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After 40 years of ownership, the Warren family has sold Compressor Systems Inc. to Compressco Partners LP in a deal worth $825 million in cash with other adjustments.

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Perry sending National Guard troops to border

Deployment's objective is combating criminals exploiting surge of children

By Christopher Sherman and Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Gov. Rick Perry is deploying up to 1,000 National Guard troops to the Texas-Mexico border over the next month to combat what he said Monday were criminals exploiting a surge of children pouring into the U.S. illegally.

Perry, a vocal critic of the White House's response to the border crisis who is himself mulling a second presidential run, said the state has a responsibility to act after "lip service and empty promises" from Washington.

"I will not stand idly by while our citizens are under assault and little children from Central America are detained in squalor," the governor said.

The deployment of National Guard troops, which may act in a law enforcement capacity under state authority, will cost Texas an estimated $12 million per month. They will simply be "referring and deterring" immigrants and not detaining people, Texas Adjutant General John Nichols said. But he added that the National Guard could take people into custody if need be.

"We think they'll come to us and say, 'Please take us to a Border Patrol station,'" Nichols said.

Messages seeking comment were left with the U.S. Customs and Border Protection.

Perry bristled at suggestions from some Democratic state lawmakers and business groups that his move means Texas is militarizing its southern border.

Still, Cameron County Sheriff Omar Lucio said he didn't know if troops would be coming to his part of the border and questioned what good they would do if they did.

"Those people are trained for warfare, not for law enforcement," said Lucio, whose county includes Brownsville. "I think the money would be better spent if they would give it to the local law enforcement that is close to the border."

More than 3,000 Border Patrol agents currently work in Texas' Rio Grande Valley, but Perry had repeatedly asked Obama to send the National Guard to the border amid an influx of immigrants.

Since October, more than 57,000 unaccompanied children and teenagers have entered the U.S. illegally — more than double compared to the same period a year earlier. Most have been from Honduras, Guatemala and El Salvador, where rampant gang violence and intense poverty have driven tens of thousands of people outside their borders.

Obama administration officials have

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Evening vehicle crash

Tyler White/Reporter-Telegram

A man was hospitalized in serious condition after his pickup collided with this truck Monday evening on Farm-to-Market Road 1788

MPD: 1 injured in crash on FM 1788

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One man was transported to Midland Memorial Hospital in serious condition Monday evening following a two-vehicle crash on Farm-to-Market Road 1788.

Midland emergency personnel responded at about 5:40 p.m. Monday to the 1600 block of FM 1788.

A northbound pickup veered left into southbound traffic and collided with a tractor-trailer, according to a Midland Police Department sergeant at the scene.

The sergeant said the pickup driver likely had been driving at an excessive speed and veered left in an attempt to avoid vehicles that were stopped in the roadway.

However, investigators have yet to determine the crash's cause.

The pickup driver was transported to MMH with serious but non-life-threatening injuries. Details regarding the condition of the other driver were not available at the scene.

Citations are pending, the sergeant said.

MOTOR works on area's 25-year plan

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The Midland Odessa Transportation Organization (MOTOR) has begun work on a 25-year comprehensive plan for the Midland and Odessa area as localities are experiencing a bull market, but state and federal road funding is becoming bear-like.

The Metropolitan Transportation Plan (MTP) is a long-term list of cooperative infrastructure improvement projects. The plan addresses safety, congestion, landscaping, recreational and public transportation concerns, said MOTOR Executive Director Cameron Walker.

The last MTP update — in 2009 — had projects that span from 2010 through 2035. Some of the completed projects that were in the 2009 MTP include East Loop 338 in Odessa and Nadine and Tom Craddick Highway in Midland.

The MTP is routinely updated every five years. This year's version has to compensate for the current challenges in the Midland and Odessa area. Since the last update, both cities' populations have rapidly grown to the point that organizations rely on estimates more than the 2010 U.S. Census count.

To use Midland County as an example, the U.S. Census Bureau determined a 136,872 population count in 2010. The bureau's estimate on July 1, 2013 was 151,468.

"No one has a crystal ball," Walker said. "But without knowing some idea of population growth, it's hard to explain in a 25-year document why you think certain things should be built."

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State campaign encourages community to speak freely on mental health

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ODESSA — A Speak Your Mind Texas campaign sparked a community discussion on mental health issues Monday at Medical Center Hospital.

About 60 mental health facilitators, school administrators, state officials and parents took part in the conversation, one of 16 being held this summer acoss the state.

The campaign focuses on getting people to speak freely and identify resources they can use to get assistance, said Mary Anderson, state regional medical director for West Texas.

"The idea here is to get people to become more aware of mental health issues, especially in the young," said Anderson, noting more than half of mental health cases begin by age 14.

During small group sessions, participants discussed faith and psychology, masculinity, teaching respect between men and women, changing the conversation about mental health on social media, cultural differences and the role of schools and parent-teacher associations.

Nearly all small groups touched on the stigma of mental health issues.

"We push them under a rug — out of sight, out of mind," said parent Heather McKenzie. "I refuse to believe that's the best we can do. I want treatment before tragedy, not tragedy before treatment."

Warning signs of mental illness include dropping grades, isolation, change in behavior, cutting, irritability, fatigue or not enjoying usual activities, said Patrick Ramsey, counselor and clinical director of the Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, during a panel discussion.

Some parents worry they are being too heavy-handed, but Ramsey said they absolutely need to intervene if they notice the signs.

"Parents should be in their kid's business," he said.

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Contacts

■ Mental health
Call: 2-1-1
Online: www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa-mh-help

■ Substance Abuse
Call: 1-877-9-NO DRUG (1-877-966-3784)
Online: www.dshs.state.tx.us/mhsa-sa-help

■ National Suicide Prevention Lifeline
Call: 1-800-273-TALK (8255)
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TODAY IN MIDLAND

Martina McBride tickets

The Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center announced Monday that country superstar Martina McBride will perform Sept. 25 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center.

McBride has enjoyed a string of major hit singles on the Billboard country chart with five of these singles reaching No. 1. Additionally, McBride has won the Country Music Association's "Female Vocalist of the Year" award four times and the Academy of Country Music's "Top Female Vocalist" award three times.

Tickets go on sale at 10 a.m. Friday. Order them online at www.wagnernoel.com or by phone at 1-800-514-3849. Ticket prices range from $52 to $77.

Things to do

■ Movie camp: "The Jungle Book," 9:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Permian Basin Petroleum Museum. petroleummuseum.org.

■ Spanish Storytime and Tesoro Playgroup, 10:30 a.m., Midland County Public Library Centennial branch. www.co.midland.tx.us.

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

Meeting today

City Council
10 a.m.
Council Chambers City Hall
300 N. Loraine St.

Support groups, club meetings today

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

■ 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.

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

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

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

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

City pool hours today

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

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

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

National Night Out block captain party today

The Midland Police Department will host an appreciation party for National Night Out block captains 6-8 p.m. today at First United Methodist Church.

Block captains are residents who have chosen to lead a neighborhood block party for this year's National Night Out, which will take place on Aug. 5. Many neighborhoods throughout Midland will be hosting special events such as block parties, cookouts, visits from the police and flashlight walks.

Monday is the deadline to register a neighborhood party, and potential block captains are invited to attend tonight's appreciation party. To register a block party, call Jessica Rodriguez with the MPD Community Relations Unit at 685-7582.

National Night Out is a nationwide crime-prevention event designed to heighten awareness, strengthen neighborhood spirit and send a message that neighborhoods are organized and are fighting back against crime.

Source: City of Midland

City seeks CDBG proposals for housing

The city of Midland hopes to assist a local non-profit organization with the future development of affordable housing through its Community Development Block Grant program.

Midland City Council voted to issue a request for proposals for single-family housing development as part of the Community Development Block Grant program.

The council approved a request earlier this month to solicit proposals from non-profit organizations that are seeking to develop single-family affordable housing within the city's low- and moderate-income census areas.

The city will partner with the chosen non-profit(s) by providing approximately $477,000 in federal CDBG funds for infrastructure needs or for land purchases needed to develop homes that income-eligible individuals could purchase.

Proposals for the grant funds are due by Aug. 11.

Source: City of Midland

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 5-1-0
Pick 3 day: 2-0-8
Pick 3 evening: 5-2-7
Pick 3 night: 5-9-8
Daily 4 morning: 3-0-3-6
Daily 4 day: 3-1-2-3
Daily 4 evening: 0-6-0-3
Daily 4 night: 7-7-8-6
Cash Five: 1-4-11-19-36
Texas Two Step: 3-7-12-22 BB: 35
All or Nothing morning: 1-4-5-6-8-10-11-12-13-19-20-23
All or Nothing day: 1-4-6-9-12-13-17-18-19-20-21-23
All or Nothing evening: 1-2-4-6-7-9-10-12-13-17-21-22
All or Nothing night: 1-2-6-7-10-12-13-16-18-19-20-24

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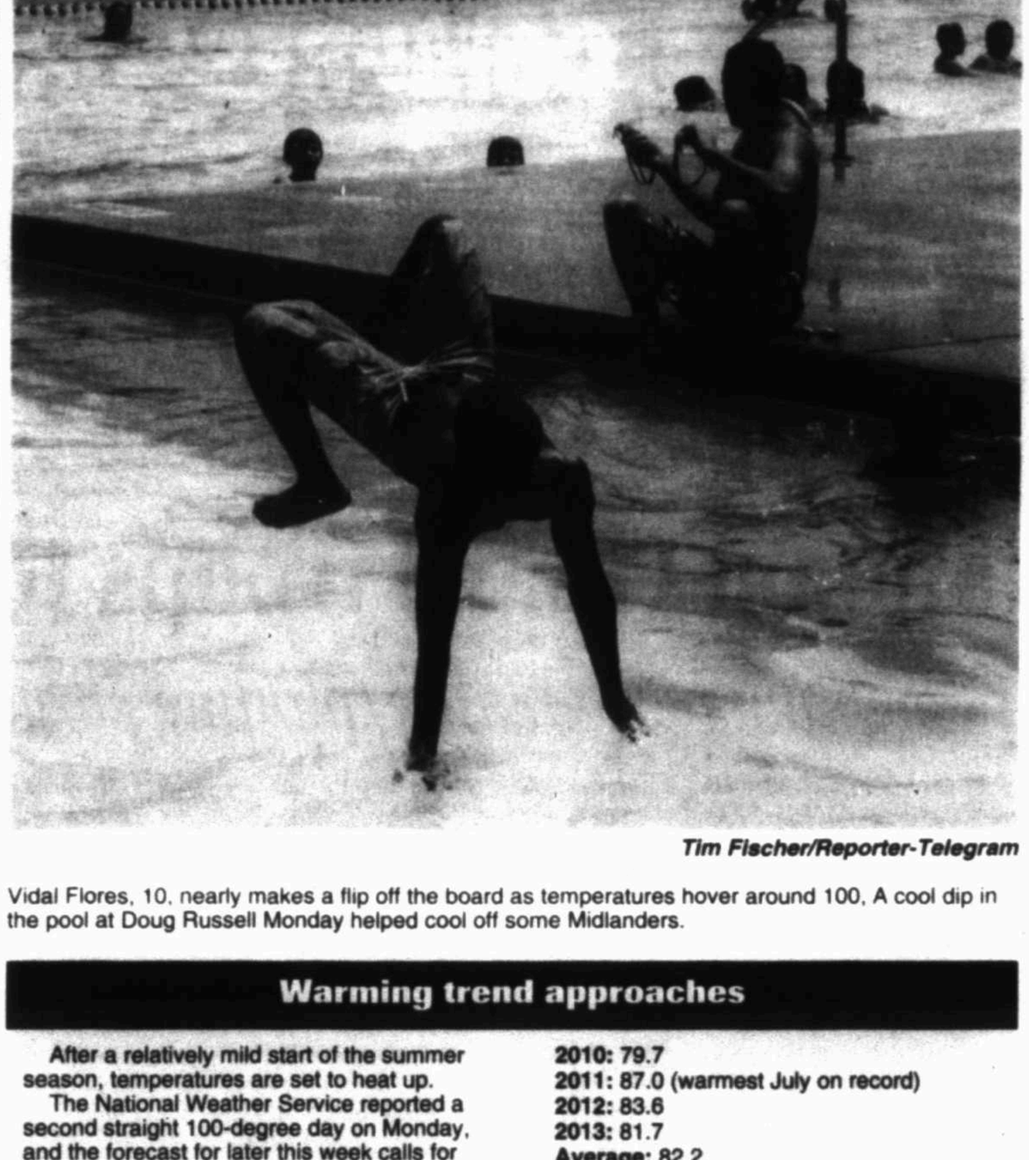

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Vidal Flores, 10, nearly makes a flip off the board as temperatures hover around 100. A cool dip in the pool at Doug Russell Monday helped cool off some Midlanders.

Warming trend approaches

After a relatively mild start of the summer season, temperatures are set to heat up.

The National Weather Service reported a second straight 100-degree day on Monday, and the forecast for later this week calls for triple-digit temperatures Thursday through Sunday. The high on Friday and Saturday could even flirt with 105.

Here are the highs and lows for this week
Today: 99/71
Wednesday: 98/71
Thursday: 101/72
Friday: 104/72
Saturday: 104/72
Sunday: high of 102
Average: 95/70

Julys past and present

The average temperature (a combination of highs and lows) for July is 82.2. So far in 2014 that average has been 82.

Here are average July temperatures going back to 2010.

2010: 79.7
2011: 87.0 (warmest July on record)
2012: 83.6
2013: 81.7
Average: 82.2

100-degree days

Sunday and Monday were the first two 100-degree days in July. So far this year there have been nine 100-degree days.

Here are the number of 100-degree days going back to 2010.

2010: 21
2011: 65 (a record for Midland)
2012: 34
2013: 23
2014: 9

August should be hot

The Climate Prediction Center is calling for a 33 percent chance for a hotter-than-average month of August.

Ted Nugent concert selling 'very well' despite opposition

By Tessa Duvall
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Tickets for Ted Nugent's concert at the Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center presented by Show of Support are selling quickly, although the scheduled performance isn't without controversy.

More than 800 tickets to Nugent's "Shut up & Jam" tour stop in Midland on Aug. 17 have been purchased since going on sale on Friday, said Stephanie Rivas, senior marketing manager for the Wagner Noel.

In response, activist group Una Voz Unida of Odessa has created a change.org petition called "Say 'No' to Ted Nugent Concert" pushing for the cancellation of Nugent's show.

Rivas said any decision to cancel the show would be made by Show of Support and not the Wagner Noel.

"We're open to all organizations — local and outside promoters — to present shows at the building," Rivas said. "We're simply the rental venue."

Una Voz Unida is calling for Nugent's cancellation because he labeled President Barack Obama a "subhuman mongrel" and a "chimpanzee," as well as derogatory remarks about former Secretary of State Hillary Clinton and U.S. Senator Barbara Boxer of California.

"Please cancel Nugent's performance," the petition reads. "Nobody is precluding Ted Nugent from speaking. It is a question as to whether or not the Wagner Noel, in a community such as Odessa and Midland should accept a notorious bigot in the name of supporting veterans. (The) Wagner Noel is better than this."

As of 1:30 p.m. Monday, the petition had 54 of its desired 100 signatures.

Comments left by signatories on the petition's website include that the Wagner Noel is "just simply not the appropriate venue" and that Nugent's "rhetoric is just fueling the fire."

A representative of Show of Support was not immediately available for comment.

Nugent's concert will help raise money to build a memorial for the four wounded soldiers who lost their lives during the 2012 train crash, according to Show of Support's website.

To sign the petition: http://www.change.org/petitions/wagner-noel-performing-art-s-center-say-no-to-ted-nugent-concert?share_id=ZrHsMuhGSy

To learn more about Nugent's performance and to buy tickets: http://www.wagnernoel.com/event_info.php?event_id=384

Shark sightings off Cape Cod a boon for tourism

Associated Press

CHATHAM, Mass. — Great white sharks are having an unusual effect on Cape Cod this summer, and many a merchant is going to need a bigger wallet.

The sharks being spotted in growing numbers are stirring curiosity and a buying frenzy for shark-related merchandise.

Shark T-shirts are everywhere, "Jaws" has been playing in local movie theaters and boats are taking more tourists out to see the huge seal population that keeps the sharks coming. Harbormasters have issued warnings, but the great whites generally are not seen as a threat to human swimmers.

Among the entrepreneurs is Justin Labdon, owner of the Cape Cod Beach Chair Co., who started selling "Chatham Whites" T-shirts after customers who were renting paddle boards and kayaks began asking whether it was safe to go to sea.

"I mean, truthfully, we've probably grown about 500 percent in terms of the sale of our shark apparel," he said. The T-shirts, hoodies, hats, belts, dog collars and other accessories bear the iconic, torpedo-shaped image of great whites and sell for between $10 and $45.

He said his store brings in thousands of dollars in sales of the shark-themed merchandise.

Tourists peer through coin-operated binoculars in hopes of catching a glimpse of a shark fin from the beaches of Chatham. The posh resort town is on the elbow of the cape that has a large population of gray seals — the massive animals whose blubber is the fuel of choice for great white sharks.

A study released last month by scientists at the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration found the number of great white sharks off the Eastern U.S. and Canada is surging after decades of decline. Conservation efforts and the greater availability of prey such as Massachusetts' seals are credited with the reversal.

Shark sightings have soared from generally fewer than two annually before 2004 to more than 20 in each of the last few years off Cape Cod, where the economy depends heavily on the summer tourism season. Despite notices urging boaters and swimmers to use caution, the official reaction has been nearly the opposite of the panic depicted in "Jaws," the 1975 film shot mainly on the Massachusetts island of Martha's Vineyard.

FELONY ARRESTS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

Kendell Henson, 47, of Midland was charged Sunday with violation of probation.

Michael S. McFarland, 23, of Midland was charged Sunday with five counts of theft.

Gerry L. Sutton, 32, of Midland was charged Sunday with burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

BORDER

From 1A

said that the flood has slowed in recent weeks, with Border Patrol agents in the Rio Grande Valley finding fewer than 500 children last week compared to as many as 2,000 a week last month.

Perry, though, said that, for years, the federal government failed to secure the border and suggested that criminal gangs could be exploiting the recent surge to make things worse. He said more than 200,000 criminals in the country illegally had been booked into Texas jails since 2008, many for drug-related offenses but also for homicides and sexual assaults.

As governor, Perry can deploy National Guard troops, but that means Texas has to pay for it. An order by Obama would have meant Washington paid. Still, Perry and other top Texas conservatives said they expect the federal government to eventually reimburse the state.

"Texans are willing to put the boots on the ground, but we expect Washington to foot the bill," said Attorney General Greg Abbott, a Republican who is favored to replace Perry in November.

Perry isn't seeking re-election but hasn't ruled out a 2016 presidential campaign after his short-lived 2012 run — and he's used the immigration issue to repeatedly hammer Obama for what he called inaction.

White House spokesman Josh Earnest said Monday that Perry wanted to "make a symbolic statement to the people of Central America that the border is closed."

"He thinks that the best way to do that is to send 1,000 National Guard troops to the border," Earnest said. "It seems to me that a much more powerful symbol would be the bipartisan passage of legislation that would actually make a historic investment in border security and send an additional 20,000 personnel to the border."

That refers to the U.S. Senate's passage of comprehensive immigration reform that stalled in the House.

The Texas Democratic Party accused Perry, who spent part of the weekend in Iowa, of "continuing his routine of photo-op politics to further his presidential aspirations" rather than seeking long-term border solutions.

Eduardo Campirano, chairman of the Rio South Texas Economic Council said, "adding a military presence to our communities will only create an inaccurate image that our safe and viable border region in the Rio Grande Valley is dangerous."

Conaway's view

"President Obama should follow Gov. Perry's example and send National Guard members down to Texas' border with Mexico to help stem the tide of illegal immigration.

"While I was meeting with Border Patrol agents near McAllen on July 18, the agents said if Guard members could take care of some tasks, the Border Patrol could focus on interdiction.

"This is a national issue and Texans should not have to assume the cost and responsibility for stopping this flood of illegal migrant children."

— U.S. Rep. Mike Conaway, 11th Congressional District

MOTOR

From 1A

The other challenge MOTOR faces when updating the MTP is road funding at the state and national levels. Statewide, the Texas Department of Transportation is facing a budget deficit in the $4 billion-to-$5 billion range, as previously reported. Nationwide, the U.S. Department of Transportation is estimating a shortfall in its Highway Trust Fund in August, according to its website.

MOTOR is funded by TxDOT, the Federal Highway Administration and Federal Transit Administration; the latter two agencies are within the U.S. Department of Transportation. Local entities, such as the cities, counties and EZ Rider, also financially participate with MOTOR.

Walker described the MTP as a "fiscally constrained document" because of uncertainty surrounding funding.

"So if we come up with $300 million worth of project — just to pull a number out of thin air — we still have to show that the money can be reasonably expected," Walker said.

Prioritizing the list of projects and land acquisition are two other MTP creation challenges, according to Walker.

With the challenges in mind, MOTOR plans to finalize the 2014 MTP, with an updated project list, and present it to its policy board for approval in November.

"By having an approved MTP, we are able to expedite improvements around the area," Walker said. "We are able to make sure that projects can move faster through our partner agencies. The plan indicates a certain type of improvement, whether it is five more buses to be replaced in 2019 or a conversion to one-way frontage roads on Interstate 20."

MENTAL HEALTH

From 1A

A shortage of mental health providers — even primary care providers who handle referrals — is also a growing problem, Anderson said.

About half of the people in the Medical Center Hospital boardroom raised their hands Monday morning when asked if availability of professionals or funding was an issue.

"We have a booming economy, which is great for most people," said Todd Luzadder, director of mental health service for the Permian Basin Community Health Centers for MHMR. "But we created a system where you have really talented people leaving the field."

Getting help

Mental illness symptoms:
■ Frequent sadness or changes in mood or behavior
■ Changes in eating and sleeping patterns
■ Not wanting to go to school or work
■ Fighting with family and friends
■ Drug and alcohol abuse
■ Hopelessness
■ Feeling confused, angry, forgetful, edgy or upset
■ Wanting to hurt oneself or others
■ Hearing voices
■ Isolation or acting distant
■ Sharing thoughts of suicide

Substance abuse symptoms:
■ Sudden weight loss or gain
■ Unhealthy appearance
■ Frequently missing school or work
■ Money problems
■ Changes in friends, hangouts or hobbies
■ Getting into fights, accidents, or breaking the law
■ Striking change in personality or behavior

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Sheriffs weigh selling e-cigarettes to inmates

By Edgar Walters
Texas Tribune

As a way to allow some inmates to get their nicotine fix and sheriffs to shore up tight budgets, county jails across the country have begun selling electronic cigarettes. Though the trend has largely bypassed Texas, jail officials say that could change as sheriffs begin to warm up to the smokeless technology.

While traditional cigarettes are banned from most jails, vendors of e-cigarettes, which vaporize a liquid solution for inhalation, see a big market in Texas. The 245 jails regulated by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards have a combined capacity of about 95,000.

Shannon Herklotz, the commission's assistant director, said he knew of only two county jails in Texas that allowed electronic cigarettes. But more sheriffs, primarily in rural counties with smaller facilities, have expressed a cautious interest in selling them, asking questions about the technology, he said.

"It's not that it's not allowed. It's up to each individual sheriff," said Herklotz, who supports banning e-cigarettes to prevent issues with contraband at jails. With county jails facing budget shortfalls, e-cigarette vendors are pushing their products as a way for sheriffs to supplement revenue and help inmates suffering from withdrawal.

"I'm still not in Texas, but I'd like to be," said John Vanderveer, owner of JailCigs, an e-cigarette vendor based in Georgia. He said he and other e-cigarette salesmen had paid a fee to pitch their products to Texas officials and others at the National Sheriffs' Association annual conference in Fort Worth last month.

One vendor, Precision Vapor, recently began selling e-cigarettes to the Titus County Jail in Northeast Texas.

"It was at the request of inmates that we started selling them," said Michael Garcia, a lieutenant at the jail, which sells the item from its commissary. "The inmates report that they feel more at ease and not as nervous," he said. "They don't have the agitation of going from two packs a day to zero."

The jail, which has an average daily population of about 110 inmates, buys each e-cigarette for $3 and sells about 80 a week at $6 apiece, Garcia said. That profit helps pay for inmate uniforms and other supplies, which "eases the burden of the taxpayers."

Brian McGiverin, a prisoner rights lawyer at the Texas Civil Rights Project, said that most jails strictly banned tobacco but that sheriffs were likely to view e-cigarettes more favorably because they are less of a fire hazard than traditional cigarettes.

"It doesn't seem like a terrible idea, setting aside the idea of whether it's a smart idea to smoke in the first place," he said. "The people are buying it, so that means it's something that they want."

Some worry that selling the e-cigarettes out of commissaries could lead to inequity among inmates. Fred Thomas, a spokesman for the Williamson County Sheriff's Office, which this year banned e-cigarettes, said he was concerned about fights "between the ones that have it and the ones that don't have it and want it."

Diana Claitor, executive director of the Texas Jail Project, which advocates for inmates' rights, did not address e-cigarettes specifically but said commissaries sold most items at "absurd, gouging markups."

Vendors say they are servicing a growing demand and have no input into the prices that jails charge.

Bill Anderson, owner of Precision Vapor, said his company had been in contact with other Texas sheriffs, but declined to provide specifics. He said e-cigarette use would increase in jails because the number of consumers outside has continued to rise.

"It's very popular," he said, "and it's spread out."

For now, most Texas sheriffs remain cautious. James Campbell, the Cherokee County sheriff, said he would consider e-cigarettes, but was apprehensive that inmates could find a way to abuse them.

"Jury's still out right now," he said. "I'm not going to say we won't change later on, but right now, we're waiting to see what kinds of problems, if any, other jails may be having."

Sheriff Painter's policy

Midland County Sheriff Gary Painter said he has no plans to allow e-cigarettes or any other tobacco products into the jail. While he believes selling the cigarettes could provide a financial benefit, he won't budge on his policy of "no smoking — period."

CRIMEBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MPD: Woman suspected of inhaling 'volatile' chemical

An Odessa woman allegedly inhaled a chemical in her car with a 2-year-old boy inside, according to court documents.

Ortega

Brittany Victoria Ortega, 20, was arrested Friday and was being held Monday on a $5,500 bond for a state jail felony charge of abandoning or endangering a child with criminal negligence and a class B misdemeanor charge of possession or use by inhaling or ingesting a volatile chemical.

Two off-duty police officers were at Club Arriba at about 1 a.m. Friday when they observed a young boy who appeared to be alone inside a car in the parking lot, according to the arrest affidavit.

The officers discovered that Ortega was lying back in the front seat.

An officer opened the driver's side door and detected a strong chemical smell inside the vehicle.

Ortega told officers that she had been inhaling Toluene, which smells like paint thinner, according to the affidavit.

The officers found small plastic bottles, including one containing Toluene, according to the affidavit.

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

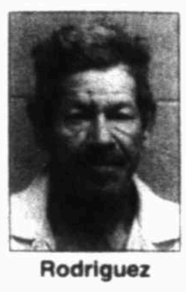
MCSO: Man arrested for allegedly fondling 9-year-old girl

A Midland man was arrested Saturday for inappropriately touching a 9-year-old girl, according to court documents.

Ruben Pena Rodriguez, 58, was held on a $50,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of indecency with a child through sexual contact. He posted bond and was released on Sunday.

A Midland County deputy responded to the incident at about 12:35 a.m. Saturday in the 9800 block of South County Road 1136.

The girl told her mother and grandmother that Rodriguez asked her if she wanted some cantaloupe before kissing her and touching her breast and genital areas, according to the arrest affidavit.


Rodriguez

She said Rodriguez told her to be quiet about the incident, but the girl pushed him away and left the home crying.

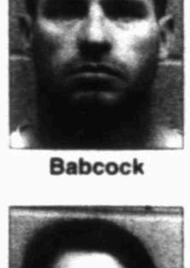
If convicted, Rodriguez faces up to 20 years in prison.

MPD: Couple charged with burglary of habitation

Two Midlanders were arrested Friday for allegedly breaking into a woman's home, threatening her and stealing clothes and medication, according to court documents.

Silas Mark Babcock, 33, and Felicia Suzzette Gomez, 43, were being held Monday on a $100,000 bond for a first-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation with intent to commit another felony.

A Midland police officer responded Wednesday to a disturbance at an apartment complex in the 3400 block of North Midland Drive.


Babcock

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The alleged victim said there was a loud banging on the front door and when she opened it Babcock and Gomez pushed the door open. Babcock grabbed the woman by the throat and demanded money. He also threatened to kill her and said that there would be a "bloodbath," according to the arrest affidavit.

Gomez, who is related to the alleged victim, grabbed the woman by her hair and took her upstairs into the bathroom and bedroom. She demanded money and stole some of the woman's clothes, as well as some medication, according to the affidavit.

The woman said she thought the two suspects were under the influence of drugs, according to the affidavit.

She told another officer that Babcock showed up again on Thursday, banging and kicking on the door and demanding that she open it, according to the affidavit.

Details regarding the suspects' eventual arrest were not provided in the affidavit.

Babcock also was charged with a class A misdemeanor charge of possession of a dangerous drug, but details regarding that charge were not included in the affidavit.

If convicted, the suspects face five to 99 years in prison for the felony charge.

Ethics commission slaps conservative activist with fine

Editor's Note: Midland's Tim Dunn is the chairman of the Empower Texans' Foundation board of directors

By Aman Batheja
Texas Tribune

The Texas Ethics Commission on Monday ordered Michael Quinn Sullivan, leader of the conservative advocacy group Empower Texans, to pay a $10,000 fine for failing to register as a lobbyist in 2010 and 2011.

The order is the culmination of a two-year investigation by the Ethics Commission into Sullivan's political activity, stemming from a 2012 complaint filed by Republican state Reps. Jim Keffer of Eastland and Vicki Truitt of Keller. They allege that Sullivan acted as an unregistered lobbyist and that Empower Texans failed to file as a PAC. The second complaint is being treated separately by the Ethics Commission.

"The evidence revealed that part of Mr. Sullivan's regular employment involved making direct contact with members of the Texas Legislature and their staffs to influence the outcome of bills, nominations and other matters that were subject to legislative action," Ethics Commission Chairman Jim Clancy wrote in the unanimous order. "Accordingly, Texas law required him to register as a lobbyist."

Joe Nixon, Sullivan's attorney, said by phone that they were "pleased the Ethics Commission finally, after almost 30 months of inactivity, issued a final ruling."

"It is our intent to appeal the ruling to the district court where it will be heard 'de novo' meaning new from the beginning," he added. "The commission knows that its ruling will have no permanent effect, and we are excited to be in a court of law where the rules of evidence and procedure will predominate."

Sullivan had been fighting the investigation, arguing that his activities with Empower Texans should be viewed as journalism and thus exempt from the lobbyist registration requirements. The commission determined that Sullivan's defense was "baseless," pointing to dozens of communications between Sullivan and lawmakers related to the outcome of pending legislation.

"Advocacy is indisputably legal, but being paid to directly advocate without registering as a lobbyist is not," Clancy wrote. "The communications reviewed by the commission advocate passage or defeat of specific legislative action on behalf of a special interest group. Regardless of political orientation or message, no paid advocate who engages in direct communications with Texas legislators is above the disclosure laws of the state of Texas."

The commission also accused Sullivan of having "destroyed or lost thousands of emails sent to members of the Legislature during 2010 and 2011, despite having received written requests for such information in 2012." Sullivan has denied destroying any documents.

Sullivan has decried the Ethics Commission investigation as a "witch hunt" instigated by "cronies" of House Speaker Joe Straus, a San Antonio Republican who Sullivan has long criticized as insufficiently conservative to lead the chamber.

"The commission hasn't yet decided exactly what it is I do that's illegal, but they have decided I must be found guilty of something," Sullivan wrote in an email to supporters last month.

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Beef pollutes more than pork, poultry, study says

By Seth Borenstein
Associated Press

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Cows graze in Rock County, Neb., in 2009. Compared to the other animal proteins, beef produces five times more heat-trapping gases connected to global warming per calorie, puts out six times as much nitrogen for water pollution, takes 11 times more water for irrigation and uses 28 times the land, according to the study published Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

WASHINGTON — Raising beef for the American dinner table does far more damage to the environment than producing pork, poultry, eggs or dairy, a new study says.

Compared with the other animal proteins, beef produces five times more heat-trapping gases per calorie, puts out six times as much water-polluting nitrogen, takes 11 times more water for irrigation and uses 28 times the land, according to the study published Monday in the journal Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

Cows are not efficient at converting feed to protein for human consumption, said lead author Gidon Eshel, an environmental physics professor at Bard College in New York.

Eshel used U.S. government figures to calculate air and water emissions and how much water and land were used in the lifetime production of beef, pork, poultry, dairy and eggs.

While other studies have looked at the issue, this is one of the most comprehensive pieces of research quantifying and comparing the U.S. environmental costs of different meats and other animal protein.

A spokesman for the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, Chase Adams, said the study "represents a gross oversimplification of the complex systems that make up the beef value chain."

Adams said that the beef industry has improved its environmental sustainability in recent years and that the U.S. produces beef with the lowest greenhouse gas emissions of any country.

In the study, pork, poultry, dairy and eggs all had comparable environmental footprints, so close there were no statistically significant differences among them, Eshel said. But cows were off-the-chart different. The study did not look at plants or fish raised for human consumption.

Cows burp major amounts of methane, a greenhouse gas that is dozens of times more potent than carbon dioxide. Their digestive system makes them produce considerably more methane than pigs, chickens or turkeys do, Eshel said. The manure used to grow feed for cows also releases methane, as does their own bodily waste.

Because they are bigger and take longer to put on weight for meat, cows eat more food over their lifetimes than other animals raised for protein.

Nitrogen, from fertilizer runoff, can harm rivers, lakes and bays, causing oxygen-depleted "dead zones." The use of irrigation water is a major issue out West when there are droughts, like the current one in California. So much land used for farming changes the biodiversity of a location, Eshel said.

"It really looks like beef is a lot worse environmentally than these other meats," said Ken Caldeira, an environmental scientist at the Carnegie Institution for Science. Caldeira wasn't part of this study, but has a separate study of beef's greenhouse gas footprint around the world, published this month in the journal Climatic Change.

Eshel calculates that the average American who switches from beef to pork would reduce the equivalent of 1,200 pounds of carbon dioxide a year, which is about nine days' worth of the nation's per capita greenhouse gas emissions. The EPA calculates that it is the same as the emissions from 61 gallons of gas or what comes out of the smokestack from burning 580 pounds of coal.

Caldeira said his calculations found that "eating a pound of beef causes more greenhouse warming than burning a gallon of gasoline."

Even though pigs have the reputation for being dirty, the data shows that they "come out pretty clean" when compared to cows, Eshel said.

The message from the study is "whenever possible try to replace beef with other sources of protein from animal sources," said Eshel, who said he doesn't eat meat now but used to raise cattle on a kibbutz in Israel.

Nutrition scientists Marion Nestle at New York University and Malden Nesheim at Cornell University said the study makes sense, was done carefully and is important.

Caldeira, whose study examined livestock and greenhouse gas internationally, found that livestock accounted for 9 percent of the world's total greenhouse gases, and their overall output has increased 51 percent since 1961.

He also found that the developed world — including the U.S. — decreased its carbon emissions from livestock by 23 percent, while the developing world has more than doubled its emissions in that category. So overall greenhouse gases from livestock rose by more than 50 percent.

Countries like the United States are importing beef from developing countries, potentially skewing the results, Eshel said.

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3 teens held in deaths of 2 homeless men

Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — Three teenagers ganged up on two homeless men and fatally beat them before leaving their bodies nearly unrecognizable, Albuquerque police said Sunday.

Alex Rios, 18, and two boys, ages 16 and 15, are being held in Bernalillo County detention facilities a day after allegedly killing the victims in an open field, police spokesman Simon Drobik said.

A criminal complaint filed by police said Rios has been charged with two counts each of murder, conspiracy to commit first-degree felony and contributing to the delinquency of a minor. He also faces three counts of aggravated battery with a deadly weapon and one count each of tampering with evidence and robbery.

The younger boys will likely be charged with murder as adults, Drobik said. The Associated Press is withholding their names because of their age.

"I personally, after reading that complaint, was sick to my stomach because of the nature of the violence and the age of the offenders," Drobik said.

Officers responded Saturday around 8 a.m. to a 911 call reporting two bodies in a field. They found one victim lying on a mattress and another lying on the ground. Jerome Eskeets, a third victim who said he was able to flee, was hospitalized for his injuries.

Eskeets told police that he recognized one of the "kids" hitting and kicking him as someone who lived in a house nearby. Police went to the home and found the three suspects, according to the complaint. The homeowner identified the 15- and 16-year-old as his children and Rios as a friend who had spent the night.

Investigators said in the complaint that blood on the waist band of the 15-year-old's shorts triggered further investigating and interviews with all three.

Rios told investigators he acted as a lookout while the other boys attacked both men with bricks, sticks and a metal fence pole. He said the victims were struck all over, including in the face and chest.

The younger suspects, however, told police that Rios also took part in the attacks. Both boys said they wanted to look for someone to beat up and possibly rob.

