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Perryman offers perspective on global oil markets

US has a bigger role in global markets, greater ability to move markets, economist says

By Mella McEwen
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As crude prices resumed a decline that intensified last November, economist Ray Perryman pondered where the oil industry's economic cycle has been and where it is headed.

Perryman was invited by the Exchange Club of Midland to address the global oil markets and their impact on the Permian Basin. He began by offering some historical perspective on previous and current oil boom-and-bust cycles.

"Recently we've heard a lot of talk about the 'Texas oil boom,' but that's nothing compared to the Texas miracle of 1978-1981," he told the audience.

In that four-year period, the U.S. lost 200,000 jobs as the economy was rattled by the oil shocks of the 1973 Arab Oil Embargo and then the 1979 Iranian Revolution. In that same four years, Texas added 800,000 jobs.

In 1982, the Texas oil bust began when oil prices fell by $1 a barrel.

"The reason prices fell was, at that point everything was built on oil prices increasing year after year. Everything was highly leveraged," he said.

He said that oil analyst Dan Lundberg, in his well-known newsletter, had the headline "$85 in '85" regarding oil prices.

At the same time, new tax laws had prompted a real estate boom. But by 1986, when crude prices collapsed to $10 a barrel, those tax laws were rewritten, adding a real estate bust to the mix.

Today's oil fields aren't as leveraged as they were then, Perryman said.

In addition, "there are still unconventional wells that are economic, there are still shale wells that make economic sense at $35 a barrel. While a year ago, many producers were saying the break-even costs of their shale wells was about $70 to $80 a barrel, that is now about $60 today.

"We'll see some of the economic numbers worsen as this plays out, but it won't be an issue as it was in the 1980s," he said.

While many are familiar with the 1973 Arab Oil Embargo, less well-known is the fact that is the same year Texas oil production began to decline, Perryman said. That trend would continue for about 35 years, until operators developed technology that opened shale formations to production, sending domestic production soaring. Texas alone has seen production increase 350 percent in just four years, Perryman said.

That has completely changed the dynamics of global oil markets. The United States now has a bigger role in global markets and a greater ability to move markets, he said.

Lifting the 40-year-old ban on exporting domestic crude would help "some," he said. Explaining that the differential between West Texas Intermediate and Brent is about $10 a barrel, allowing exports would let area producers gain an additional $6 or $7 a barrel. Exporting crude won't be a panacea, "but it would help some," he said.

As to where the oil industry — and the Permian Basin — go from here, Perryman suggested the November meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries could offer some guidance.

Despite Saudi Arabia's determination to preserve market share, Perryman said that the kingdom needs high oil prices to fund a significant number of social programs. Other OPEC members are also seeing significant economic damage from the fall of oil prices.

November will give an indication of whether OPEC members are willing to continue enduring the economic squeeze of low oil prices for the sake of market share or whether they're willing to cut production and boost prices, he said.

WHAT'S UP, DOC?



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A jackrabbit runs across the fairway during the Star Electric Men's City Championship on Saturday at Hogan Park Golf Course.

2 men die in head-on collision on I-20

From staff reports

Two Midland men died early Saturday morning in a head-on collision on Interstate Highway 20 about four miles east of Midland, according to a Texas Department of Public Safety press release.

Ruben Mora, 38, and Phillip Leon, 23, died at the scene of the wreck that occurred about 1 a.m. They are the 22nd and 23rd fatalities on roads in Midland County this year, according to Reporter-Telegram records.

Mora was driving a Chevrolet Malibu westbound on the eastbound lane of I-20 when the car collided head-on with a Ford F-150 traveling eastbound in the eastbound lane, according to the release.

The speed limit at the location of wreck is 75 miles per hour. Both drivers were wearing their seat belts. The passenger was not, according to the release.

The driver of the F-150, a 24-year-old Midland man, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital where he was treated and released.

This is the second fatality on I-20 in Midland County this year, according to a previous Reporter-Telegram article. A 31-year-old Midland woman died Jan. 8 in a two-vehicle wreck on the interstate.

Fatality count by month

2015	
January: 1	September: 0
February: 3	October: 10
March: 1	November: 1
April: 5	December: 8
May: 0	
June: 4	2013
July: 7	January: 5
August: 2	February: 3
	March: 5
2014	April: 3
January: 5	May: 7
February: 3	June: 2
March: 4	July: 4
April: 3	August: 3
May: 3	September: 2
June: 2	October: 3
July: 3	November: 1
August: 2	December: 4

Texting while driving creates deeper divide

By Cassie Burton
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"Show of hands: How many of you have seen people who are driving and blatantly texting?" Police Chief Price Robinson asked more than two dozen residents who gathered Monday night at the MLK Community Center.

Several hands were raised following Robinson's inquiry at the second public hearing for the proposed texting-while-driving ban, but there continues to be opposition.

The meeting gave residents a third chance to voice their support for or opposition to the proposed ordinance before the City Council votes on it.

Mayor Jerry Morales, at-large Councilman Scott Dufford, District 1 Councilman Jeff Sparks, District 2 Councilman John B. Love III and District 4 Councilman J. Ross Lacy were in attendance.

Thirteen people spoke, with one person requesting that Robinson take the microphone to address the enforcement of the ban.

Five people spoke in support of the ordinance, giving examples of wrecks or near-wrecks they witnessed because of a texting driver, or asked for more information about similar laws enacted in other cities.

Lacy said that 40 cities in Texas have a ban on sending messages through wireless communication devices while driving.

"We want a deterrent, but it won't be like a 'gotcha!' movement," he said. "It's not meant to be an invasion of people's privacy, but it will get us to the goal of people not texting while they're driving."

Robinson spoke in support of the ordinance and repeated many of the points that arose at the first public hearing on July 20 — namely that police would be trained to recognize texting and that police could not take drivers' phones to confirm that they broke the law.

One of the earliest concerns was that the ordinance did not "have enough teeth," as the

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Gasoline	$2.403	▼ $0.010

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Arizona's health insurance co-op sees enrollment soar

By Bob Christie
Associated Press

PHOENIX — The nonprofit co-op health insurance plan created in Arizona to provide competition to traditional insurance companies under the Affordable Care Act has seen enrollment soar above projections after a dismal 2014 start that was highlighted in a recent federal audit.

The audit report released last week by the Health and Human Services Department's inspector general showed Meritus insured only 869 people as of Dec. 31, just 4 percent of the target of nearly 24,000. That's among the worst performers of co-ops operating in 23 states last year.

Meritus vice president Veronica Piotrowski disputed the enrollment figures in the federal government report, saying the company had 3,500 enrollees in November. The government stands by its numbers.

