC P-5 # 217012) has filed with the Texas Railroad Commission the following P-17 Application for the exception to SWR 26 and/or 27 to surface commingle production from oil and gas leases: Barron LC 14 wells 9 & 16 (RRC Lease # 43128); Barron NW 14 wells 3, 4, 5 & 6 (RRC Lease # 41924); Barron SW 14 wells 12 & 14 (RRC Lease # 42430) and Barron McLane 14 wells 10 & 15 (RRC Lease # 41903). All leases are in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, Texas. This application is for common separation, common storage and casinghead gas metering. Production will be measured by W-10. Any royalty interest owners who have not received written notification, please consider this your Notice of Application. If you have objections to the issuance of this permit, you may submit a letter to P-17 Department, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711. Unless the Railroad Commission receives a protest to this application, the Commission may issue a permit within 21 days following the date of last publication.

Legal & Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Application has been bade with the Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission for a Wine and Beer Retailers permit and Food and Beverage certificate by Maria D. Medina dba Henry's Pupusas, to be located at 2910 Rankin Hwy, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Officers of said corporation is Maria D. Medina.

Notice of Application for Oil & Gas Waste Disposal Well Permit

PIONEER NATURAL RESOURCES, 5205 N. CONNOR BLVD, IRVING, TEXAS 75039 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas for a permit to dispose of produced salt water or other oil and gas waste by well injection into a porous formation not productive of oil and gas.

The applicant proposes to dispose of oil and gas waste into the San Andres, Dudley Lease, Well Number 1D. The proposed disposal well is located 27.3 miles SE of Midland, in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, in Midland County. The waste water will be injected into strata in the subsurface depth interval from 3900 to 5450 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).

Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

NOTICE is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Geleska Lunday, Deceased, were issued on June 2, 2015, in Cause No. P18297, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Sherry Lunday Alfie and James Kevin Lunday.

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

c/o: **Austin L. Ramsey**
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701

DATED the 2nd day of June, 2015

Austin L. Ramsey
Attorney for Independent
Co-Executors
State Bar No.: 24073484
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701
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c/o: **David Alan Sparks**
5804 Cranston Place
Midland, Texas 79707