Both describe how all three covered their faces with black T-shirts before walking over to the victims, who were lying down. Then the trio allegedly used various objects to attack the men, including cinder blocks. According to the 15-year-old, they all took turns picking up cinder blocks over their heads and smashing them into the men's faces more than 10 times.

The suspects said after the attack, they took one victim's driver's license and debit card. The license was found in the teens' home, police said.

According to the 15-year-old, all three have previously attacked homeless people around Albuquerque. Police are now going to look into open cases involving attacks on transients to see if they are related, Drobik said.

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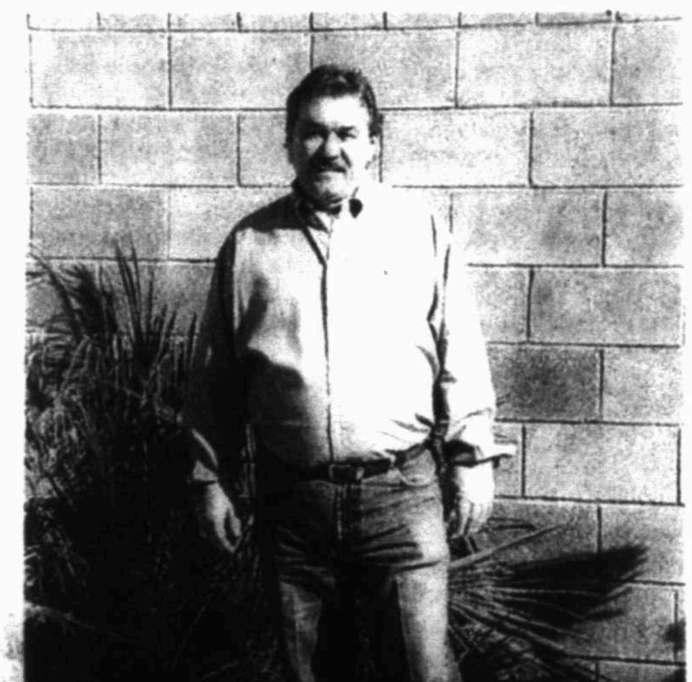

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OPINION

Little Chelsea now brings in really big bucks

■ Talent or accomplishments sometimes don't matter when it comes to people paying top dollar for an association

CATHERINE RAMPELL
Washington Post Writers Group

Talons drawn, the media have descended upon Chelsea Clinton. Again.

Not for her frizzy hair, now smoothed with a killer blowout, or for that preteen metal mouth, now braces-free and pearly white.

This time the attacks are over how much money she makes — for her network television fluff pieces and well-attended gigs on the lecture circuit — despite her stick-thin resume.

"The former first daughter has never run for office, held a public policy job or done philanthropic work outside her family business," sneered the New York Daily News. "But that hasn't stopped the speaking fees from rolling in — along with a reported $600,000 salary as 'special correspondent' for NBC News."

Likewise, upon learning that Clinton Fille pulls in $75,000 per speaking engagement, The New York Times' Maureen Dowd asked, "Why on earth is she worth that much money? Why, given her dabbling in management consulting, hedge-funding and coattail-riding, is an hour of her time valued at an amount that most Americans her age don't make in a year?"

To which my reaction is: Since when do you need talent or skills to be a well-paid celebrity?

Lest there be any confusion, most compensation — but especially compensation that's accompanied by a flock of flashbulbs — is determined not by some intrinsic measure of worldly achievement or moral worth but by what the market will bear.

Witness famous-for-being-famous reality star Kim Kardashian.

Kardashian vastly out-earns Clinton and more accomplished public figures such as Nobel laureate Toni Morrison. The new Mrs. Kanye West charges $100,000 per appearance, according to the fine celebrity journalists at OK! magazine, and at those gigs no one even expects her to deliver prepared remarks on eradicating waterborne illnesses or racial tensions. (In fact, it wouldn't surprise me if her contracts explicitly forbid such pontification.) On some occasions, Kardashian has commanded as much as $500,000, her reported payout for attending the recent Vienna Opera Ball. It's not clear what talents Kardashian possesses that make her "worth" $500,000 per appearance, except maybe a talent for identifying people willing to pay her $500,000 per appearance.

It's more than that, of course. Hollywood celebrities like Kardashian — and political personalities like Clinton or Sarah Palin — can command big appearance fees because the organizations hiring them derive some value from the appearance, too.

Several years ago, I did a back-of-the-envelope calculation to determine why nightclubs might be paying "Jersey Shore" starlet Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi the head-scratchingly high fee of $25,000 merely to drink, dance and socialize for a few hours. It turned out that once you took into account the extra revenue streams that Snooki's name brought in — from cover charges, bottle service and publicity in glossy magazines — her attendance might actually have been worth several multiples of what she charged clubs.

The exact numbers probably no longer hold up today, since in recent years Snooki's star, if not her tan, has faded. But the same principles apply to other celebrities and political scions getting big bucks for appearances on TV and red-carpet events.

After all, having a brand name like Chelsea Clinton keynote your conference or college lecture series can attract better attendance, bigger donations and more press coverage. Televising her recognizable visage can likewise draw in valuable eyeballs. Same goes for other politicians' children, such as Jenna Bush Hager, Meghan McCain and Ron Reagan, who have also been paid contributors for the NBC family of channels. What these political starlets lack in actual journalistic training they make up for in name recognition and precious political connections, both of which — fairly or not — are highly valuable to broadcast outlets.

Whatever the optics, I don't begrudge Kardashian or Clinton the money they can make by charging the market rate for their services; I instead blame audiences for endowing these celebrity brands with value and cash-strapped state schools for wasting money on star appearances that could instead be used for scholarships.

If there is any objection I have to Clinton's speaking gigs, it's not the size of her paycheck. It's the possibility that her hosts and employers are hiring her in order to buy influence with a possible future president (Clinton Mere), an aspect of Chelsea Clinton's lucrative speaking career that for some reason has not been emphasized in most media reports. This possibility is particularly troubling given the family's resistance during the 2008 primaries to releasing information about donations to the Clinton Foundation, where Clinton's speaking fees reportedly go. When it comes to the Clintons, exposure is easy to come by; transparency, less so.

GUEST VIEW

State of Texas' refusal to expand Medicaid affects all of us

Houston Chronicle

A recent report from the Urban Institute and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation revealed the high cost of governing by what's best described as fits of pique. How else to explain Gov. Rick Perry's steadfast refusal to expand Medicaid, an exercise in stubbornness that costs Texas in general and Houston in particular.

According to the report, the number of uninsured Houston residents could drop by 212,000 people by 2016 — from 744,000 to 531,000 — as a result of Affordable Care Act provisions to extend health insurance coverage to a greater number of people. (The ACA, keep in mind, is Obamacare, which both Perry and the state's outspoken junior senator, Ted Cruz, oppose with a passion.)

That decline is promising, and yet it could be much greater if elected officials would agree to expand the state's Medicaid program, as a number of other states have done under a key ACA provision. Urban Institute contributors to the study estimated that expanding Medicaid in Texas would cover an additional 121,000 uninsured people in Houston alone. That would bring the total number of Houstonians gaining coverage to 333,000 by 2016.

Statewide, according to a recent report from the president's Council of Economic Advisors, Texas will miss out on $13.73 billion in federal funds in the next three years and Medicaid coverage for another 1.2 million people.

The council also said that expanding the program would protect another 54,100 Texans a year from facing catastrophic health costs exceeding 30 percent of their income. According to the report, an estimated 171,800 Texans each year would be able to keep themselves healthy if Medicaid was expanded. Those are numbers, but the numbers don't reflect the everyday reality of families, usually working-class families with incomes below the poverty level, who are forced to toss the die and hope for the best when it comes to their children's health and their own. Without insurance, you don't go in for checkups; you don't go to the doctor until you're seriously ill; you don't have elective surgery, even though you desperately need it.

The state's refusal to expand Medicaid affects all of us, regardless of whether we have health insurance. Texans who lack insurance rely on emergency rooms; everyone else pays their bills. The lack of health care options also has led to an increase in the number of families enrolling in Temporary Assistance for Needy Families — also known as welfare — because enrollment makes them eligible for Medicaid.

The infuriating thing about the obstinacy of Perry and his cohorts is that forfeiting billions in new federal health-care dollars flouts the wishes of local elected officials, the state's medical establishment, the business community and every major Texas city.

It won't be long before Perry rides off into the sunset. It remains to be seen whether his successor will work to reverse his wasteful and unconscionable refusal to provide good, affordable health-care coverage for more Texans.

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Hispanic women flock to the movies

■ This demographic's attedance numbers surpass all others

ESTHER CEPEDA
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My family attended the first morning screening of "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes," which won last weekend's box office with a $73 million debut.

According to Lucas Shaw's recent article "Hispanic Women Are This Summer's Most Avid Moviegoers" on the entertainment news site TheWrap, we are propping up the movie industry.

Shaw's analysis of entertainment consumption — "Hispanic women over the age of 25 are the most frequent moviegoers of all," over Hispanic men, and non-Hispanic men and women — lists attendance rates for movies representing a wide range of tastes. "22 Jump Street" made the list of top popular films with Hispanic women as did "A Million Ways to Die in the West" — both eyebrow-raisers since they're targeted toward young men.

Even though it's true that I'm the driving force behind our family's intense moviegoing — and summer blockbuster attendance, in particular — I've mostly stayed home this summer and packed the boys and their dad off with extra money for popcorn. I simply didn't want to spend my time on yet another rebooted comic book "franchise." Apparently, I was an exception.

According to the market research firm C4, which polled more than 1,500 moviegoers who go to six or more movies every year, Hispanic women over 25 flocked to see "X-Men: Days of Future Past" and "The Amazing Spider-Man 2" in higher percentages than Hispanic men and both non-Hispanic men and women.

I was a little surprised by these numbers, but not much — people of all kinds watch the most highly hyped films.

In his quest to understand why Hispanic women turned out for the superhero movies, for "Godzilla" and even for the raunchy "Neighbors," Shaw interviewed Kate Perkins, an analyst for brand consultancy TruthCo, who theorized that Hispanics identify as both American and Hispanic, just as most superheroes identify as both human and as a superhero.

"That bicultural identity is the basis for the cultural resonance of superheroes," Perkins said. She recently wrote a report on the changing face of the American family, with a special emphasis on Hispanics in which she argued that they see a parallel in superheroes because of "the foregrounding and backgrounding of two identities that are equally important."

That seemed far-fetched to me — and just more noise that seeks to portray Hispanics as different rather than acknowledging the obvious: Superhero myths are universal and therefore cheer those who feel less powerful than others.

Take Diego Luna's "Cesar Chavez" movie — starring Latina stars America Ferrera and Rosario Dawson in leading roles — which flopped badly at the box office this spring.

Some observers suggested its poor performance was the fault of "clueless" movie critics who called the film dull, boring and quiet. Others posited that not enough Hispanics really care about Chavez because he's so specific to a particular niche — California farm workers in the 1960s — and not really a part of the Chicano movement that followed the civil rights movement, as most assume.

I stayed away because it just didn't look particularly great, even with Michael Pena, a favorite of mine, in the lead. The trailer seemed to focus less on Chavez's achievements as a leader than on the aspect of friction between Mexican-Americans and terrible white men — not really how most people of any ethnicity would describe "entertainment," and isn't that, really, what it all comes down to?

Perkins may be spot on about Hispanics being attracted to fictionalized identity duality. I'd never even considered such a thing —though anyone who knows me would immediately point out that I love envisioning myself as a superhero, perhaps even more than the average Joe — but something about it rings at least a little true.

Still, I'd bet that the mystery of the moviegoing Hispanic's love for big budget, action-driven movies can be solved by understanding that the more people are stressed out by their real lives — in the case of Hispanic women, their larger share of economic, social and health pressures — the more escapism they seek in their entertainment choices.

By the way, I loved "Dawn of the Planet of the Apes." What's more fantastical than a war-painted ape galloping over fire on a black stallion while shooting two fully automatic weapons? In any culture, "That's Entertainment!"

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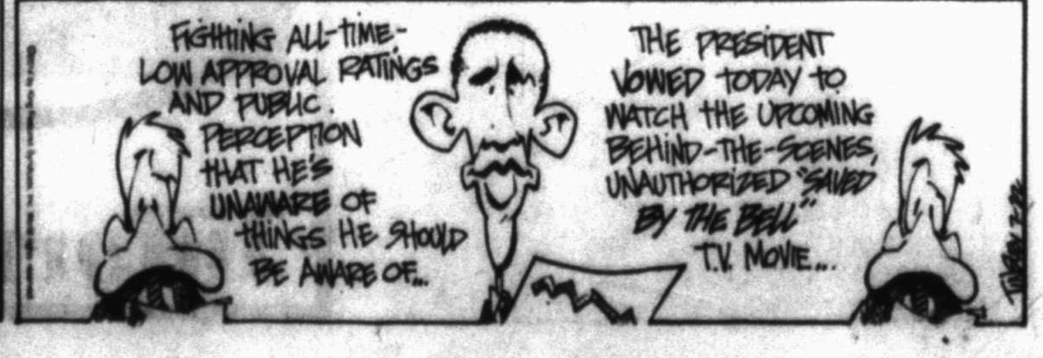

Afghan vet who fought wounded gets Medal of Honor

By Josh Lederman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Bleeding from both legs and his arm, Ryan Pitts kept firing at about 200 Taliban fighters, even holding onto his grenades an extra moment to ensure the enemy couldn't heave them back. On Monday, President Barack Obama draped the Medal of Honor around his neck, in a somber White House ceremony that also paid tribute to his nine platoon comrades who died that summer day in Afghanistan.

Pitts, a 28-year-old former Army staff sergeant from Nashua, New Hampshire, is the ninth living veteran of America's wars in Afghanistan and Iraq to receive the nation's highest decoration for battlefield valor. Obama praised Pitts for holding the line as his comrades fell in one of the bloodiest battles of the Afghan war.

"It is remarkable that we have young men and women serving in our military who, day in and day out, perform with so much integrity, so much humility and so much courage," the president said. "Ryan represents the very best of that tradition."

Pitts' mission that day in June 2008 was supposed to be his last before returning home from his second tour of Afghanistan. After all, Pitts and his team had been in the country for 14 months, the Army said, battling frequently with enemy forces in northeastern Afghanistan's mountainous Waygal Valley.

The goal was to move troops and equipment out of Combat Outpost Bella, a remote post roughly 10 miles from the nearest base, to a new site nearby. Accessible only by helicopter for supplies and reinforcements, Outpost Bella was slated to be closed.

At 4 a.m., Pitts was manning his observation post. On the horizon, he could see the blue-roofed buildings and protective stone walls of the town of Wanat: a one-story mosque, a hotel and cafe, some homes and a local bazaar.

What Pitts couldn't know was that all of those buildings were concealing enemy fighters. Some 200 of them soon launched a full-scale assault on the outpost, their machine-gun fire puncturing the early morning silence.

A cascade of rocket-fired grenades, gunfire and hand grenades fell on the troops, quickly killing two paratroopers. Shrapnel from grenades struck Pitts in both legs and his left arm. Unable to walk, he crawled to a comrade, who put a tourniquet on his leg.

For more than an hour, Pitts fought to protect the remaining troops and defend the post, the Army said. Propping himself up on his knees, he blindly fired a machine gun over a wall of sandbags, loading more bullets into his weapon despite his loss of blood.

He radioed back that he was alone, his teammates having all relocated or been killed. Enemy forces were so close to Pitts that those listening on the other end of the radio could hear them.

That's when Pitts accepted he was going to die, Obama said. But he decided to keep fighting anyway.

"That little post was on the verge of falling, giving the enemy a perch to devastate the base below," Obama said. "Against that onslaught, one American held the line."

More than an hour after the attack started, Pitts was evacuated, and eventually made a full recovery. The Army said but for his determination to fight while wounded, the enemy would have gained ground and killed more American troops.

Pitts stood stoically and humbly in the East Room of the White House, silent as Obama recalled his valor at a ceremony attended by Defense Secretary Chuck Hagel and New Hampshire's two senators. But in brief remarks later outside the West Wing, Pitts read the names of his fallen comrades, one by one, an uneasy silence hanging in the air in between each name.

Study: Record-low turnouts seen in some primaries

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — More than half the states to hold primary elections so far have seen record-low turnouts, according to a nonpartisan survey of voter rolls released Monday. That perhaps is a sign of widespread apathy within both political parties ahead of November's midterm elections.

Of the almost 123 million voters who were eligible to cast ballots in primaries, only 18 million have done so, and states with same-day voter registration actually saw their turnout rates drop, according to the Center for the Study of the American Electorate. Despite heavy campaign spending that is poised to make history, 15 of the 25 states that have held statewide primary elections each reported a record low percentage of voters who cast ballots.

The low turnout comes amid high stakes. Republicans are driving for the six-seat gain required to control the Senate.

Nonetheless, Democrats saw a 29 percent decline from 2010's primaries, the 11th consecutive midterm elections to see a drop in participation.

Republicans posted a 15 percent decline in participation from 2010. But their rate was closer to historical norms after tea party enthusiasm in 2010 led to a turnout spike.

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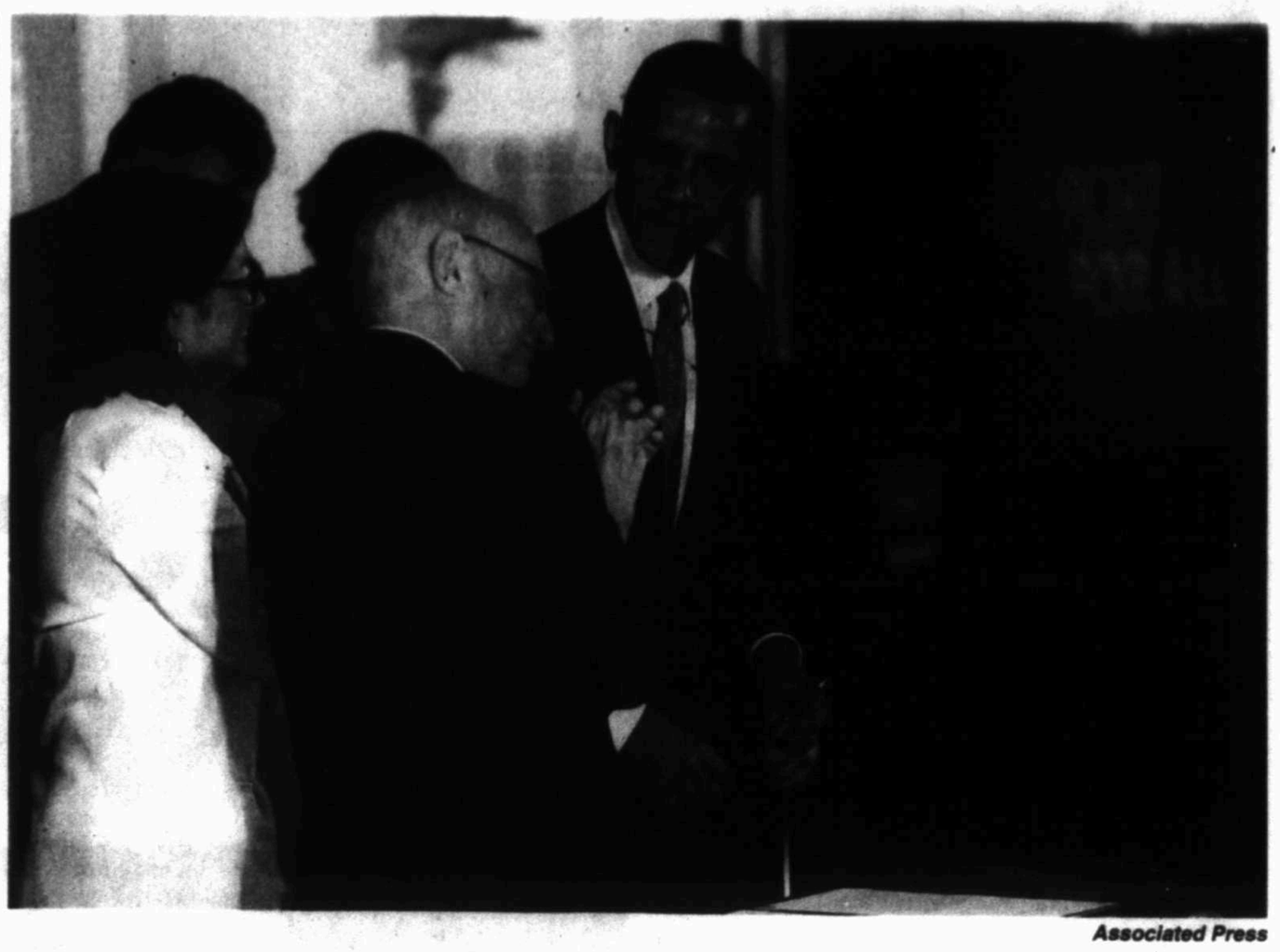

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Rabbi David Saperstein, center, claps as President Barack Obama approaches to sign an executive order to protect LGBT employees from federal workplace discrimination in the East Room of the White House Monday. Obama's executive order signed Monday prohibits discrimination against gay and transgender workers in the federal government and its contracting agencies, without a new exemption that was requested by some religious organizations.

LGBT workers gain US bias protection

By Nedra Pickler
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama on Monday ordered employment protection for gay and transgender employees who work for the federal government or for companies holding federal contracts, telling advocates he embraced the "irrefutable rightness of your cause."

"America's federal contracts should not subsidize discrimination against the American people," Obama declared at a White House signing ceremony.

Obama said it was unacceptable that being gay is still a firing offense in many places in the United States, and he called on Congress to extend the ban to all employers. But legislation that would extend the ban has become embroiled in a dispute over whether religious groups should get exemptions.

The president had long resisted pressure to pursue an executive anti-discrimination order covering federal contractors in the hope that Congress would take more sweeping action. The Senate passed legislation last year with some Republican support, but it has not been considered by the GOP-controlled House. Now, said Obama, "It's time to address this injustice for every American."

Mia Macy of Portland, Oregon, watched Obama's announcement in tears as an invited guest in the East Room. The military veteran and former Phoenix police detective applied to be a ballistics expert with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms as a male but was rejected after she changed her name and began identifying as a woman. She filed a successful complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and settled a discrimination lawsuit against the government last year.

"Having a president acknowledge us for the first time in history as citizens instead of second-class citizens is just monumental," Macy said in a telephone interview. She said that in a private meeting before the ceremony, Obama personally thanked her for her pioneering role.

Obama had faced pressure from opposing flanks over whether he would include an exemption in the executive action for religious organizations. He decided to maintain a provision that allows religious groups with federal contracts to hire and fire based upon religious identity, but he did not grant any exception to consider sexual orientation or gender identity. Churches also are able to hire ministers as they see fit under the First Amendment's protection of religious freedom.

Objecting to his order, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops called it unprecedented and said it lends the government's economic power to a "deeply flawed understanding of human sexuality" that faithful Catholics won't abide. The group said the executive order is an anomaly because it lacks even the exemption included in the Senate bill.

"In the name of forbidding discrimination, this order implements discrimination," the group said in a statement.

Obama's action came on the heels of the U.S. Supreme Court's recent ruling in the Hobby Lobby case that allowed some closely held private businesses to opt out of the federal health care law's requirement that contraception coverage be provided to workers at no extra charge. Obama advisers said that ruling has no impact on non-discrimination policies in federal hiring and contracting.

Obama said 18 states and more than 200 local governments already ban employment discrimination based on sexual orientation, as well as a majority of Fortune 500 companies. But he noted that more states allow same-sex marriage than prohibit gay discrimination in hiring.

"It's not just about doing the right thing, it's also about attracting and retaining the best talent," Obama said.

The change for federal contracting will affect some 24,000 companies with 28 million workers, or one-fifth of the U.S. workforce. Many large federal contractors already have employment policies barring anti-gay workplace discrimination. However, the Williams Institute at UCLA Law School estimates that the executive order would extend protections to about 14 million workers whose employers or states currently do not have such nondiscrimination policies.

While few religious organizations are among the biggest federal contractors, they do provide significant services, including overseas relief and development programs and re-entry programs for inmates leaving federal prisons.

Obama's signature amended two executive orders. The first, signed by President Lyndon Johnson in 1965, prohibits federal contractors from discriminating based on race, religion, gender or nationality in hiring. President George W. Bush had amended Johnson's order in 2002 to add the exemption for religious groups.

Obama added sexual orientation and gender identity to the list of protections, and ordered the Labor Department to carry out the order. Administration officials said that means the change will probably take effect by early next year.

Obama also amended an order signed by President Richard Nixon in 1969 to prevent discrimination against federal workers based on race, religion, gender, nationality, age or disability. President Bill Clinton added sexual orientation, and Obama included gender identity in his change, which took effect immediately.

Transgender workers already had some employment protections because of the EEOC ruling in the Macy case. But the law could be interpreted differently under a future commission, and the White House said Obama felt it was important to explicitly prohibit gender identity discrimination through an executive order.

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Libraries call for local authors for festival

Writers will have opportunity to sell and sign books, moderate panels

By Steve Kuhlmann
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The Midland and Ector County Public Libraries are teaming up to bring authors from around the nation to the Permian Basin for the Books in the Basin book festival this October. While the nationally recognized authors will most definitely be a draw for the festival, Midland County Public Libraries Education and Program Coordinator Edward McPherson said local authors are encouraged to apply for a spot, as well.

"We're really looking to engage local authors and to have them be a part of the festival by applying to have their books represented at the festival," he said. "It's an opportunity for them to try to make some extra sales and to have their books available for purchasing and for signing."

McPherson explained the opportunity for local authors is specifically intended for those who are self-published and would benefit most from the chance to "get in front of the public" to promote their works and "receive more recognition than they might otherwise."

"One of the cool things about the growth in Midland is that we've had a lot of authors move to Midland in the past five years," said McPherson. "We're really hoping that (the Books in the Basin Festival) and the opportunity for our local authors to promote themselves is going to allow the library to touch base with the authors in town that we may not necessarily be aware of or have a relationship with."

Because of limited availability and to ensure "a high level of quality," authors interested in joining the festival are required to fill out an application so the library is able to review their work. With only 20 spaces available and just a few months until the festival kicks off, applications will be provided on a first-come, first-served basis.

"That's not to say that the first 20 people are the 20, but there is a certain bar," said McPherson. "If you meet (the standard) — and most authors will — then we're absolutely excited to have them, and in that sense its first-come, first-served."

Authors who are chosen will have the option to promote their books on either one or both days and will have the potential opportunity to introduce other authors or possibly serve as a moderator on one of the

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LIFE IN THE CIRCUS

Courtesy photo

David Shipman is on his second tour as ringmaster with Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's circus.

The 'Greatest Show on Earth' is also one big family

By Rich Lopez
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Two members of Ringling Bros. and Barnum and Bailey's "Super Circus Heroes" drive the emotional center of the show from different sides of the spectrum.

As a veteran member of the circus, Robbie Redding gives Super Circus Heroes its beat while conveying the story that everyone has a hero inside.

"The music is all original, and my job is to emphasize what's going on with each act by portraying the colors and textures to make it more compelling," Redding said. "We have several acts and numbers but we're all trying to get Mr. Boredom to get out of his comfort zone."

In his 10th year with the circus, Redding never thought his music career as a saxophonist would lead to the big top. Now, it's clearly a dream job.

"Those glamorous superstar jobs are few and few between, but as a realist, playing for the circus brings with it a consistency. It doesn't cross every musician's mind, but it's been very fruitful and it comes with benefits," he said.

An added plus for the Oklahoma native is his circus life is also his family life.

"This unit travels via trucks and RVs, not a train, and my wife and kids are with me so we're constantly together," he said.

With day care onsite, a tutor and his wife, Claire, also a part of the crew as the tour coordinator, Redding said he thinks family life on the road translates to his audiences.

"You know, this is a family-oriented show far beyond what people are seeing on stage. So when people come out with their families, there are families in action. We're pretty lucky and we realize that," he said.

For David Shipman, luck and determination found him in the spot of Super Circus Heroes' ringmaster.

Now in his second tour, he's the proverbial newbie to the show. In some ways, as ringmaster, Shipman has found the role of his lifetime when just a short time ago, he was toiling away at a 9-to-5 gig.

"I went to performing arts schools and college my whole life and learned my craft but at the time, I just felt compelled to get a grown-up job. I thought that's what I was supposed to have. I hadn't done anything with my life and then I read this quote," he said.

"Life begins at the end of your comfort zone."

That was the line he fortuitously read that led to quitting his job and pursuing acting full-time. After procuring an agent, he soon found himself on an episode of "The Vampire Diaries." But after seeing an audition notice for the ringmaster role, he sent off his resume on a whim.

"I saw the circus when I was 2 years old and I wanted to run away with it," he said. "I didn't want to wonder 'what if?' so I sent my information out and I received a call from the Felds," he said.

The show is a Feld Entertainment property. Shipman was offered the job after his energy and excitement proved to the Felds he was the guy for the job.

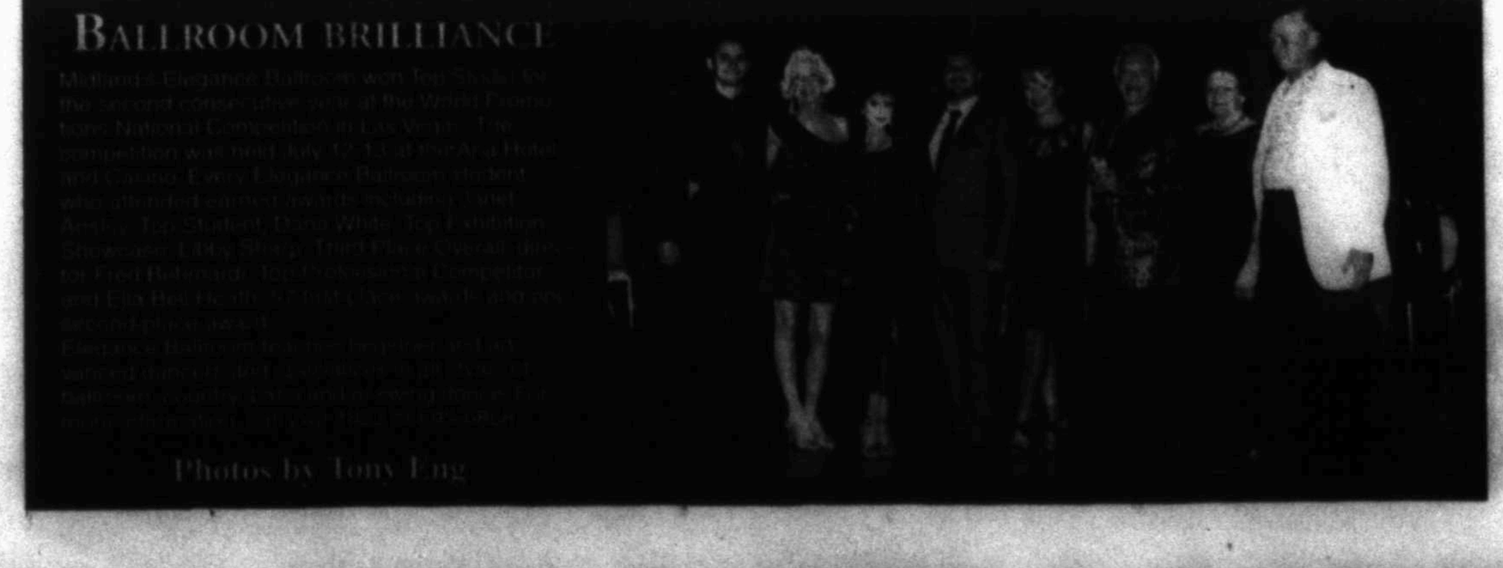
Now he's the face of Super Circus Heroes, and coincidentally his own story parallels that of the show.

"The idea is that everyone has a hero within and (is) powerful beyond measure. I like to think my life story is like that — about challenging yourself and being more than what's expected," he said.

Before each show, Shipman has his rituals, but one in particular reaches deep into his childhood.

"When I was 2, I had platinum blonde hair in a bowl cut. So I'll look out and I find that kid. And there is always that kid there. I direct my energy toward him and not only create a memory for him but for everyone," he said.

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey presents Super Circus Heroes at Ector County Coliseum, 4201 Andrews Highway, Odessa July 24-27. Ringling.com.



KNIFE & FORK

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Blend smoothies for healthy, frozen treats

As July begins to wane, one thing is abundantly clear: It's hot outside. In the heat of summer, nothing's better than a frozen treat to help you cool off. While it would be pretty awesome to just eat ice cream all the time, maybe you're looking for something that's, you know, healthier.

One option is a handcrafted (read as "homemade") fruit smoothie. Just grab some yogurt and the fruit of your choice.

My go-to smoothie is a strawberry-blueberry combo, but you can really substitute those for any other fruit you prefer. Just keep in mind that it is generally better to give the fruit with the thicker consistency the larger proportion in the smoothie.

Ingredients:
1 1/4 cup Greek yogurt
2 cups frozen strawberries
1 cup frozen blueberries
1/2 cup liquid yogurt (I use the blueberry-flavored Kefir cultured milk smoothie)

Tools:
Blender
Spoon
Measuring cup (optional)

Instructions:

I always start with the yogurt, and while I included measurements above, I really prefer to just eye my ingredients. With the spoon, I take five large scoops of yogurt and drop them into the blender (seeing the spoon overflowed with yogurt, my college roommate used to question me on why I didn't just get a bigger spoon). Next step: load the berries.

Now, if you don't mind, we're going take a moment to appreciate the value of frozen fruit in a homemade smoothie: It is very important for the consistency of the smoothie that the fruit be frozen. While some may use ice to make their frosty creation, it has some serious drawbacks (namely that it can water down the smoothie). By using frozen fruit, you get the cold, frosty texture you want without sacrificing the potency of the fruit flavor. If ice chips and a watered down berry flavor are what you look for in a smoothie, then by all means, use the ice. But if you want a smooth, creamy frozen treat bursting with the full, naturally sweet flavor of berries, ditch the ice and let the frozen fruit do all the work.

Frozen strawberries can take a little bit of work to break down, so it's usually best that they are toward the bottom so they are sure to get blended well. I try to make sure there are about two layers of strawberries above the yogurt. Depending on how prominent you want the blueberry flavor to be, one to two handfuls of the frozen berries should be good. Then, just top off the ingredients with about a three-second pour of the liquid yogurt.

Once you've loaded all of your ingredients into the blender, let it run until you've reached your desired consistency. I like my smoothie a little bit thicker, so I make sure there is still a textured look to the smoothie when I have finished. From there, pour your creation into a cup and enjoy with a spoon or a straw (for optimal straw usage, opt for the wide milkshake straws).

Bonus: If you want to take your frosty snack up to a full-fledged meal, blend in a scoop of protein power to give the treat some extra weight.

Steve Kuhlmann/Reporter-Telegram

A delicious fruit smoothie, center, is surrounded by the ingredients used to prepare it.

Obituaries

Donald Clifford Green

Don Green was born in Fort Worth, Texas, on December 2, 1950, to Billy Don and Edna (Fuffy)

Green before the family moved to Midland Texas. Educated in Midland public schools he graduated in the Midland High Class of 1969 where he was letterman in Football. Don attended Odessa College and Texas Tech University. He loved everything sports, a tribute to his father who shared every sport with Don. He wore his Dad's football letter jacket until receiving his own.

There were many stories shared by Don about his Dad playing semi-pro football in Ft. Worth, earning his SCUBA license under Bill's tutelage. He could play racquetball, handball, and basketball, but above all, Don loved golf, quoting the yardage on every Hogan Golf Park hole.

He was a YMCA basketball coach, led the church softball team for many years, and learned soccer rules to coach youth Soccer because they needed the help.

Don enjoyed shooting his pistols at Midland Shooters Association dragging most of his friends there just to get more shooting time and would sharpen the knives of all of his friends.

A long time and active member of St. Paul UMC in Midland he was an usher loved by the kids of the church because he always had candy in his pockets for them. They all sat in the center aisle knowing they would get candy. He loved children no matter their age.

He had many church committee positions and was an organizer of the Grace Works Sunday School class; happiest when he was serving the church and was a member of Methodist Men.

He was a charter member of the Midland Day Break Rotary Club serving three times as the President and wrote the weekly newsletter filled with little known facts, jokes he researched, and stories of Rotarian Service. He was a two time Paul Harris Fellow.

An avid reader of every genre, he loved Barbara Streisand, Ferranti and Teischer, and old Midland "FM" Station music, but especially music of the forties.

Don passed from this life on Sunday July 20, 2014, and as a "leftie" he is now sitting on the "left" side of his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ in Heaven just as he always said he would.

He is survived by his son, Michael Don; and wife, Wanda Green; and granddaughter, Rebekah Grace Green all of Arlington, Texas; his parents, Billy Don and Fuffy Green of Midland; sisters, Jan Green, Gail and Tim Riggan; nephew, Casey Riggan and wife Amanda, Tyler and Grayson; niece, Fuffy Nicole and Tony Martinez, Brycen all of Midland, Texas; best friends, Doug and Ann Lunsford of Midland; God children, Lance Lunsford of Austin, Donnie Lunsford of Hondo, and Lori Woods of Greenville, South Carolina.

Don was predeceased by his by his grandparents; and brother, James Ronald Green.