Regardless, she said enrollment has since soared and the insurer now covers nearly 56,000 Arizonans. Most of those bought their policies on the federal health insurance marketplace, boosting Meritus' marketplace share from less than 2 percent last year to 28 percent now.

A March report from the Government Accountability Office said most co-op plans with lower-than-expected enrollment blamed high premiums for their performance, and its analysis showed Meritus insurance plans last year were among the most expensive sold in the state.

Piotrowski also blamed the poor start on the uncertainty with the federal government's health insurance exchange and the public's unfamiliarity with the company, created using a $93 million federal loan. Most of that loan was used to created reserves.

The company lowered prices on many plans for this year's open enrollment period and it is now more well-known, she said.

"We really felt that as we progressed that we had a product that was more widely known, Meritus was becoming more familiar to the community," she said. "And we have attractive pricing. That was also part of that recipe that really made us an attractive and valuable selection for the community."

The Tempe-based company offers HMO and PPO plans on the federal marketplace and in the private market. Its plans include so-called "narrow networks" with limited providers and broad networks with large choices among hospitals and doctors.

According to enrollment numbers provided by the Arizona Department of Insurance, Meritus had only 2 percent of the market last year, based on its enrollment and nearly 100,000 plans sold on the federal exchange. Based on numbers Piotrowski provided Friday, that has soared to nearly 30 percent of the 165,000 people who bought marketplace plans for 2015.

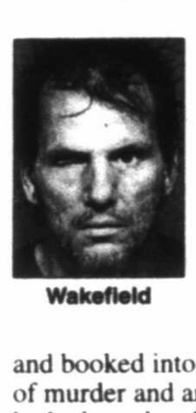
"I think the story is we've more than doubled even what that projection was," she said. "We've exceeded our targets through this part of the year as well, so we're really pleased with that."

The federal audit showed Meritus lost $7.2 million last year, but projected a small profit this year and earnings of $3 million in 2016.

Arizona man accused of decapitating wife howls in court

By Paul Davenport
Associated Press

PHOENIX — A Phoenix man who authorities say decapitated his wife and two dogs and gouged his own eye out let out a moaning howl in court after a prosecutor told a judge what the man had allegedly done, according to video released Monday.


Wakefield

Kenneth Wakefield appeared in court Saturday after being released from a hospital and booked into jail on suspicion of murder and animal cruelty. He had a large bandage in place of a missing hand, which police said he had cut off.

A judge set bond for Wakefield at $2 million after a prosecutor called the 43-year-old, who has a history of mental illness, a danger to the community.

In the video, Wakefield raises his right hand to his face, lowers his head and emits a two-second howl after the prosecutor said Wakefield repeatedly stabbed and decapitated Trina Heisch.

In a court document released Monday, police say 49-year-old Heisch was stabbed multiple times in her torso and had "defensive wounds to her hands and arms." Investigators also found several bloody knives and a large amount of blood throughout the couple's central Phoenix apartment.

Wakefield acknowledged stabbing her multiple times before decapitating her, police said. He also told investigators he smoked marijuana and synthetic marijuana about an hour before the attack on Heisch.

"He said he was trying to get the evil out of Trina," police said in the probable cause statement.

Wakefield did not have an attorney when he appeared in court, but the judge, Commissioner Alysson Abe, said one would be appointed for him before his next scheduled appearance on Friday.

The grisly attack scene was discovered July 25 by a neighbor who went to check on the couple and said Wakefield answered the door naked and covered in blood.

Records from a state psychiatric review board indicate Wakefield spent a decade in a state mental hospital after stabbing a relative in 2003. He was found "guilty, except insane" on charges of attempted second-degree murder in the stabbing of her 15-year-old son while he was sleeping in 2000. She was ordered to spend 10 years in the state hospital.

It was not clear what specific mental illness either has suffered from.

Maricopa County prosecutors acknowledged last week that it was unsuccessful. The office was unable to proceed because of "evidentiary issues," according to spokesman Jerry Cobb.

Wakefield was approved for release 10 months ago by the board based on a belief that his mental health disease was in remission and that he wasn't dangerous if he lived in a residential treatment program.

Heisch also had a history of mental illness. A judge found her to be "guilty, except insane" on charges of attempted second-degree murder in the stabbing of her 15-year-old son while he was sleeping in 2000. She was ordered to spend 10 years in the state hospital.

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Man killed, 2 arrested after shooting that wounded officer

ROSWELL — Two men are facing drug and conspiracy charges following a fatal shooting that left an officer wounded and a suspect dead.

The Roswell Daily Record reported city, county and federal authorities returned fire Friday night after police said 34-year-old Jeremy Hatch shot at investigators who were surveilling a possible drug deal.

Hatch was shot and killed. An officer wounded during the shooting is recovering and is not being identified.

34-year-old suspects Joseph Ray Mendiola and Francisco Aguilar were arrested at the scene of the shooting and are being held without bond on charges of conspiracy and possession with intent to distribute a controlled substance.

It's unclear whether the men have lawyers.

Search warrants served Friday as part of the federal investigation led to six other arrests.

Pleas filed for 2 Oklahoma brothers in stabbings

By Justin Juozapavicius
Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — A judge entered not guilty pleas Monday for two brothers charged with stabbing their parents and three siblings to death last month at their suburban Tulsa home.

Robert Bever, 18, and Michael Bever, 16, were each charged last week with five counts of first-degree murder in the July 22 attack. The older boy could face the death penalty; the younger boy, who The Associated Press is naming because he is charged as an adult, faces only life in prison because of his age.

After entering not guilty pleas for the pair, who appeared via video from the Tulsa County jail, Special Judge Deborrah Ludi-Leitch set a preliminary hearing for Oct. 28.

The brothers' lawyers declined comment, saying it was too early to talk about the case.

The city of Broken Arrow is planning to release records generated in the early hours of the investigation — including a recording of the 911 call made from the home placed by one of the victims.

Defense attorneys Rob Nigh and Cheryl Ramsey are seeking a protective order asking a judge to halt the release of documents they claim contain information that could be prejudicial to the brothers receiving a fair trial. A judge has scheduled a hearing on that order for Wednesday, a day after the city had planned to release the records to reporters.

Broken Arrow City Attorney Beth Anne Wilkening didn't return phone and email messages seeking comment Monday on whether the records would be released today. The attorneys for the brothers declined to discuss the protective order outside of court.

A Broken Arrow police sergeant had described the 911 call as "gruesome" last week.

"They're able to confirm the location, and then it basically goes to an open line for a little while and you can hear a struggle there and then it disconnects," Sgt. Thomas Cooper said.