DATED the 2nd day of June, 2015

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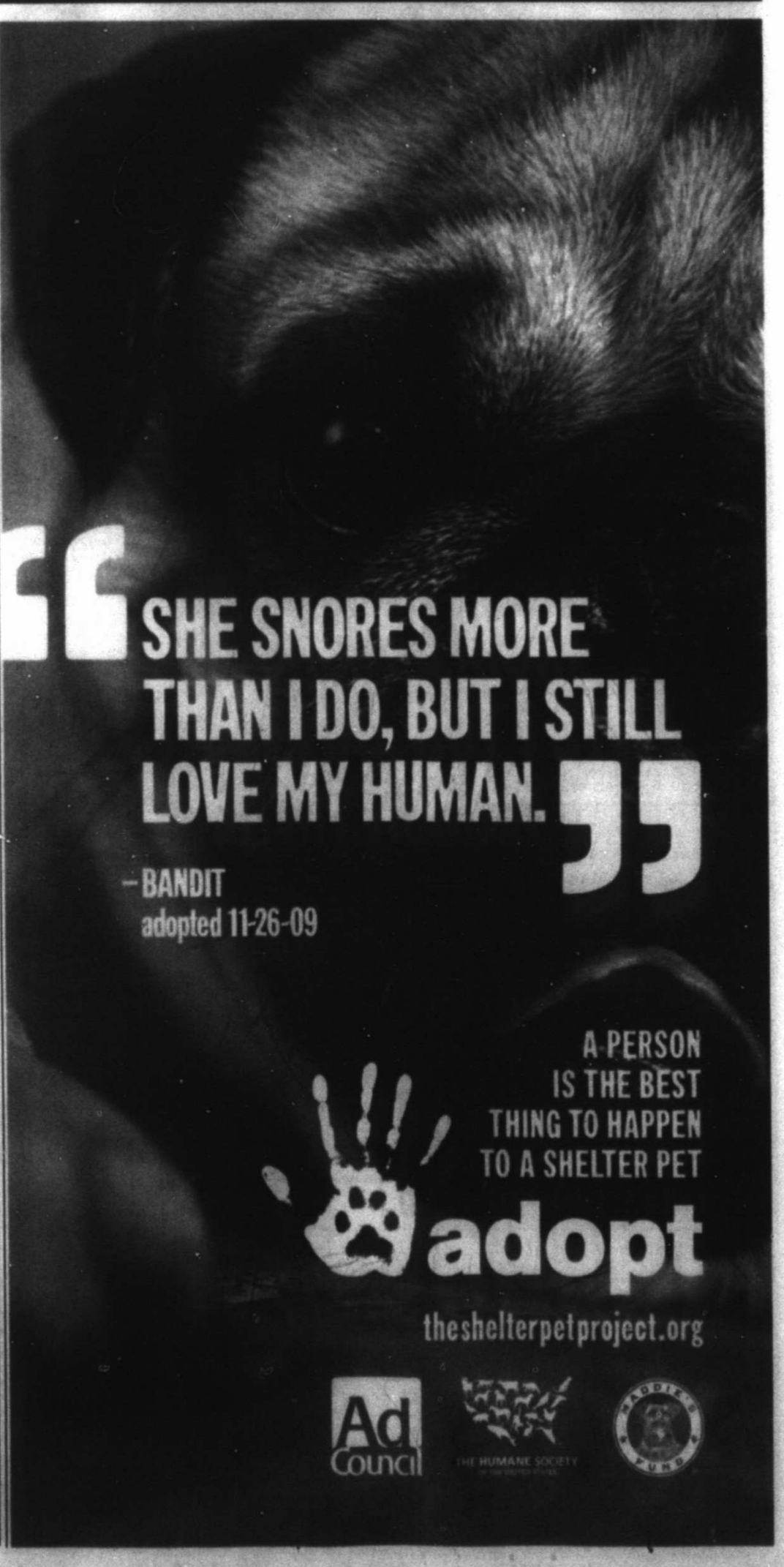