A memorial of will be held to celebrate the life of Donald Clifford Green at St. Paul UMC on Thomason Drive in Midland on July 23, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the charity of your choice. Online condolences may be offered at www.*ellisfunerals.com*.

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Frances Wyatt Brown

Mrs. Frances Wyatt Brown, 90, Spring, Texas, and formerly of Midland, Texas, passed away at 9:20 p.m. on Saturday, July 19, 2014, at Vitas Hospice, Conroe, Texas.

She was born on January 27, 1924 in Breckenridge, Texas, a daughter of the late Otto White and Ophia Alma Allgood Wyatt.

Mrs. Brown was a member of the Golf Course Church of Christ, Midland, Texas. She was also a graduate of Stanford High School, Stanford, Texas, and Tarleton State University, Stephenville, Texas.

Frances was preceded in death by her husband of 57 years, James A. Brown, Jr., whom she married on Christmas Eve 1944 in a double ceremony with their friends Bill and Mary Wise in Avoca, Texas.

She is survived by her daughter, Susan Medina and her husband, Saul of Spring, Texas; two sons, James A. "Butch" Brown III and his wife, Peggy; and Keith O. Brown and his wife, Louise both of Midland, Texas.

Also surviving are four grandchildren, Crandall Freeman and his wife, Kathlynn, Tiffany Brown Smith and her husband, Stacy; Whitney Smith Hughes and her husband, Dustin all of Midland, Texas, and Kimberly Medina, Spring, Texas; two great grandchildren, Shelby Freeman and Ella Hughes, both of Midland, Texas.

Visitation will be held at the Ellis Funeral Home, 801 Andrews Highway, Midland, TX from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. Graveside Funeral Services will be officiated by Pastor Bob Porterfield of the West Kentucky Baptist Church in Midland and will be conducted at Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, Texas, at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 23, 2014.

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Pamela Sue (Freeman) Williams

Pamela Sue (Freeman) Williams, 55, of Midland, died Friday after a brief illness.

She is survived by her husband, Jim, and son, Raymond, of the home; two brothers, Bruce Freeman and wife Karen of Arlington, and Doug Freeman and wife Becky of Houston; three nephews and one niece.

Pam was a native Midlander and graduated from Lee High School and attended Texas Tech University. She married Jim in 1987 and they owned and operated Williams Jewelry Buyers in Midland.

Pam never met a stranger and five minutes after you met her, she was an old friend. Compassion seemed to be her byword and it came as natural to her as smiling at a rainbow.

She was devoted to her family and spent much of her life putting someone else first. During her illness, Pam and her family found comfort in the passage of Ecclesiastes 11:5 which reads, "As you do not know the path of the wind, or how the body is formed in a mother's womb, so you cannot understand the work of God, the Maker of all things."

Private services were held Sunday. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to your favorite charity in Pam's memory.

Raul Lopez Amaya

Like the bloom of the morning glory, bright, cheerful and full of life, Raul was that bloom, always ready to face a new day and whatever it might bring.

Born in Sonora, Mexico on January 14, 1938, to late Juan Amaya and Sara Lopez. He left his earthly home to live for all eternity with his Lord in the early morning of July 18, 2014.

He was raised and educated in Sonora, Mexico, and then moved to Midland, Texas later on in his adult life. Raul was a Catholic and had a deep dedication for Our Lady of Guadalupe.

After moving to Midland he worked as a cook for sometime, but his love was for animals and working out doors. After sharing a relationship together, Raul married Encarnacion Duran Jr. He loved gardening and produced the spiciest chili peppers and the largest onions and tomatoes. His dogs and cats were like children and were always concerned about them. His work with horses brought him much joy. He worked at numerous ranches in the area with horses and as a handyman until his health no longer allowed him to work.

Raul loved to grill outdoors and sometimes would invite his brother-in-law Peewee to cook short ribs for him. Raul came from a big family, he had two daughters, Anelia Olivas and Delia Olivas both from Chihuahua, Mexico; also had three brothers, Juan De Dios from Sonora, Mexico, Jorge Amaya from Phoenix, Arizona, and Francisco Amaya from Guadalajara, Mexico; he had five sisters, Mercedes Amaya from Madera, Chihuahua Mexico, Norberta Amaya, Aurora Amaya, Feinandena Amaya, and Irmaelda Amaya, all from Sonora Mexico; he had two grandchildren, thirty-one nephews, and twenty nieces.

Raul was very close to his siblings and their families. Even through his illness he made a special trip to visit them in Arizona and Mexico like no other Raul was always willing to help everyone in anyway possible. Raul never had an enemy, he didn't have much but what he had he shared with everyone.

All that we have left are the memories like his favorite saying "Ayi Dios Mio" (oh my God) you will always remain in our hearts but know you are in a better place with our Lord, Jesus Christ, where there is no more pain and suffering. Until we see you again someday, this isn't goodbye but, see you later your family and friends.

A rosary will be held tonight at 7:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia Pipkin Funeral Home. Funeral mass is set for Wednesday, July 23, 2014, at 10:00 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church with Swamy Lakkineni officiating. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

Funeral services are under the direction of Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Funeral Home. Family messages and condolences may be emailed to: *pipkin@nts-online.net*.

Death Notices

Abram Friesen

Abram Friesen, 72, of Seminole, Texas, passed away at his home in Seminole on Friday, July 18, 2014.

Funeral services will be held Tuesday, July 22, 2014, at Reinlander Mennonite Church at 1:00 p.m. Burial will follow at Gaines County Cemetery.

He is survived by his wife, Susana Friesen; five sons, David Friesen, Abram Friesen, Johan Friesen, Peter Friesen, and Jacob Friesen; four daughters, Helena Peters, Maria Ginter, Susana Peters, and Anna Klassen; four brothers and four sisters.

Evelyn Jean Marker

Evelyn Jean Marker, 89, of Georgetown, Texas, passed away on July 20, 2014, in Georgetown, Texas.

Ms. Marker was a former resident of Midland, Texas.

Robert Felton Freeman

Robert Felton Freeman, 79, of Midland passed away on July 20, 2014.

The family will be accepting guests from 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. on Saturday, July 26, 2014, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, 3800 N. Big Spring St., Midland, Texas. No other services will be held.

He is survived by his loving wife, Doris "Suzy" Freeman, of 33 years; stepdaughters, Melissa McGlothlin King and LizBeth McGlothlin Frazier; brother, Jimmy Freeman.

He is also survived by step-children, Stephanie Wilson, Hillori Hager, and Aaron Hall.

Salomon N. Quintana

Salomon Navarette Quintana, 87, of Midland passed away Saturday, July 19, 2014.

Viewing will be held today from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at Lewallen-Garcia-Pipkin Chapel followed by a funeral mass at 1:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

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Boulevard Night Car Show

Lowrider cars inside Horseshoe Arena on Friday

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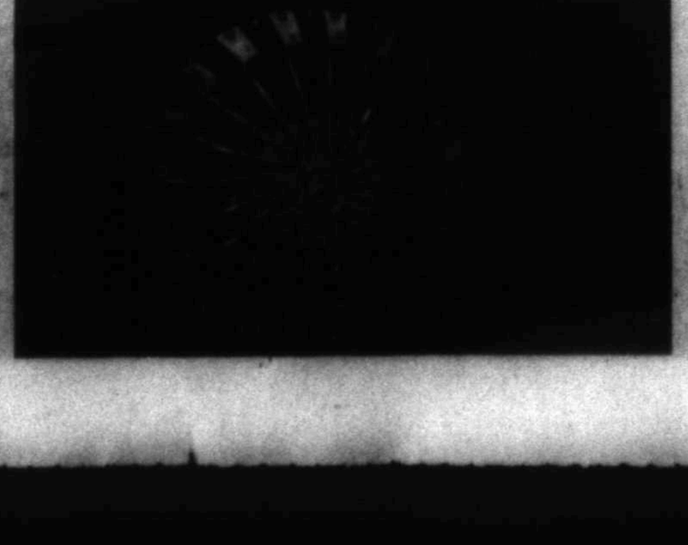

West Texas Talent Search to hold semifinals, finals

From staff reports

The semifinals and finals of the West Texas Talent Search are scheduled for Saturday in Deaderick Hall at Odessa College. Semifinals begin at 2 p.m. with pop/rock vocals and spoken word. Semifinalists include Brianna Rios, Maija Johnson-Horne, Sonya Cortez, Nictoria Strong, Chrysten Michelle, Jordan Carrigan, Tasheem Islam, Trey Salinas, Denzel Caldwell, Zeke Gonzales, Joaquin Pena, Daniel Ramos, Kaylee Sims, Sierra Ramos and Jocelyn Mosman. Country/soul vocal and dance semifinals begin at 4 p.m. and include contestants Stacy King, Sarah Pearce, Kaylee Sims, Reina Ray, Angella Thompson, Justin Dominguez Steve Brown Jr., Bradley Allen ,Trey Branson, Jewel Jackson, Kelsey Pando, Kim Herrea, Brandon Lopez, Alfonzo Perez II, Kupcake, Manuel Jurado Jr., Bentley Baize, Justin Payan and Cassidy Horton.

Twenty finalists will compete at 8 p.m. for $3,500 in cash and prizes, including the opportunity for two adult vocalists to represent West Texas in the National Talent Quest Contest in Laughlin, Nevada.

Tickets are $10 for adults and are available at www.westtexastalent.com. For more information, call 978-7405.

Festival

From 1B

festival's panels.

"We're hoping that the book festival isn't something that just happens and ends," said McPherson. "Maybe the book festival will happen and we'll end up with a more cohesive community of writers and we can keep something going afterward. These applications are even just a great way for writers to let us know, 'hey I'm in Midland.'"

As the funding for the festival has come entirely from donations, nearly every event during the festival — with the exception of a kick-off lunch at Midland College — will be free to the public.

The festival is scheduled for Oct. 10-11, and will take place across Ector and Midland counties at various venues such as Midland College, the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center and the Yucca Theatre.

Copies of the application are available at each of the libraries in Midland and Odessa, or can be downloaded at http://bit.ly/1iVBCN0.

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KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Extreme Weight Loss	"Georgenna" (N)			Celebrity Wife Swap (N)		KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "Shooter"		NCIS: Los Angeles "Fallout"		Person of Interest "Allegiance"		CBS 7 News	(:35) David Letterman		(:35) Late Late (N)
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Dreams"	M*A*S*H	Gilligan's Island	Happy Days	Hogan's Heroes	Welcome Kotter	Honey-mooners	Honey-mooners	Twilight Zone	P. Mason "The Case of the Daring Decoy"		Dragnet
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Family Guy	Brooklyn 99	New Girl "Birthday"	Mindy Project	Modern Family	Modern Family	The Arsenio Hall Show		Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	11	12	11	11	Joe McGee	HaYesod	Update News	BAS Presents	Light of the Southwest				Exploring With the Scholars		Ministerios Nueva Vida	
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 at 6 p.m.		Food Fighters "Elisha Joyce" (P) (N)		America's Got Talent "Boot Camp 1" Judgment week begins in New York City. (N)				News-West 9	(:35) Jimmy Fallon		(:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour		Al Capone: Icon (N)		History "Who Killed Jimmy Hoffa?" (N)		Frontline "Poor Kids"		Charlie Rose (N)		BBC News	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	De Que Te Quiero Te Quiero		Mi corazón es Tuyo		Lo Que La Vida Me Robo		Que Pobres Tan Ricos		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	La Que No Amar	Podia
KOSA MNT	16	16			16	Fam.Feud	Million..	Bones "Pilot"		Bones		My News	Million..	30 Rock	Sunny	Access H.	Insider
FLIX	340	65			165	(5:15) ★ The Black ...		★ An American Werewolf in ...		(:40) ★ Candyman 3: Day of th...				(:15) ★ ★★ Deep Impact Elijah Wood.			
HBO	300	68	14	14		(5:30) ★ ★★★ Batman Begins Christian Bale.				The Leftovers		Real Sports (N)		The Leftovers		True Blood	
HBO2	302	69	15	101	23	(5:30) ★ ★★★★ The Godfather ('72, Dra) Marlon Brando.				LastWeek		Bill Maher		★ ★★ Go Sarah Polley.			Movie
HBO3	304	70	16	102		(4:45) ★ 42		Big Love "Winter"		★ ★★★ Argo ('12, Thril) Ben Affleck.				★ The Best Man Holiday Monica Calhoun.			
MAX	380	71	17	120	24	(5:00) ★ The Bourne ...		(:15) ★ ★★ Doom ('05, Sci-Fi) Karl Urban.				★ ★★★ King Kong ('05, Act) Naomi Watts, Jack Black, Adrien Brody.					
MAX2	382	72	18	122		Movie	★ ★★★ Transporter 2			★ A Good Day to Die Hard			(:45) ★ Wild Women (Adult)			(:10) ★ Red Dragon	
PLEX			96			(5:05) ★ ★ Pinocchio		★ ★★ Waterworld ('95, Act) Kevin Costner.				(:20) ★ ★★ Solo Mario Van Peebles.				★ ★★★ Tootsie	
SHOW	320	66	19	140	25	(5:00) ★ The Longes...		Masters of Sex		Donovan "Uber Ray"		Masters of Sex		Donovan "Uber Ray"		★ Mad Dog: Insi...	
TMC	336	67	22	155	26	(5:20) ★ Gone		★ ★★★ Dragonheart Dennis Quaid.				★ Scary MoVie Ashley Tisdale.				★ ★★★ Killing Them Softly	
A&E	27	32	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Shipping Wars (N)	Shipping Wars (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	21	23	42	51	(4:30) ★ Green Zone		★ ★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park ('97, Adv) Jeff Goldblum.						★ ★★★ The Lost World: Jurassic Park			
BET	58	26		40		★ ★★ Joyful Noise ('12, Com) Queen Latifah, Dolly Parton.						Apollo Live (N)		Apollo Live		Wendy Williams	
BRAVO	65	63		41		The Real Housewives		Real Housewives		Real Housewives (N)		Wives "The Last Leg"		Watch (N)	Wives "The Last Leg"		Wives NJ
CNBC	46	45		39	72	Restaurant Startup		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Restaurant Start (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	24	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
DISC	50	20	31	24	42	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch (N)		Alaskan Bush People		Deadliest Catch		(:05) Bush People	
DISNEY	56	27	36	25	36	Austin	Liv Maddie	★ ★★ Bolt John Travolta.			DogBlog	DogBlog	(:35) Jessie	Austin	Liv/Mad	GoodLuck	GoodLuck
ESPN	32	29	48	31	30	(5:00) SportsCenter		30 for 30 "Slaying the Badger"			30/30 (N)	Baseball Tonight (L)		SportsCenter		SportsCenter	
ESPN2	34	28	49	32	31	ESPNPres	ESPN Pres.	WNBA Basketball Indiana vs Chicago (L)				WNBA Basketball Phoenix vs Seattle (L)				Olbermann	
FAMILY	53	54	34	42	33	Liar "Run, Ali, Run"		Pretty Little Liars (N)		Chasing Life (N)		Pretty Little Liars		The 700 Club		Chasing Life	
FNC	45	58	53	23	55	On the Record		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File	
FOOD	64	59	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		Chopped (N)		Chopped		Chopped	
FSSW	37	43	50	45	29	MLB Baseball Texas Rangers at New York Yankees Site: Yankee Stadium – Bronx, N.Y. (L)						Rangers Live (L)	Insider (N)	MediaDa yReca (N)	Stars Insider	UFC Rio 142	
FX	31	31	59	64	69	2½Men	Two 1/2...	★ ★★★ Taken ('08, Thril) Liam Neeson.				Tyrant (N)		Tyrant		The Bridge	
HALLMARK	54	49	58		34	Waltons "The Ring"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	50	26	48	44	House	HouseH	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	HouseH	House	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	62	29	50	43	Counting	CountCars	Counting	Counting	Counting	Counting	(:05) BikerBattle. (N)		Pawnog.	Pawnog.	Counting	Counting
LIFETIME	28	25	25	28	48	Little Women: LA "She's Booty-ful"		Little Women: LA "Miss-Conception"		Little Women: LA "Sinner Takes All"		Little Women "Here Comes the Bride" (N)		Little Women "Here Comes the Bride"		Little Women: LA "Miss-Conception"	
MSNBC	47	51		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	39				(5:00) AMA Motocross		Cycling Tour de France Stage 16 Carcassonne - Bagneres-de-Luchon						Adventure Racing		Cycling Tour de France	
NICK	55	34	39	34	37	Sam, Cat	Witch Way	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	22	55	53	58	★ Wrath of the Titans ('11, Act) Sam Worthington.						★ ★★ Ninja Assassin ('09, Act) Kim Ki Duk, Sung Kang.				★ Enter the Dragon	
SYFY	66	64	41	57	67	Face Off "Cry Wolf"		Face Off		Face Off (N)		Wheaton	Wheaton	Face Off		Wheaton	Wheaton
TBS	25	11	44	66	41	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Sullivan& son (N)	Big Bang Theory	Conan The Hold Steady (N)		Sullivan and Son	Conan
TCM	41	61	24	63	66	(5:45) S. light		★ Immortal Sergeant (1943)				(:45) ★ ★ Buffalo Bill Joel McCrea.				★ ★★★ McLintock!	
TELE	20	8	10	20		Caso cerrado		Reina de Corazones		En otra piel		El señor de los cielos		Al rojo	(:35) Titular.	En otra piel	
TLC	51	33	32	38	52	Buddy's Bakery Rescue (N)		Next Great Baker "Buddy's Winter BBQ"		Cake Boss: Next Great Baker "Nightmare on Baker Street" (N)				Cake Boss: Next Great Baker "Nightmare on Baker Street"			
TNT	24	23	40	26	50	Castle "Undead Again"		Rizzoli & Isles "The Best Laid Plans"		Rizzoli & Isles "Knockout" (N)		Perception "Inconceivable" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Knockout"		(:05) Perception "Inconceivable"	
TVLAND	49	48	35	54	35	Griffith	A. Griffith	Griffith	Griffith	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens	Hot In	Jennifer	(:10) Ray	(:50) Ray
USA	26	30	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Streetwise"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Hunting Ground"		Royal Pains "Electric Youth" (N)		Covert Affairs "Elevate Me Later" (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Royal Pains "Electric Youth"	
WGN	19	18				America's Funniest Home Videos		★ ★★★ District 9 Aliens help a man sent to evict them from their camp after he's exposed to chemicals.					MP	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother

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Historic Brenham synagogue moving to Austin

Tumbleweed Smith

Big Spring storyteller

Leon Toubin grew up in the B'nai Abraham Synagogue in Brenham, believed to be the oldest Orthodox synagogue in the state that has been in continuous use since it was built in 1883. Leon's mother was an active community leader who wrote books on Brenham and the Jewish community there. The city was one of the first areas in Texas outside of a major population center to develop a sizeable Jewish population. As the number of Jews in Brenham declined and the building became a destination for people interested in Jewish history, Leon became the caretaker.

"We haven't had services here for some time, and with less and less people coming to see it, I decided it needed to be moved to a place so it could be preserved. The wood is original from the 1880s, and the entire interior is original. It's in great shape and it's beautiful," he said.

A Russian immigrant told Leon it looked like a synagogue she attended in Russia. Others said it looks like a rural Baptist church. It's a simple white structure with arched windows, plain doors and a round window above the entrance. But the inside looks like something from Eastern Europe.

Leon is on the executive council of the University of Texas. He thought the university might be interested in having it, because it has an active Jewish studies program. "They were interested, all right," said Leon. "But they wanted me to donate $7 million for the moving and upkeep. I said, 'you're nuts.' They came back a couple of times and came down to $2 million. I told them to forget about it."

The city was getting anxious to have the property where the synagogue is located and suggested the structure be moved to a local park. Leon said no. Someone in Houston recommended moving it there, but Leon was afraid of what might happen to it. "So many synagogues have become hardware stores or community centers and others have just turned to rubble. A friend suggested moving it to the Dell Center in Austin, so I talked to the director who told me he would come down and look at the building only if I would take him to Blue Bell. I told him I could arrange a tour and get him some ice cream. Within a few weeks a moving company person showed up, and later engineers and architects were crawling all over the place. Then there was a $25,000 feasibility study made — 63 pages. Windows had to be done over, the floor had to be reinforced, the roof had to be re-structured, the building had to be handicapped accessible. The final budget came to nearly $600,000. I asked them if they would raise the money and they said I had to do that. So I talked to some people in Houston who were generous. My wife and I helped. Others have donated and we have the money now."

The move will take place within a few months and plans are for it to be in its new location by late October, when the Texas Jewish Historical Society is having a joint meeting with the Southern Jewish Historical Society. Leon says he'll miss having the synagogue in Brenham.

"But I know it'll be in the right place and will be taken care of and used for Orthodox services and family events. That's what it's for."

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Using any letters EXCEPT the ones that appear in the bunch below, fill in the blanks to form three new words.

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Yesterday's Answer: BUSHEL, DISOWN, BOTANY

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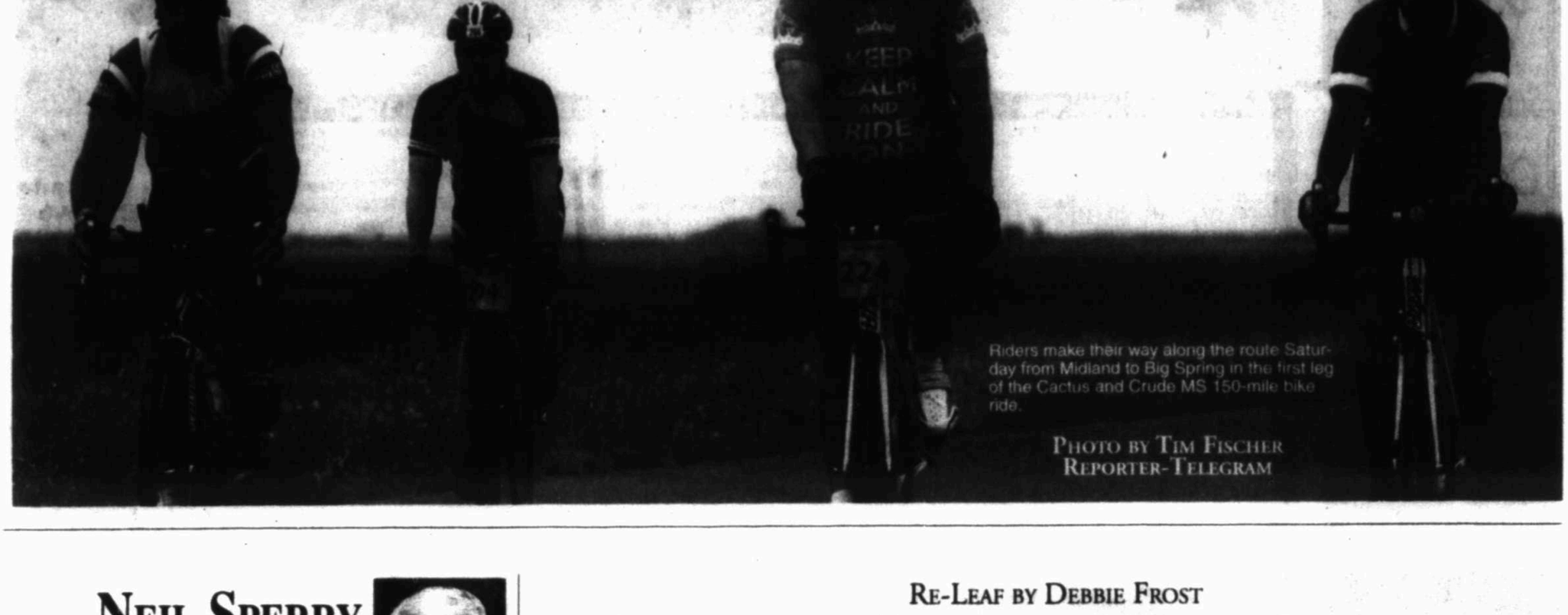

Riders make their way along the route Saturday from Midland to Big Spring in the first leg of the Cactus and Crude MS 150-mile bike ride.

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NEIL SPERRY

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Current crabgrass can't be eliminated without harming lawn

Dear Neil: How can I eliminate crabgrass in my lawn? I've had a small patch of it in the past, but this year it is rampant. Why would there be so much now?

Answer: Crabgrass is an annual grassy weed. It germinates in early spring, grows and begins producing seed by early summer, and it continues growing and reseeding until frost. Just to be sure we're talking about the same grass, it is light-to-medium green in color. It produces short runners to 8 to 12 inches long. The seed heads are borne above the grass, and they somewhat resemble helicopter rotors. If that's what you're seeing, it probably got a toehold during the drought and has taken advantage of your turfgrass. There is nothing you can apply now to kill the existing crabgrass without killing your lawngrass, too. You'll need to prevent its germination next year by applying pre-emergent herbicide granules (Halts and Dimension are two common ones.) a week or so before your average last killing freeze date and again three months later.

Dear Neil: A year before my father died he gave me a mulberry tree seedling from Georgia. My mother made heavenly jam from its parent tree. My tree is now 8 years old and hasn't produced a single fruit. Will it ever do so? It has grown well, but I am so hopeful to have fruit.

Answer: Be patient. It's not uncommon for fruit trees that have been grown from seed to take that long to start producing. They invest most of their early years simply in growing to their mature size and form. Mulberries are just a bit odd in the way they produce their male and female flowers, but one of the next several springs it will probably start producing, and it will never stop again. I have yet to see a seedling mulberry tree that didn't eventually have fruit. Of course, it will grow best in full or nearly full sunlight. Hopefully it has that much sunlight.

Dear Neil: When do we trim oleanders? Mine have gotten really leggy. Last winter's cold damaged them some, too.

Answer: Immediately after their main late-spring bloom. It's not too late, but you'll want to do so immediately. Do as little pruning as you can to lessen chance of soft new growth and subsequent freeze damage. If there are dead shoots from the freeze, you can certainly remove them now.

Dear Neil: Should I freeze the seed from a really good peach before I plant it? Someone told me I would get better results that way.

Answer: First and foremost, remember no fruit crop will "come true" from a seed you plant. It's just the same as with us — we are not genetically the same as either of our parents. Hybridizers plant tens of thousands of seeds to find the one good variety to name and introduce. If you want a quality peach, find out what variety you bought and buy a young tree that has already been grafted to be that variety. However, to answer your question, you do not have to freeze the seed to get it to germinate.

Dear Neil: You mentioned some time ago when the best time to trim trees would be. When should we cut an Arizona ash back?

Answer: That one little word "back" puts chills up the spines of horticulturists. No established shade tree should ever be "cut back" by topping. Hopefully that's not what you meant. Topping is the quickest way to ruin a mature tree. In most cases, they will never recover. However, assuming you're just talking about removing a major branch or two, that kind of pruning is best done in mid-winter, while the tree is completely dormant. Truth is, however, you can prune most trees in the summer and fall just as well as in winter. Know exactly why you are pruning, and determine the best way to accomplish it.

Dear Neil: Will webworms affect the harvest of pecans this fall?

Answer: Not as much as the drought. While they're certainly neither attractive nor desirable, webworms shouldn't do much to reduce the yields of pecans. Actually pecan scab fungus, hickory shuckworms and pecan weevils are much more threatening to the yield than the webworms.

Dear Neil: We have recently been given a Japanese maple. Along with it came the instructions not to plant it where it will get sun after mid-morning. I had one in a similar Texas setting about 20 years ago and it lasted maybe two years. What can I do to keep this one alive?

Answer: Those instructions were correct. Japanese maples are from much colder climates. As good as they are in the shade if they're kept moist, they struggle with our Texas summers if they're planted in sunny locations. Their leaves will turn brown around their edges. As the season progresses, they can even turn brown entirely if they're in full sun, especially in reflected heat near walls and driveways. Plant it beneath another larger shade tree, where it can benefit from the shade. Plant it into a highly organic planting medium that will retain water well. Keep it moist all through the summer, and it should be a handsome addition to your landscape. Many of us grow them in pots, so that we can move them into shade and, at the same time, provide the very best potting soil.

RE-LEAF BY DEBBIE FROST

Container gardening is a great way to add color, accent and production without the back-breaking work. Here are a few tips for great success with container gardening.

Most any plant can be grown in a container, but if you want something easy, choose the toughest plants that don't require much watering, fertilizer, deadheading and trimming. Spineless prickly pear, agave, yucca, ornamental grass, succulents, autumn joy sedum, evergreen shrubs, rosemary, Texas mountain laurel and flame acanthus are good. On the other end of the scale are beautiful, but invasive plants, like Mexican petunia, Greg's blue mist flower, four o'clock, vinca, bamboo and trumpet vine. These are also tough and require very little care in a container. Don't chase them; contain them.

Select large containers with drain holes and plenty of room for potting soil, which will act as a reservoir for water and plant nutrients. Small pots run out of water in a heartbeat in the summer, requiring daily or even twice daily watering. Don't be a water slave. Large containers may only need watering two or three times a week in the hot summer. That's a relief for most of us.

Use high quality potting soil that provides good drainage and water- and nutrient-holding capacity. For big, tall pots, fill the bottom of the pot with small, empty water bottles or similar items that take up room but allow water drainage. You can put a piece of landscape fabric to separate the bulky items from the potting soil. Most plant roots are going to be in the top 6 to 12 inches, unless it is a tree or shrub, in which case you may want to allow for deeper rooting.

Add drip irrigation to your pots for convenient watering. This can be done manually by connecting to a water hose plugged into existing drip stations, or for the best case scenario, put on its own separate station.

Add mulch to the top of the pot to keep soil moister and cooler in the hot summer sun. Bubble wrap can be used to line pot before adding potting soil for added protection from the hot summer sun.

For all but the toughest of plants, fertilize on a regular basis. Slow-release fertilizer works great, but many potting soils contain slow release fertilizer, so wait a few weeks before adding any. For fruiting and flowering plants, use weekly liquid applications of fertilizer to maintain good production.

Place containers where they are most useful and enjoyable. Group pots at varying heights for interest and ease of care. Combine a tall spiky plant with a trailing form and mounding form for a great composition in the same pot. The sky is the limit for interesting combinations of plants, colors and textures.

Need color or interest in mid-summer, don't hesitate to garden in containers. For hot summer re-leaf, plant a container garden.

Courtesy photo

This dwarf bamboo is a perfect plant for container growing because of its lush looks but also to contain its invasive, spreading habit.

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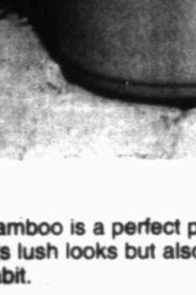
Pet urine can cause lawn problems

JEFF FLOYD



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Our home is a zoo. My lovely bride adores cats. She claims to own four cats but in reality, those cats own us. The cats are sometimes a nuisance but the three dogs lounging in the backyard are another story. Every summer just when the grass becomes plush enough to show off, small dead spots randomly appear in it. This reminds me of a question I got recently: What can be done about turf burn caused by dog urine?

Dog urine contains concentrated nitrogen and waste products. Contrary to popular folklore, female dog urine does not necessarily contain more potent concentrations of waste products than male dog urine. Nevertheless, female dogs are more likely to be the culprit when it comes to lawn damage from urine.

At about a year of age, most male dogs tend to begin marking territory with their urine. They will mark in several locations rather than all at once. Therefore, males will hold a little urine in reserve each time they hike their leg. By using only small quantities of urine at each marking, the concentration is usually not potent enough to inflict any serious injury to plants. Plants may use some of the nitrogen, but I'm not trying to make a case for using urine as a fertilizer.

Female dogs sometimes mark erratically with their urine, but more often they will empty the contents of their bladder in a single location. As you can imagine, concentrated urine placed on a single location is similar to spilling too much fertilizer on a single location. The result is fertilizer burn. Fertilizer burn is an aesthetic problem rather than a disease problem.

What is the solution to fertilizer burn caused by dog urine? Pets may be trained to urinate in selected locations. Repellents can be used to deter dogs from visiting specific areas. By including canned food or adding water to your pet's dry food, their urine may be less concentrated.

Reducing the amount of protein in your pet's diet may also help dilute the concentration of nitrogen in their urine. According to Dr. Steve Thompson of Purdue University Department of Veterinary Sciences, not all pets have an activity level that requires a high protein diet. Never change your pet's diet without consulting your veterinarian.

By improving the drainage of your soil, concentrated dog urine may be allowed to move past the roots too quickly to become a problem for plants. Finally, treating the spot with a little water may dilute the problem and allow the turf to recover more quickly. Generally speaking, the urine burn spots are harmless.

My wife has explained that my lack of concern for "female dog spot syndrome" is on the verge of sending the dogs off to the farm and me to the dog house. She loves the cats, I love the dogs. I remind her often that there is more than one way to skin a cat.

TODAY: Mostly sunny High: 99 Low: 77

WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny High: 99 Low: 78

THURSDAY: Mostly sunny High: 102 Low: 78

FRIDAY: Mostly sunny High: 104 Low: 78

SATURDAY: Mostly sunny High: 104 Low: 79

SUNDAY: Mostly sunny High: 102 Low: 77

Local forecast

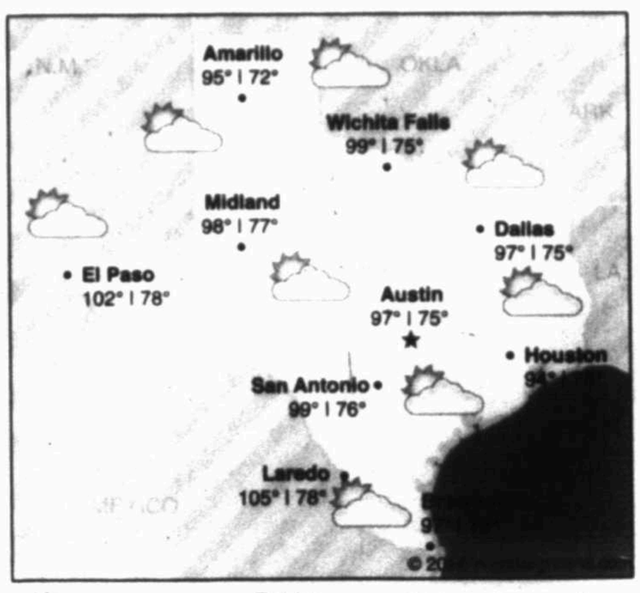
Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 99 and a low around 77. After a pair of days with highs in the upper 90s, expect triple-digit high temperatures Thursday through Sunday.

The high on Monday reached 100, while the low dropped to 77. The record high for July 21 is 103 set in 1981. The record low is 60 set in 1970.

Weather why

Q: What's the coolest location in the U.S. during the summer?

A: The place with the lowest daily temperature in the continental United States is Mount Washington, New Hampshire, which has an average July temperature of only 54 degrees, said Brent McRoberts of Texas A&M University. "But the problem is that no one lives on Mount Washington," he explained. "If you're talking about places where people live, San Francisco has to be rated near the top with an average July temperature of 66 degrees. San Francisco has one of the most stable climates in the country — the average high temperature in January is only 56 degrees, only 10 degrees difference from its July high."



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Precipitation

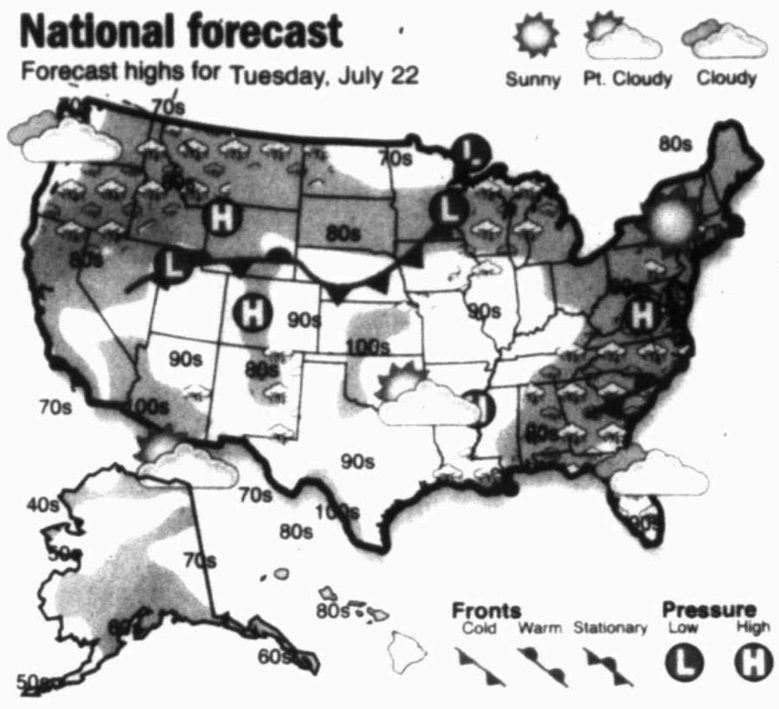
Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.00 in.
Month total	0.28 in.
Year total	3.92 in.
Normal total (year to date)	7.31 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	100
Low	77
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	6:58 a.m.
Sunset	8:52 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, July 22



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Younger couple weigh in on how they handle money

DEAR ABBY

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DEAR READERS: On April 11, I printed a letter from "Wondering in Washington," a man asking why young men in general today have the attitude that "any money I earn is mine" in a marriage or live-in situation. He said when he married, he and his wife considered what they earned to be "theirs" — not his or hers. When I asked my "younger readers" to chime in, I was inundated. Some excerpts:

DEAR ABBY: My husband was 26 and I was 24 when we got married. To me, how young couples handle money says a lot about their attitude toward marriage.