Broken Arrow police went to the home late July 22, summoned by a faint voice on a 911 call saying a brother was attacking the family. A 13-year-old sister, who survived, told police that "her brothers" were responsible, according to an affidavit filed ahead of the pair being formally charged. A 2-year-old sister survived unharmed.

The boys were arrested shortly after the attack in a wooded area near their home. Police said a tracking dog followed their scent after officers noticed fresh footprints in the home's back yard.

The state medical examiner identified the dead as David Bever, 52; his wife April Bever, 44; and their children Daniel Bever, 12, Christopher Bever, 7, and Victoria Bever, 5.

Police haven't released a motive.

Dad of slain girl calls for peace at anti-violence event

Associated Press

TULSA, Okla. — The father of a 16-year-old girl who was killed in a drive-by shooting last month is calling for peace and unity in Tulsa.

Police believe Deoujanae Terry was a victim of gang violence and wasn't the intended target in the July 17 shooting, The Tulsa World (http://bit.ly/1KMIzty) reported. A 14-year-old boy is charged in her death.

Terry's father, Thomas Landrum, said the community needs to work together and seek a viable solution to what he sees as Tulsa's gang problem. He spoke at the "stop the violence" picnic held in Crawford Park on Sunday afternoon in which hundreds attended.

"This rally today is going to make a big difference because the people that's here today are showing they've had enough," he said. "I think these people are here to stop it and to take control of their community."

Robert Jones, who attended the gathering, said he spent more than two decades as a gang member before finally deciding to leave for a chance at a better life with his family. Jones, who's now a supervisor at an auto center, said he has since immersed himself in his community, teaching little league football and track.

He said he spends time mentoring children in an effort to prevent them from making the same choices he did in joining a gang.

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Q&A: A look at the indictment of Texas' attorney general

By Jim Vertuno and Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton was indicted Monday on three felony counts of securities fraud. Here's a closer look at what the case against him means.

What charges does he face?

All of the charges relate to activities before Paxton was elected attorney general last fall.

Two of them are first-degree felonies accusing the 52-year-old Republican of engaging in fraud by facilitating the sale of more than $100,000 in stock in a tech startup based in his hometown of McKinney. Prosecutors say Paxton didn't disclose to investors that the company would compensate him if they bought stock and that it had already given him 100,000 shares to help it land investors.

One of the complaints against Paxton was from investor and fellow Republican state Rep. Byron Cook of Corsicana.

Those charges carry punishments of five to 99 years in prison.

The other charge, a third-degree felony, accuses Paxton of rendering services as an investment adviser without being registered with the state. That charge carries a penalty of two to 10 years in prison.

Paxton's attorney, Joe Kendall, says the attorney general will plead not guilty.

Can Paxton be removed from office?

He can be removed by impeachment, which would require the state House to bring charges and the state Senate to conduct a trial. This would be completely separate from the legal criminal case.

The Legislature doesn't reconvene until 2017 and even then, House members would have to get creative to bring charges. A state law passed in 1993 bars elected officials from being stripped of their offices for acts that occur before they take office.

Could Paxton resign?

There is no indication that he will. After Paxton was booked in McKinney, a Dallas suburb, on Monday, Kendall said the attorney general would return to Austin "to focus on his work on behalf of the citizens of Texas." The state Republican Party urged Paxton to fight the charges as hard as he has "relentlessly pushed back against an overreaching federal government."

State Democratic Party Chairman Gilberto Hinojosa said Paxton should resign to "spare Texas the embarrassment of a drawn out legal fight."

Are fellow republicans supporting Paxton?

Top political allies haven't exactly rushed to his defense. Gov. Greg Abbott, who was Texas' attorney general for 12 years before becoming governor in January, said in a statement that he recognizes "this is the first step in a lengthy process" and that he "will respect that process as it moves forward."

Sen. Ted Cruz has been even more conspicuously quiet. The tea party firebrand and GOP presidential hopeful praised Paxton last year as a "tireless conservative warrior," but has said nothing publicly about the allegations against him.

Paxton's former colleagues in the Legislature, where he spent 12 years, have been mostly quiet. However, Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick noted that "an indictment is not a conviction."

How unusual is it for a statewide officeholder to be indicted in Texas?

Not that unusual. Four statewide officeholders have been indicted in the past four decades. Republican presidential hopeful Rick Perry was still governor when he was indicted last summer on felony coercion and abuse of power charges. One of those charges was recently dismissed while the other may yet reach trial.

Republican state Treasurer Kay Bailey Hutchison, later a longtime U.S. senator, was indicted in 1993 on official misconduct and records tampering charges, but eventually acquitted. In 1983, Democratic Attorney General Jim Mattox was indicted for commercial bribery and also acquitted. In 1982, Treasurer Warren G. Harding was indicted on two felony official misconduct charges and pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor.

Two-term Attorney General Dan Morales had left office by the time he was indicted on 12 felony counts in 2003. The Democrat later pleaded guilty to steering millions of dollars from Texas' $17 billion tobacco settlement to an attorney friend and served most of a 4-year federal prison sentence.

Prosecutor: Police officers unlawfully opened fire in death

By Russell Contreras
Associated Press

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — A "paramilitary response" by police in New Mexico unnecessarily escalated an encounter last year that ended when two officers unlawfully opened fire and killed a homeless man despite signs that he wanted to surrender, a special prosecutor said Monday.

The two Albuquerque officers charged with murder in the death of James Boyd came to the scene with the intent of attacking him, Special Prosecutor Randi McGinn asserted at a preliminary hearing to decide if the officers should stand trial.

"What was the crime that prompted this paramilitary response? It was not a terrorist act. It was illegal camping," McGinn said during his opening statement at the hearing for Officer Dominique Perez and former Detective Keith Sandy.

In their opening statements, defense attorneys said their clients did nothing wrong and both felt the lives of their fellow officers were in danger.

The prosecutor said the shooting occurred after 19 officers armed with a total of more than 700 rounds of ammunition surrounded Boyd for camping illegally in the foothills of the Sandia Mountains.

Boyd, 38, suffered from paranoid schizophrenia, had two pocket knives and was gathering his belongings when Perez and Sandy fired three rounds each, McGinn said.

"They created the danger. It was not Mr. Boyd who came at them," McGinn told the judge at the hearing expected to last a week.

Boyd was shot during the March 2014 standoff and later died at a hospital after his arm was amputated.

Video of the encounter showed him appearing to surrender before Perez and Sandy opened fire. Authorities have said he threatened officers with the two knives.

The shooting generated angry protests around Albuquerque that closed City Hall and sparked a cyberattack on city websites.

Boyd's death came amid a wave of police shootings in Albuquerque and just before the U.S. Justice Department issued a harsh report into use of excessive force by the Albuquerque Police Department.

There have been more than 40 police shootings in Albuquerque since 2010.