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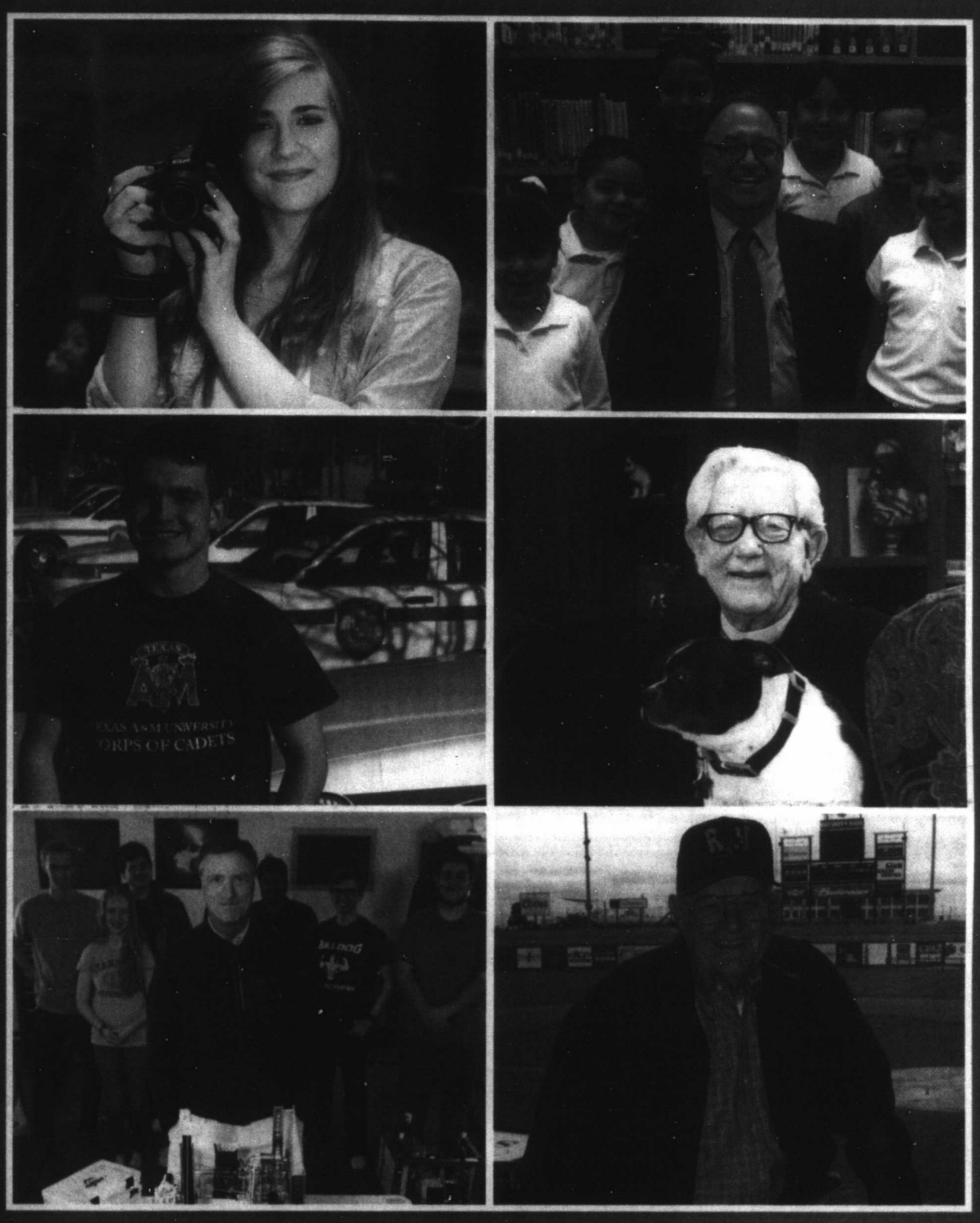

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In this 2004 photo, an unidentified woman shields her face from the sun while walking past a water fountain in Los Angeles, as temperatures reached a high of 93 degrees. Global warming has not stopped or even slowed in the past 18 years despite doubters' claims of a hiatus, according to the federal government's reanalysis of world temperature data. Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration readjusted thousands of weather data points to account for different measuring techniques through the decades. Their calculations show that since 1998, the rate of warming is about the same as it has been from 1950 on: About two-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit a decade.

New fed data shows no stopping or slowing of global warming

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Global warming has not stopped or even slowed in the past 18 years, according to a new federal study that rebuts doubters who've claimed that that heating trends have paused.

Scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration readjusted thousands of weather data points to account for different measuring techniques through the decades. Their calculations show that since 1998, the rate of warming is about the same as it has been since 1950: about two-tenths of a degree Fahrenheit a decade.

The so-called hiatus has been touted by non-scientists who reject mainstream climate science. Those claims have resonated; two years ago, the United Nation's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change felt the need to explain why the Earth was not heating up as expected, listing such reasons as volcanic eruptions, reduced solar radiation and the oceans absorbing more heat.

"The reality is that there is no hiatus," said Tom Karl, director of the National Centers for Environmental Information in Asheville, North Carolina. He is the lead author of a study published Thursday in the peer-reviewed journal Science

One key to claims of a hiatus is the start date: 1998. That year there was a big temperature spike; some of the following years were not as hot, though even hotter years followed in 2005, 2010 and 2014, according to NOAA, NASA and temperature records kept in England and Japan. This year is on pace to break last year's global heat record.