My mother always said, "If you can't trust a man with your money, why would you trust him with your heart?" I kept that in mind when I was dating, so when my boyfriend and I married, we didn't have serious underlying issues like addiction, compulsive spending, etc. — MOM OF 2 IN SEATTLE

DEAR ABBY: My first husband controlled all the money, my pay and his. He bought what HE wanted, but didn't always pay the mortgage or utilities.

In my second marriage, my money is my money and his money is his. If I earn 60 percent of the income, I pay 60 percent of the shared bills. Whatever is left is up to my own discretion to spend, and the same goes for his paycheck. — LEARNED MY LESSON IN FLORIDA

DEAR ABBY: I'm a man in my mid-30s; my wife is in her mid-20s. Many of our friends keep their finances separate, and the reason usually involves hearing their parents argue over money. What I find interesting is that the wife usually came up with the idea.

I believe the separation of incomes starts with young women embracing messages of empowerment they heard growing up and applying them not only to the workplace, but home, as well — plus a healthy dose of entitlement that seems common to their generation. — JUST SAYING, IN WISCONSIN

DEAR ABBY: Male reader here. Gone are the days of the stay-at-home wife who takes care of the house and raises the children. I'm as guilty of those preconceptions as anyone. I thought marriage meant being totally devoted to your spouse and you discussed everything.

I now believe both parties in a relationship have financial responsibilities to the other. In my first marriage, the majority of financial responsibilities fell on me. The financial obligations in my second marriage are different. We have a separate maintenance agreement. I pay only part of our living expenses. I can spend whatever I want, when I want, on whatever I want. This has prevented many disagreements.

I think the way to handle finances in a relationship is a rock-solid legal agreement and a lot of premarital counseling. Then there are no surprises. — J.G. IN TEXAS

DEAR ABBY: I'm 32, recently married. I earn more than my husband, and I'm better at managing money.

We plan to set up a joint account for household expenses, joint vacations, etc., and maintain individual accounts for whatever money is left. That way, we have a certain amount of independence and freedom.

We don't consider our relationship to be disposable. But when you grow up like we did and don't marry until your 30s, you live a considerable amount of your life independently. We are happy with this arrangement. — MODERN MARRIAGE IN MICHIGAN

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Finesse

East-West vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A 7 3
♥ J 9 8 6
♦ A K 7 2
♣ 10 4

WEST
♠ 10 8 4 2
♥ 4
♦ Q J 10 9 3
♣ K 7 3

EAST
♠ 9 5
♥ A 5 3 2
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 8 6 5 2

SOUTH
♠ K Q J 6
♥ K Q 10 7
♦ 6
♣ A Q J 9

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1	Pass	1	Pass
2	Pass	2♠	Pass
3	Pass	4NT	Pass
5	Pass	6	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Queen of

New bridge players eagerly seek opportunities to take finesses. Experienced players look for ways to avoid them.

South's two-spade bid was an attempt to verify that North had four-card heart support — he might have raised with three. The three-heart bid confirmed this, so South used Blackwood and drove to slam when North showed two aces. South won the opening diamond lead in dummy and saw that his contract was cold if the trumps did not split 5-0 and East had the king of clubs. Could he avoid taking the club finesse? Yes!

Declarer cashed the king of diamonds at trick two, discarding a club and then ruffed a diamond with the king of trumps. Next came the seven of trumps to the board's eight, which East allowed to hold. Dummy's last diamond was ruffed with the trump queen and the 10 of trumps was overtaken by dummy's jack.

East won his ace and shifted to a club. Declarer rose with his ace, crossed to dummy with the ace of spades, and drew both of the outstanding trumps while shedding his remaining clubs. He claimed the balance with only high spades left in his hand. Well done!

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, July 22, 2014:

This year you take a bold step forward to go after what you want. Your focus on your goals will be instrumental to your success and happiness in the coming months. Your immediate circle of friends expands. If you are single, you could meet someone through a new friend. In any case, friendship could be involved with a new love affair. If you are attached, the two of you have quite a good time together. Often you act like newlyweds. Taking plenty of time alone together as a couple will prove to be beneficial. GEMINI is a loyal friend.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ Initial confusion is likely to subside once you look at an issue as a control game or a power play. You will know exactly what to do and why you need to proceed in this direction. A friend or loved one's mental or physical fatigue might be irritating. Tonight: Love the moment.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ You might be evaluating the importance of continuing as you have been. A problem involving your family could arise. A purchase might be necessary, and it could force you to wait on a matter you have been pursuing. Tonight: Take a hard look at your budget.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ You will be heard, whether you are debating the pros and cons of an emotional situation or making plans for the weekend. Your sense of direction could be thrown off-kilter, but not for long. Schedule a meeting or make time for a discussion. Tonight: Hang out with friends.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ Take a back seat for the moment. You will want to take action, but only after you feel as though you have a complete understanding of what is going on. You also might not have as firm a grasp on a money matter as you think you do. Tonight: Keep it relaxing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Listen to news with a touch of cynicism, and you will be just fine. Go with the flow, and everything will fall right into place. A long-distance call could change your pace and your thoughts. Take another look at what is going on now. Tonight: Where your friends are.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ Others might not intend to drop the ball, but that is what happens. You could feel out of sorts when dealing with a new love interest. Logic will not work here. A partnership will be instrumental in making this situation work. Tonight: Say "thank you" over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Reach out for more information. Someone you count on could present an alternative perspective. Do not make any snap judgments — just listen. Something unexpected could throw you off. Tonight: No matter what you do, make sure there is great music around you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Deal with someone directly. You might not be as comfortable with this person as you would like. Tension is likely to build when a project takes an unexpected turn. You might not know what to do. Just step back and observe for now. Tonight: Visit with a favorite person.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ Defer to others, as you might have an exciting detour in your plans. Use caution with money, especially if someone tries to manipulate you into his or her type of thinking. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★ Pace yourself, as you could have more to do than you originally might have anticipated. A domestic matter is likely to cause some upset. Don't worry — you will handle it well. Use care when dealing with a grumpy friend. Tonight: Run errands first.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Your playfulness will emerge. Your easygoing attitude could be distressing to someone who is determined to have a situation work a certain way. Laughter will surround an interaction involving a grumpy person. Tonight: Add more spice to a relationship.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You could be happier than you thought possible when you walk away from a controlling friend. Try to open up more, as you might be keeping a lot to yourself. Use good sense with a money matter. A return call could take too long for your taste. Tonight: At home.

BORN TODAY

Fashion designer Oscar de la Renta (1932), author Amy Vanderbilt (1908), actor Danny Glover (1946)

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Curved sword
6 Glad shellmate
11 Pint-size
14 Justice Samuel
15 Blast from the past
16 Veal cordon bleu stuffing
17 Faulty smoke detectors, e.g.
19 DSL offerer
20 Photo lab abbr.
21 It may be gluten-free
22 Impressionist Claude
24 Comedian Handler's talk show
28 Many Southwestern homes
30 Tennille of pop's Captain & Tennille
31 Cap brim
32 Debatable
34 Spot for a remote
38 Bach's "Mass __ Minor"
39 Elite Navy group that's fittingly camouflaged in the four longest answers in this puzzle
40 Zen garden fish
41 High-protein beans
43 British aristocrat
44 Poppy product
46 Bowled over
48 Bells and whistles
49 Higher than zero, on an altimeter
54 "E! News" subject
55 Big Mack
56 A/C capacity meas.
59 Campus aides, for short
60 Countries with strong economic ties, say
64 Ozzie Smith's number
65 Autumn blossom
66 Chai __: Starbucks order
67 Director Howard
68 Like old attics
69 Fencing swords

DOWN

1 Bank vault
2 "Moon Shot" co-author Shepard
3 Portrayer of TV's Dr. Cliff Huxtable
4 "Avatar" extras
5 Short-antlered critter
6 Boring outcomes?
7 Bring joy to
8 Prez on a dime
9 Journalist Russert
10 Overly agreeable guy
11 Snivel
12 Prop for van Gogh
13 Unthreatening, as some threats
18 Feels sick
23 Milo's film friend
25 "Game of Thrones" channel
26 Lagoon-enclosing isle
27 Oodles
28 Rental car choice
29 "The Flintstones" pet
32 Victor at Gettysburg
33 Sculling need
35 "This may be a trick, but tell me"
36 Umpire's call
37 Points (at)
39 Gets the point
42 Copy to the hard drive
44 First name in popcorn
45 Dessert slice
47 Video chat need
48 Tornado response gp.
49 Audition hopeful
50 Number-calling game
51 Daily Planet cub reporter
52 Selling point
53 Not fully trusting
57 Beret's perch
58 Puts to work
61 Fighting Tigers' sch.
62 Tiebreakers, briefly
63 Once around the track

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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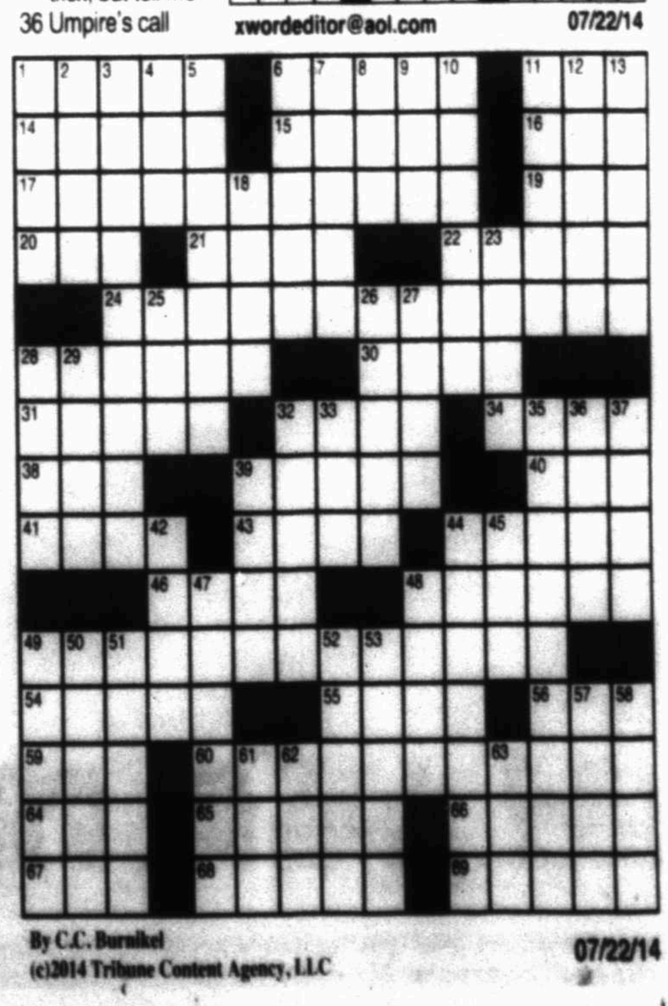

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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

JASON MRAZ
"Yes!"

Jason Mraz's new album would more accurately be called "What?!" "Yes!" works, too, though, showing that the "I'm Yours" singer is once again embracing his more experimental interests with good results. That means we get an unexpected, stripped-down but still faithful version of Boyz II Men's "It's So Hard to Say Goodbye to Yesterday" that is surprisingly beautiful. We get the uplifting folkie cliffhanger of "3 Things," which starts with "There are three things I do when my life fails apart." Unfortunately, it also means we get some songs that are a little too cutesy ("Hello, You Beautiful Thing") or straightforwardly earnest ("Best Friend").

Glenn Gamboa/Newsday

COMMON
"Nobody's Smiling"

Common takes a hard look at his hometown on his 10th album, "Nobody's Smiling." The place is Chicago, and the news is far from good. On the title track, rapping against an ominous hum of trap synths, he wastes little breath before setting the scene of a skirmish with the police, or other opposition.

Moving on, Common appraises the pull of cold currency and the desperate actions taken to pursue it. In passing, he issues a dedication to Hadiya Pendleton, the Chicago teenager whose murder last year — one week after she had performed with her high school majorette team at a presidential inauguration — came to symbolize her city's woes. The track also features a vivid spoken-word poem by Malik Yusef, but by then Common has made his point, complete and intact, accruing gravity by the phrase.

Common is 42, and he has warmed to his place within hip-hop: no longer an up-and-comer, not yet an elder, but something like a righteous older brother. A good many of the boasts on this album have to do with lineage ("Open shows at the Regal for Daddy Kane and Eazy-E, though") or longevity ("Pinot noir star, better with time"). He made a concerted effort to reserve some guest spots for hungry rappers in their early 20s, like Lil Herb and Dreezy, both from Chicago, and Vince Staples, from Long Beach, California.

Produced by No I.D., a longtime Common associate who also handled his solid previous album, "Nobody's Smiling" is meant as a street polemic, a tangle of problems with no clear solutions. The rapping is muscular, self-assured and occasionally even startling, as in the offbeat accents during a stretch of "Hustle Harder."

Which makes the album's missteps all the more vexing, none more so than "Diamonds," with a hook and verse by Big Sean and a premise already picked clean by Kanye West "Speak My Piece," built over a scrap of a Notorious B.I.G. tune, feels like a freestyle invention, charmingly loose but better suited to a mixtape.

Nate Chinen/N.Y. Times

'Weird Al' feels gratified by his album's success

By Nicole Evatt
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Attention pop stars: If "Weird Al" Yankovic shows up at your concert or has tracked down your personal email address, you're likely his next parody conquest.

Such was the case for artists like Pharrell and Iggy Azalea, who are covered by Yankovic in his latest album, "Mandatory Fun."

For his 14th studio effort, released last week, Yankovic had his heart set on Williams' No. 1 smash "Happy." When he didn't hear back from Pharrell's camp, he decided to go straight to the source.

"I somehow got Pharrell's home email address — I won't say how — and I emailed him and asked if I could do the parody," recalled the 54-year-old comedian. "He couldn't have been nicer and he said he was honored to have me do the parody."

Sometimes a face-to-face plea was necessary. Yankovic flew to Denver and waited backstage at Azalea's concert to get permission to use her summer hit "Fancy."

"I talked to her as she was literally walking offstage. I introduced myself, 'Hi. I'm "Weird Al" Yankovic and I would love to do a parody of "Fancy,"' he said. "The next morning I was in the studio recording."

Yankovic's efforts paid off: Billboard reported that "Mandatory Fun" will debut at No. 1 — his first — this week with more than 80,000 units sold. That's almost double the amount his last album, "Alpocalypse," sold in its debut week in 2011.

In a recent interview, Yankovic discussed the surprise success of his new album — which also features covers of Robin Thicke's "Blurred Lines" and Lorde's "Royals" — and the accompanying music video-turned-viral hits.

AP: Can you believe the album's initial success?

Yankovic: This has been an amazing week. I can't even tell you. I have been doing roughly the same thing for many, many years, and this is the best week of my life in terms of like the response from people. It's just insane and it's extremely gratifying. It's hard for me to wrap my head around (it).

AP: You released eight music videos in eight days. Were you inspired by Beyonce, who dropped 17 videos with her surprise album last year?

Yankovic: It irks me this much when people say, 'Oh you're doing a Beyonce' because, you know, three years ago, when my last album came out, I did a video for every single song on the album, released it all at once, and nobody was saying to Beyonce, 'Oh you're doing a little "Weird Al" there are you?' So, you know, I'm sure I wasn't the first one to do that, but I did it before Beyonce. I just want to set the record straight.

AP: Unlike other parodies, you've never gone the mean-spirited route.

Yankovic: I'm a fan like everybody else. When I do my parodies it's not meant to mock these people. It's not meant to belittle them or make them look bad. It's an homage. ... I don't think you need to be hurtful to be funny.

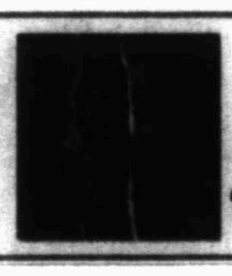
AP: Not everyone is as good-natured as you are, especially on social media. How do you deal with negative feedback?

Yankovic: There's always going to be trolls and people being negative and, you know, it's hurtful. I wish I could say that it bounces right off of me, but part of it sticks. But thankfully I've got so many other people on Twitter that are extremely positive that it more than balances it out.

AP: Will this be your last album?

Yankovic: I hate to draw lines in the sand and say this is absolutely the last album, but it sure looks that way. It's the end of my record deal. I've been under contract since 1982 and I just kind of feel like especially with the kind of music that I do, the album format isn't the best way to deliver that music. ... I'm going to try to jump on new hits and new trends as soon as I can (with singles) and try to be a little bit more competitive with everybody else in the world on YouTube.

Today's releases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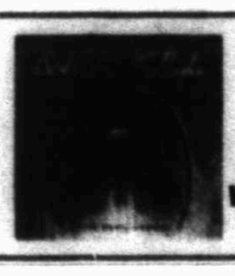
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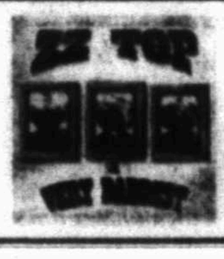
ZZ Top 'The Very Baddest'

Fuzzy 'Do You Wanna Start a War'

LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

JULY

22 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
23 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
23 **The O's** @ Basin Burger House
24 **Origin, Embrace the Machine, Adipocere Band, Decrepit Birth, Nightmare Canvas, Negative Offset** @ VFW
24 **JB and the Moonshine Band** @ Rockin Rodeo
24 **Cory Yeager** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
24 **Josh Wilson** @ Betenbough Homes Summer Concert at Lawndale Park
24 **Randall King Band** @ Lone Star Bar
24 **Adam Fears** @ The Belle Opry House (Snyder)
25 **Espinoza Paz, La Leylinda** @ La Hacienda
25 **Southbound 35** @ The Detour
25 **Chris Lee** @ Music City Mall
25 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
25 **Rock Island Rollers, Annika Chambers, Ted Drozdowski's Scissormen, Ghost Town Blues Band** @ Tall City Blues Fest
25 **Insufficient Funds** @ Noel Heritage Park
25 **Tori Martin** @ Redneck's
25 **Chris Brazeal Band, Judson Cole Band, Cory Mitchell** @ Graham Central Station
25 **Zane Williams, Ransom Rhodes** @ Lone Star Bar
25-26 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Your Place
25-26 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
26 **Johnny Long, The Blues Doctors, featuring Adam Gussow, Tas Cru, Ruben V., John Carl Escue, Gregg Wright, Jim Suhler, Mississippi Blues Child, Mr. Sipp, Ana Popovic, Too Slim & the Taildraggers** @ Tall City Blue Fest
26 **Callahan Divide, Proud Cut Ponies** @ Redneck's
26 **J.B. Beverley, Rory Kelly's Triple Threat** @ Blue Max
26 **Micky and the Motorcars** @ Ranchland Hills Golf Club
26 **All Stars, Mike Leonard, Sameula Zachary, Martha Elliott** @ Music City Mall
26 West Texas Talent Search @ Permian Playhouse
27 **Cory Yeager Band** @ Museum of the Southwest
27 **Elisium** @ Blue Max
27 **Goodtimers, Mateo Rivas, Martha Elliott** @ Music City Mall
28 **Dusty Creek** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
29 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club, VFW, Odessa
30 **Steve Martin and the Steep Canyon Rangers featuring Edie Brickell** @ Wagner Noel
30 **The Blind Pets, Purple** @ Blue Max
31 **Nashwood - Chuck Chitwood** @ Cafe at Alldredge Garden
31 **The Heroine, Antique Scream, Ese** @ Blue Max
31 **Curtis Grimes** @ Rockin Rodeo

AUGUST

1 **Zack Walther Band** @ Lone Star Bar
1 **No Dry County** @ The Detour
1 **Los Texmaniacs** @ Noel Heritage Park
1 **Mister Happy** @ Ranchland Hills
1 **The Hooten Hallers** @ Blue Max
1-2 **Texas Buck'n Heat Band** @ Hot Shots
1-2 **Back Road Troubadors** @ Your Place
1-2 **Unsweet T's** @ The Bar
2 **Spencer Kane** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
2 **Jairo Torres** @ Cantar a Dios con un Corazon Agradecido 2014 (Andrews)
2 **Texas Tornados** @ Rooney Park (Fort Stockton)
2 **Justin Langston** @ The Wine Rack
2 **No Dry County** @ Lone Star Bar
3 **Jumping Giants** @ Museum of the Southwest
7 **DJ Promote, The Ongoing Concept, Jason Castro, We As Human, War of Ages, Oh Sleeper, Ryan Ries, Disciple, Red Jumpsuit Apparatus, Skillet** @ Rock the Desert
7 **Blessthefall, Chiodos, I Killed the Prom Queen, Capture the Crown** @ Club Patron

LUBBOCK

AUGUST

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

NEW MEXICO

JULY

26 **Ottmar Liebert & Luna Negra** @ Inn of the Mountain Gods

DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

JULY

22 **Beyonce, Jay Z** @ AT&T Stadium
23 **Icarus The Owl, Idlehands** @ Tomcats West
24 **Fitz and The Tantrums** @ House Of Blues
27 **Austin Mahone, Vamps, Fifth Harmony** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
29 "American Idol" Live with **C.J. Harris, Jena Irene, Caleb Johnson, Jessica Meuse, MK Nobilette, Alex Preston, Majesty Rose, Malaya Watson, Sam Woolf** @ Verizon Theatre at Grand Prairie

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Mikolas pitches Rangers past sloppy Yankees

By Howie Rumberg
Associated Press

Rangers 4
Yankees 2

NEW YORK — Miles Mikolas didn't need to look into the batter's box to know who was stepping in with the bases loaded in the fifth inning. The roaring crowd said it all.

Listening to more than 45,000 New York Yankees fans try to urge Derek Jeter to get one more big hit motivated the young right-hander.

Mikolas got Jeter to ground into a double play, then pitched smoothly into the eighth inning Monday night to lead the Texas Rangers to a 4-2 victory.

"That's a big situation, a big jam to get out of," Mikolas said. "It almost makes me as a pitcher want to compete a little harder, let the fans down."

Mikolas (1-2) slapped his glove and pumped his fist twice while letting out a shout of approval as he left the field. Then he retired his final seven batters.

Mikolas' mom, fiance, sister and stepdad led a group up from Florida to see him win for the first time since Aug. 21, 2012, with San Diego. Mikolas won twice in 25 relief appearances for the Padres that year. He's had little success this season, coming in with a 10.05 ERA in three starts.

"I think that really relaxed him," Rangers manager Ron Washington said of the double play.

Trailing by one with none on and two outs in the sixth, Texas got run-scoring singles from Geovany Soto, Rougned Odor and Shin-Soo Choo to go ahead in only its third win in 17 July games.

Adrian Beltre drove in the Rangers' first run with a fielder's choice in the third inning on one of New York's five errors — three by starting pitcher Shane Greene (2-1).

"It was an ugly game on our part," manager Joe Girardi said.

Second baseman Brian Roberts and Jeter, the shortstop, made the other errors for the Yankees, who had not committed five in a nine-inning game since Aug. 20, 1998, against Minnesota.

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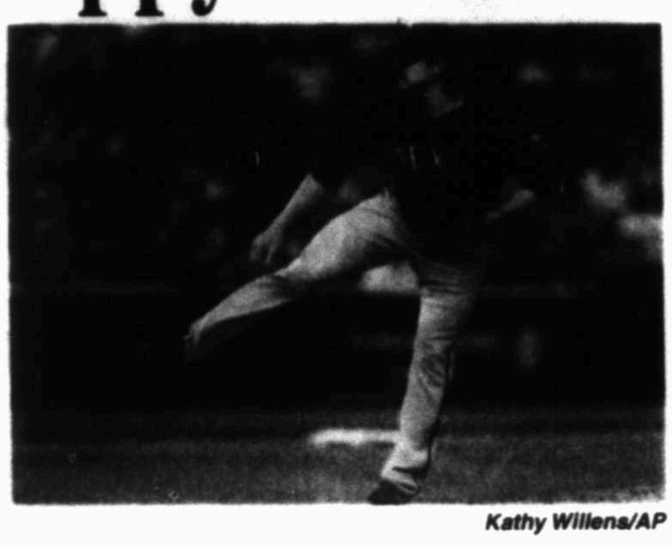
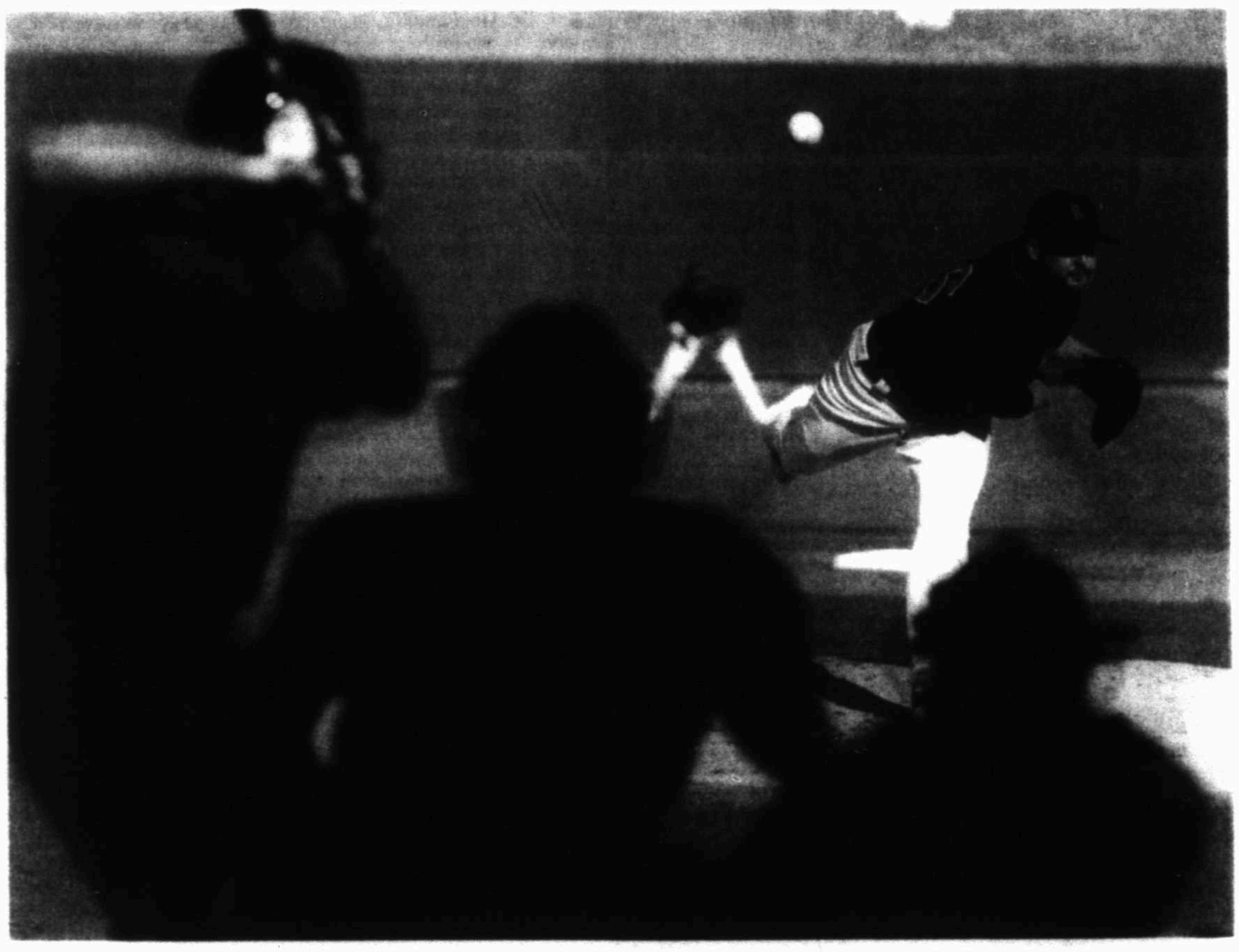


Kathy Willens/AP

Texas starting pitcher Miles Mikolas follows through in the seventh inning of the Rangers' 4-2 victory over the New York Yankees on Monday at Yankee Stadium in New York.

Frisco frustrates 'Hounds



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland starting pitcher Nate Long delivers a pitch to Frisco's J.T. Wise Monday evening at Security Bank Ballpark. Long had a good outing but the RockHounds fell, 6-1, to the RoughRiders.

RoughRiders use 16 hits to cool down Midland

RoughRiders 6
RockHounds 1

By Oscar LeRoy
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During their recent hot streak, the Midland RockHounds hardly encountered back-to-back tough days on the diamond.

Monday, not only did the RockHounds see a big part of their field staff get ejected but saw Frisco's Alec Asher throw a gem and the RoughRiders total 16 hits for a 6-1 victory at Security Bank Ballpark.

The loss for the RockHounds (19-11) was their second straight, while the RoughRiders (16-14) — the first half Texas League South Division champions — won their third straight and pulled to within three games of first place Midland in the standings. The RockHounds stayed 3 1/2 games ahead of the Hooks after Corpus Christi lost 8-3 to San Antonio on Monday.

The RockHounds were held to one run on five hits by Asher (8-9), who only needed 88 pitches to get through 7 1/3 innings.

"Asher did really well tonight," said Frisco first baseman Trever Adams, who 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBI. "He had a couple of rough outings in his last two starts, and he turned the page tonight. It was fun to play defense behind him tonight. When he's on, you normally don't have to do a whole lot."

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Midland manager Aaron Nieckula argues with umpire Brett Terry after being tossed from the game by home plate umpire Clay Park, background, during Monday's game against Frisco at Security Bank Ballpark.

Added Midland manager Aaron Nieckula about his offense: "We hit the ball hard and had some good (at-bats). The ball just weren't falling for us."

The game was scoreless after four innings, but it appeared Nieckula and the team's hitting coach, Webster Garrison, were upset at the balls and strikes being called by home plate umpire Clay Park. Park didn't like what was being said from the RockHounds' dugout so he first ejected Garrison and then tossed Nieckula.

"In this game you have to overcome some adversity and we certainly faced some adversity tonight in more ways than one," Nieckula said but didn't elaborate. "We also didn't come out and play our usual style of baseball and couldn't minimize the damage, and they took advantage."

After the teams exchanged runs in the fifth inning, the RoughRiders took the lead for good in the sixth inning when Drew Robinson doubled home Joey Gallo, who reached on a walk.

Midland starter Nate Long (8-6) only gave up two runs but allowed nine hits in six innings of work.

"Nate Long pitched through some adversity in more ways than one, if you catch my drift," Nieckula said. "He made some pitches, got out of some jams. It was unfortunate that he had to go through that incident in the fifth inning when two staff members got ejected for reasons that

Please see **HOUNDS**/2C

JENNA FRYER
Associated Press

RTA could close disconnect between teams, NASCAR

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — There is no clearer example of the disconnect between NASCAR and its teams then the fight earlier this year over the procedures to cool cars down during qualifying.

NASCAR refused to allow the use of cooling boxes, so teams had jerry-rigged a system that created a dangerous on-track situation for the drivers.

NASCAR summoned the crew chiefs from every Sprint Cup organization to hash out a solution. The teams were almost unanimously in favor of using the cooling boxes, but NASCAR officials on that conference call in March wouldn't budge. They were OK with using fans, but smaller teams were against having to go buy them.

Exasperated, NASCAR reminded the participants on the call that the engine manufacturers were against the use of cooling boxes. Two of the top engine builders in NASCAR immediately denied that claim, and one said nobody from NASCAR had even talked with them.

The call had turned comical. In the end, NASCAR allowed the cooling boxes in a small victory for the teams.

The battle to get that win was absurd.

The Race Team Alliance, at its core, hopes to prevent those fights going forward.

Announced two weeks ago, the RTA was described as "a collaborative business association" that for the first time creates "a single entity to engage with stakeholders on creative ways to market and experience the power of the sport's teams and drivers."

Michael Waltrip Racing co-owner Rob Kauffman is the elected chair of the RTA. He has talked of banding the RTA teams together for purchasing power, creating travel partners and finding a common insurer. The RTA is not, Kauffman insists, a union. And if the goal is to seize a larger share of the TV money, that's not a topic any members of the RTA are openly discussing.

"That's a big obvious issue that's out there that the teams really have no influence or control over," Kauffman said of the $8 billion in TV money that is split with the tracks (65 percent), teams (25 percent) and NASCAR (10 percent). "We're going to focus on stuff we can do. If someone wants to discuss any big picture issues, we're happy to discuss

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Baylor has different take defending Big 12 title

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Coach Art Briles and Baylor arrived at Big 12 football media days as defending champions for the first time.

Briles has a slightly different take on the Bears' newfound standing.

"How can you defend and protect something that nobody can take? 2013 is gone forever. That title is ours," Briles said Monday. "We're attacking 2014 just like everybody else. That's our mindset with our players, and that's the way they've been approaching everything."

The first of five coaches on the podium for the first day, Briles used a baseball analogy in that leadoff role.

"The thing that's a little different is, I don't know what the commissioner expected, but we're not going to try to bunt or get a single. I promise you that," he said. "We're swinging for the fences. So maybe he should have put us fourth because that's just the way we approach the game."

Even with quarterback Bryce Petty and receiver Antwan Goodley back, Baylor was picked second in the Big 12 media preseason poll behind Oklahoma. The Bears won 11 games last season before losing 52-42 to UCF in the Fiesta Bowl.

Kansas State and Texas, who will join the Sooners for the second day at the Omni Dallas Hotel, were picked third and fourth, respectively.

Oklahoma State opens Aug. 30 against defending national champion Florida State and Heisman Trophy winner Jameis Winston in Arlington, Texas.,

The Cowboys will have less available practice time once school starts after falling below the NCAA minimum standard with their Academic Progress Rate score over a four-year period. They can work only 18 hours

Please see **BAYLOR**/4C

LM Otero/AP

Baylor wide receiver Antwan Goodley (5), a Midland High grad, reaches for a pass in front of Texas Tech defensive back Justis Nelson, right, during a Nov. 16 game in Arlington.

HOUNDSWATCH

MONDAY'S SCORE
Frisco 6, Midland 1

TODAY'S GAME
Frisco at Midland, 5 p.m. (DH). Security Bank Ballpark

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RECORDS
Midland 19-11, Frisco 16-14

Sunday	Monday	Today	Wednesday	Thursday
San Antonio 6, Midland 5, 12 innings	Frisco 6, Midland 1	Frisco at Midland (DH)	Frisco at Midland	Midland at Corpus Christi

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FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

TODAY
WHAT'S ON TV
CYCLING
Tour de France, Stage 16, Carcassonne to Bagneres de Luchon, France, 7 a.m., NBC Sports Network
MLB
Texas at N.Y. Yankees, 6 p.m., Fox Sports Southwest
Regional coverage, San Francisco at Philadelphia or Miami at Atlanta, 6 p.m., MLB Network
WNBA
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m., ESPN2
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m., ESPN2

WHAT'S ON DECK

TODAY
LITTLE LEAGUE
Intermediate, Midland All-Stars at Southwest Regional Tournament, Grand Junction, Colorado

LOCAL SPORTS

JASON LINDGREN GOLF TOURNEY RESULTS
The 2nd Annual Jason Lindgren Parent Child Memorial Golf Tournament took place earlier this week at Midland Country Clubwith Eric Griffin and David Griffin taking first place in the low ball division. Doug and Lucas McCubbin finished second and Richard and Harlen Coats finished third.

In the 18 Hole Points Division Scott and Knox Wagner took first, with Scott Wagner's other team with Barry Beck taking third.