A federal judge recently approved an agreement between the city and the Justice Department to revamp police policies and assign a federal monitor to make sure changes are made.

Albuquerque Police Chief Gorden Eden testified at Monday's hearing that all officers were trained on the department's use of force policies.

However, under cross-examination, he said officers should follow the law instead of the policies in case of a conflict.

Eden had been in the job less than two weeks at the time of the Boyd shooting.

The Boyd case is not about 700 rounds of ammunition or the policies of Albuquerque police, said defense attorney Sam Bregman, who is defending Sandy.

Instead, it's about two officers facing murder charges in the justified shooting of "a crazy man with two knives," Bregman said.

"I'm surprised (prosecutors) didn't argue that Mr. Boyd would have been justified to stab" officers, the lawyer said.

Luis Robles, a lawyer for Perez, said offices gave Boyd a number of chances to surrender and accept help hours before the shooting.

"But Mr. Boyd would have none of that," Robles said.

Boyd was responsible for the shooting because officers had no choice except to open fire after he made threatening move, Robles said.

Perez, a SWAT team member, and Sandy are the first officers that Bernalillo County District Attorney Kari Brandenburg has charged with murder.

State District Judge Alisa Hadfield in April disqualified Brandenburg or anyone in her office from prosecuting the case and ordered her to appoint a special prosecutor.

The judge determined an ongoing dispute between Brandenburg and Albuquerque police over a bribery investigation involving Brandenburg created a conflict of interest.

New Mexico Attorney General Hector Balderas later decided not to seek charges against Brandenburg.

Faith holds at New Mexico churches hit by outside blasts

By Paul Davenport and Felicia Fonseca
Associated Press

A New Mexico church service was set to start when the mailbox exploded near the office entrance.

Unshaken in faith, the congregation of Calvary Baptist in Las Cruces headed to the parking lot, set up folding chairs and listened as the pastor drew from the story of David and Goliath.

The explosion that sent the mailbox flying 100 feet over a woman's head was the first of two om Sunday that caused minor damage to two churches in Las Cruces — the second-largest city in New Mexico near the border of Mexico and Texas.

No one was injured in the blasts at Calvary Baptist and Holy Cross Roman Catholic, but authorities said the explosive devices could have caused serious injuries if anyone had been nearby.

No arrests have been made.

Calvary Baptist Pastor Scott Rodgers said he had spent three days preparing his sermon for Sunday but somehow sensed Saturday that he needed to change course. He searched the scriptures and was led to the story of David and Goliath.

"What I saw there is that when in the midst of difficult situations, we need to, rather than look at the size of our problem, we need to look at the size of our God," he said. "It provided a great deal of comfort."

Calvary Baptist reopened Monday. No one answered the phone at Holy Cross, where an explosion in a trash can caused damage to a glass entryway.

Authorities have declined to provide specifics on the explosives that went off about 20 minutes apart at the two churches.

Calvary Baptist sits at the corner off a major street about a mile from New Mexico State University, while Holy Cross is tucked in a residential neighborhood less than four miles away.

Monsignor John Anderson was blessing bread and wine for Communion at Holy Cross when the trash can exploded.

Arriving police officers evacuated the church and blocked off surrounding buildings while bomb-sniffing dogs searched the church property.

"I was right in the middle of saying the words 'Take and eat, this is my body,' and there was a pow! I mean, I knew it had to be more than a gunshot," Anderson told the Las Cruces Sun-News. "I didn't know if it was a shotgun blast, I didn't know what. But it was very loud, and I just kept on saying the words."

Authorities are working to determine what materials were used and whether the blasts were related.

"It doesn't appear to be coincidental because of the timing, but you never know," Las Cruces police spokesman Danny Trujillo said.

FBI spokesman Frank Fisher said investigators will look into any possible links between the blasts and the June fatal shooting of nine black churchgoers in Charleston, South Carolina. But he said there was no immediate indication of a connection.

The FBI established a hotline, 1-800-225-5324, for information on the blasts.

"Somebody out there knows something, and we want them to call us," Fisher said. "These were strong devices."

Police advised other churches in the city to look out for anything suspicious and let police inspect anything found.

Gov. Susana Martinez, who was a prosecutor in Las Cruces before becoming governor, told residents Sunday to keep attending houses of worship and promised that the "coward" will be caught.

She told reporters that if the intention was to bring fear to those who worship, it was a failed effort.

Rodgers said members of the church ministry team are being made available for anyone who needs prayer, something he's hopeful will help bring peace.

"We're all just incredibly grateful that God protected us, there was not a single injury," he said. "If anything, it has increased our faith in the Lord."

STATE&REGIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW MEXICO

New machines aim to revive troubled New Mexico green chile

LAS CRUCES — Efforts are underway to save the green chile that's important to traditional New Mexican fare as labor shortages, a previous severe drought and competition from China, India and Mexico endanger its growth in the state.

The Las Cruces Sun-News reported that investors and inventors are running tests this week of machines that would harvest and destem the crop. The delicate chiles are now picked by hand, and problems with bruising and removing their stems have made the change to machines difficult.

New Mexico land dedicated to growing chile has long been declining, and experts say mechanization might stop or even reverse the trend. Federal numbers show overall chile acreage harvested across New Mexico fell last year to a 43-year low.

The trial runs involve harvesting machines from U.S. and Israeli company's and an American inventor's device to pull the stems.

DALLAS

Texas faces less stringent goals in final clean power plan

Texas faces a less stringent mandate under the final version of a federal plan to reduce power plants' greenhouse gas emissions.

Under the plan unveiled Monday, Texas would need to cut emissions by nearly 34 percent by 2030. The Environmental Protection Agency had originally proposed that Texas reduce emissions by 39 percent. The EPA's broader plan calls for a 32 percent nationwide reduction by 2030.

Texas Commission on Environmental Quality spokeswoman Andrea Morrow said that concerns remain about how the plan will affect the cost and reliability of the state's electrical supply.

The electric distribution grid operator for most of Texas expects half the state's coal-fired power plants would shut down with Texas forced to develop more renewable energy sources.

Gov. Greg Abbott vowed Monday to challenge the rule.

HOUSTON

Businessman charged with running Ponzi scheme

A Houston-area businessman charged by the Securities and Exchange Commission with defrauding investors of $114 million through a Ponzi scheme has agreed to return allegedly ill-gotten gains with interest.

The SEC's case filed in federal court Monday charges Frederick Alan Voight with defrauding more than 300 investors in multiple offerings of promissory notes issued by two partnerships he owns.

The complaint alleges that while Voight's latest offering promised investors returns as high as 42 percent a year from loans to small public companies, most of the funds went to pay earlier investors.