Scientists keep updating the way they measure Earth's temperatures. This study focuses on the effects of the way ocean temperatures are taken. The old way, going back generations, is with ships. Sometimes people would dip a bucket in the way; other times they'd measure water that came into the engine. They also did it at various times of day.

The new way is on buoys at the same time of day. Karl said the buoy measurements are more accurate, but can't be compared directly to the ship measurements for a trend without making adjustments, because that would be comparing apples and oranges. So to come up with a trend using comparable numbers, NOAA increases the buoy temperatures a bit.

A few years ago NOAA made similar adjustments to make land temperatures more comparable decade-to-decade. But that also caused some non-scientists who reject climate change to cry tampering.

Several outside scientists contacted by The Associated Press said the new and previous adjustments are sound. Kevin Trenberth, climate analysis chief at the National Center for Atmospheric Research, said the new work was "good and careful analysis" but only confirms what most scientists already knew, that there was no such hiatus.

A few years ago, a group out of University of California Berkeley — funded in part by the Charles Koch Foundation, whose founder is a major funder of climate doubter groups and the tea party— took what was initially billed as a skeptical look at the previous NOAA data. But they pronounced the earlier adjustments legitimate. The same scientists now say the new NOAA adjustments are also proper.

Fear, not fact, behind GMO labeling

By Jane E. Brody
N.Y. Times News Service

Despite myriad assurances from scientists that foods containing genetically modified ingredients are safe to eat, consumers are likely to see more and more products labeled "GMO-free." As happened with the explosion of gluten-free products, food companies are quick to cash in on what they believe consumers want regardless of whether it is scientifically justified.

Responding to consumer concerns about genetically modified organisms, or GMOs, in foods, as well as individual company and state actions on GMO labeling, the Department of Agriculture last month announced a voluntary certification program that food companies would pay for to have their products labeled GMO-free.

Soon Abbott, the maker of Similac Advance, began selling a GMO-free version of the nation's leading commercial baby formula (it already has such a product, sold as Similac Organic) to give consumers "peace of mind." In April, Chipotle Mexican Grill announced it would start preparing foods with no GMOs, although the restaurant will not be free of such ingredients.

Last year, Vermont passed a law requiring the labeling of foods that contain GMOs. (Connecticut and Maine have labeling laws that will go into effect only when surrounding states also pass them.) And Whole Foods Market, with 410 stores in 42 states, Canada and Britain, announced that it would require all foods they sell with GMOs to be so labeled by 2018.

GMO labeling is already required in 64 countries, including those of the European Union; Russia; Japan; China; Australia; Brazil; and a number of countries in Africa, where despite rampant food scarcity, American exports have been rejected because the crops contained GMOs.

However, a review of the pros and cons of GMOs strongly suggests that the issue reflects a poor public understanding of the science behind them, along with a rebellion against the dominance of food and agricultural conglomerates. The anti-GMO movement, I'm afraid, risks throwing the baby out with the bathwater. What is needed is a dispassionate look at what GMOs mean and their actual and potential good, not just a fear of harmful possibilities.

Let's start with the facts. Humans have been genetically modifying food and feed plants and animals for millennia, until recently only by repeatedly crossing existing ones with relatives that have more desirable characteristics. It can take years, even decades, to achieve a commercially viable product this way because unwanted traits can exist in the resulting hybrids. While it may be nice to have a tomato that can withstand travel, the fruit also has to ripen evenly and taste good.

Genetic engineering makes it possible to achieve a desired outcome in one generation. It introduces only a single known gene or small group of genes that dictate production of desired proteins into a plant, imparting characteristics such as tolerance of frost, drought or salt, or resistance to disease or weed killer. The technique can also be used to enhance a plant's growth or content of an essential nutrient, or, in the case of animals, reduce the feed they need.