Finally, in the 9 Hole Points Division JB and Ethan Luttrell finished first with Jay and Brody McHugh placing second and Paul and Luke Colwell taking third.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Recalled RHP Bud Norris from Bowie (EL). Optioned C Steve Clevenger to Norfolk (IL).
BOSTON RED SOX — Sent C Ryan Lavarnway to Portland (EL) for a rehab assignment.
CLEVELAND INDIANS — Recalled LHP TJ House from Mahoning Valley (NYP). Optioned RHP Austin Adams to Columbus (IL).
DETROIT TIGERS — Sent LHP Pat McCoy to Toledo (IL) for a rehab assignment.
KANSAS CITY ROYALS — Agreed to terms with OF Leland Clemmons on a minor league contract.
TEXAS RANGERS — Reinstated OF/1B Jim Adduci from the 15-day DL. Optioned RHP Matt West to Round Rock (PCL).
TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Designated RHP Sergio Santos for assignment. Recalled LHP Rob Rasmussen from Buffalo (IL).
National League
ATLANTA BRAVES — Activated C Evan Gattis from the 15-day DL. Optioned C Christian Bethancourt to Gwinnett (IL).
CHICAGO CUBS — Optioned LHP Zac Rosscup to Iowa (PCL).
COLORADO ROCKIES — Placed INF Justin Morneau on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 14 and LHP Boone Logan on the 15-day DL. Selected the contract of INF Ben Paulsen from Colorado Springs (PCL). Designated RHP Jair Jurrjens for assignment. Reinstated RHP Nick Massel from the 15-day DL.
MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned RHP Rob Wooten to Nashville (PCL). Selected the contract of RHP Jeremy Jeffress from Nashville. Transferred RHP Jim Henderson to the 60-day DL.
NEW YORK METS — Reinstated LHP Jon Niese from the 15-day DL.
PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES — Designated OF Tony Gwynn Jr. for assignment. Optioned INF Cesar Hernandez to Lehigh Valley (IL). Assigned C Koyie Hill outright to Lehigh Valley. Reinstated LHP Cliff Lee from the 60-day DL and INF Reid Brignac and C Wil Nieves from the 15-day DL.
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Agreed to terms with INF Jeudy Valdez on a minor league contract and assigned him to Lake Elsinore (Cal).
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed RHP Matt Cain on the 15-day DL, retroactive to July 11 and 1B Brandon Belt on the 7-day DL, retroactive to July 20. Recalled RHP George Kontos and 3B Adam Duvall from Fresno (PCL). Agreed to terms with 2B Dan Uggla on a minor league contract.
American Association
FARGO-MOORHEAD REDHAWKS — Released OF Dusty Robinson.
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Released RHP Travis McGee.
SIOUX CITY EXPLORERS — Released RHP Elliott Engle.
Can-Am League
NEW JERSEY JACKALS — Released RHP Brady Adamek.
TROIS-RIVIERES AIGLES — Released OF Sasha LaGarde and RHP Tyler D Wilson.
Frontier League
EVANSVILLE OTTERS — Signed LHP Conor Kerns.
LAKE ERIE CRUSHERS — Signed C PJ Torres. Released INF Matt Dickason.
RIVER CITY RASCALS — Signed 3B Steve Carrillo.
SCHAUMBURG BOOMERS — Released INF Brian McConkey.
WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Released INF Jarod Jamerson. United League
BROWNSVILLE CHARROS — Traded LHP Lars Liguori to Sioux City (AA) for a player to be named.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
NBA — Announced the resignation of NBADL president Dan Reed.
CHARLOTTE HORNETS — Signed F Marvin Williams to a two-year contract.
CHICAGO BULLS — Signed F Cameron Bairstow. Re-signed G Kirk Hinrich.
DALLAS MAVERICKS — Signed F Richard Jefferson.
LOS ANGELES LAKERS — Signed G Nick Young to a multiyear contract.
PHOENIX SUNS — Signed F Anthony Tolliver.
SAN ANTONIO SPURS — Re-signed F Matt Bonner.
UTAH JAZZ — Signed F Trevor Booker.
Women's National Basketball Association
ATLANTA DREAM — Announced coach Michael Cooper took a medical leave of absence. Named assistant coach Karleen Thompson interim coach.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
BUFFALO BILLS — Signed DT Landon Cohen and WR Nataman Roosevelt.
CINCINNATI BENGALS — Placed P Kevin Huber, G Clint Boling, LB Marquis Flowers, WRs Ryan Whalen and Colin Lockett, CB Leon Hall and DTs Geno Atkins, Devon Still and Zach Minter on the PUP list.
DALLAS COWBOYS — Placed DT Chris Whaley on the waived/non-football injury list. Signed TE Dallas Walker and WR Dezmon Briscoe.
DETROIT LIONS — Claimed WR Reese Wiggins off waivers from New England.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS — Released DL Sealii Epenesa. Signed DL Eathyn Manumaleuna.
NEW YORK GIANTS — Announced the retirement of G Chris Snee.
Canadian Football League
WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Added RB Sam McGuffie and LB Kyle Jones to the practice roster.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
MONTREAL CANADIENS — Signed F Nikita Scherbak to a three-year entry-level contract.
TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS — Signed D Cody Franson to a one-year contract.
American Hockey League
HAMILTON BULLDOGS — Signed D Bobby Shea to a one-year, two-way AHL/ECHL contract.
MILWAUKEE ADMIRALS — Signed F Triston Grant and G Rob Madore to one-year contracts.

COLLEGE
ARMSTRONG STATE — Named Sean Mc Caffrey men's and women's tennis coach.
CASTLETON — Named Reggie Colomb golf coach.
FLAGLER — Named Caryn Savitz athletics communications coordinator.
LA SALLE — Promoted assistant trainer Shannon Clegg to associate director of athletic training.
PENNSYLVANIA — Named Alex Tirapelle wrestling coach.
ROSE-HULMAN — Named Jon Lester men's golf coach and men's assistant basketball coach.
SAINT PETER'S — Promoted assistant/acting baseball coach TJ Baxter to head coach.
SHENANDOAH — Named Meghan Sullivan women's assistant basketball coach.
TEXAS A&M — Announced senior DL Gavin Stansbury has left the team. Announced freshman DB Victor Davis was suspended from the team after a recent arrest for a shoplifting charge.
WAGNER — Named Will Manny men's assistant lacrosse coach.

WNBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	15	6	.714	—
Indiana	11	12	.478	5
Washington	10	13	.435	6
Connecticut	10	14	.417	6 1/2
New York	8	13	.381	7
Chicago	5	14	.364	7 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	18	3	.857	—
Minnesota	17	6	.739	2
San Antonio	12	13	.478	8
Los Angeles	10	12	.455	8 1/2
Seattle	9	14	.375	10 1/2
Tulsa	8	15	.348	11

Monday's Scores
No games scheduled

Today's Games
Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Tulsa at San Antonio, 7 p.m.
Phoenix at Seattle, 9 p.m.

Wednesday's Games
Connecticut at Washington, 10:30 a.m.
New York at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

PRO GOLF

PGA Tour FedExCup Leaders
Through July 20

Rank	Player	Points	YTD Money
1	Jimmy Walker	2,364	$4,999,140
2	Bubba Watson	2,135	$5,102,161
3	Dustin Johnson	1,789	$4,249,180
4	Matt Kuchar	1,740	$3,779,369
5	Jordan Spieth	1,670	$3,800,682
6	Chris Kirk	1,542	$2,955,867
7	Brendon Todd	1,516	$3,095,995
8	Martin Kaymer	1,510	$3,959,787
9	Zach Johnson	1,504	$2,888,955
10	Patrick Reed	1,498	$3,254,590
11	Rory McIlroy	1,432	$3,635,698
12	Harris English	1,432	$2,829,322
13	Webb Simpson	1,398	$2,930,181
14	Jim Furyk	1,380	$3,554,995
15	Kevin Na	1,368	$2,880,427
16	Sergio Garcia	1,351	$3,426,180
17	Adam Scott	1,346	$3,092,804
18	Ryan Moore	1,320	$2,859,583
19	Brian Harman	1,314	$2,274,604
20	Justin Rose	1,287	$3,101,734
21	Matt Every	1,226	$2,450,790
22	Rickie Fowler	1,211	$3,192,317
23	Hideki Matsuyama	1,185	$2,366,924
24	Keegan Bradley	1,165	$2,389,689
25	John Senden	1,114	$2,200,085
26	Charles Howell III	1,042	$1,853,837
27	Charley Hoffman	1,039	$1,912,449
28	Kevin Stadler	1,011	$2,039,054
29	Gary Woodland	1,009	$2,133,419
30	Jason Day	974	$2,463,018
31	Graham DeLaet	971	$2,085,787
32	Kevin Chappell	971	$1,985,230
33	George McNeill	962	$1,914,991
34	J.B. Holmes	958	$2,072,104
35	Ryan Palmer	953	$1,855,452
36	Bill Haas	951	$1,626,978
37	Will MacKenzie	920	$1,812,876
38	Marc Leishman	918	$1,976,295
39	Seung-Yul Noh	917	$1,777,871
40	Matt Jones	913	$1,800,212
41	Brian Stuard	855	$1,653,919
42	Russell Knox	848	$1,313,780
43	Russell Henley	835	$1,687,520
44	Daniel Summerhays	832	$1,360,448
45	Chris Stroud	829	$1,652,025
46	K.J. Choi	811	$1,596,379
47	Jason Dufner	793	$1,608,116
48	Steven Bowditch	790	$1,553,369
49	Ben Martin	789	$1,461,442
50	Cameron Tringale	781	$1,327,969
51	Graeme McDowell	773	$1,660,055
52	Angel Cabrera	770	$1,566,859
53	Jason Bohn	755	$1,480,979
54	Scott Brown	748	$1,337,402
55	Erik Compton	745	$1,669,463
56	Ben Crane	741	$1,387,587
57	Freddie Jacobson	740	$1,384,449
58	Jerry Kelly	719	$1,263,060
59	Chesson Hadley	709	$1,340,173
60	Luke Donald	694	$1,347,840
61	Brendan Steele	693	$1,276,983
62	Billy Horschel	689	$1,302,346
63	Ryo Ishikawa	680	$1,265,138
64	Pat Perez	662	$1,289,705
65	Brendon de Jonge	656	$1,040,986
66	Robert Garrigus	656	$1,081,217
67	Scott Stallings	651	$1,299,114
68	Hunter Mahan	634	$1,120,003
69	Jason Kokrak	632	$1,071,088
70	David Hearn	631	$1,099,480
71	Billy Hurley III	630	$1,127,699
72	Ian Poulter	629	$1,469,418
73	Scott Langley	623	$971,756
74	Shawn Stefani	619	$1,275,566
75	Carl Pettersson	599	$1,047,971
76	Chad Schwartzel	592	$1,307,307
77	Kevin Chappell	588	$983,346
78	Andrew Svoboda	580	$1,092,478
79	Vijay Singh	566	$873,932
80	Rory Sabbatini	565	$1,918,726
81	Justin Hicks	557	$820,801
82	Robert Streb	554	$994,152
83	Jeff Overton	554	$1,023,615
84	Jonas Blixt	553	$1,250,778
85	Tim Clark	547	$910,778
86	Brandt Snedeker	536	$1,107,472
87	Phil Mickelson	526	$942,375

HOUNDS

From 1C

I have no idea."

Frisco broke the game open in the seventh with four runs against Midland reliever Blake Hassebrock for the 6-1 lead. Three of the runs came on a crushing home run to left by Adams.

Adams said it was good to see the offense and his own bat break out in this game after being a little "cold" during their recent home series against Corpus Christi.

"It felt good," said Adams about his 11th home run of the year. "I was a part of that cold streak during those four games. I kind of stopped thinking and I got it right and got it going."

The RockHounds hope to get it back going in the right direction at 5 p.m. when they host the RoughRiders in a doubleheader.

'HOUND BITES: RockHounds 1B Max Muncy was named Texas League Player of the Week for July 14-20 Monday. Muncy drove in 16 runs, had 10 walks and had a .606 on-base percentage. Muncy is the second straight RockHound to earn the award after Jefry Marte won it the previous week. ...Marte had two of the RockHounds' five hits on Monday night. ...In order to save the bullpen for today's doubleheader, RF Jeremy Barfield pitched the ninth inning for the RockHounds. Barfield started the season as a pitcher at Single-A Stockton but converted back to a position player with the RockHounds. Barfield had a perfect ninth and struck out two batters in the process. ... Today's doubleheader is to make up for rainout on June 18. ...Also today, around the Texas League it will be Mike Coolbaugh Day. Coolbaugh was tragically killed when he was struck by a foul ball on July 22, 2007, while coaching first base for the Tulsa Drillers. During the games, players will wear commemorative wristbands and each game will feature a special pre-game presentation about Coolbaugh and Diamond Dreams, a charitable foundation that operates in his memory.

Texas League
Second half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	16	15	.516	—
NW Arkansas	15	16	.484	1
x-Tulsa	15	16	.484	1
Springfield	11	20	.355	5

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	19	11	.633	—
x-Frisco	16	14	.533	3
Corpus Christi	16	15	.518	3 1/2
San Antonio	15	16	.484	4 1/2

x-clinched first half

Monday's Scores
Frisco 6, Midland 1
Northwest Arkansas 6, Arkansas 3
San Antonio 8, Corpus Christi 3
Tulsa 7, Springfield 1

Today's Games
Frisco at Midland, 5 p.m., 1st game
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.
Frisco at Midland, 7:30 p.m., 2nd game

TODAY'S PROBABLES:
The RockHounds will likely start RHP Drew Granier (5-4, 3.33 ERA) against Frisco LHP Jared Eickhoff (7-7, 4.12). Each team's starters for the second game are yet to be announced.

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ROUGHRIDERS 6, ROCKHOUNDS 1

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Grayson cf	5	1	1	0	Crumbliss 2b-lf3	0	1	1	
Cantwell c	5	1	3	2	Myers cf	4	0	0	0
Herrera 2b	5	1	1	0	Muncy 1b	4	0	0	0
Adams 1b	5	1	3	3	Marte 3b	4	0	2	0
Gallo 3b	3	1	2	0	Barfield rf-p	4	0	0	0
Wise dh	5	0	1	0	Matthes lf-rf	4	1	1	0
Robinson rf	4	0	2	1	Coleman ss	3	0	0	0
Martinez lf	4	1	2	0	Nakajima dh-2b3	0	1	0	
Rodriguez ss	4	0	1	0	Forsythe c	2	0	0	0
Totals	**40**	**6**	**16**	**6**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**

Frisco ..... .000 011 400—6
Midland ..... .000 010 000—1

DP — Midland 1. LOB — Frisco 9, Midland 5. 2B — Cantwell (8), Gallo (8), Rodriguez (4), Robinson (13), Martinez (8), Marte (14). HR — Adams (11). SB — Grayson (3). SH — Gallo. SF — Crumbliss.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Frisco						
Asher W, 8-9	7.1	5	1	1	1	4
Rodebaugh	1.2	0	0	0	0	0
Midland						
Long L, 8-6	6.0	9	2	2	1	7
Hassebrock	1.0	7	4	4	0	0
Dull	1.0	0	0	0	0	0
Barfield	1.0	0	0	0	0	2

WP — Long, Hassebrock.
T — 2:51. A — 3,301.

Tony Stewart riding high from sprint car victory

By Jenna Fryer
Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Tony Stewart heads into the busiest week of his year riding high from a win in his return to sprint car racing.

Stewart raced in a sprint car last weekend for the first time since he broke his leg in an extracurricular race last August. He missed the final 15 weeks of the NASCAR season with the injury.

He vowed he would continue to live his life, and made good on that promise in Michigan, where on Friday night he climbed into a car at Tri-City Motor Speedway and won. He also raced Saturday night at Crystal Motor Speedway, where he finished third.

"It felt great," said Stewart, who picked a pair of low-profile races to make his return instead of joining the World of Outlaws, home to the top sprint car drivers.

"The Outlaw series was in Pennsylvania, so that's probably the toughest place in the country to try to go back. It's probably the toughest race to go to, period," Stewart said. "I didn't feel like that was probably the best place to try to go back for the first time. But it was neat to get back in the car, finally, in a scenario that was low pressure."

So what's next? More racing, but Stewart said his schedule will be lighter than he hoped.

The three-time NASCAR champion discussed extracurricular racing with his management team and Stewart-Haas Racing competition Greg Zipadelli and mapped out a schedule that Stewart will follow. They decided on tracks with slower speeds out of safety concerns.

"There are some races that I really have my heart set on running," he said. "I'm trying to be smart about where we're going."

On Monday, Stewart was headed to Eldora Speedway, the dirt track he owns in Rossburg, Ohio. He'll be hands-on the next two days as his staff prepares to host NASCAR's Truck Series race on Wednesday for the second consecutive year.

"It's about as close to being a proud father as I can imagine being," he said. "Anybody that thinks that putting on a single NASCAR event is easy ... People think you start working I think a week ahead of time to get ready for stuff like this, and it's been a very large, eye-opening experience for me. It takes months and months of work, and so many details."

NASCAR

From 1C

and engage in a constructive way."

NASCAR has made it clear it isn't talking to the RTA about anything. Despite NASCAR President Mike Helton's dismissal of any animosity between the two sides, the RTA was informed all communication must go through NASCAR attorneys. International Speedway Corp. issued the same command.

Sure, it is NASCAR's court and nobody has to play NASCAR's game. But it's the only game in town for high-performance, profitable racing, and being part of the show means playing by NASCAR's rules.

Only NASCAR seems to have gotten so big that it's lost sight of the plight of its primary "stakeholders." The teams have always existed under an owner-operator model. It's risky. It's dangerous.

Bill Davis once won the Daytona 500 and the Southern 500 as a Sprint Cup Series team owner. He entered drivers in all three of NASCAR's national series, but when the economy collapsed in 2008, his sponsorship evaporated and his NASCAR participation came to a halt. In the cruelest twist of all, he won the Truck Series championship on his final weekend of NASCAR participation.

When it was all said and done, he had a building and some used parts and a little bit of equity in the owner points he'd accumulated that season to show for his 20-year NASCAR career.

It's a fear every NASCAR owner loses sleep over. When a sponsor pulls out, the whole house of cards can come crashing down. Kauffman lived it last fall when NAPA Auto Parts left MWR and the organization was forced to lay off one-third of its workforce.

So who can actually blame these owners for not resenting the NASCAR model just a little bit? After all, the Buffalo Bills may sell for at least $1.1 billion — a far sweeter golden parachute than listing used car parts on EBay.

It's unclear if altering the landscape to a franchise model is on RTA's ultimate agenda. For now, the owners insist it's about creating one voice to benefit every team — and there's a need.

Several years ago, Rick Hendrick organized a meeting between many of the top owners, who all put together lists outlining their concerns. After debate, the group whittled it down to roughly a dozen ideas on how NASCAR could help them save some money. Nothing spectacular — maybe $1 million a team in savings.

The list was presented to NASCAR, which heard the ideas with deaf ears.

Perhaps the RTA will soon have the authority to step up and demand cost-saving measures. But for now, the question is not what the RTA is out to accomplish, but what took the team owners so long to get their act together.

Head of 2018 Pyeongchang Olympics resigns

Associated Press

SEOUL, South Korea — The head of the organizing committee for the 2018 Winter Olympics in Pyeongchang resigned Monday, saying new leadership and a "stronger system" is needed to complete preparations for the games.

Former provincial governor Kim Jin-sun was elected president of the organizing committee in late 2011 after Pyeongchang won the right to host the first Winter Olympics in South Korea. He was re-elected last year for another two-year term.

"PyeongChang 2018 is at a turning point for the latter half of its games preparation, which requires more detailed planning and execution," Kim said Monday, according to a committee statement.

"At this critical juncture, I believe that PyeongChang 2018 needs new leadership and a stronger system that will effectively carry out various games-related projects," he said.

The organizing committee did not comment on the process for replacing Kim or his likely successor.

Kim, former governor of the eastern Gangwon province which includes Pyeongchang, led the South Korean town's two unsuccessful bids for the 2010 and 2014 Olympics. In 2010, he stepped down as governor and had since served as an ambassador to Pyeonchang's bid committee for the 2018 games.

Kim's tenure was to officially end in October 2015 and it is not known what exactly caused his early departure.

International Olympic Committee officials who visited Pyeongchang recently expressed no major concerns about preparations for 2018.

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Jeter turns small part of attention to business

By Ronald Blum
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Pedestrians craned their necks as Derek Jeter stood in front of a food truck parked across the street from Central Park.

As the New York Yankees captain winds down his baseball life, part of his attention already is turning to his future business career.

He announced the launch of Jeter Publishing, a partnership with Simon & Schuster, last November and became a partner and brand development officer of Luvo, a food company encouraging healthy nutrition that also struck an agreement with the Yankees. The 40-year-old posed for pictures with the company's first food truck Monday.

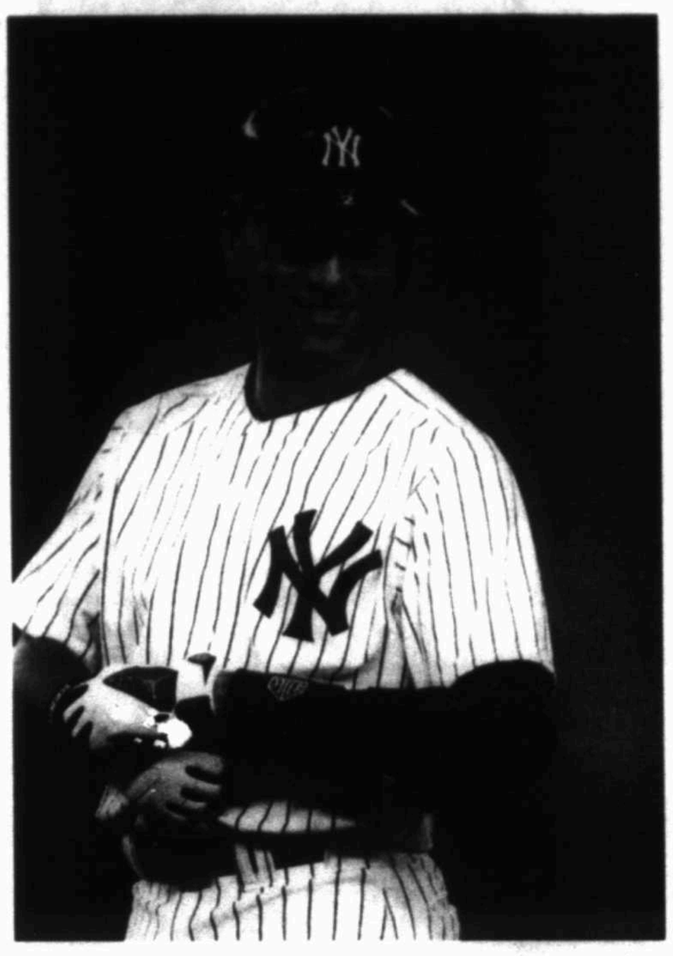
"You've got to get involved with things that mean something to you, like this here does," Jeter said. "I don't think you just attach your name to anything that's out there. It has to mean something."

As he's climbed the lists of Yankees career leaders, alongside Babe Ruth, Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Yogi Berra and Mickey Mantle, Jeter has struck deals with national brands such as Gatorade, Movado, Nike's Brand Jordan, Rawlings and the memorabilia dealer Steiner Sports.

After the Yankees beat Baltimore in his final home opener, Jeter joked that he didn't have much hope of leaving the ballpark with any mementos.

"I'm good taking the win," he said, "but Steiner Sports has the rest."

As he shifts toward his retirement days, Jeter is likely to be turning more attention to his Turn 2 Foundation and do deals that made him a brand spokesman and give him equity.



Kathy Willens/AP

New York's Derek Jeter smiles during Monday's game against the Texas Rangers.

Commercial ties for retired Yankees greats are hardly unprecedented. DiMaggio was the long-time face of Mr. Coffee and the Bowery Savings Bank, and Berra pitched the Yoo-hoo chocolate drink.

"There's things that I thought of, but still my number-one priority is to play right now. I'll have plenty of time to think about that when I'm finished," he said. "It's not immediate. I've been doing this for a long time, so when I'm finished, I want to take some time, where I don't have any schedule, and I can just sit around and enjoy myself. But, yeah, business ventures are important to me."

He's not sure how much time he will spend in New York — he'll be in the area some because his parents live in New Jersey and his sister and nephew are in the area. But he's already downsized his Big Apple holdings.

A trust controlled by Jeter sold his 5,425-square-foot apartment on the 70th floor of Trump World Tower on Manhattan's East Side in October 2012 for $15.5 million. His primary residence is set to be the 30,875-square foot house he had constructed on Davis Islands in Tampa, Florida, in 2010-11 that some have nicknamed "St. Jetersburg."

While he doesn't want to coach or manage, he's repeatedly said he would be interested in becoming a team owner, which would follow the path taken by retired NBA stars Michael Jordan and Magic Johnson and by hockey great Wayne Gretzky — though Gretzky has coached, too.

"It's not immediate," Jeter said. "I don't really know about what kind of timetable it is."

Almost all his attention remains focused on playing. As the Yankees make their final trips to each city, Jeter is honored and presented with gifts. He was the focus of last week's All-Star game, when baseball Commissioner Bud Selig gushed "how lucky can this sport be to have the icon of this generation turn out to be Derek Jeter?" The Yankees said Friday they will honor him during a pregame ceremony on Sept. 7.

"Everyone likes to get gifts. You like when people say good things about you," Jeter said. "I don't expect it, but when you receive it, yeah, it makes you feel good."

After winning five World Series titles, Jeter would like to go out with another. The Yankees entered Monday night 50-47, uncertain whether they will make the postseason.

Jeter wouldn't say if failure to reach the playoffs would make his final season feel incomplete.

"If. If. If. You know I don't comment on ifs," he said. "My job is to play and make sure we get to where we want to get to, so I don't speculate."

MLB STANDINGS, BOX AND LINESCORES

STANDINGS
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	53	44	.546	—
New York	50	48	.510	3 1/2
Toronto	51	49	.510	3 1/2
Boston	47	52	.475	7
Tampa Bay	47	53	.470	7 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	54	41	.568	—
Cleveland	50	49	.505	6
Kansas City	48	50	.490	7 1/2
Chicago	48	52	.480	8 1/2
Minnesota	45	53	.459	10 1/2

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	61	37	.622	—
Los Angeles	59	38	.608	1 1/2
Seattle	52	46	.531	9
Houston	41	58	.414	20 1/2
Texas	40	58	.404	21 1/2

Monday's Scores

Texas (N.Martinez 7-6) at N.Y. Yankees (Whitley 4-3), 6:05 p.m.
Boston (Peavy 1-8) at Toronto (Happ 7-7), 6:07 p.m.
Cleveland (Salazar 1-4) at Minnesota (Pino 2-2), 7:10 p.m.
Kansas City (B.Chen 1-1) at Chicago White Sox (Carroll 4-5), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 2-5) at St. Louis (Wainwright 12-4), 7:15 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 12-5) at Arizona (C.Anderson 0-4), 8:40 p.m.
Baltimore (M.Gonzalez 4-1) at L.A. Angels (J.Santiago 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Oberholtzer 1-7) at Oakland (Kazmir 11-3), 9:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-6) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 4-4), 9:10 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	54	43	.557	—
Atlanta	54	43	.545	[illegible]
Miami	46	52	.469	8 1/2
New York	46	52	.469	8 1/2
Philadelphia	43	54	.434	11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	55	41	.550	—
St. Louis	52	45	.545	[illegible]
Pittsburgh	52	47	.525	[illegible]
Cincinnati	47	48	.495	[illegible]
Chicago	44	55	.444	[illegible]

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Francisco	57	44	.564	—
Los Angeles	56	45	.554	[illegible]
San Diego	51	50	.505	[illegible]
Arizona	51	54	.486	[illegible]
Colorado	46	59	.438	[illegible]

Monday's Scores

L.A. Dodgers (Beckett 6-5) at Pittsburgh (Worley 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Petit 1-1) at Philadelphia (A.Hernandez 2-8), 6:05 p.m.
Miami (J.Turner 1-6) at Atlanta (Minor 11-4), 6:10 p.m.
San Diego (Shults 3-1) at Chicago (Jeffress 0-0), 7:05 p.m.
Cincinnati (Bailey 4-5) at Milwaukee (Peralta 11-6), 7:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Odorizzi 2-5) at St. Louis (Wainwright 12-4), 7:15 p.m.
Washington (Zimmermann 6-5) at Colorado (Kendrick 2-1), 8:40 p.m.
Detroit (Porcello 12-5) at Arizona (C.Anderson 0-4), 8:40 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (deGrom 4-6) at Seattle (E.Ramirez 4-4), 9:10 p.m.

MONDAY'S AL WEST BOX
RANGERS 4, YANKEES 2

Texas	ab	r	h	bi	New York	ab	r	h	bi
Choo rf	5	1	2	1	Gardnr lf	2	0	0	0
Andrus ss	5	0	1	0	Jeter ss	3	1	0	0
A.Beltre 3b	5	0	1	1	Ellsbry cf	4	1	2	1
Arencib 1b	5	0	0	0	Beltran dh	3	0	0	1
LMartn cf	5	0	0	0	K.Johnsn 1b	4	0	1	0
Smlnsk dh	3	1	2	0	B.Roberts 2b	4	0	0	0
Gimenz ph-dh	0	0	0	0	i.Suzuki rf	3	0	0	0
Adduci lf	4	1	0	0	McCnn ph	0	0	0	0
G.Soto c	3	1	2	1	Cervelli c	3	0	1	0
Chirins c	1	0	0	0	Solarte pr	1	0	0	0
Odor 2b	4	0	2	1	Zoilo 3b	3	0	1	0
Totals	**40**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**5**	**2**

Texas ..... 001 003 000—4
New York ..... 100 100 000—2

E—Jeter (8). B.Roberts (10). Greene 3. DP—Texas 1. LOB—Texas 12. New York 6. 2B—Choo (15). HR—Ellsbury (8). CS—Andrus (10). SF—Beltran.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Mikolas W,1-2	7 1-3	4	2	2	2	3
Cotts	2/3	0	0	0	1	1
Soria S,17-18	1	0	0	0	0	0
New York						
Greene L,2-1	5 2-3	5	4	4	1	5
Thornton	0	2	0	0	0	0
Warren	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
Huff	2	2	0	0	1	3

Thornton pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.
HBP—by Soria (McCann), by Greene (Smolinski). Balk—Mikolas.
T—3:31. A—45,278 (49,642).

MONDAY'S LINESCORES
AMERICAN LEAGUE
RED SOX 14, BLUE JAYS 1

Boston ..... 024 260 000—14 18 0
Toronto ..... 001 000 000—1 3 0

Lackey, Doubront (8), Breslow (9) and Vazquez; Hutchison, Mills (8), Rasmussen (8), Redmond (8) and Kratz. W—Lackey, 11-6. L—Hutchison, 6-9. HRs—Boston, Drew (3), D.Ortiz 2 (22), Napoli (12).

WHITE SOX 3, ROYALS 1

Kansas City ..... 000 100 000—1 8 1
Chicago ..... 200 001 00x—3 6 0

Guthrie, Crow (7), S.Downs (8), Frasor (8) and Hayes; Sale, Belisario (8), Petricka (9) and Flowers. W—Sale, 11-7. L—Guthrie, 5-9. Sv—Petricka (4).

TWINS 4, INDIANS 3

Cleveland ..... 001 010 010—3 8 0
Minnesota ..... 021 000 01x—4 9 2

House, C.Lee (6), Hagadone (8), Axford (7), Pestano (8) and R.Perez; Kinnison, Thielbar (6), Burton (7), Fien (8), Perkins (9) and K.Suzuki. W—Fien, 4-0. L—Shaw, 4-2. Sv—Perkins (23). HRs—Minnesota, Willingham (9).

NATIONAL LEAGUE
DODGERS 5, PIRATES 2

Los Angeles ..... 002 300 000—5 12 0
Pittsburgh ..... 000 200 000—2 6 0

Ryu, B.Wilson (8), Howell (8), Jansen (9) and A.Ellis; Volquez, J.Gomez (6), Frieri (8), Pimentel (9) and R.Martin. W—Ryu, 11-5. L—Volquez, 8-7. Sv—Jansen (29).

GIANTS 7, PHILLIES 4

San Francisco ..... 012 003 010—7 15 1
Philadelphia ..... 020 200 000—4 14 0

Vogelsong, Kontos (4), Lopez (6), Machi (7), Affeldt (8), Casilla (9) and Posey; C.Lee, De Fratus (6), Bastardo (7), Manship (8), Hollands (9) and Rupp. W—Kontos, 2-0. L—C.Lee, 4-5. Sv—Casilla (5). HRs—San Francisco, Duvall (2).

MARLINS 3, BRAVES 1

Miami ..... 000 010 000 2—3 8 2
Atlanta ..... 010 000 000 0—1 6 0

Koehler, M.Dunn (7), A.Ramos (8), Morris (9), Cishek (10) and Saltalamacchia; Teheran, Walden (8), Kimbrel (9), S.Simmons (10), Jenkins (10) and Gaths. W—Morris, 7-0. L—S.Simmons, 1-4. Sv—Cishek (22). HRs—Miami, Saltalamacchia (10).

BREWERS 5, REDS 2

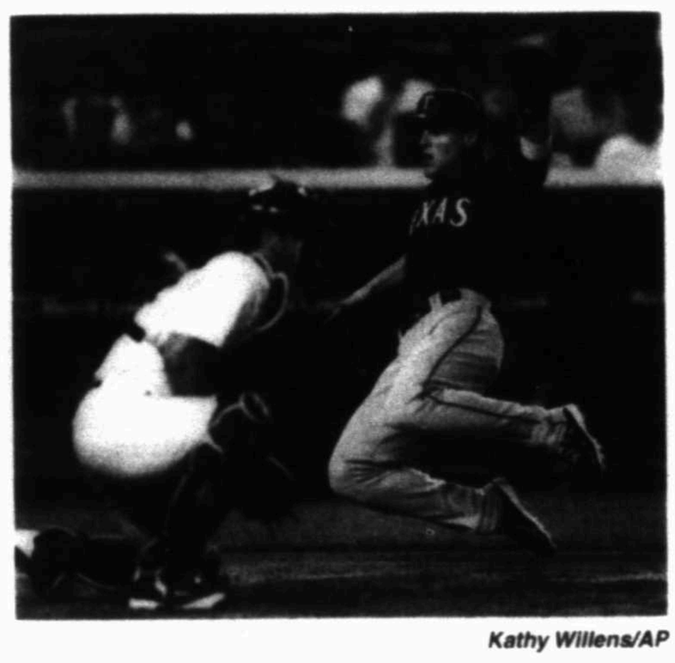
Cincinnati ..... 000 001 010—2 5 2
Milwaukee ..... 003 200 00x—5 8 0

Latos, Contreras (8) and Mesoraco; W.Peralta, A.Smith (8), H.Rodriguez (9) and Lucroy. W—W.Peralta, 11-6. L—Latos, 2-2. Sv—H.Rodriguez (29). HRs—Cincinnati, B.Hamilton (6), Negron (2).

NATIONALS 7, ROCKIES 2

Washington ..... 000 400 201—7 13 0
Colorado ..... 000 002 000—2 10 2

Fister, Barrett (6), Blevins (7), Detwiler (8) and W.Ramos; F.Morales, Kahnle (7), Hawkins (9) and Rosario. W—Fister, 9-2. L—F.Morales, 5-5. HRs—Washington, Desmond (17).



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New York Yankees catcher Francisco Cervelli waits for the throw as Texas' Jim Adduci, right, scores in Monday's game at Yankee Stadium in New York.

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American League

RED SOX 14
BLUE JAYS 1

TORONTO — David Ortiz hit the 452nd and 453rd home runs of his career, moving past Boston great Carl Yastrzemski into 36th place on the all-time list, and the Red Sox won their fifth straight game Monday night, routing the Toronto Blue Jays 14-1.

Ortiz matched Yastrzemski with a two-run blast to center off left-hander Brad Mills in the fourth, then broke the short-lived tie with another two-run shot off Mills in the fifth, his 21st and 22nd homers of the season.

It was the third multihomer game of the season for Ortiz and the 44th of his career.

Ortiz's first homer ended his 0-for-18 skid against Toronto and an 0-for-11 slump overall.

Mike Napoli followed Ortiz's second shot with his 12th homer, the fourth time this season Boston has gone back-to-back.

John Lackey (11-6) allowed one run and two hits in seven innings to win his second straight start.

WHITE SOX 3
ROYALS 1

CHICAGO — Chris Sale pitched seven effective innings in his first outing since the All-Star break and Adam Dunn had two RBI and scored a run to lead the Chicago White Sox to a 3-1 victory over the slumping Kansas City Royals on Monday night.

Sale (9-1) wasn't at his best, allowing seven hits and a walk in seven innings, but he worked out of jams in the fourth and sixth innings. He struck out eight and now has allowed three runs or less in 14 of his 15 starts this season. Jake Petricka pitched the ninth for his fourth save.

Dunn went 1-for-2 with a pair of walks as the White Sox for the fourth time in six games.

Danny Valencia went 1-for-2 with a RBI for Kansas City, which has dropped four straight and seven of eight. Jeremy Guthrie (5-9) gave up three runs on five hits in six innings.

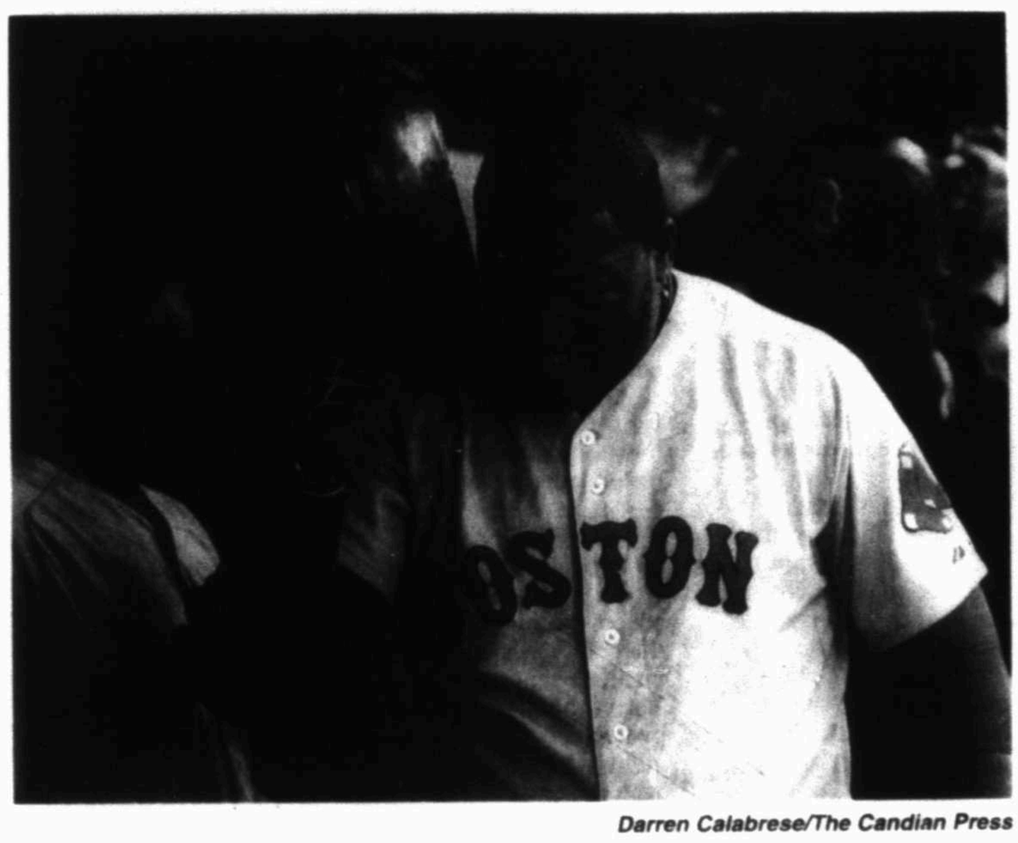
TWINS 4
INDIANS 3

MINNEAPOLIS — Josh Willingham's tiebreaking home run in the eighth inning sent the Minnesota Twins to a 4-3 victory over the Cleveland Indians on Monday night.