Without addressing the allegations, Voight agreed to settle the SEC's complaint by consenting to permanent injunctions against committing these violations in the future. He also agreed to asset freezes and to pay civil penalties.

NEW MEXICO

4 Las Cruces teens charged with fatally shooting 5th teen

LAS CRUCES — Authorities have arrested four Las Cruces teens for allegedly shooting another teen to death while all five were carrying out a home invasion.

Dona Ana County Sheriff's detectives said three 18-year-old boys and a 17-year-old boy were booked Saturday into Dona Ana County Detention Center.

All four face multiple charges including first-degree murder for the death of 17-year-old Jaycob Alba.

According to deputies, Alba and the suspects went to a mobile home park Friday around 3 a.m. The suspects allegedly shot into a vehicle and a home.

The home's occupant, who was sleeping, suffered a gunshot wound to the foot. He is expected to recover.

Authorities said Alba was outside when he was shot in the head. They said the suspects fled the area but were located by detectives.

HOUSTON

Pastors sue Houston mayor over equal rights measure

A group of pastors is suing Houston Mayor Annise Parker for allegedly infringing on residents' rights by denying efforts to let people vote on an equal rights ordinance that bans discrimination based on sexual orientation and gender identity.

The lawsuit, filed Monday by the Houston Area Pastors Council, seeks legal fees and damages associated with a challenge last year to the city's decision to not certify a petition that sought to place the ordinance before voters.

Andy Taylor, the pastors' attorney, said Parker violated his clients' religious freedom by having subpoenas issued that sought sermons related to the repeal petition.

Parker said the lawsuit isn't about religious freedom but about politics.

Last month, the Texas Supreme Court ruled Houston must repeal the ordinance or place it on the November ballot.

OKLAHOMA

Ceremony to mark cleanup, reuse of former Anadarko armory

ANADARKO — The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality has announced that the former Anadarko National Guard Armory is ready for reuse by the city.

The agency announced the end of the cleanup project on Monday. A ceremony to recognize the property transfer and work completion is planned Thursday.

Armories such as the Anadarko facility were cleaned up as part of DEQ's Site Cleanup Assistance Program, where the agency evaluates and remediates environmental hazards at surplus National Guard armories.

Environmental issues common to many of the facilities are contamination from indoor firing ranges, lead-based paint and asbestos.

The agency said it works with community leaders to ensure the potential hazards are remediated before reuse.

TODAY IN MIDLAND

Things to do

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

■ Backyard Basics: Home Fruits, Nuts, Grapes & Strawberries, 6-9 p.m. at Ector County Extension Office. 498-4071.

Community calendar

■ Midland College will be awarding $100 book vouchers to 30 full-time students who register for the fall semester by Friday. All students who register by this date will be eligible for the drawing.

For more information, visit www.midland.edu/enroll

■ The state's annual sales tax holiday is Friday through Sunday. During these three days, most clothing, footwear, school supplies and backpacks priced under $100 are exempt from sales tax.

For a list of apparel and school supplies that may be purchased tax-free, visit TexasTaxHoliday.org.

Support group and club meetings today

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

■ The Helping Hand Metastatic Cancer Support Group meets noon at Texas Tech Physicians of the Permian Basin Clinic, Room 210B. Lunch will be served. To RSVP, call Amber Chavez at 620-1023.

■ Midland Chapter of NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness), 7 p.m., First Presbyterian Church (Koinonoa Room); Judith Craig, 583-3648.

■ A confidential peer-to-peer support gathering for combat veterans, at Midland College Cogdell Center, 201 Florida Ave.. Steve Cree, 770-7469.

■ 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.

■ Parent Quest, for parents of special needs children, meets 6-8 p.m. at First Christian Church. For more information, contact Malissa Roach, SHARE program coordinator, at 349-1069.

■ 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, 520-4343.

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

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

■ VFW Post 4149 meets 7 p.m., 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, 684-9226.

■ VFW Post 4149 Men's and Women's auxiliaries meet, 409 Veterans Airpark Lane, at 7 p.m. and 6:30 p.m., respectively, 684-9226.

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

Correction

An article in Saturday's edition about two women arrested on child abuse charges mistakenly stated that the two children were adopted.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 1-3-1
Pick 3 day: 1 - 1 - 8
Pick 3 evening: 9 - 7 - 9
Pick 3 night: 6 - 1 - 8
Daily 4 morning: 4 - 8 - 6 - 4
Daily 4 day: 0 - 0 - 9 - 9
Daily 4 evening: 5 - 5 - 5 - 3
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Cash Five: 4 - 15 - 20 - 25 - 26
Texas Two Step: 2-27-29-31 BB 14
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All or Nothing day: 1-3-4-7-8-9-14-15-18-20-22-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-4-5-6-7-9-11-12-14-19-22
All or Nothing night: 4-5-6-9-11-12-13-18-20-22-23-24

Today in history

Today is Tuesday, August 4, the 216th day of 2015. There are 149 days left in the year.

On this date:

■ In 1936, Jesse Owens of the U.S. won the second of his four gold medals at the Berlin Olympics as he prevailed in the long jump over German Luz Long, who was the first to congratulate him.

■ In 1944, 15-year-old diarist Anne Frank was arrested with her sister, parents and four others by the Gestapo after hiding for two years inside a building in Amsterdam. (Anne and her sister, Margot, died at the Bergen-Belsen concentration camp.)

■ In 1964, the bodies of missing civil rights workers Michael Schwerner, Andrew Goodman and James Chaney were found buried in an earthen dam in Mississippi.

■ In 1975, the Swedish pop group ABBA began recording their hit single "Dancing Queen" at Glen Studio outside Stockholm (it was released a year later).

■ In 1977, President Jimmy Carter signed a measure establishing the Department of Energy.

■ In 1987, the Federal Communications Commission voted to abolish the Fairness Doctrine, which required radio and television stations to present balanced coverage of controversial issues.

■ In 1991, the Greek luxury liner Oceanos sank in heavy seas off South Africa's southeast coast; all the passengers and crew members survived.

Today's birthdays: Former Attorney General Alberto Gonzales is 60. Actor-screenwriter Billy Bob Thornton is 60. President Barack Obama is 54. Retired MLB All-Star pitcher Roger Clemens is 53. Race car driver Jeff Gordon is 44.

$48M more awarded in crane collapse

By Rick Rojas
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — A jury awarded $24 million in punitive damages on Monday to each of the families of the two workers killed when a crane tower collapsed in 2008, raising the total damages to more than $96 million and closing out one of the longest civil trials in New York City history.

The award follows the jury's decision last week that the crane's owner, James F. Lomma, and his companies should pay more than $48.3 million to the victims' families to cover economic losses and pain and suffering.