Thus, Golden Rice, genetically enhanced to be rich in a precursor of vitamin A, can counter blindness. Another gene inserted into rice boosts iron content to fight anemia. A gene from the ocean pout speeds the growth of farmed salmon, reducing its dependence on wild fish feed. And a bacterial gene inserted into the DNA of corn enables it to better withstand drought.

The often-voiced concern that introducing genes from different species is unnatural and potentially dangerous ignores the fact that we share thousands of genes with other species. (We share 84 percent of our genes with dogs!)

As for safety, every GMO must be evaluated and approved by the Food and Drug Administration and the Environmental Protection Agency before it can be sold. Developers must test the product for toxicity and allergenicity and assure it is at least as nutritious as its non-GMO counterpart.

Computers aren't perfect, and a virus can complicate them

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If you think the PropellerHeads make all things computer work flawlessly, you would be wrong. Very wrong.

Because the propheads are typically on a computer (or two) at any given time, we deal with all sorts of annoying things, including waiting for stuff to install, load, or download. I am not sure how much time I sit staring at a screen waiting for my "server" to "serve" me, but it's a lot. In my lifetime, at least as much time as I spend waiting in line (http://bit.ly/14s1lXd).

Computers, networks, smartphones ... they all frustrate us from time to time. The main difference? Nerds like us kind of like the occasional frustration or at least the awesome satisfaction when we overcome a problem.

So, what happened?

I while back, I created a Dropbox shared folder for a business group. We all had local copies of the files on our computers. One day, I noticed one of the files was unreadable and further checking revealed more corruption, plus the timestamp on all of the files had just been updated.

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I checked with the group and one of the members confirmed they had just been hit by ransomware. This attack first corrupted all of his local files and then propagated to the Dropbox files that we shared. All of us now had copies of these corrupted files from his virus.

Thankfully, the virus itself did not spread. Dropbox has a file restoration process (http://bit.ly/1PKBcZ3), but I decided that sharing local folders was just too risky. So, I deleted the shared folder and moved us to Trello.com to store our files moving forward.

For those of you who are not familiar, ransomware is pretty hot right now. With a few errant clicks or site visits, you could be the next victim. The telltale sign is that you are surfing the Internet (probably on unsafe sites), and your browser resets and says that your computer has been hijacked. By the time you close your browser, reboot, disconnect from the Internet, and pray ... it is too late. Your computer files have been corrupted and they say they will uncorrupt them if you pay up. Hijackers often up the ransom if you do not pay right away.

Some people pay to restore their computers. Sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't. The best response is to power off the computer and call an expert. They may be able to uncorrupt your files, but will most likely rebuild and restore files from your backups. Remember those backups you have been keeping? This is when they come in handy.

The lesson? Backup your files, keep your virus protection up-to-date, watch where you surf, and really be careful of any downloads.

So, what else happened?

Later that day, I was away from my desk for a couple of hours and when I came back I noticed I had received about 500 emails. They were coming in faster than a Letterman tribute. Turns out, all of them were confirming newsletter and forum registrations I never made. As the emails continued flooding in, I independently checked a couple of these and determined they seem to be coming from legitimate sites. None of the sites asked for CAPTCHA, so all they needed was my email address.

I was the victim of one of the oldest denial of service (DoS) attacks around, an email bomb (http://bit.ly/1RkQReY). Email bombs can generate a tsunami of email traffic, making it tough to find real emails that need attention and slowing down or overwhelming email servers. They are quite often used as an anonymous, cowardly, form of nerd revenge. I must've really p#$%&*ed someone off.

The deluge ran for about 24 hours. I set up some mail sorting rules to send "Thank you for Registering" and similar subjects to the trash so I could go about my normal routine. When it was all said and done, I was registered in several thousand sites. Most required a confirmation to complete registration so I don't expect to hear from them again.

This is the life of a PropellerHead. On a typical day we are gleefully clicking, typing, or talking to our computers and our computers are responding in ways that make us smile or at least make us productive. But other days ...

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