Kurt Suzuki had a two-run double among his three hits. Trevor Plouffe hit an RBI double and the Twins beat the Indians at home for the first time in more than 11 months.

Suzuki, a first-time All-Star selection who was the catcher for the ninth inning of the American League's victory here at Target Field last week, posted his ninth three-hit game this season. He raised his batting average to .311 and is 25 for 63 in his last 17 games.

In another All-Star game reprise, Glen Perkins pitched a perfect ninth for his 23rd save in 26 chances.



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Boston's David Ortiz takes off his helmet after hitting a two-run home run in the fourth inning of Monday's game against the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto.

National League

GIANTS 7
PHILLIES 4

PHILADELPHIA — Adam Duvall hit a two-run homer to spoil Cliff Lee's return from the disabled list and the San Francisco Giants beat the Philadelphia Phillies 7-4 on Monday night.

Hunter Pence had three hits and two RBI, Buster Posey drove in two runs and the Giants remained tied with the Los Angeles Dodgers for first place in the NL West.

Giants starter Ryan Vogelsong gave up four runs — three earned — and 11 hits in three-plus innings. But San Francisco's bullpen combined for six scoreless innings.

George Kontos (2-0) gave up one hit and struck out three in two innings in relief to earn the win. Santiago Casilla pitched the ninth for his sixth save in nine tries.

Making his first start since May 18 because of an elbow injury, Lee (4-5) allowed six runs and 12 hits in 5 2-3 innings in this one.

DODGERS 5
PIRATES 2

PITTSBURGH — Hyun-Jin Ryu pitched seven strong innings, Adrian Gonzalez reached base five times and the Los Angeles Dodgers beat the Pittsburgh Pirates 5-2 on Monday night.

Ryu (11-5) joined Zack Greinke and Clayton Kershaw in making the Dodgers the first team in the majors with three 11-game winners. The left-hander allowed two runs and five hits with a walk and five strikeouts.

Justin Turner had two RBI and scored twice for the Dodgers, who snapped Pittsburgh's six-game home winning streak. Pirates starter Edinson Volquez (8-7) had won four straight starts, tying his career high.

Los Angeles played without right fielder Yasiel Puig (left hand) and shortstop Hanley Ramirez (left wrist) after both were injured when they were hit by pitches last weekend in St. Louis.

Puig and Ramirez had X-rays in Pittsburgh that came back negative Monday.

MARLINS 3
BRAVES 1, 10 INNINGS

ATLANTA — Garrett Jones drove in two runs with a bases-loaded single in the 10th inning, lifting the Miami Marlins to a 3-1 victory over the Atlanta Braves on Monday night.

Christian Yelich led off the 10th with a single off Shae Simmons (1-2) and moved to second on Jordany Valdespin's sacrifice bunt. Following an intentional walk to Giancarlo Stanton, Simmons walked Casey McGehee to load the bases.

Jones broke a 1-1 tie with his grounder past Simmons into center field.

Bryan Morris (7-0) stranded two runners in a scoreless ninth. Steve Cishek pitched a perfect 10th inning for his 22nd save.

Jarrod Saltalamacchia hit his 10th homer for Miami in the fifth for a 1-1 tie that held until the ninth.

NATIONALS 7
ROCKIES 2

DENVER — Ian Desmond tied a career high with five hits, including a two-run homer, and Doug Fister threw effectively into the sixth to help the Washington Nationals beat the sinking Colorado Rockies 7-2 on Monday night.

The 6-foot-8 Fister (9-2) — all "elbows and knees" as Charlie Blackmon described him — allowed nine hits before being pulled with two outs in the sixth after running into trouble.

Desmond had four singles — including one off the arm of reliever LaTroy Hawkins in the ninth — to go with his 17th homer of the season.

Franklin Morales (5-5) surrendered four runs — three earned — in six innings.

Ben Paulsen had two hits and drove in a run in his major league debut for the Rockies, who've lost six straight.

BREWERS 5
REDS 2

MILWAUKEE — Milwaukee scored three runs on two misjudged balls in the outfield by Chris Heisey, and Wily Peralta pitched seven strong innings in the Brewers' 5-2 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Monday night.

Ryan Braun hit a two-run double in the third on which Heisey took a couple of steps in before retreating as the high liner went over his head. The four-year veteran with 134 career starts in left field apparently lost Carlos Gomez's high fly ball to the warning track in the fourth inning that turned into an RBI ground-rule double that made it 4-0.

Peralta (11-6) allowed three hits, including Billy Hamilton's solo homer. Francisco Rodriguez threw a 1-2-3 ninth for his

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Mikolas yielded two runs, including Jacoby Ellsbury's homer, and four hits in a career-high 7 1-3 innings to outlast Greene in a matchup of 25-year-old pitchers getting a shot because of injury-wrecked rotations.

"I felt once he kind of got rolling, once he got some confidence, especially in an environment like this, you can get rolling," Roberts said of Mikolas.

Joakim Soria gave up a single to Kelly Johnson and plunked pinch-hitter Brian McCann with a pitch before getting Yangervis Solarte to fly out for his 17th save.

Winners of only five of their last 25 games, the Rangers then broke through against Greene in his first appearance at Yankee Stadium.

Soto struck out with runners on first and third in the second — they were there thanks to two poor throws to first base by Greene — but came through with the tying hit in the sixth, a single to left after Jake Smolinski singled and Jim Adduci walked.

"He was still throwing the ball well," Girardi said when asked why he left Greene in so long. "He gave up a broken-bat bloop hit over the third baseman's glove. It's not like they were hitting him hard."

Matt Thornton relieved Greene and gave up consecutive run-scoring hits to Odor and Choo.

Playing the outfield for the first time since the All-Star break because of left ankle trouble, Choo snapped an 0-for-22 skid with a third-inning double.

Greene was charged with four runs and five hits in 5 2-3 innings. He had given up just two runs total in his first two career starts.

Carlos Beltran put New York ahead with a sacrifice fly in the first after Jeter walked, advanced to second on a balk and third on Ellsbury's single.

Ellsbury homered leading off the fourth to give the Yankees a 2-1 lead. It was the seventh straight time he reached base after going 4 for 4 with a walk in a win over Cincinnati on Sunday.

NOTES: Rangers C Soto left after the top of the sixth with tightness in his right groin. He said he will see how it feels Tuesday before deciding if he can play. Smolinski bruised his left foot and was lifted for a pinch hitter in the ninth. ... Rangers RF Alex Rios (sprained right ankle) missed his second straight game. Washington said Rios looked much better and could play before the series ends Thursday.

Witness: Sterling needs Clippers sale to pay debts

By Linda Deutsch
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — The chief financial officer of Donald Sterling's properties said Monday that the billionaire may be forced to sell a large portion of his real estate empire to cover $500 million in loans if he persists in refusing to sell the Los Angeles Clippers for $2 billion.

Darren Schield, who oversees the finances of The Sterling Family Trust, testified Monday that three banks are ready to recall their loans to Sterling because of his decision to dissolve the trust. His move was designed to rescind his signed agreement for the sale of the Clippers, a team he bought for $12 million.

Schield said if Sterling has to dump $500 million worth of apartment buildings he could destabilize the Los Angeles real estate market.

Sterling attorney Maxwell Blecher suggested that Sterling could take the company public in order to raise funds.

But Shelly Sterling's lawyer, Pierce O'Donnell asked if it would be easy to go public "with Donald Sterling's reputation."

Schield responded: "There's huge reputation issues. I don't know if anyone would want to go into partnership with him."

The NBA banned Donald Sterling for life for making racist statements after the release of recorded conversations. Sterling has denied he is a racist from the witness stand.

Schield testified in the probate trial that if Sterling's loans go into default and he needs to refinance, banks would be reluctant to give him that much money at the low rate he has now.

"I know the bank looks at this as a higher credit risk with all this going on," he said. "The rate would go up considerably."

Sterling, the volatile owner of the team, agreed to the sale but then dissolved the family trust in an effort to stop it.

Schield, testifying at the trial that will decide the future of a $2 billion deal to sell the Clippers to former Microsoft CEO Steve Ballmer, said he warned Sterling not to revoke the trust last month.

"I told him a revocation of the trust would be a breach of the loan covenants and would result in defaults," Schield said.

He said he also discussed it with Sterling's lawyer, Bobby Samini.

"I told him this revocation would open up a Pandora's box and trigger defaults," Schield said.

"Does the company have $500 million to pay off the loans?" asked O'Donnell.

"We do not," Schield answered.

Asked what the recourse would be, he said, "We would have to start selling real estate. If we have to sell $500 million in apartment buildings, it would have an impact on the Los Angeles real estate market."

Donald Sterling's lawyers who had said they planned to call six witnesses Monday produced none of them and court was recessed early.

Shelly Sterling, Donald Sterling's wife who had been listed as a witness, was in court but was not called to the stand. She was scheduled to return Tuesday.

Her lawyers said their witnesses on Tuesday will include Richard Parsons, CEO of the Clippers. Outside court, Balmer's lawyer, Adam Streisand, said he believes the judge will rule in favor of Shelly Sterling.

"Do I think the trust will be reinstated after that?" he said. "You bet it will."

If the sale doesn't go through by Sept. 15, the NBA can seize the team and sell it at auction, Streisand said.

Donald Sterling has vowed he'll never sell the team. He claims he is the victim of illegally recorded conversations that invaded his privacy.

QB Ash among Texas players cleared to practice

Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas quarterback David Ash has been cleared to participate in contact drills when the Longhorns return for training camp.

Ash missed most of last season with concussion symptoms and missed part of spring drills with a broken left foot.

Trainer Anthony Pass also cleared sophomore running back Johnathan Gray, who missed part of last season with an Achilles tendon injury. Senior linebacker Jordan Hicks, who had hip and Achilles tendon injuries the last two seasons, also has been cleared to practice.

Texas starts the season under new coach Charlie Strong on Aug. 30 at home against North Texas.

Big 12 assigns 1st female football official

Associated Press

DALLAS — The Big 12 Conference has assigned a female official to work one of its games for the first time in league history.

Commissioner Bob Bowlsby said Monday that Catherine "Cat" Conti will be on the crew for Kansas' season opener at home Sept. 6 against Southeast Missouri State.

While calling this a good opportunity for Conti and the league, Bowlsby said Big 12 officiating supervisor Walt Anderson assigned Conti "because she is just a darned good official."

Bowlsby said Conti, a Southland Conference official, has paid her dues.

Kansas coach Charlie Weis jokingly said he'll try not to use as many curse words during the game.

Big 12 commish's dire warning about pending change

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

DALLAS — Big 12 Commissioner Bob Bowlsby had a dire warning Monday for anyone who likes intercollegiate athletics the way they are now.

"You're going to hate it going forward," Bowlsby said. "There's a lot of change coming."

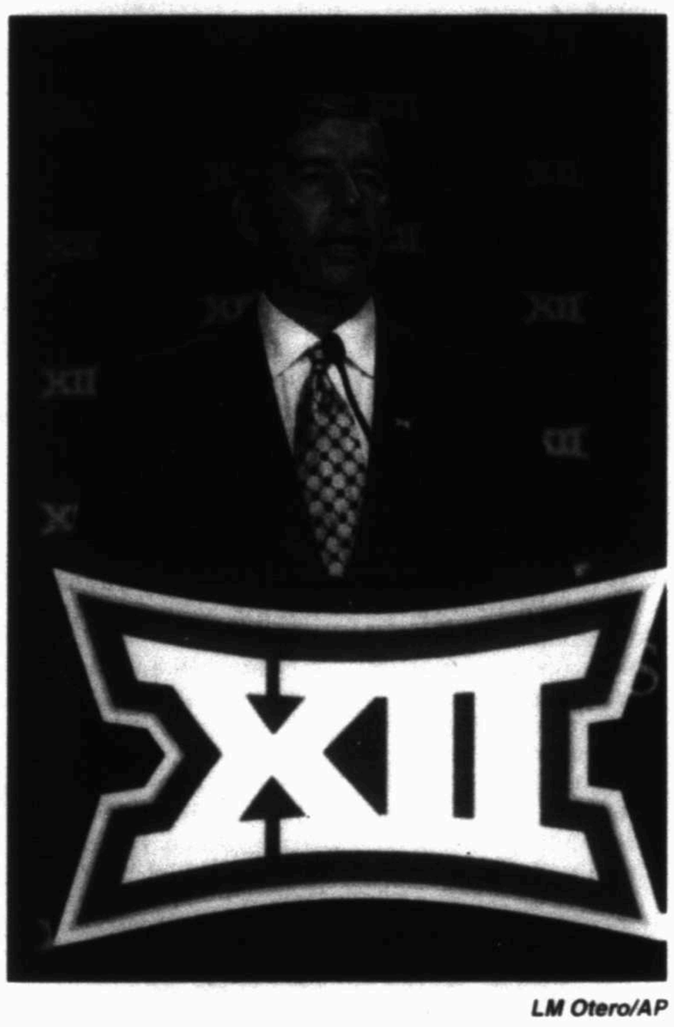
During his opening address at Big 12 football media days, Bowlsby talked about growing financial constraints athletic programs face going forward and the "strange environment" that exists with class-action lawsuits against the NCAA and its member schools.

Bowlsby said he's doesn't think there is a real understanding of how much lawsuits — which he numbered as seven and "growing all the time" — could radically alter things.

"I think all of that in the end will cause programs to be eliminated. I think you'll see men's Olympic sports go away as a result of the new funding challenges that are coming down the pike," he said. "I think there may be tension among and between sports on campus and institutions that have different resources."

While acknowledging the outcomes are unknown, the former Stanford athletic director expressed concern about fewer opportunities for some athletes to go college in the future.

"I fear that we will get past the change and then we'll realize that all the gymnastics programs went away, or that we have agents on campus all the time negotiating playing time for student athletes," he said. "There's all kind of Armageddon scenarios you could come up with. ... You wouldn't have to be a very good fiction writer to come up with some scenarios that would be pretty scary."



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Big 12 commissioner Bob Bowlsby speaks at the opening of Big 12 Conference media days Monday in Dallas, Monday.

A year ago, Bowlsby's opening address was part of a coordinated effort by the leaders of the power conferences — the Big 12, SEC, Big Ten, Pac-12 and ACC — in calling for transformative changes in the governance system of the NCAA.

The NCAA board of directors is set to vote Aug. 7 on a proposal to give schools in the highest-profile conferences more influence over college rules. The proposal also would give athletic directors and athletes bigger roles in the legislative process, and give the power conferences autonomy to make their own bylaws.

That vote will come a day after the Big 12 sponsors in New York the first in a scheduled series of forums on the state of college athletics.

When addressing potential unionization of football and basketball players, Bowlsby said "student-athletes are not employees. They should never be employees. It's not an employee/employer relationship."

Bowlsby also said the NCAA is "headed down a path of significant financial difficulty" with revenues from television packages going up about 2 1/2 percent a year while expenses are increasing more than 4 percent annually.

That includes schools paying $1 million or more per year under new rules to start providing unlimited food and nutrition to student-athletes. Plus, future scholarships could provide more money to cover the full cost of attendance.

"I think that's great. I think there are ways that it costs more than room, board, books, tuition, and fees to go to school," Bowlsby said. " But even in an environment where we have some additional revenue coming in from television resources, primarily, it is going to be very difficult for many institutions to fund that.

"In the end, it's a somewhat zero-sum game. There's only so much money out there. I don't think that coaches and athletic directors are likely going to take pay cuts," he said. "And I think over a period of time what we'll find is that instead of keeping a tennis program, they're going to do the things that it takes to keep the football and men's and women's basketball programs strong."

Bowlsby also addressed the NCAA enforcement program, which he said "is broken" considering no hearings before the infractions committee in almost a year even though he doesn't believe cheating is rampant.

"I think it's not an understatement to say cheating pays presently," he said "If you seek to conspire to certainly bend the rules, you can do it successfully and probably not get caught in most occasions. ... They're in a battle with a BB gun in their hand. They're fighting howitzers."

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a week, instead of the standard 20 under NCAA rules, though coach Mike Gundy said that won't be too much of an issue.

"We haven't used the 20 hours in a number of years. And when you put it down on paper, we end up being about 45 minutes short," Gundy said. "We'll incorporate a few new things in two-a-days prior to school starting, when we don't have any limitations, and we'll move forward. I've challenged the players with accepting responsibility to make up for that time during the week."

TCU won three consecutive Mountain West Conference titles before switching conferences two years ago, but is 6-12 in Big 12 games and coming off its first losing season since 2004. Coach Gary Patterson, the former defensive coordinator who directs that side of the ball, made a significant change in hiring co-offensive coordinators Doug Meacham and Sonny Cumbie this offseason to install a more up-tempo offense.

"Truly a change of philosophy," Patterson said. "It's about scoring points. We can't turn the ball over. And then on defense, it's still about stopping the run, still about making people kick field goals and don't give up the big play."

Texas Tech won its first seven games last season for new coach Kliff Kingsbury, then lost five Big 12 games in a row before a victory over Arizona State in the Holiday Bowl.

Kingsbury said that season-ending victory "was huge" for the team and quarterback Davis Webb, who capped his freshman season as the bowl offensive MVP. Webb goes into this season clearly established as the No. 1 quarterback after Michael Brewer left during the offseason.

"I've been excited for Davis, to watch the progress he had," Kingsbury said. "Having not been named a starter, he never pouted, never shut it down, just kept working. He knew he would get his chance. When he did, he made the most of it."

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Texas Tech's Rodney Hall runs the ball as Keenon Ward brings him down March 29 at the Texas Tech scrimmage at Grande Communications Stadium.

Petrino returns to Louisville for 1st ACC season

By Aaron Beard
Associated Press

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Bobby Petrino turned Louisville into a top-10 team nearly a decade ago. Now, more than two years after a scandal derailed his career, Petrino is back with the Cardinals as they enter the Atlantic Coast Conference.

The 53-year-old coach is out to show he is worthy of a second chance with the school he left for the NFL.

"I need to prove to myself and everybody else on a daily basis that this is the right decision," he said Monday during the second of the ACC's two-day preseason event.

Petrino was a first-time head coach when he arrived at Louisville in 2003, guiding the Cardinals to a 41-9 record over four seasons that included winning the Orange Bowl after the 2006 season.

But his career had a few wild swings as well as an embarrassing off-field incident in the coming years, enough so that Petrino said he is conscious of living up to the extra chance that Louisville has given him.

"I think (with) the experiences I've had, that I can help young men with the obstacles that they're going to be presented with off the field and the situations that are going to come up," Petrino said. "And be able to help them and give them second chances."

Petrino left Louisville to coach the NFL's Atlanta Falcons, but bolted late in his only season in 2007 to go to Arkansas. Then he was fired there in 2012 after a scandal that began with a motorcycle accident in which he later revealed that his mistress was a passenger.

In a statement after his firing, Petrino apologized for hurting his family and letting down the Arkansas community "by making selfish decisions."

"I've taken a lot of criticism in the past," he said then. "Some deserved, some not deserved."

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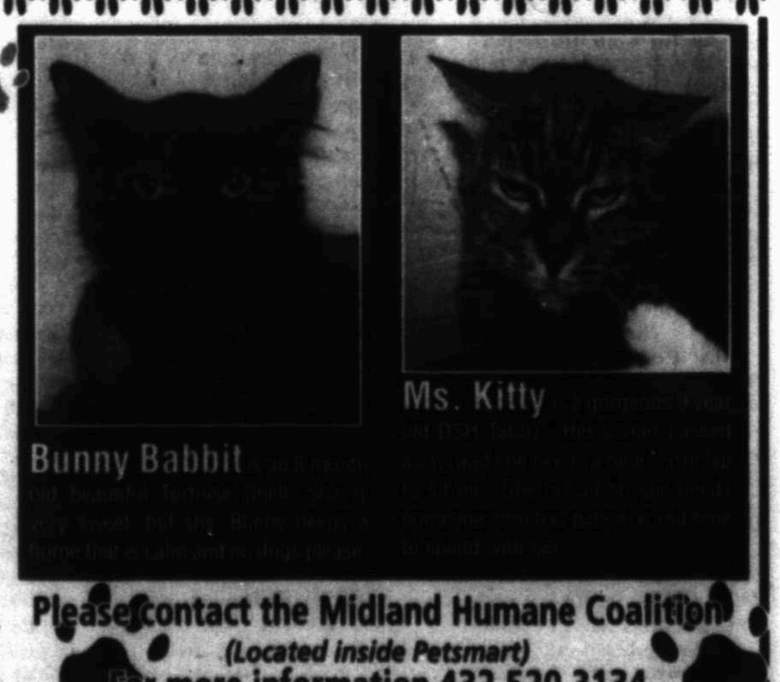
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McIlroy will emerge even stronger than ever

DOUG FERGUSON

Associated Press

HOYLAKE, England — The celebration began long before Rory McIlroy had a chance to drink out of the claret jug.

McIlroy was upstairs in the clubhouse at Royal Liverpool for the traditional toast with the R&A, unable to ignore the chants below from club members waiting for a glimpse of the British Open champion.

"Rory! Rory! Rory!"

It was a raucous scene for a club that starts with "Royal," but such is the personality of Liverpool. The members booed anyone who came down the stairs who did not have curly brown hair, freckles and a claret jug. And their cheers shook the brick clubhouse when Boy Wonder finally descended with the oldest trophy in golf.

The scene was so much different a year ago.

McIlroy stood on a podium in a makeshift tent outside Muirfield, speaking to reporters with a vacant look in those brown eyes. He had just opened with a 79, his worst start ever in a major in what was shaping up as a year to forget. He had no idea what was wrong with him or his game.

"Sometimes I feel like I'm walking around out there and I'm unconscious," he said that day. "I just need to try to think more. I'm trying to focus and trying to concentrate but, yeah, I can't really fathom it at the minute.

"I'm definitely under thinking on the golf course. Maybe overthinking off it."

He looked lost.

Now he looks like the best player in golf. And odds are, the worst of times might lead to the best.

If he felt unconscious on the golf course a year ago, he looked unconscious at times at Royal Liverpool. His golf was simply explosive on Friday afternoon with two bursts of birdies, and plenty of chances in between, on his way to a 66. The defining moment of this championship was Saturday, when McIlroy went from a share of the lead to six shots clear in just over an hour. He made eagle on two of the last three holes with two mammoth drives, two pretty swings and two perfect putts.

Nothing came easily to McIlroy over the last 18 months.

He was criticized for swapping out equipment when he signed a megadeal with Nike. He showed his age when he quit in the middle of the Honda Classic and initially blamed it on a sore wisdom tooth. He changed agents for the second time, and lawsuits followed that are still to be decided in court. He got engaged to tennis player Caroline Wozniacki to start the new year, then broke it off with a telephone call in May.

And there he was on Sunday, introduced as the "champion golfer of the year," his name etched in silver, his eyes gazing at all the names on that claret jug.

Asked for a low point during his struggles, McIlroy didn't hesitate.

"This time last year," he said.

Through it all, the 25-year-old from Northern Ireland never doubted he could return. He won the U.S. Open and the PGA Championship by eight shots. That wasn't an accident. He won the money title on both sides of the Atlantic. There was never a question of his skill.

"It was just trying to find a way to make it come out again," McIlroy said. "But yeah, definitely, missing the cut at Muirfield last year was a very low point. I never missed a cut at The Open before. I said to myself, 'I'll try to never make that happen again.' It's been huge what a difference a year makes. But it's turned into a great year."

And the tough times should only lead to better times.

Tom Watson knows that as well as anyone. He flopped badly in his first couple of shots at a major until he won the Open at Carnoustie in 1975, the first of eight majors and a career that ranks among the best. He played the British Open for the 37th time. Watson has seen a lot in his career, and failure piques his interest as much as success.

"He's gone through a struggle with his golf game over a period of time," Watson said of McIlroy. "And now it seems like he's got it back. And you learn a lot from your failures. And he'll come back stronger if you fail. I know it was a burden on him. The frustration was there with him. All golfers feel the same frustration. You've gone through the low spells. You've gone through the times where you couldn't break an egg.

"And then finally, all of a sudden, the light switch will turn on ... and it gets easy. That's what happened to me many times in my career. And it seems like it's happened to Rory."

Where does McIlroy go from here? He has moved to No. 2 in the world behind Adam Scott. Even though the PGA Championship is three weeks away, his eyes already are looking ahead to Augusta National in April, a shot at the Masters to become only the sixth player to complete the career Grand Slam.

"When he's in rhythm, he's phenomenal," Scott said. "He doesn't have weaknesses and he has more strengths than most anyone else. When he's in rhythm, you'll see him shoot low numbers all the time."

Manziel scores as NFL's top-selling jersey

By Tom Withers

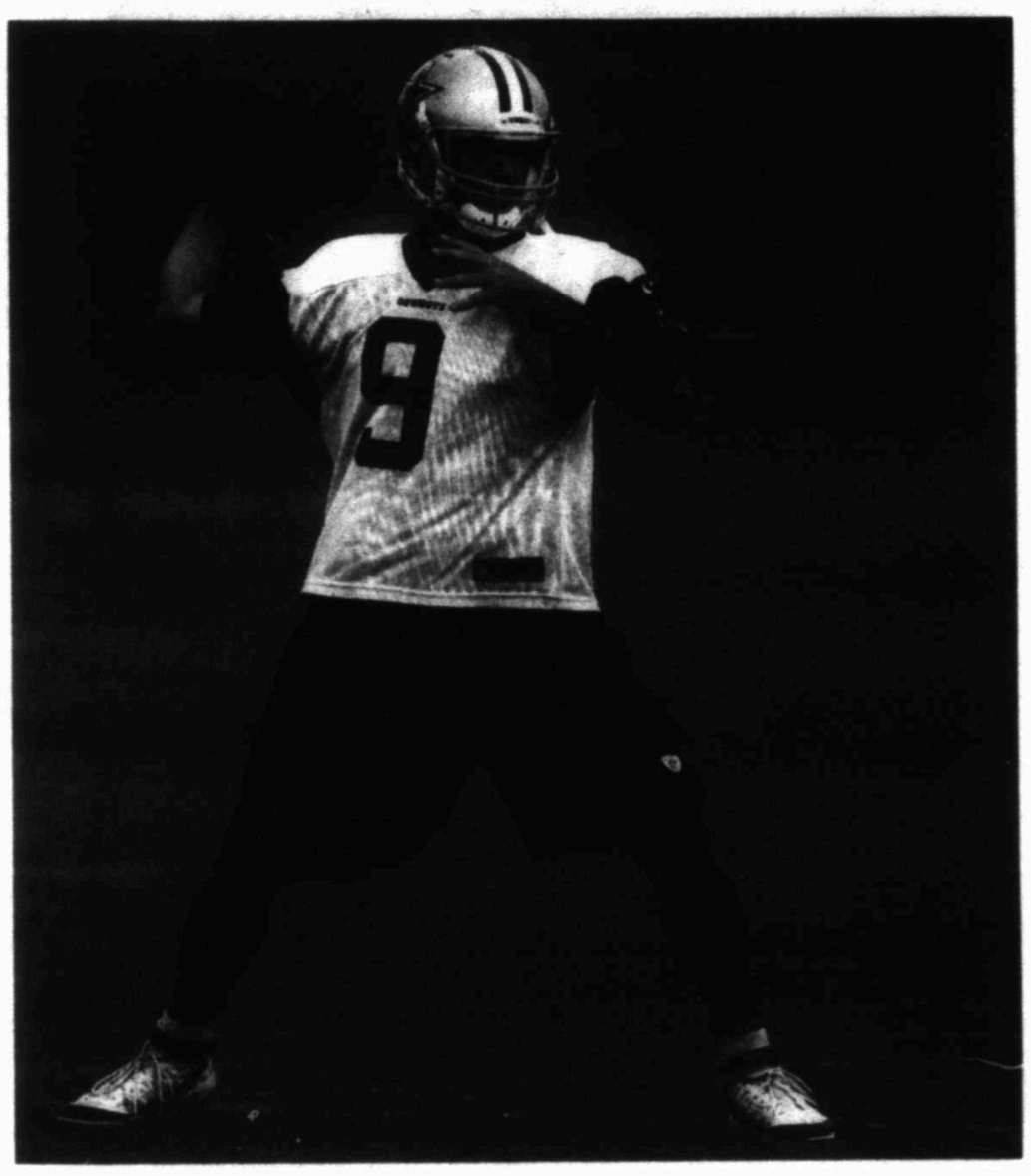
Associated Press

CLEVELAND — Second on Cleveland's depth chart, Johnny Manziel already tops one NFL list.

The popular rookie quarterback, who will begin his first training camp this week as a backup, had the league's top-selling jersey since April 1. The league said Monday that Manziel's No. 2 outsold all others from April 1 to July 17 on NFLShop.com.

Manziel is followed on the list by three quarterbacks: Seattle's Russell Wilson, San Francisco's Colin Kapernick and Denver's Peyton Manning. Seahawks cornerback Richard Sherman is fifth followed by St. Louis rookie Michael Sam, the league's first openly gay player.

New England's Tom Brady is seventh and New Orleans QB Drew Brees is eighth on the list. Minnesota rookie quarterback Teddy Bridgewater is 13th and Houston defensive end Jadeveon Clowney, the top overall pick, had the 16th best-selling jersey.



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This June 18 photo shows Dallas Cowboys quarterback Tony Romo passing during minicamp, in Irving. Romo probably won't have to sneak into competitive situations when the Dallas Cowboys hold their first training camp practice Thursday.

Romo ready, has large task leading Cowboys in 2014

By Schuyler Dixon

Associated Press

IRVING — Tony Romo probably won't have to sneak into competitive situations when the Dallas Cowboys hold their first training camp practice Thursday.

The 34-year-old quarterback tried to get some unauthorized reps in a jersey swap with Caleb Hanie during minicamp in June, about six months after a herniated disk knocked him out of the season finale and resulted in back surgery.

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he expects Romo to be "full go" for the first workout in Oxnard, California. Romo's been waiting for that signal for weeks.

"He is chomping at the bit to do more," said coach Jason Garrett, who sniffed out Romo's trick last month and kicked him out of the huddle. "We need to have discipline with him. Giving him another month before we get into a competitive practice situation is certainly going to benefit him."

When he's ready, Romo faces quite a task trying to end a four-year playoff drought. He's on his third play caller in as many seasons, Garrett's future is in doubt entering the final year of his contract, and the defense is missing its two best players after its worst season in franchise history.

Scott Linehan is the passing game coordinator and play caller after getting swept out as Detroit's offensive coordinator when coach Jim Schwartz was fired. Bill Callahan had those duties last year after Garrett gave up the dual role.

Romo still has his primary weapons in running back DeMarco Murray, receiver Dez Bryant and tight end Jason Witten. But the defense is missing linebacker Sean Lee, out for the season after tearing a left knee ligament in the first offseason workout, and DeMarcus Ware, the franchise's career sacks leader who was released in March.

"Well, I don't think you're into evaluating your football team for how good they are," Romo said. "I think you're just about getting better right now. In some cases, we have new stuff on both sides of the ball and we need to get people up to speed and need to fly around and know the system like the back of your hand so you can play at your fastest tempo and speed."

Some things to consider as the Cowboys head into training camp:

REPLACING LEE: This is the top priority. Justin Durant, signed as a free agent last year, is the top in-house candidate. Others are second-year player DeVonte Holloman and rookie fourth-round pick Anthony Hitchens. "It's a collective thing," Holloman said. "One guy's not going to replace him."

DEZ THE LEADER: Bryant is the most experienced and by far the most accomplished receiver after the release of Miles Austin. He's also entering the final year of his rookie deal and could have a big payday coming. That was hard to imagine four years ago when one of several off-field problems for Bryant was a lawsuit over unpaid jewelry bills. "I wasn't understanding the whole process of how to be a professional player," Bryant said.

Seattle says what happened last season is history

By Tim Booth

Associated Press

RENTON, Wash. — Soon after the parade and television appearances and celebrations were over, the message changed for the Seattle Seahawks.

Winning the first Super Bowl in franchise history was just that — history.

"What's happened before is obviously significant, but it doesn't mean anything unless we go out and keep working," Seattle coach Pete Carroll said.

Seattle begins training camp Friday with mostly the same roster that raised the championship trophy last February in New Jersey. The Seahawks' offseason priorities were focused on keeping their own, and they accomplished that task by signing safety Earl Thomas and cornerback Richard Sherman to long-term extensions, wide receiver Doug Baldwin to a shorter deal, bringing back defensive end Michael Bennett before he reached free agency and keeping Carroll in charge through 2016.

The attrition that came with being the Super Bowl champ created position questions Seattle must solve in training camp to help it remain on top of arguably the toughest division in football.

"I definitely believe we're way further ahead. It's exciting. You have an itch because you know how to do it at a very high level, and the best part about it is we can continue to do it better," QB Russell Wilson said. "There's a lot more ways that we can be better, there's a lot more ways that I can be better, and that's the great part about it."

Some things to watch for as Seattle opens camp:

MONEY TALKS: Running back Marshawn Lynch nearly skipped June's mandatory minicamp because he wants the final two years of his contract reworked. He ultimately showed to avoid a hefty fine, but that doesn't change his desire for a little more cash. Lynch is scheduled to make $5.5 million in 2014.

Lynch has been the workhorse Seattle has leaned on the past three seasons. He's helped bring the team its first Super Bowl title, and despite his quirks, has wide-ranging respect in the locker room. The last thing the Seahawks would seem to need is Lynch unhappy heading into the season.

DOUBLE NICKEL: The depth in Seattle's secondary is one of the strengths of its defense. But it will be stretched this season. The Seahawks have no true backup for Thomas and they must replace nickel cornerback Walter Thurmond, who signed with the Giants.

Aaron Hernandez protests airing of court chats

Associated Press

BOSTON — Lawyers for former New England Patriots star Aaron Hernandez are protesting the broadcasting of chats Hernandez had with his defense team during courtroom hearings.

Attorney James Sultan filed a motion Monday in Bristol Superior Court, where Hernandez is charged in the 2013 killing of semi-professional football player Odin Lloyd.

Sultan said that during two hearings this month, a private conversation between Hernandez and his lawyers, and a separate conversation between Hernandez's lawyers, were broadcast live over the Internet. The motion doesn't describe the contents of the conversations.

Sultan said the broadcast of the conversations violates rules the state's highest court has established for electronic recording of court proceedings.

Sultan asked the court to "take prompt action" to prevent the broadcasting of private conversations between Hernandez and his lawyers.

Broncos primed for another super run

By Arnie Stapleton

Associated Press

ENGLEWOOD, Colo. — Sacred cows were scarce when Broncos general manager John Elway dug out from the wreckage of that Super Bowl blistering by the Seahawks.

Cornerback Champ Bailey, a perennial Pro Bowler and potential Hall of Famer, was sent packing.

So were Dominique Rodgers-Cromartie, Mike Adams and Shaun Phillips, three other defensive starters who helped keep the Broncos afloat during an injury epidemic that sidelined Von Miller, Rahim Moore, Kevin Vickerson, Derek Wolfe and Chris Harris Jr. at the Super Bowl.

Denver's record-breaking offense wasn't spared, either.

After throwing for more yards and touchdowns than anyone in NFL history, Peyton Manning had to say goodbye to wide receiver Eric Decker and running back Knowshon Moreno, who combined for 3,154 yards from scrimmage and 25 touchdowns in the lead-up to the Super Bowl.

Replacing Decker are coveted free agent Emmanuel Sanders and prized rookie Cody Latimer, both of whom have spent plenty of one-on-one time with Manning this offseason.

Those post-practice sessions not only helped get the new guys up to speed in Adam Gase's breakneck offense, but they kept Manning sharp entering his 17th NFL season with nary a thought of retirement.

"Sometimes it's the monotonous routine, the boredom, that pushes guys out, not the physical part of it," Manning said. "And I have been stimulated the past two years working with Adam and working with different teammates, so it does sort of keep the bounce in you, I think."

Atop Elway's to-do list when he touched down back in Denver following that 43-8 loss to Seattle was an edgier defense. Yes, like the one that had just throttled the highest-scoring team in NFL history.