Lomma, who had been acquitted of criminal charges stemming from the collapse, was found in civil court to be at fault because he knew a part of the crane that led to the accident was defective. On May 30, 2008, the crane, at 91st Street and First Avenue, separated from the tower and collapsed, killing Donald C. Leo, the crane operator, and Ramadan Kurtaj, a construction worker on the street below.

The civil trial, which began in September in State Supreme Court in Manhattan after delays and a mistrial, stretched over about 120 days of arguments and testimony, lawyers said. Family members of the victims sat in the courtroom through the entire trial, and on Monday they welcomed the damages as an opportunity for closure.

"It's been a very arduous journey," said Maria Leo, wearing the pin she had worn every day of the trial, emblazoned with a photograph of Donald Leo, her son. "It's been seven years."

Lawyers for the family argued that Lomma had used an unqualified Chinese company to repair the crane to save money, and the crane gave way because of shoddy welding. The plaintiffs' lawyers said that Lomma, aware of the shortcomings of the crane, should have taken it out of service.

Lomma's lawyers claimed that the crane operator hoisted too heavy a load, causing the line to snap and knocking the crane off balance.

Leo, 30, had followed in his father's footsteps to become a crane operator, and he died weeks before he was scheduled to be married. Kurtaj, 27, who had emigrated from Kosovo, was working on water and sewer lines when he was crushed in the collapse.

Lawyers for the victims' families said that the damages awarded after the deaths served as a warning to bad actors in the construction industry. Susan M. Karten, a plaintiff lawyer, said they should "take heed of this verdict" and the message it sends: "You're going to get hit hard by a jury."

Glenn J. Fuerth, a lawyer representing Lomma, said his client would appeal. He cited among the reasons a decision by the judge that he contends limited the defense's ability to argue its case.

Maria Leo said she anticipated an appeal, but whatever the final amount, she was relieved that the jury had assigned blame for the accident to the crane's owner, not her son. "The most important battle was to hear my son did nothing wrong," she said. "Donald Christopher Leo did nothing wrong."

Selvi Sinanovic, Kurtaj's widow, said sitting through the lengthy trial — on top of the years of criminal and civil proceedings — had been difficult to endure. "This will give us a chance to heal," she said. "It's the best way we can get justice."

Schumer cousins, Chuck and Amy, team up to fight gun violence

By Matt Flegenheimer
N.Y. Times News Service

NEW YORK — The poster evoked a family law practice, or perhaps an off-Broadway act, announcing the gathering's hosts inside the overstuffed Midtown office of New York's senior senator.

"Schumer & Schumer," the sign read, before relaying the pair's message about gun violence: "Enough is enough."

The Schumers were Chuck and Amy: the powerful Democrat who has long pressed for stricter gun laws, and the comedian whose sexually frank stand-up act, television series and film debut have fueled a rapid rise.

The two are cousins — second cousins once removed, specifically — a connection they only recently explored. The pair recalled meeting last summer at a Shakespeare in the Park performance. ("It was great, unforgettable," Amy Schumer said of the production that neither Schumer could recall.)

Chuck Schumer reminisced about playing stickball with Amy Schumer's father on Long Island in the 1950s and noted that his nephew's college friends now ask if there is a family connection to the comedian, not the senator.

"So I've made it," Amy Schumer said dryly.

But her appearance Monday owed to a recent tragedy. It was at a screening of her film, "Trainwreck," last month in Lafayette, Louisiana, that a gunman fatally shot two young women and wounded nine other people.

Since then, Amy Schumer has pledged to become involved in efforts to curb gun violence, though the news conference Monday was the first time she made expansive comments on that front.

She eulogized the victims, Jillian E. Johnson, 33, and Mayci Breaux, 21, and stopped herself after beginning to identify the gunman while reading from notes. "I'm not even going to say his name," she said.

She paused at times, her voice quavering.

"We'll never know why people choose to do these painful things," she said on Monday, her voice quavering at times, "but sadly, we always find out how."

Amy Schumer said the package of plans "seeks to address the how," vowing that these initial public comments on gun violence "will not be my last."

Specifically, the senator is introducing legislation that would allow the Justice Department "to create rewards and penalties for states that submit or don't submit all records into the background check system," with a particular focus on the records of people with a history of mental illness and drug problems.

The Schumers also called on Congress to fully fund the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, which the Senate has proposed cutting by $159 million, according to Chuck Schumer.

The event Monday came about after a phone call from the senator to the comedian, who immediately expressed an interest in participating.

"I said, 'Hi Amy, this is Cousin Chuck,'" Schumer recalled. "She said, 'I hope you're going to ask me to do something with you on gun control.'"

Amy Schumer said she "had a lot of say" in the content of the announcement, adding, "I'm pretty stubborn."

Chuck Schumer said his cousin was persistent about wanting "to do something that was effective but that could actually pass."

"And that was sort of speaking my language," he continued.

A spokeswoman for the National Rifle Association, Jennifer Baker, said the group could not comment on the proposal without seeing more specifics, but added, "We can all agree that the adjudicated mentally ill who are a danger to themselves and others should not have access to firearms."

DIVIDE

From 1A

ordinance states that a person can use a wireless device to call or act as a GPS system.

Another concern was the polar opposite — the law could lead to laws banning other activities while driving, such as smoking or operating a wireless communication device.

Chief among the concerns was the level of subjectivity in the law's enforcement. Concerns included the ability of a law enforcement officer to differentiate between someone who was texting from someone who looked away from the road for a reason unrelated to texting, and that the burden of proof would fall on drivers and not law enforcement officers.

"I don't think it's our job to say we are not guilty," Wally Dunn said.

Councilmen said the concerns were noted but asserted that the ordinance could be contested like any other ordinance. Sparks said that since texting involves looking down, multiple times, it's "extremely obvious" to passersby that someone is texting and will likely be more obvious to law enforcement officers trained to recognize texting.

Another concern raised at the earlier public hearing was how the ordinance could open the door for officers to discriminate based on color or background.

Love acknowledged those concerns as ones he recognizes, citing his own experiences with being stopped by police, but said he still supported the measure because it was about "public safety."

Love said that the ordinance will not give police any more latitude to stop people than existing ordinances already do.

"I think my concerns were addressed but not to the fullest," said Shirley Howard.

She said that the ordinance could open the doors to reflect the recent national spotlight on violence between police and citizens during basic traffic stops.

Robinson addressed Howard's concern when he took the microphone, saying that enforcement of the law will be "even" in all areas of town.

Nelson Spear spoke against the ordinance for the third time. He, Howard and Caleb Unseth led opposition to the ordinance. Spear said that laws acting as deterrents are not completely effective and that the logistics of what constitutes texting are unclear because of voice-activated apps such as Siri.