Elway also sought a beefier offensive line to give Manning better protection and the Broncos' ground game more muscle.

He accomplished both goals in a stellar offseason that puts Denver in position to make another Super Bowl run.

Texans place LB Brian Cushing on PUP

Associated Press

HOUSTON — The Houston Texans have placed star linebacker Brian Cushing on the physically unable to perform list as he recovers from a left knee injury.

Cushing was lost to the team last Oct. 20 when blocked by Kansas City running back Jamaal Charles. The 2009 Defensive Rookie of the Year has been plagued by injuries throughout his five pro seasons.

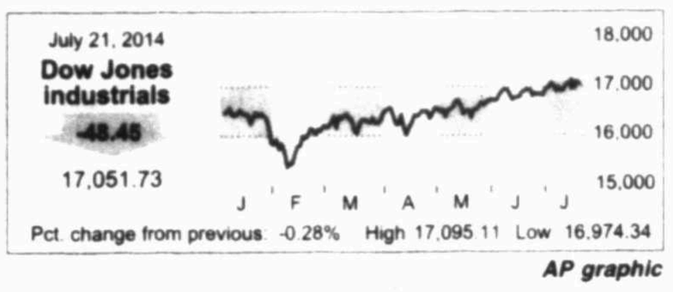
Cushing is eligible to come off the PUP list at any time during training camp, and he still counts against Houston's 90-man roster limit.

Houston also placed second-year linebacker Trevardo Williams and rookie nose tackle Louis Nix III on PUP. Nix was a third-round pick in May.

Tackle Brennan Williams was waived after he failed a physical.

BUSINESS & OIL

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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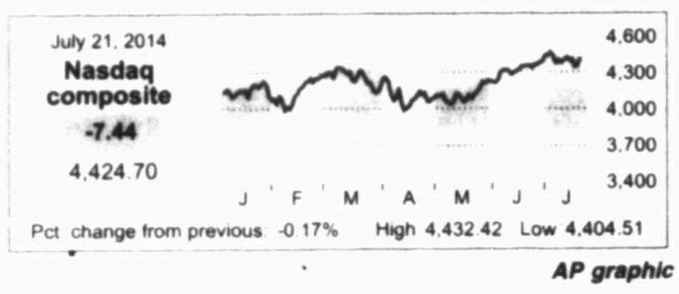

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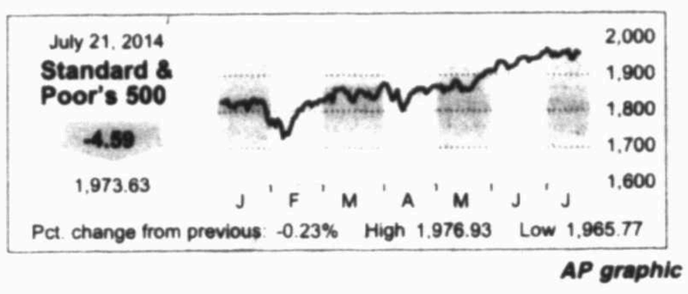

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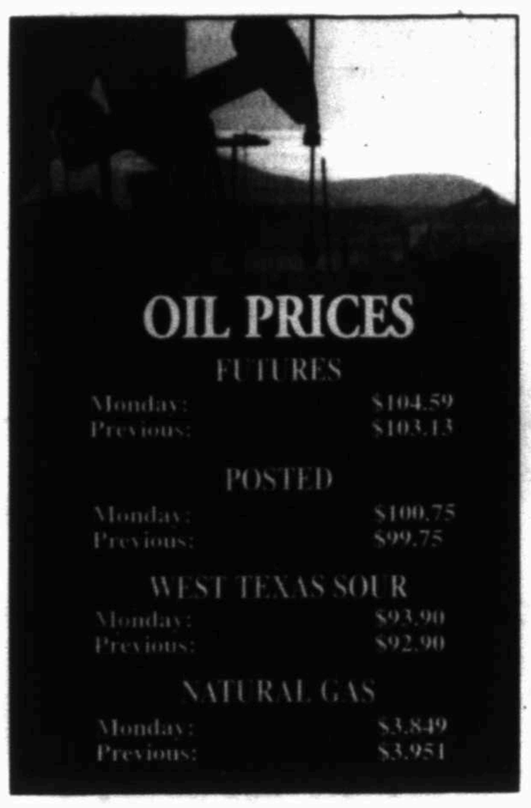

NYSE

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	606778	197.34	-.37
GenElec	587091	25.98	.48
BkofAm	550516	15.52	+.03
iShEMkts	492804	44.31	+.15
EMC Cp	482357	28.33	+1.35

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AcomInt	2.18	+.27	+14.0
AVangrd	12.89	+1.01	+8.5
ChinZenix	2.38	+.18	+8.2
NQ Mobile	5.42	+.41	+8.2
DmRsBW	5.24	+.36	+7.4

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
BS IBM96	37.44	-9.36	-20.0
Herbalife	54.02	-6.82	-11.2
Castlight n	15.00	-1.50	-9.1
Adeptus n	24.39	-1.76	-6.7
DxRssaBull	16.33	-1.17	-6.7

Diary

Advanced	1,153
Declined	1,966
Unchanged	101
Total issues	3,220
New Highs	94
New Lows	28
Volume	2,553,682,029

Amex

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AmApparel	25175	1.16	+.02
Enservco	18855	3.70	+.44
InovioPh rs	17843	11.01	+.84
Globalstar	16630	4.06	-.04
TherapMD	16280	4.52	+.25

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Enservco	3.70	+.44	+13.5
ERBA Diag	2.12	+.20	+10.4
Innsuites	2.18	+.19	+9.5
InovioPh rs	11.01	+.84	+8.3
SwedLC22	13.00	+.80	+6.6

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
NewConcEn	2.08	-.18	-8.0
eMagin	2.09	-.16	-7.1
SilvCrst g	2.09	-.10	-4.6
PacBkrM g	4.54	-.21	-4.4
ActiniumP	6.94	-.31	-4.3

Diary

Advanced	201
Declined	195
Unchanged	31
Total issues	427
New Highs	5
New Lows	5
Volume	68,926,991

Nasdaq

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Facebook	485848	69.40	+.98
Apple Inc s	379301	93.94	-.49
Microsoft	371764	44.84	+.14
Intel	317710	34.06	+.36
SiriusXM	270573	3.46	+.02

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
EuroTech	5.22	+1.09	+26.4
RegadoB n	2.69	+.41	+18.0
Enphase	11.36	+1.66	+17.1
ExtrmNet	5.06	+.69	+15.8
Vimicro h	3.19	+.37	+13.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ezcorp	9.76	-1.36	-12.2
TubeMgi n	10.29	-1.21	-10.5
Itron	37.35	-4.15	-10.0
BioFuelEn	7.99	-.79	-9.0
EpirusB rs	8.87	.87	-8.9

Diary

Advanced	1,022
Declined	1,657
Unchanged	116
Total issues	2,795
New Highs	51
New Lows	42
Volume	1,532,719,157

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Compressor Systems Inc. expands.

Compressor Systems agrees to $825 million buyout deal

By Mella McEwen
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After 40 years ownership by the Warren family, Compressor Systems Inc. will soon have new ownership.

Compressco Partners LP, a majority-owned, publicly traded partnership of TETRA Technologies, has agreed to buy Midland-based CSI for $825 million in cash, subject to working capital and other adjustments.

Stuart Brightman, TETRA's president and chief executive officer, and chairman of the board of Compressco, said Aug. 4 is the target closing date and the company has begun raising the capital for the acquisition this week. "Regulatory approvals are already behind us," he said in a conference call discussing the deal.

To fund the purchase, Compressco has obtained committed financing but plans to issue about $400 million of public equity and $350 million in publicly rated senior notes. The remaining funds will come from a $400 million revolving credit facility. TETRA will purchase common units of the equity offering and make contributions to maintain a 2 percent general partner interest in the aggregate amount of up to $40 million.

"We'll have a lot of liquidity post-closing as we look at the business going forward," Brightman said.

He said the CSI acquisition was an exciting opportunity because it is considered a premier company. At 43 years in business, CSI is "a great business, a successful business," he said. "It's been around 43 years, probably the longest-standing business in the industry."

"We like the market CSI plays in," he said, saying there is much similarity between the two companies. CSI will bring different horsepower ratings, he said, increasing Compressco's total horsepower offering from approximately 187,000 to 1,045,000 and allowing it to offer an expanded range of compressor packages, from 20 HP units to 2,370 HP units.

"TETRA will get the opportunity to leverage its portfolio internationally, as we've done with Compressco," Brightman said.

CSI's three main lines of compression services, unit sales and aftermarket service will give Compressco a broader range of offerings and makes the company a full-service company, he added.

Since TETRA launched its master limited partnership three years ago in June, Brightman said the company has grown organically, working towards its goal of significant growth.

"We're very comfortable with our strategy," Brightman commented.

CSI is the largest privately held, full service natural gas compression provider in the U.S. The company fabricates, sells and maintains natural gas compressors and provides compression services that cover the entire natural gas production and transportation cycle to a broad customer base. CSI owns one of the largest fleets of natural gas compression equipment in the United States, with over 275 units in the 1,000 horsepower and larger range. In addition, CSI fabricates and sells engine-driven oilfield fluid pump systems primarily for the international market.

For the twelve months that ended March 31, CSI's aggregate revenues were $311 million and earnings before income tax, depreciation and amortization was $82.3 million.

The combination of the two companies is expected to create synergies of between $5 million and $10 million on an annualized basis, beginning in 2015, Brightman said.

"Looking forward, the combined organization will be led by Tim Knox, CSI's current president. Ron Foster will take on the role of senior vice president and chief marketing officer, and James Rounsavall will serve as chief financial officer," Brightman said.

Oil rise above $104

The price of oil rose more than a $1 for the third time in the last four trading days, and closed above $104 for the first time since July 3.

Benchmark U.S. crude for August delivery rose $1.46 to $104.59 on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Friday, the Nymex contract fell 6 cents to $103.13. Oil has gained 4.6 percent over the past four trading sessions.

Brent crude for September delivery, a benchmark for international oils, gained 44 cents to $107.68 on the ICE exchange in London.

Meanwhile, natural gas prices sank further below $4 on forecasts for cooler temperatures in parts of the U.S. Natural gas supplies haven't been dropping as quickly this summer, as milder temperatures compared with last year reduce the need for homeowners to run the air conditioning full tilt.

Natural gas fell 10 cents to $3.85 per 1,000 cubic feet.

At the pump, gasoline prices inched lower to an average of $3.57. That's down 4 cents from a week ago and 11 cents cheaper than at this time last year.

Most metals rise

Gold for August delivery rose $4.50, or 0.3 percent, to $1,313.90 an ounce. Silver rose 13 cents, or 0.6 percent, to $21.01 an ounce. High-grade copper rose a penny, or 0.5 percent, to $3.20 a pound.

Platinum rose $3.50, or 0.2 percent, to $1,493.40 an ounce and palladium fell $4.35, or 0.5 percent, to $877.15 an ounce.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $134.20 Up 3.17

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $145.38 Up 0.39

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $26.56 Down 0.26

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $87.99 Up 1.33

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $31.24 Up 0.25

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $7.46 Up 0.33

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $31.13 Down 0.14

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.25 Up 0.40

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $18.32 Down 0.05

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel			8.46	-.37	+3.2
AT&T Inc	1.84	11	35.96	-.21	+2.3
AbbVie	1.68	21	54.00	-.91	+2.3
Abraxas	...	43	5.57	-.10	+70.8
AdamsEx	.84e	...	13.94	...	+6.7
AMD		38	3.78	.05	-2.3
Alcoa	12	40	16.62	+.13	+56.3
AlonUSA	.24	...	12.48	-.16	-24.5
Ambev n	.29e		7.53	+.16	+2.4
Amgen	2.44	19	119.03	+.73	+4.3
Anadarko	1.08f	...	106.87	+.54	+37.3
Apache	1.00	23	98.56	-.02	+14.7
Apple Inc s	1.88f	16	93.94	-.49	+17.2
ApldMatl	.40	32	22.91	-.09	+29.6
ATMOS	1.48	18	51.07	-.28	+12.4
AutoData	1.92	27	80.98	.05	+.2
BP PLC	2.28	8	50.72	-.01	+4.3
BabsCCInv	1.20	...	15.30	+.04	+2.5
BakrHu	.68f	25	74.33	+1.05	+34.5
BkofAm	.04	18	15.52	+.03	.3
B iPVix rs		...	28.51	+.62	-33.0
BasicEnSv		...	27.19	-.39	+72.3
BerkHa A	...	16	169330.00	+542.99	+8.5
BkHillsCp	1.56	24	57.02	-.28	+8.6
BlackBerry		...	10.00	-.04	+34.4
BrBlySq	1.44	28	48.92	-.20	-8.0
BrownFA	1.16	31	91.26	+.05	+23.7
BrownFB	1.16	30	92.02	-.66	+21.8
CBS B	.48	19	60.43	-1.07	-5.2
CVS/Care	1.10	20	77.04	-.43	+7.6
Cameron	...	24	68.90	-.19	+15.7
Caterpillar	2.80f	19	110.23	+.06	+21.4
Celestic g	...	17	11.90	-.19	+14.4
CntryLink	2.16	...	37.02	+.07	+16.2
ChesEng	.35	22	26.76	-.24	+4.2
Chevron	4.28f	13	131.29	+.90	+8.1
Chicos	.30	22	16.36	-.29	-13.2
Cimarex	.64	27	143.55	+1.49	+38.6
Cisco	.76	17	25.85	-.06	+18.1
Citigroup	.04	11	49.35	-.21	-5.3
ClayEng	...	59	134.20	+3.17	+63.8
CocaCola	1.22	23	42.40	-.03	+2.6
ColgPalm	1.44	30	68.76	-.14	+5.4
Comcast	.90	20	53.82	-.72	+3.6
ConAgra	1.00	42	30.65	-.02	-9.1
ConchoRes	...	49	145.38	+.39	+34.6
ConocoPhil	2.92f	14	84.53	-.23	+19.6
CrackerB	4.00f	18	96.86	-1.17	-12.0
CSVxSht rs			2.91	+.13	-61.2
CrosTim	2.71e	13	33.09	+.52	+12.5
DCP Mid	2.98f	42	56.85	.44	+12.9
DTE	2.76f	18	75.92	.65	+14.4
Dataram h			2.75	.11	+5.8
Dawson	.32	38	26.56	-.26	-21.5
DevonE	.96	19	77.12	+.11	+24.6
DrxSCBear	...		15.56	+.19	-8.3
Disney	.86f	22	85.74	-.07	+12.2
DowChm	1.48	14	51.86	+.17	+16.8
EMC Cp	.48f	22	28.33	+1.35	+12.6
EOG Res s	.50	27	116.15	+.11	+38.4
EducRlty	.48f		11.13	+.03	+26.2
EmpDist	1.02	15	25.14	-.11	+10.8
Energen	.60	37	87.72	+1.58	+24.0
EngyTsfr	3.74f		57.32	+.53	+.1
EnPro	...	66	72.23	+.41	+25.3
EntPrPt	2.88f	27	77.58	.24	+17.0
Ericsson	.46e		12.54	.17	+2.5
ExterranH	.50	27	43.17	+.01	+26.2
ExxonMbl	2.76f	14	103.08	+.35	+1.9
Facebook	...	91	69.40	+.98	+27.0
FordM	.50	11	17.70	-.02	+14.7
ForestOil	...	18	2.16	.05	-40.2
GATX	1.32	17	66.85	-.29	+26.2
GabMultT	.58	...	9.57	-.11	-22.9
GAInv	2.10e	...	36.94	-.04	+4.9
GenElec	.88	19	25.98	-.48	-7.3
GileadSci	...	33	88.86	-.33	+18.3
GluMobile	...	...	7.47	+.68	+92.5
GlPlainEn	.92	16	25.98	-.12	+7.2
Groupon	...	...	6.26	-.04	-46.8
HalconRes	...	...	6.85	+.23	+77.5
HallBrtn	.80	24	71.00	+.07	+39.9
Herbalife	...	12	54.02	-6.82	-31.4
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iShJapan	.17e	...	12.10	-.02	-.3
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InterDig	.80f	40	45.96	-.47	+55.8
IntlGame	.44	19	17.11	-.04	-5.8
JohnJn	2.80	19	101.27	-.53	+10.8
KimbClk	3.36	20	112.31	-.98	+7.5
KindME	5.56f	34	83.53	+.89	+3.6
KindMM	5.52f	51	80.50	+.42	+6.4
LegacyRes	2.38f		31.24	+.25	+10.9
Lubys	...	...	5.16	-.09	-33.2
MktVGold	.19e	...	26.90	-.04	+27.3
McDnlds	3.24	18	97.55	-1.44	+.5
Merck	1.76	38	58.00	-.34	+15.9
MeritMed	...	34	14.80	...	-6.0
MexcoEn		50	7.46	+.33	+8.1
MicronT		11	33.07	-.08	+52.0
Microsoft	1.12	17	44.84	+.14	+19.8
NQ Mobile			5.42	+.41	-63.1
Nabors	.16	61	28.68	+.05	+68.8
NatGrid	3.48e	...	76.40	+.16	+17.0
NOILVarco	1.84f	15	85.58	+.13	+19.4
NokiaCp	.51e		7.63	...	-5.9
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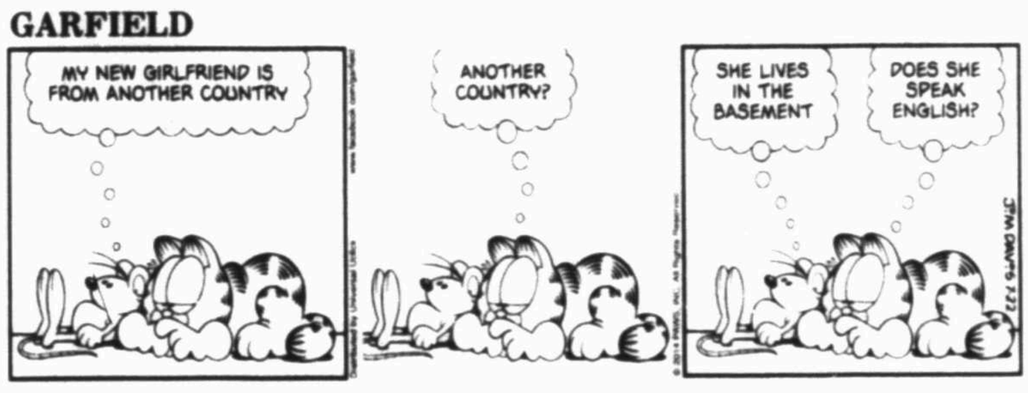

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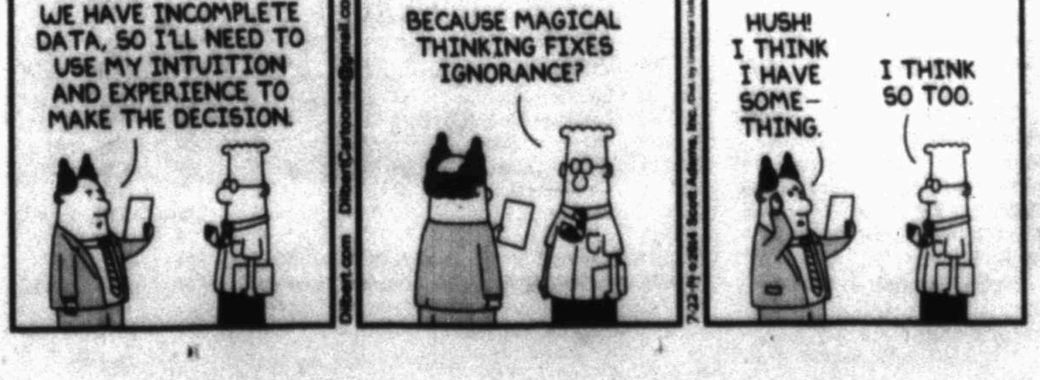

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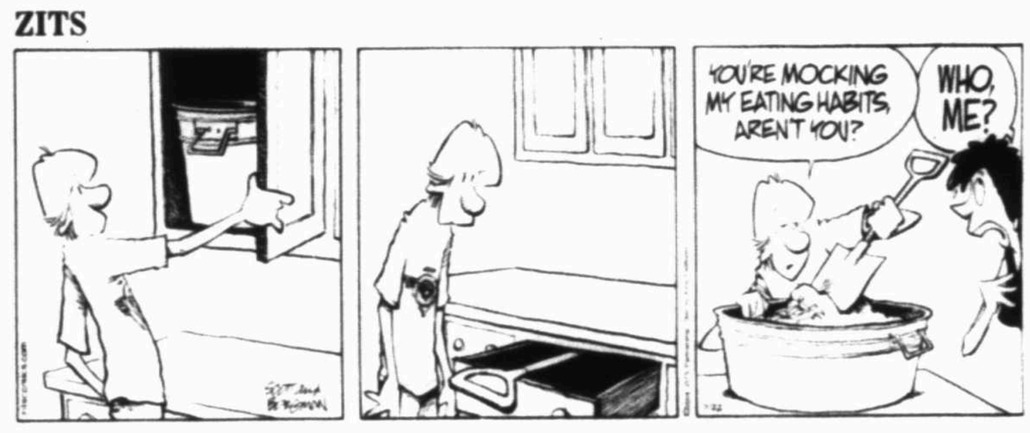

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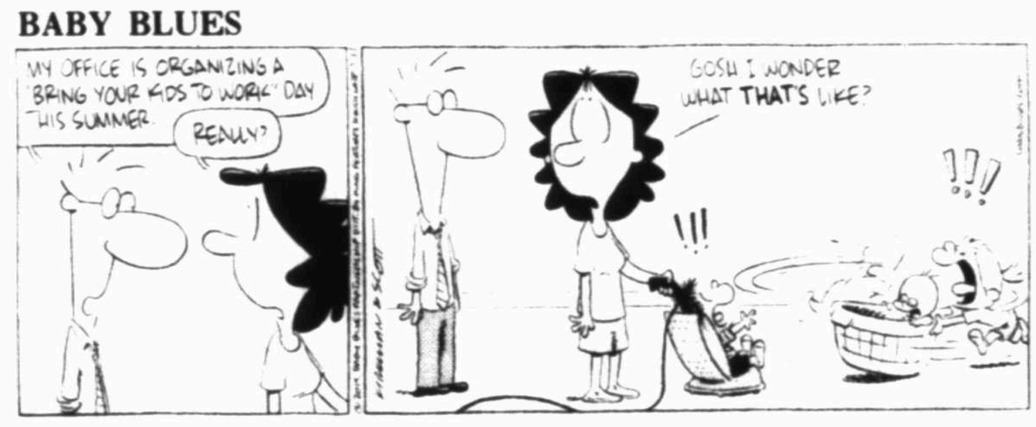

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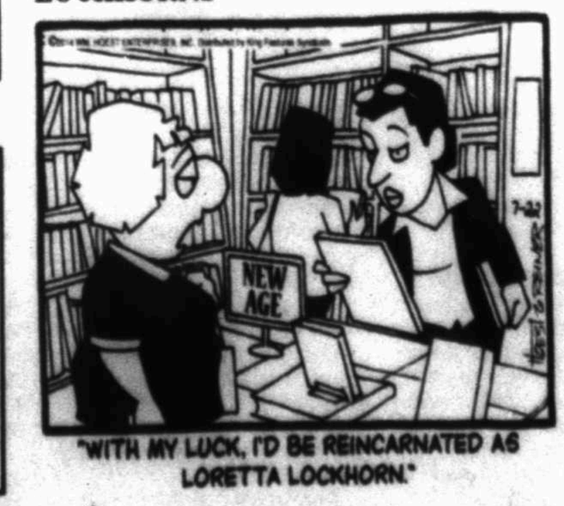

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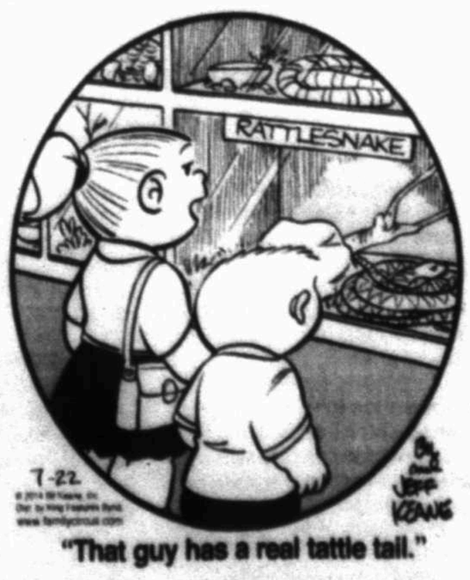


"That guy has a real tattle tail."

Tour leader Nibali: A 'flag-bearer' against doping

By Jamey Keaten
Associated Press

CARCASSONNE, France — Barring a disaster for him on French roads from now until Sunday, the man who looks set to win the Tour de France said he understands that cycling is still paying for its longtime doping plague.

Italy's Vincenzo Nibali knows that more than many. Both of cycling's other "Grand Tours" that he has already won were marred by doping cases. Last year's Giro d'Italia was tarnished by three positive tests while in the 2010 Vuelta Nibali's runner-up, Ezequiel Mosquera, later tested positive for a masking agent that can hide blood-booster EPO — long cycling's designer drug.

But on the rest day Monday before the pack heads to the Pyrenees, the serene, talented and methodical 29-year-old Italian was focusing on the race, saying he wants to make sure he avoids a "crisis" like the crashes that forced out rivals 2013 Tour champ Chris Froome and two-time winner Alberto Contador. In post-stage news conferences, he has confidently fielded and answered questions about doping.

Nibali

"Unfortunately, those questions arise because we're paying (for) the past years. I try to answer in the most correct way, like I already did at the Giro last year," Nibali said after Sunday's Stage 15. "I'm here to give the best answers I can, and clarify everything about myself."

"I've always been a flag-bearer of anti-doping."

As the race embarks today on three days in the Pyrenees mountains, Nibali leads Alejandro Valverde — a 34-year-old Spaniard who once served a two-year ban after being implicated in a blood-doping ring — by 4 minutes, 37 seconds. Romain Bardet is third, 4:50 back, and fellow Frenchman Thibaut Pinot is fourth: 5:06 behind. American Tejay van Garderen is fifth, 5:49 back.

A few components go into the calculation to understand those gaps, after more than 66 hours of total racing since the Tour's start in Yorkshire, England on July 5. They include Nibali's nearly indomitable performance in the mountains, which often prove crucial to separating the strong contenders for the Tour title from the rest of the pack; his relative strength in the time trial, which looms on the next-to-last race day; and the luxury that Nibali has: To focus on the few riders who could threaten him.

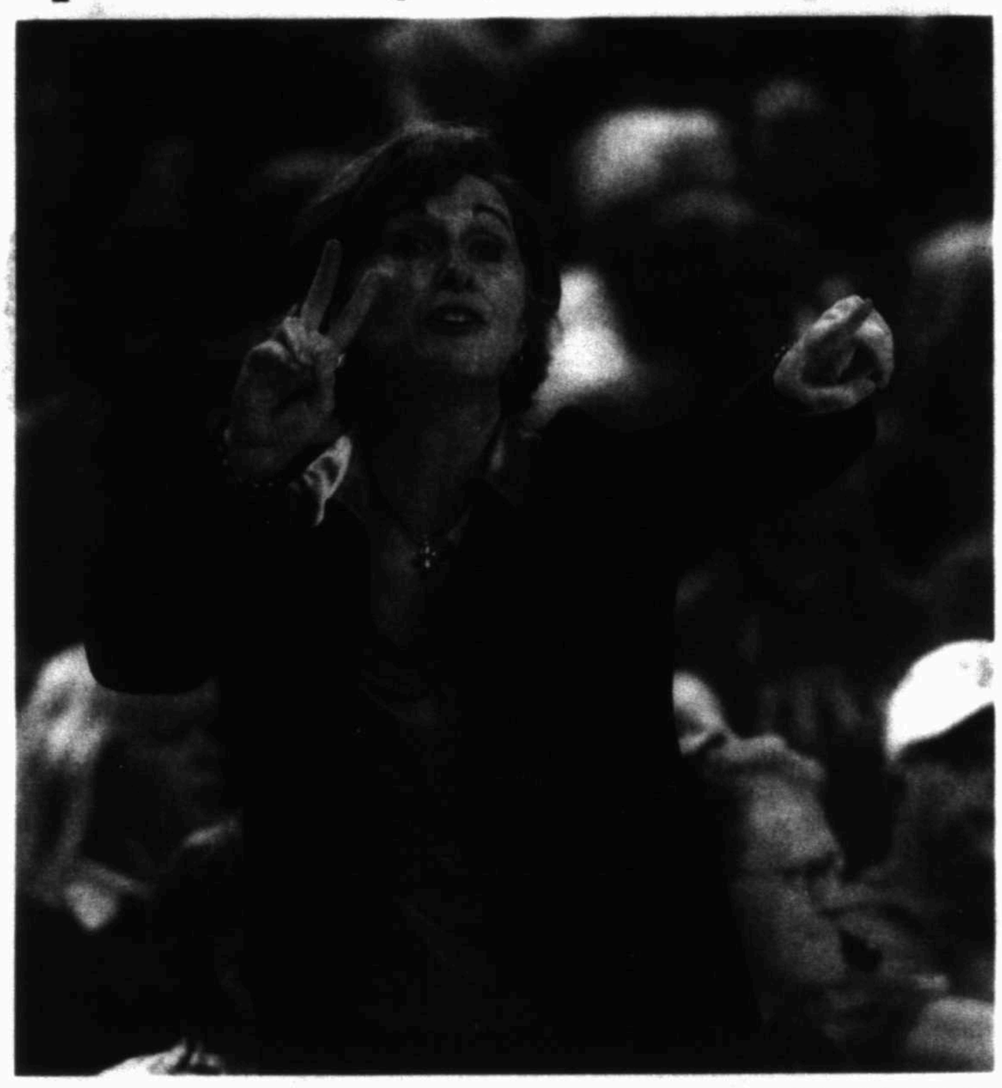
If any one of them tries a breakaway in the coming days, expect Nibali and his strong Astana team to lay chase. He'll be keeping close watch in today's 147.5-mile Stage 16 from Carcassonne to Bagneres-de-Luchon in the Pyrenees. It's the longest stage this year and features the punishing Port de Bales climb.

In this race, Nibali has shown maturity — by cannily winning Stage 2 — and exceptional bike control, such as over the cobblestones in Stage 5. In that stage, Froome crashed out due to injury and Nibali nibbled more than 2 minutes on Contador, forcing the Spaniard to start contemplating how to attack. Five stages later, he too crashed out.

"Over the years, I've really learned a lot from all the big races: That every second counts," Nibali said. "You can never know."

Goestenkors quits WNBA job, enters hoops hall

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press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In this Feb. 27, 2011, photo, Texas women's basketball coach Gail Goestenkors directs her team against Texas A&M in Austin. Goestenkors was selected for the 2015 women's basketball Hall of Fame induction class announced Saturday.

This was a roller-coaster weekend for Gail Goestenkors. On the day she resigned as an assistant coach of the Los Angeles Sparks, it was announced she would enter the women's basketball Hall of Fame in 2015.

"I thought the timing was absolutely perfect if there is such a thing," said Goestenkors, who built Duke into a national power, guiding the Blue Devils to four Final Four appearances and seven straight seasons with at least 30 wins.

"It epitomizes the business of women's basketball. It's a series of highs and lows. ... I think I've been so blessed and fortunate over the years to make so many great memories. I've had so many messages that were congratulations and I'm sorry about the LA situation."

Joining Goestenkors in the hall's latest class are four-time Olympic gold medalist Lisa Leslie, former Houston Comets star Janeth Arcain, University of Georgia standout Janet Harris, longtime Oregon high school coach Brad Smith and Oklahoma State coach Kurt Budke, who was killed in a plane crash in 2011.

Goestenkors also coached at Texas. She was an assistant on the U.S. national teams at the 2004 and 2008 Olympics. She said she resigned from the Sparks out of loyalty to head coach Carol Ross.

"I was surprised that they fired her. We only had 12 games left," Goestenkors said. "We essentially would be in the playoffs. I thought we had turned the corner on the road trip. I'm disappointed with their decision. I'm very loyal and needed to move in a different direction."

Goestenkors was surely thrown in a different direction when the call came from the Hall of Fame.

"I would say my first response was stunned silence," Goestenkors recalled. "I thought she was calling about the Kay Yow golf tournament. I'm very honored and excited. I've been blessed with great people and players and this just shows it."

Saturday's announcement of the Hall of Fame class lifted the spirts of both Kurt Budke's wife, Shelly, and Smith.

"When I received the call it was on my father-in- law's birthday," she said. "It was a great call because he needed a lift that day. It's a bittersweet moment. We couldn't be happier as a family and more proud of this honor. We try to celebrate his life every day and him being inducted gives us another opportunity as a family to celebrate his coaching accomplishments but also how great a person was."

For Smith, the announcement came on the day two years after his mother died.

"It turned a bad day into a really good day for my father and family," he said.

Smith retired in 2006 with a 629-87 record over 27 seasons. He was honored in 2012 with the Morgan Wooten Award for lifetime achievement for coaching high school basketball by the Naismith Memorial Basketball Hall of Fame.

Arcain had a stellar career playing for Brazil. She guided the team to a gold medal at the 1994 world championship as well as a silver and bronze at the Olympics. She came to the WNBA in 1997 and was the 13th pick in the draft. She helped lead the Comets to WNBA championships in the league's first four years.

Harris starred at Georgia from 1981-85, earning All-SEC honors all four seasons. She was the first player in NCAA women's basketball history to total 2,500 points and 1,250 rebounds. She helped the Lady Bulldogs win the SEC crown in 1983 and 1984 and reach the Final Four twice.

"I was very shocked," Harris said. "It brought back a lot of memories. I was so happy and excited and never thought I'd get in."

NBABRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

MAVS SIGN JEFFERSON AFTER LOSING CARTER TO MEMPHIS: At Dallas, the Dallas Mavericks have signed free agent forward Richard Jefferson as a possible replacement for Vince Carter off the bench.

Terms of the contract announced Monday weren't released, but it is reportedly a one-year deal for the veteran minimum of $1.4 million.

Jefferson started 78 games for Utah last year but figures to be used as a 3-point threat coming off the bench. That was the role last season for Carter, who signed with Memphis as a free agent.

The 34-year-old Jefferson has averaged 14.5 points and 4.5 rebounds in a 13-year career that started in New Jersey, where he went to the NBA Finals twice with Jason Kidd and Carter. He played in the 2001 NCAA title game with Arizona.

MATT BONNER RE-SIGNS WITH SAN ANTONIO SPURS: At San Antonio, the Red Rocket is coming back to San Antonio.

The Spurs announced on Monday that they have re-signed Matt Bonner. Terms were not disclosed, but the veteran will return for a ninth season in San Antonio. That's the longest tenure outside of the trio of Tim Duncan, Manu Ginobili and Tony Parker.

Bonner only played sparingly last season, averaging 3.2 points in 11.3 minutes in 61 games. But he shot 42.9 percent from 3-point range and is a beloved member of the team both inside the organization and in the community.

Bonner ranks third in franchise history in 3-pointers made and seventh in 3-point field goal percentage.

JAZZ SIGN FORWARD TREVOR BOOKER: At Salt Lake City, the Utah Jazz have signed free agent forward Trevor Booker.

Booker has played all four of his NBA seasons in Washington, averaging 6.4 points and 5.1 minutes in 235 career games, including 105 starts. He averaged 6.8 points and 5.3 rebounds last season.

The 6-foot-8 forward was the 23rd overall pick in the 2010 draft by Minnesota before his rights were traded to the Wizards.

Clemson went to three straight NCAA tournaments during Booker's four seasons there. He ranks fifth in career scoring for the Tigers with 1,725 points, and third with 1,060 rebounds.

NICK YOUNG SIGNS DEAL TO STAY WITH LAKERS: At El Segundo, California, rree-agent guard Nick Young has signed a multiyear deal to stay with the Los Angeles Lakers.

General manager Mitch Kupchak on Monday described Young as a "bright spot" during last year's losing season. He says he's glad to keep someone committed to the rebuilding of the team.

Young averaged a career-high 17.9 points in his first season with the Lakers playing mostly off the bench. He started nine of 64 games. Young led the NBA in four-point plays with seven, a team record.

HORNETS F WILLIAMS RETURNING TO TAR HEEL STATE: At Charlotte, North Carolina, Marvin Williams feels like he's coming home.

Nine years after leading the North Carolina men's basketball team to a national championship, Williams returns to the Tar Heel state as a member of the Charlotte Hornets.

"North Carolina has always been like a second home to me," Williams said Monday at an introductory news conference after signing a two-year, $14 million deal.

Coach Steve Clifford views the 6-foot-9 Williams as a combo forward, but says his stronger position is power forward. Williams has a good chance to win that starting spot in Charlotte.

The Hornets lost starter Josh McRoberts to Miami in free agency, leaving them with second-year player Cody Zeller and rookie Noah Vonleh, who Clifford said is still a couple of years away from being a contributor.

BULLS RE-SIGN KIRK HINRICH TO 2-YEAR DEAL: At Chicago, the Chicago Bulls have re-signed guard Kirk Hinrich to a two-year deal.

The Bulls announced the move Monday, along with the signing of second-round pick Cameron Bairstow. A person with knowledge of the deal tells The Associated Press that Hinrich will make $2.7 million next season. The contract includes a player option for the second year. The person requested anonymity because the team does not publicly comment on contract details.

Hinrich has spent nine of his 11 seasons with the Bulls.

The steady veteran averaged 9.1 points and 3.9 assists in 73 games last season. His presence will help give the Bulls a little bit of insurance should Derrick Rose's knee issues return.

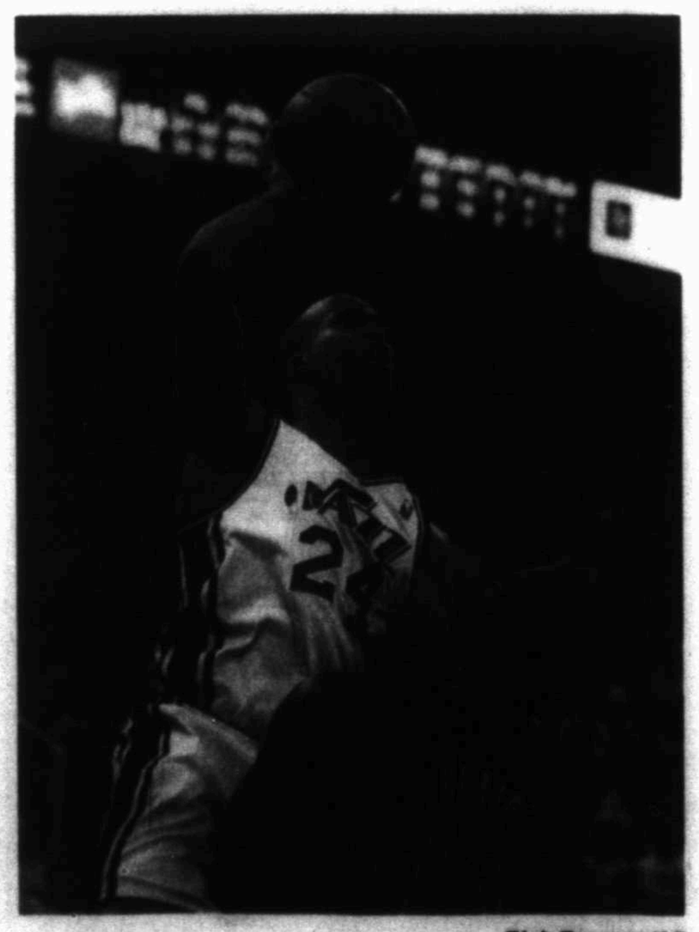
Rose is set to play this season after missing most of the last two years.

SUNS ANNOUNCE SIGNING OF F ANTHONY TOLLIVER: At Phoenix, the Phoenix Suns have announced the signing of forward Anthony Tolliver.

The two sides reached a deal last week. This is the seventh NBA team for the 6-foot-8 Tolliver, an accurate 3-point shooter who could help fill the void left by the departure of Channning Frye.

The two-year contract is worth $6 million, but only $400,000 is guaranteed in the second season.

Tolliver shot a career-high 41 percent from 3-point range for Charlotte last season, averaging 6.1 points and 2.6 rebounds in 64 games.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In this April 8 photo, Utah's Richard Jefferson (24) shoots as Dallas' DeJuan Blair (45) defends in a game in Salt Lake City. The Mavericks signed Jefferson as a possible replacement for Vince Carter off the bench.

Frenship's Schuster scores 16 as North beats South

Associated Press

North	118
South	101

SAN ANTONIO — Marcos Schuster of Frenship scored 16 points to earn Most Valuable Player honors for the North as the squad beat the South, 118-101, in the Texas High School Coaches Association All-Star Basketball Game in San Antonio on Monday night.

The 6-foot-2 Lubbock Christian signee hit 6-of-7 from the floor, including 3-of-4 from beyond the 3-point arc.

San Antonio MacArthur's Marcus Harris led the South with 17 points, and Zach Dumas of Huffman Hargrave won team MVP with 16 points in 15 minutes.

It took just a few possessions during his team's 37-point first quarter to see why Erick Neal decided to stick with basketball instead of following his identical twin brother into college football.

Neal, a two-sport Class 4A standout at Dallas Lincoln, scored nine points and had six assists with four steals and two blocks in 18 minutes.

During a two-minute span of the first quarter, Neal assisted on a look-away, behind-the-head lob pass that Shane Johnson of Shoemaker was easily able to lay in. Neal followed that with a steal and pass to San Saba's Kelan Verette for the assist and later drove the lane and put the ball under his legs for a showboat layup.

Neal, a 5-10 point guard, is signed to play at Texas-Arlington. Neal's brother Derrick also starred for a Lincoln basketball team that counts the NBA's Chris Bosh as a product from its 2002 team, but Derrick has signed to play football at Kansas.

Despite the dizzying pace and a 21-point lead in the first quarter, the North fell short of the THSCA's record team score of 135 points from the 1990 game.

Neal got no rest during halftime. On Xavier Adams' opening attempt of the slam-dunk contest, Neal drove the baseline and lofted the ball precisely off the thin side of the backboard. Adams grabbed it and stuffed it through.

Adams, a 6-5 forward from Flower Mound Marcus signed to play at New Mexico, won the contest.

SPORTSBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

FC DALLAS' THOMAS OUT FOR YEAR AFTER KNEE SURGERY: At Frisco, FC Dallas midfielder Hendry Thomas will miss the rest of the season after undergoing surgery for a torn ligament in his left knee.

Thomas is expected to miss six to eight months after surgery Monday to repair the torn anterior cruciate ligament. He injured the knee in a 5-2 win over Carolina in the quarterfinals of the U.S. Open Cup on July 9.

The 23-year-old Thomas came to FC Dallas in a trade with Colorado in February. The Honduran began his career with Club Deportivo Olimpia in his home country in 2001.

DL STANSBURY LEAVES AGGIES: DB Davis arrested: At College Station, Texas A&M defensive lineman Gavin Stansbury has left the team to focus on what coach Kevin Sumlin calls "personal issues."

Stansbury had been a star on last season's Aggie defensive front, playing in 10 games and recording 47 total tackles and three sacks. As a 6-foot-4, 257-pound junior from Franklin, La. Sumlin did not elaborate on the nature of the personal matters Stansbury was addressing.

In April, Stansbury was arrested and charged in Harris County with misdemeanor assault after a Rice University student accused him of pouring beer on the student's head and punching him in the face.

Sumlin also confirmed that 6-foot, 194-pound freshman defensive back Victor Davis has been suspended from the team after his recent arrest in his hometown of Rosenberg on a shoplifting charge.

QUERREY BEATS JOHNSON AT ATLANTA OPEN: At Atlanta, Sam Querrey beat hometown buddy Steve Johnson 7-6 (3), 7-5 to open the BB&T Atlanta Open on Monday.

Fellow American Donald Young lost in straight sets to Israel's Dudi Sela 6-3, 6-0.

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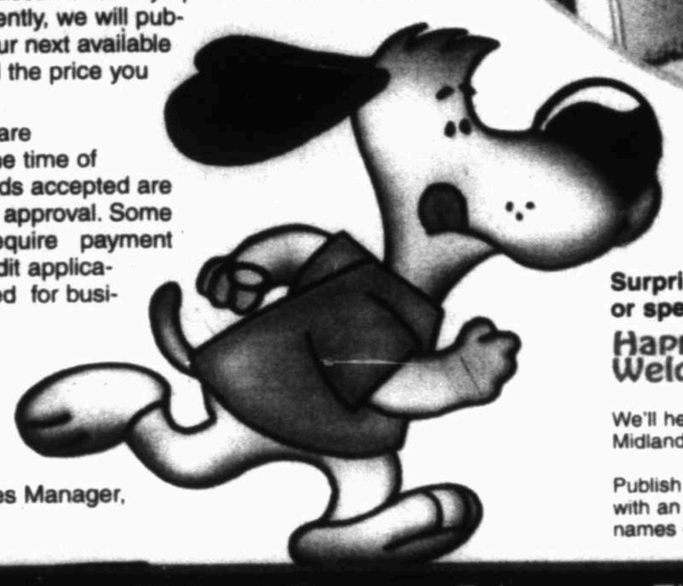

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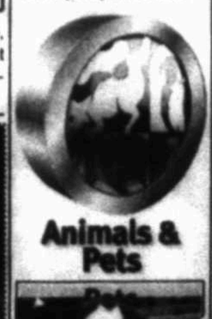

Animals & Pets

Pets

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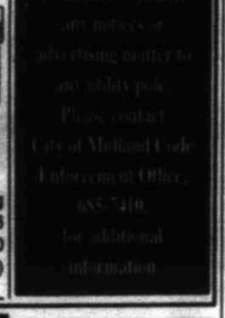

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Legal & Public Notices

RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS
—OIL AND GAS DIVISION

DISTRICT 08 — Rule 38 Case No 08-0290101
DATE OF ISSUANCE: July 1, 2014 — Status/Permit No. 785243
NOTICE OF PROTEST DEADLINE: 5:00 PM, Aug. 5, 2014
Address: Railroad Commission of Texas
ATTN: Drilling Permit Unit
P.O. Box 12967
Austin, Texas 78711-2967
Fax: (512) 463-6780
Email: SWR37@RRC.STATE.TX.US

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the PIONEER NATURAL RES. USA, INC. [RRC Operator No. 665748] has made application for a density exception permit under the provisions of Railroad Commission Statewide Rule 38 (16 Tex. Admin. Code section 3.38). Applicant seeks exception to the DENSITY requirement of the field rules for the NEW DRILL permit in Sec. 39, Blk., LEECH, L Survey, A-1035, SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) Field, MIDLAND County, being 14.1 miles SE direction from MIDLAND, Texas.

PURSUANT TO THE TERMS of Railroad Commission rules and regulations, this application may be granted **WITHOUT A HEARING** if no protest to the application is received within the deadline. An affected person is entitled to protest this application. Affected persons include owners of record and the operator or lessees of record of adjacent tracts and tracts nearer to the proposed well than the minimum lease line spacing distance. If a hearing is called, the applicant has the burden to prove the need for an exception. A Protestant should be prepared to establish standing as an affected person, and to appear at the hearing either in person or by qualified representative and protest the application with cross-examination or presentation of a direct case. The rules of evidence are applicable in the hearing. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Commission's Docket Services Department at **(512) 463-6848.**

IF YOU WISH TO REQUEST A HEARING ON THIS APPLICATION, AN INTENT TO APPEAR IN PROTEST MUST BE RECEIVED IN THE RAILROAD COMMISSION'S AUSTIN OFFICE AT THE ADDRESS, FAX NUMBER OR E-MAIL ADDRESS SET OUT ABOVE BY Aug. 5, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. IF NO PROTEST IS RECEIVED WITHIN SUCH TIME, YOU WILL LOSE YOUR RIGHT TO FILE A PROTEST AND THE REQUESTED PERMIT MAY BE GRANTED ADMINISTRATIVELY.

THIS NOTICE OF APPLICATION REQUIRES PUBLICATION

The location and identity of the well is as shown below:

FIELD: SPRABERRY (TREND AREA)

Lease/Unit Name: TURNER H
Lease/Unit Well No.: 3902H
Lease/Unit Acres: 573.0
Nearest Lease Line (ft): 100.0
Nearest Well on Lease (ft): 45.0

Lease Lines: 373.0 F NORTH L — 530.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 373.0 F NORTH L — 530.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
Lease Lines: 100.0 F NORTH L — 675.0 F EAST L

Terminus Location:
BH County: MIDLAND
Section: 46 Block Abstract: 1038
Survey: LEECH, L
Lease Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L — 775.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 100.0 F SOUTH L — 775.0 F EAST L

As part of this application, applicant also seeks permit authority in 1 additional field: (1) SPRABERRY (TREND AREA); R 40 EXC. No rule exception is necessary pursuant to the field rules for this field.

IF COMPLETED IN THE SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC FIELD THE LEASE NAME WILL BE TURNER H WELL NO. 3902H ACRES 245.3 LOCATION

Lease Lines: 373.0 F NORTH L — 530.0 F EAST L
Survey Lines: 373.0 F NORTH L — 530.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
Penetration Point Location:
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Survey Lines: 373.0 F NORTH L — 530.0 F EAST L

Wellbore Profile(s): Horizontal

Lateral: TH1
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Field Rules for ALL fields on the permit application are as follows:

SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) — Special Rules 467.0, 80.0 acres.
SPRABERRY (TREND AREA) R 40 EXC — Special Rules 467.0, 80.0 acres.

This well is to be drilled to an approximate depth of 10600 feet.

If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, MANDY HEDGPETH, at (972) 969-3873.

Motorcycles

YAMAHA 2008, 1300 for sale in Midland. Maroon, complete with saddle bags, Kuryakn grips, windshield, and sissy bar. $6,000. Call 575-590-0896.

RVs

1998 JAYCO FIFTH WHEEL 263 RKS-EAGLE SERIES COVERED STORAGE; HITCH INCLUDED; ASKING $8500. CALL (432)553-9920 OR (432)5221243

DUTCHMEN 2005 Grand Junction 5th Wheel. Has three slides, two air conditioners. Only used four times, garage kept, like new. Asking $28,000 or best offer. Call 409-673-4783 or 409-698-9640

JAYCO 2008 EAGLE 5th wheel 36ft. 3 slides 2 air, new tires, excellent condition, extra clean. $26,500. Call 580-512-4450 or 580-342-5043.

LARGE PLACE, only 6 RV spaces for rent or lease in Gardendale, 1/8 mile from HWY 1788 N. Call 480-729-9641

PRESIDENTIAL 2002 Rambler. Top of the line, immaculate. $16,995. Call 915-525-6965.

SCAMPER 16FT travel trailer, double axle, cold a/c $5000 OBO. Call 432-528-8495.

Utility Trailers

ENCLOSED CAR CARRIER Trailer-2011 8.5' x 20' "Victory" Car Carrier, drive-on ramp, excellent condition, single owner, $4,900 OBO. Call 432-296-0400.

Watercraft

1983 ALUMAWELD Skiff, 48" x 16' long w/ aluminum covered bow, 1987 Evinrude 40HP motor, tiller steering, 1984 Skipper B trailer. Minn Kota 585 trolling motor. Asking $4,200 OBO. Call 432-634-4067

MUST SEE garaged kept boat. 2002 Larson 180 SEI, new graphics. $9,000. 432-349-0041

Recreational Vehicles

2005 36' Thor Tahoe Transport. 2 slides, 12' Bay cargo. 512-517-3776.

2012 36' Fifth Wheel Jayco Pinnacle for Sale $47,000. One Owner/never been towed, 2 air conditioners, 4 slides, fireplace, king bed, microwave, 2 TVs, living room couch/2 lounge chairs contact Johnny 575-746-7931

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22' ROAD Ranger travel trailer with air conditioner, refrigerator, stove, heater, shower, A/C, awning- excellent condition & maintained. Priced to sell ! $4,995. See at 4001 Compton Drive, Midland, Texas. 432-689-7281

FORD 2003 Gulfstream Independence, class C motor home. 34', 1 pop out, sleep 5. 42K miles. Asking $26,995. 432-697-6447.

HARLEY DAVIDSON
2013 Dyna Street Bob, 7,500 miles, windshield, saddlebags, custom paint. Excellent condition. Includes HD cover & 2 helmets $9,000 Call 432-352-7470

HAULMARK 2003 Edge, 48' enclosed car trailer, 18' lounge, 30' cargo, new tires, 6.5 KW Onan. $16,900 OBO. Call 432-559-8953 or 432-438-0121

MUST SELL due to illness. 2007 Kawasaki 900 Vulcan mid-size cruiser fully dressed. Must see to appreciate. Garage kept. New battery, Cobra pipes, lots of extras. 8K miles. $3,500 OBO. Ask for John 631-4799

ULTRA SPORT 2001 motor home 30' long sleeps 8. 24k miles. $18,000 OBO 432-559-3598

WANTED 2012/ 2013 Honda Rancher 400 4 wheeler. 432-684-5418

Real Estate Rentals & Sales

Residential Rentals

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FOR SENIORS 55 & up. Very nice 2 bedrooms, covered parking, W/D connections. $1,100 month. No pets. 432-694-9853

NEW MANAGEMENT Spacious 1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartments Call 432-687-4514

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2 BED 1 bathroom, newly remodeled, $1,200 a month, $500 deposit. No smoking, no pets. 3112 W. Kansas. Call 432-522-2659

3208 DENTCREST large townhouse 3 bedroom, 2 1/4 baths, double car garage, central air. $2,800 month. $2,000 deposit 4223 Siesta 2 bedroom 2 bath, central air $1600 month, $1,200 deposit. Both require no pets, credit check, non smoking environment. Call 432-631-2497.

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413 MANTLE 2100 sqft 4/2/2, new home, granite, tile, carpet, fenced yard, 1 yr min lease, no pets, and no smoking. Background check and VOE. $2850mo Call 432-638-0138

Homes for Sale

1601 S. Eddy St. in Pecos. FSBO: 3 bedroom, 2 bath, carport, 2 living areas, dining, plenty of storage, cinder block fenced back yard, corner lot, near Jr. and High schools. $90,000. No owner finance. Call 432-238-6946

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

5005 Mira Vista Circle
French Country custom, 3 bedroom & study, 2 1/2 baths, Open living area, custom drapes, sequestered master bedroom, stone floors, Stainless Steel kitchen. Professional landscaping includes Pergola, stone walls, outdoor fire place.
$675,000.
For sale by owner.
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Residential Sales

Condos/ Townhouses

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3307 MA MAR Ct. $495K. Fabulous Custom Home! Over 4800sf. 6BD/4.5BA/3 Living/2 Pools UP Group 432-889-2934

Homes for Sale

2025 S.C.R 1066 Greenwood Area, near School. 4bdrm, 2-1/2 bath home, 3832 Total Sq ft. 2640 sq ft Living area, 3 car garage. 1.44 acres. Barn, Pasture, Horse Stalls. See ad on Craigslist or call 432-425-7564 $489,250

2410 CULPEPER Dr. $299K. 3BD/2BA, appx 2600 sft, double oven, Jenn Air cook top, utility room w/ sink & storage, water softener & RO System owned, wood burning fireplace w/gas starter, sprinkler system, $2000 carpet allowance. Call 432-238-2368

3307 MA MAR Ct. $495K Fabulous Custom Home! Over 4800sf. 6BD/4.5BA/3 Living Sparkling Pools. Open Sat & Sun. 12n-2pm. UP Group 889-2934

4105 ST Andrews 4/3/2/2 $279,500 Open Sat & Sun 1:30pm-3pm Wow! UP Group 432-889-2934

4-2-2 NEW Construction: move in ready, wolf stove & vent a hood and lots of upgrades. Walking distance to Greenwood school. 10506 E. County Rd 104 $348,000 Call 432-352-7577

4804 W Cherrywood FSBO $430,000. 4 bedroom 3 1/2 baths, 3 car garage, 3,118 sq. ft., spacious open floor plan. Located on quiet Cul de sac. Immaculate. Pictures of home can be viewed on www.Zillow.com 432-262-1977

5115 SUNNYSIDE Dr. FSBO-3bd/2ba home, updated kitchen & windows. 18'x27' shop, 12'x22' boat/rv shed w/ storage loft. 14'x28' covered deck, lots of other features. Fenced front & back yard. 432-209-1480

NEW TODAY!

5 YEAR old 2BR, 1 BA on 3.85 acres near Stanton. Low upkeep and utility bills. $128,500. Call mornings 432-978-8507

CO RD 137. 1704 E. 1 acre, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 large metal buildings plus horse stable and RV hookup. $140,000. ****OPEN HOUSE every Saturday 2p-4p**** Call 432-683-2243

FOR SALE As Is, 3BD/2BA Large dining area. Central heat/AC. 2 car garage. Only $145,000. Homeowner special. 432-638-6443 Owner/Agent

Residential Sales

Homes for Sale

FOR SALE By Owner: 2406 Stutz Pl. Wonderful 4 bedroom, 3.5 bath, 2 car garage, 2962 sq ft. home in a quiet cul-de-sac perfect for growing families. Lots of curb appeal with nice shade trees and circle drive in front. Spacious laundry room with tons of built in cabinets for storage. Huge Master suite with his and her vanities and closets! Bonus room overlooking the beautiful backyard featuring a sparkling pool and brand new privacy fence. This home has lots of NEW and UPDATED features and is READY TO MOVE IN! See more pictures and information on forsalebyowner.com Please call 432-687-2854 to see. Reduced! $349,000

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FOR SALE in Midland county, close to Travis Elementary & Wal Mart. 3 bedroom 1 bath house. 26' x 48' shop, 14 x 70 mobile home, on 1/2 acre lot. Owner finance. Asking $150,000. Call 432-254-4842

FSBO 2 side by side water front lots with 4 bedroom house on Lake Brownwood. 2 car garage or space for boats. $179,900. Call for details 281-798-6440.

GRADY SCHOOL DISTRICT 12.31 acres, NEW Custom home 1970sf, 2/2/2 Possible 3 bed. 30x50 shop, 800sf separate living quarters. 16x44 mobile home. $660K (432)459-2259

GREAT INVESTMENT PROPERTY!!! Need to sell quickly! Call 432-203-0008.

GREENTREE Executive home for sale. Approximately 2800 sq. ft. 4 bed, 3 bath. 2 living areas, formal dining room, spacious backyard. $399,000. 432-685-7041

GREENWOOD 3 bd. 2 bath, 2 living, Office. Utility, 2 car oversized garage. 30x50 slab w/ awning, sprinkler system on .08 acre behind school, big back yard, great school for kids. shervry@aol.com for more information

GREENWOOD HOUSE For Sale- 2100 sq/ft- 4 bdrm/2 bath house, big shop on 4 fenced acres. 3-18 gal/min wells. Close to school! Great neighborhood! 432.413.5670

Vacation & Resort Property

RUIDOSO NM, Innsbrook Time Share. 30th week, this year. 7/26-8/2 3BD/2.5BA. 3-level, 9-hole, par 3 golf, pool, tennis. $1000. 325-232-0533

Lots & Land

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5 ACRES In Gardendale on W. Co. Rd. 40. 1/8 mile from HWY 1788 N. Commercial, no restrictions, excellent for residential and business. Call 480-729-9641

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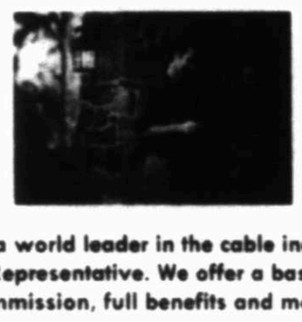

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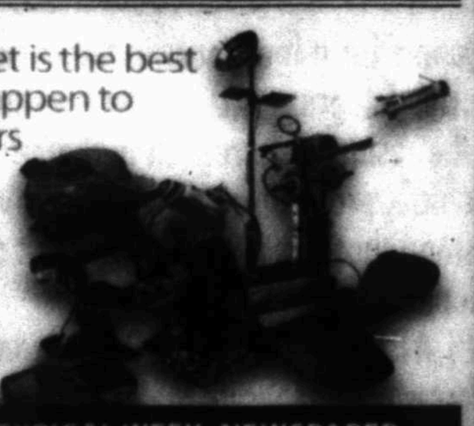

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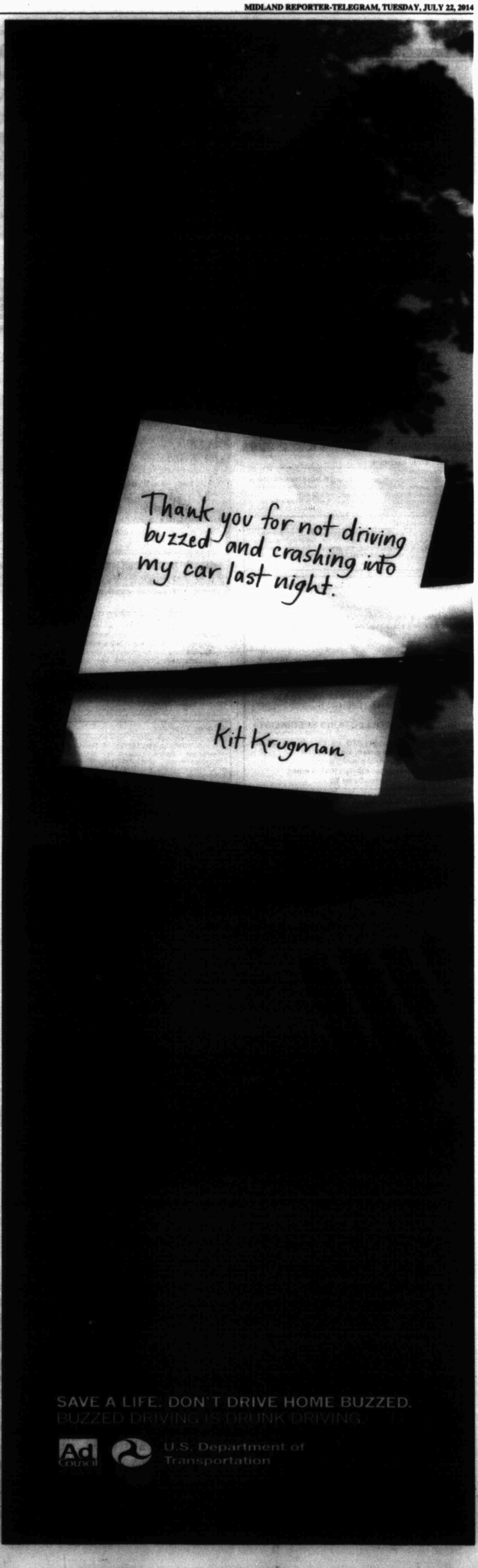

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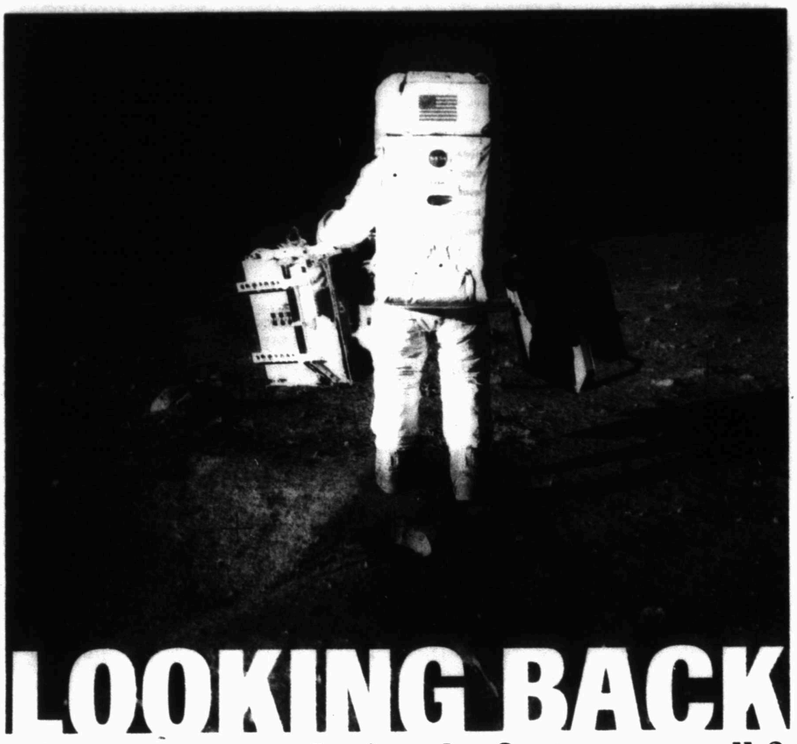


LOOKING BACK

Where were you during the first moon walk?

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — On July 20, 1969, Buzz Aldrin was "out of town" when the world united and rejoiced in a way never seen before or since.

He and Neil Armstrong were on the moon.

They missed the whole celebration 45 years ago. So did Michael Collins, orbiting solo around the moon in the mother ship.

Now, on this Apollo 11 milestone — just five years shy of the golden anniversary — Aldrin is asking everyone to remember where they were when he and Armstrong became the first humans to step onto another heavenly body, and to share their memories online.

Too young? You can also share how the moonwalkers inspired you.

Celebrities, public figures, and other astronauts and scientists are happily obliging with videos.

"What a day that was," said actor Tom Hanks, sipping from an Apollo 11 commemorative cup. He starred in the 1995 film "Apollo 13," another gripping moon story.

"Going to space is a big deal. Walking on the moon is, literally, walking on the moon," said singer-songwriter Pharrell Williams, born four years afterward.

And from London Mayor Boris Johnson, who watched the event unfold on an a little black-and-white TV at an English farmhouse: "I knew immediately it was the most exciting thing that I'd ever seen. I was only 5 at the time. And it still is just about the most exciting thing I've ever seen."

In all, 12 men explored the moon in six landings through 1972. But that first moonwalk, by Armstrong and Aldrin, is what clinched America's place as space leader supreme following a string of crushing losses to the Soviet Union, which claimed title to first satellite, first spaceman, first spacewoman and first spacewalker.

"U.S. 1, Sputnik nothing," actor Louis Gossett Jr. said with a laugh in his video.

It's the first big anniversary of man's first moon landing without Armstrong, whose "one small step ... one giant leap" immortalized the moment.

Armstrong, long known for his reticence, died in 2012 at age 82.

As Apollo 11's commander, Armstrong was first out the lunar module, Eagle, onto the dusty surface of Tranquility Base. Aldrin followed.

Collins, now 83, the command module pilot who stayed behind in lunar orbit as the gatekeeper, also spent decades sidestepping the spotlight. He's making an exception for the 45th anniversary — he plans to take part in a NASA ceremony at Kennedy Space Center on Monday to add Armstrong's name to the historic Operations and Checkout Building.

That leaves Aldrin, 84, as the perennial spokesman for Apollo 11. He will also be at Monday's ceremony.

"I consider myself a global statesman for space," Aldrin says in a YouTube video. "So I spend most of my time traveling the country and the world to remind people what NASA and our space program have accomplished, and what is still in our future at Mars. I feel we need to remind the world about the Apollo missions and that we can still do impossible things.

"The whole world celebrated our moon landing. But we missed the whole thing because we were out of town. So now I invite you to share with me — and the world — your story or your family's story of where you were on July 20th, 1969. Or feel free to tell me how the Apollo missions inspired you."

Aldrin used to keep a little black book to list people's whereabouts on July 20, 1969. Everyone wanted to share that with him.

Now he's using social media and asking people to post a video to YouTube using the hashtag #Apollo45.

And the stories are pouring in.

Peter Alyward, a self-professed space geek from Melbourne, Australia, recalls his parents waking him to see the Saturn V launch from what then was called Cape Kennedy, Florida, on July 16, 1969 — 45 years ago Wednesday — around the middle of the night Down Under.

It's the first major Apollo 11 anniversary— one divisible by five — that actually falls on the days of the week that the events occurred. Liftoff was, indeed, on a Wednesday, Eastern time; the moon landing was on a Sunday, Eastern time.

"More than any other time in history, with the technology that became available then, all the people of the world truly did experience it and were able to share it. Not just as an American feat, but as a really global event," said Aylward, 56, a business developer for a software company.

Actor Tim Allen watched the moon landing from his boyhood Michigan home.

"To this day, it's the most exciting thing in my life, just to think what you saw and what you experienced ... " Allen said.

Some of videos urge a return to the moon. President Barack Obama scrapped that idea in 2010 in favor of sending astronauts to an asteroid and then Mars.

"From one frontier to another, let's go back," Alaska's lieutenant governor, Mead Treadwell, said in his video.

"Well done, Buzz Aldrin," added Johnson, London's mayor. "And about time we got back up there, huh?"

Photo: In this July 20, 1969, photo provided by NASA, Edwin "Buzz" Aldrin carries scientific experiments to a deployment site south of the lunar module Eagle during the Apollo 11 mission. One experiment involved the inner composition of the moon, and another tried to determine the exact distance from Earth. Aldrin, 84, is asking everyone to remember where they were when he and Neil Armstrong became the first humans to walk on the moon and to share their memories online. *Associated Press*

SCIENCE BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

World breaks monthly heat record 2 months in a row

The globe is on a hot streak, setting a heat record in June. That's after the world broke a record in May.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration announced Monday that last month's average global temperature was 61.2 degrees, which is 1.3 degrees higher than the 20th century average. It beat 2010's old record by one-twentieth of a degree.

While one-twentieth of a degree doesn't sound like much, in temperature records it's like winning a horse race by several lengths, said NOAA climate monitoring chief Derek Arndt.

And that's only part of it. The world's oceans not only broke a monthly heat record at 62.7 degrees, but it was the hottest the oceans have been on record no matter what the month, Arndt said.

"We are living in the steroid era of the climate system," Arndt said.

Arndt said both the June and May records were driven by unusually hot oceans, especially the Pacific and Indian oceans.

Heat records in June broke on every continent but Antarctica, especially in New Zealand, northern South America, Greenland, central Africa and southern Asia.

The United States had only its 33rd hottest June.

All 12 of the world's monthly heat records have been set after 1997, more than half in the last decade. All the global cold monthly records were set before 1917.

And with a likely El Nino this year — the warming of the tropical Pacific which influences the world's weather and increases global temperatures — it is starting to look like another extra warm year, said University of Arizona climate scientist Jonathan Overpeck.

The first six months of the year are the third warmest first six months on record, coming behind 2010 and 1998, according to NOAA

Global temperature records go back to 1880 and this is the 352nd hotter than average month in a row.

"This is what global warming looks like," Overpeck said in an email. "Not record hot everywhere all the time, but certainly a reflection that the odds of record hot are going up everywhere around the planet."

WASHINGTON

Risk of earthquake increased for one-third of US

A new federal earthquake map dials up the shaking hazard just a bit for about one-third of the United States and lowers it for one-tenth.

The U.S. Geological Survey on Thursday updated its national seismic hazard maps for the first time since 2008, taking into account research from the devastating 2011 earthquake and tsunami off the Japanese coast and the surprise 2011 Virginia temblor.

The maps are used for building codes and insurance purposes and they calculate just how much shaking an area probably will have in the biggest quake likely over a building's lifetime.

The highest risk places have a 2 percent chance of experiencing "very intense shaking" over a 50-year lifespan, USGS project chief Mark Petersen said. Those with lower hazard ratings would experience less intense swaying measured in gravitational force.

"These maps are refining our views of what the actual shaking is," Petersen said. "Almost any place in the United States can have an earthquake."

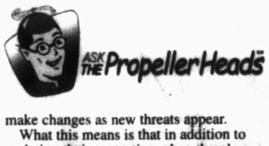
Depite lower rate of protection, antivirus software still needed

Q: Dear PropellerHeads, I heard a rumor that antivirus programs are dead. What's the scoop?

Have you been listening to Beatles albums backwards again? Much like the news of Paul McCartney passing, or that of Mark Twain's, the report of AV's death is an exaggeration. What you're probably referring to was a recent article in the Wall Street Journal where a Symantec Senior Vice President declared it so (on.wsj.com/1upk5ig).

It was an eye-catching headline, especially considering his company still makes about 40 percent of its revenue on AV product sales, but it is a little misleading. Really what he was saying is that given the reactive nature of antivirus software and the speed with which the dark side spits out new viruses, AV products can't keep your system safe 100 percent of the time.

This does not mean you should delete the often memory-sapping products from your computer. While most products successfully protect against virtually all nasty little computer bugs out there, they have to



make changes as new threats appear.

What this means is that in addition to updating their protection when there's a new threat, the industry has to accept that some viruses will get through so they're shifting gears to make sure they can minimize the damage. What does this mean for you? It means a handy dandy guide on an easy (and cheap) way to protect yourself from most threats.

First, most computers come with some form of built-in antivirus protection. For Windows-based computers, that is currently Windows Defender. It is a very effective tool for blanket protection against most of the nasties known to the tech world.

Apple computers boast all the security you need through their operating system, assuming you install updates in a timely manner. They also tend to be less of a target due to the smaller market share when compared to Windows users.

If you're not satisfied with Windows Defender, a couple of solid (and free!) programs you can use are Avast Antivirus (cnet.co/1pcVld4) and AVG Antivirus (cnet.co/1ijquBU). Both offer fairly comprehensive coverage with their free version, and more advanced options if you decide to buy the full version. Most users are fine with the free version.

If you find that your AV program isn't updating like it should (all three mentioned here have logs of updates you can see as well as an option to manually initiate an update), then it's possible you already have a bug that's preventing them from doing so.

If that's the case, you may need something new to do a quick scan and disable/quarantine the virus so your programs can get back to normal. I recommend Malwarebytes (cnet.co/1dsn6Jn), which is also free to use. Once installed, run a full scan and take the recommended actions from the program. After your machine is running normally, you can uninstall the program.

The best defense against offensive computer bugs is still common sense. When surfing the web, only click on links that you know are legitimate and that you can trust. When you get an email from a friend that has no message other than a weird-looking link, don't click on it. If you get an email from someone you're not familiar with, don't open any attachments on that email. Simply delete it and move on.

Now if you'll excuse me, the Nigerian Minister of the Treasury sent me a note with a really sweet deal ...

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