Unseth echoed Howard's sentiments that his concerns were not fully addressed by the council.

"I believe their minds are already made up, and I don't believe my concerns or others who are opposed to this ordinance are truly being heard and processed," Unseth said after the hearing.

The council will vote on the ordinance at the Aug. 11 meeting.

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FDA clears first 3-D printed prescription drug

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Food and Drug Administration has approved the first prescription drug made through 3-D printing: a dissolvable tablet that treats seizures.

Aprecia Pharmaceuticals said Monday the FDA approved its drug Spritam for adults and children who suffer from certain types of seizures caused by epilepsy. The tablet is manufactured through a layered process via 3-D printing and dissolves when taken with liquid.

The Ohio-based company says its printing system can package potent drug doses of up to 1,000 milligrams into individual tablets. It expects to launch Spritam in the first quarter of 2016.

The FDA has previously approved medical devices — including prosthetics — made with 3-D printing. An agency spokeswoman confirmed the new drug is the first prescription tablet approved that uses the process.

Aprecia said in a statement it plans to develop other medications using its 3-D platform in coming years, including more neurological drugs. The company is privately owned.

Doctors are increasingly turning to 3-D printing to create customized implants for patients with rare conditions and injuries, including children who cannot be treated with adult-size devices. The FDA held a workshop last year for medical manufacturers interested in the technology.

CRIMEBRIEF

FROM WIRE REPORTS

Man arrested on burglary charge

A Midland man was arrested Sunday morning after allegedly burglarizing a home off South County Road 1200, according to court documents.

Matthew Nietert, 21, was being held Monday on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.

Midland County deputies arrived at the residence and heard a horn from a vehicle parked inside the garage. Deputies then encountered Nietert, shirtless, with a pistol holstered around his shoulder, according to his arrest affidavit.

Nietert said he had permission to be on the property and that he had entered the house by a sliding door in the back of the residence. Deputies contacted the homeowner, who was out of town and said no one had permission to be at the residence, according to the affidavit.


Nietert

The pistol Nietert had holstered around his shoulder had been stored in the homeowner's closet and two sets of keys found on Nietert's person were for the homeowner's vehicles parked in the garage, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony, Nietert could face up to 20 years in prison.

Federal agents meet with Baltimore homicide detectives to begin partnership

By Justin Fenton
The Baltimore Sun

BALTIMORE — Federal agents met with Baltimore Police Department homicide detectives Monday to begin a two-month partnership with the goal of curbing this summer's record pace of violence.

Interim Police Commissioner Kevin Davis said the 10 agents from the FBI, Drug Enforcement Administration, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives, the U.S. Marshals Service and the U.S. Secret Service gathered and discussed cases in which police have identified suspects but need an extra boost to file charges.

Davis huddled in Washington on Monday with police chiefs from across the country to discuss an increase in violence in several major cities.

"American cities have not seen the uptick in homicides that we're seeing … since 2006," Davis said Monday afternoon. "We're all at the table. Other cities are looking to Baltimore — they want to know what Baltimore is going to do about it."

Baltimore has seen 192 homicides this year, after 208 killings in all of last year. Sixty percent — or 116 — of this year's killings have occurred in just the last three months.

The surge followed the April death of 25-year-old Freddie Gray and the charging of six police officers involved in his arrest and transport.

The three-month total is the highest in the city since at least 1970. The number of nonfatal shootings is up more than 80 percent for the year and has eclipsed the total for all of last year.

Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, who cited the spike in violence when she fired Commissioner Anthony W. Batts last month, said the city has "been able to get crime surges under control in the past."

The mayor was flanked by members of Maryland's congressional delegation, state officials, City Council members, the state's attorney and community leaders.

"We need to lower the murder rate, lower the crime rate, increase the confidence level that Baltimore is a good, strong, safe city to live in, to work in, to worship in," Sen. Barbara A. Mikulski said.

Authorities have for years promoted close working relationships among city, state and federal law enforcement agencies and a focus on repeat offenders. But officials say they have been working to bolster those efforts. They rolled out a "war room" last month to put police, federal agents and prosecutors together to study trends and work on cases.

The B-FED task force, announced Sunday, is unique, officials say, because it will put federal agents inside Baltimore's homicide unit to work at the direction of city police.

Special Agent David Cheplak, a spokesman for the ATF, said his agency contributed 12 special agents to the war room — more than any other federal agency — and is looking to add two to the new task force.

"The understanding is that an agent will be partnered up with a current homicide detective, given a caseload with the goal being to clear these homicides," Cheplak said.

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NATIONBRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

NEW ORLEANS

Judge: Durst doesn't get handwriting comparisons

A judge in New Orleans says prosecutors don't have to give real estate heir Robert Durst a series of six handwriting comparisons involved in the California murder case against him.

Durst's lawyers say they need the analyses to fight his arrest, but U.S. Magistrate Judge Sally Shushan ruled Monday that court records already include a document summarizing the history of the handwriting comparisons. She said that's enough.

The first analysis said someone else probably wrote a note that directed police to the slain body of Susan Berman, but three later comparisons said Durst was probably the writer.

Durst is charged with possessing a handgun after a felony conviction. The charge has kept him in Louisiana even though he waived extradition on the murder charge in Los Angeles.

TENNESEE

Reba McEntire, Narvel Blackstock announce separation

NASHVILLE — Country superstar Reba McEntire and her husband and manager Narvel Blackstock announced they are separating after 26 years of marriage.

The two said in a joint statement Monday that they had been separated for the past several months.

"Despite this being the end of their marriage, they continue to support each other," the duo said in a statement from Big Machine Label Group. "They have worked together for 35 years and will continue to do so. They have asked that you respect their privacy during this time."

A representative for Big Machine declined to say whether they had filed for divorce.

The couple has one son together, race car driver Shelby Blackstock; Blackstock has three other children from a previous marriage.

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for your information

To appear in *For Your Information* call Paul Wiseman at 697-7468 or your Midland Reporter-Telegram account executive at 682-5311.



Fashion's Philip McCain recommends you drop off your school clothes now, so you'll get them back clean and fresh before that first bell rings.

Let Fashion Cleaners get your school wardrobe ready

Ready or not, school is on its way to a building near you. School starts in just over three weeks (August 27), and teacher in-service activities begin sooner than that. Is your wardrobe ready? If not, let Fashion Cleaners help.

Before that first day of school, look over your wardrobe. Are there any stains? Any buttons missing? Have they collected dust over the summer?

Gather all your school clothes up and drop them off at Fashion Cleaners right away, so you can get them back in time for school. Fashion will work hard to get your clothes as clean and fresh-smelling as is professionally possible.

Fashion also offers shirt and jean laundry, as well as professional cleaning of those large household items such as draperies and bedspreads. MISD employees receive a 10 percent discount.

Fashion's Philip McCain also reminds new brides that it's not too late to let Fashion Cleaners heirloom your wedding dress.

Fashion Cleaners has two convenient locations: 801 W. Wall and in the Imperial Shopping Center at Midkiff and Wadley. They do all kinds of cleaning and laundry, as well as alterations, reweaving and keepsaking of bridal gowns. Pickup and delivery are available. See them on the web at www.fashioncleanerstx.com.

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"It only takes a second" to send a text, you may think. Actually, it takes your eyes off the road for at least five seconds—which may not sound like much, but it's enough to increase your accident risk by 23 times, according to numbers quoted on the website www.textingandddrivingsafety.com. That is 23 TIMES, not 23 percent!

Think it doesn't actually happen? Allen Frasier, owner of Allstar Refinishing and Collision, says you should go by his shop and see the results. "I fully believe the numbers that say almost a fourth of all accidents are caused by texting and driving," says Allen. "You should see what we get in the shop on a regular basis. And we just get the vehicles that can be repaired. The ones that are totaled go straight to salvage."

Here we are only talking about the mechanical damage. To see the human cost you'll have to go to the hospital—or elsewhere.

Perhaps the scariest statistic is that 77 percent of young adults think they can text and drive safely, and over half think it's easy—believing that such coping mechanisms as holding the phone up near the windshield improves their safety. Another study shows that teens who text while driving spend 10 percent of their time outside of their own lane.

The sheer numbers improve a little bit for adults, No, the chances of an accident are still about the same, it's just that fewer of them do it (34 percent of teens as compared to 27 percent of adults—and this is the number of people who ADMIT it).



If you think it's safe to text and drive, stop by Allstar Refinishing and Collision—and see results like this. Allstar is at 4600 West Wall.

In truth, there are lots of driving distractions, from just talking on the phone to fumbling with a CD or changing the radio station, and all of them can lead to an accident. But in the last few years, texting has become one of the most common issues and one that is sure to be dealt with very soon.

Remember—it's not just yourself you endanger when you text and drive. Most accidents involve and endanger others. Do you want to be one who injures or kills someone while you're typing "lol?" Even if you're typing something important, PLEASE pull off the road to do it.

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Are you a member of a secret society?

By Paul Wiseman
FYI Expert

My neighbor Jimmy and I tried to start some secret clubs when we were in grade school. We met in the dog house because it was that big—my dad had gotten it in a trade for a partially broken lawnmower or something. It was way too big for our beagle!

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OPINION

Agency has twisted concept of reproductive health

■ Only Planned Parenthood would think saying that they kill babies only 3 percent of the time is something to brag about



RICH LOWRY
King Features Syndicate

The nation's premier provider of abortions doesn't want to be known for providing abortions.

Planned Parenthood, embroiled in a scandal over secret videos capturing its cavalier dismemberment of unborn babies and sale of their body parts, insists that abortion is only 3 percent of what it does.

Practically every defender of the organization, fighting to preserve its federal funding, reverts to the 3 percent figure. How could you possibly, they ask, defund a group that devotes itself overwhelmingly to uncontroversial procedures and services for women?

The 3 percent figure is an artifice and a dodge, but even taking it on its own terms, it's not much of a defense. Only Planned Parenthood would think saying that they kill babies only 3 percent of the time is something to brag about. How much credit would we give someone for saying he only drives drunk 3 percent of the time, or only cheats on business trips 3 percent of the time, or only hits his wife during 3 percent of domestic disputes?

The 3 percent factoid is crafted to obscure the reality of Planned Parenthood's business. The group performs about 330,000 abortions a year, or roughly 30 percent of all the abortions in the country. By its own accounting in its 2013-14 annual report, it provides about as many abortions as Pap tests (380,000). The group does more breast exams and provides more breast-cancer services (490,000), but not by that much.

The 3 percent figure is derived by counting abortion as just another service like much less consequential services. So abortion is considered a service no different than a pregnancy test (1.1 million), even though a box with two pregnancy tests can be procured from the local drugstore for less than $10.

By Planned Parenthood's math, a woman who gets an abortion but also a pregnancy test, an STD test and some contraceptives has received four services, and only 25 percent of them are abortion. This is a little like performing an abortion and giving a woman an aspirin, and saying only half of what you do is abortion.

Such cracked reasoning could be used to obscure the purpose of any organization. The sponsors of the New York City Marathon could count each small cup of water they hand out (some 2 million cups, compared with 45,000 runners) and say they are mainly in the hydration business. Or Major League Baseball teams could say that they sell about 20 million hot dogs and play 2,430 games in a season, so baseball is only 0.012 percent of what they do.

Supporters of Planned Parenthood want to use its health services as leverage to preserve its abortions, as if you can't get one without the other. Of course, this is nonsense. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention provides free or low-cost breast and cervical cancer screenings — without aborting babies. State health departments provide free cancer screenings — without aborting babies. Community health centers provide a range of medical services — without aborting babies.

These organizations are genuinely committed to women's health, with no ideological commitment to abortion. Planned Parenthood's twisted conception of "reproductive health" doesn't extend to the baby that has been reproduced. All you need to know about its priorities is that it only provides 19,000 "prenatal services," which means that it performs roughly 17 times more abortions.

Supporters of Planned Parenthood have taken to arguing that the group prevents abortion by providing women with birth control, in an obvious smokescreen. Planned Parenthood could straightforwardly do its part to reduce abortions — by not championing abortion, by not fighting restrictions on abortions and, most of all, by not performing abortions.

If abortion is really incidental to what it's all about, it could give up the alleged 3 percent. But it will never do it. Abortion is just a tiny portion of what it does exactly the way the heart is small muscle in the body.

GUEST VIEW

Global oil markets shouldn't be off-limits

Houston Chronicle

Slide a quarter into the Pong machine and get ready to party like it's 1972, because Texas crude oil production is on a path to exceed record levels not seen since the days of Dick Nixon and Hanoi Jane. And like many of those '70s memories, not much of this seems to make sense at first glance.

The price of oil sits at nearly half of what it was last year. The number of oil and gas rigs in our state has fallen by 60 percent and rig completions have declined by 33 percent since crude began its precipitous slide. Texas' production industry has already shed about 20,000 workers, and Karr Ingham, an economist for the Texas Alliance of Energy Producers, has estimated that we'll lose about 30,000 more. Despite these weakening indicators, Texas is expected to pump about 1.28 billion barrels of oil by the end of the year, topping out our previous high of 1.26 billion barrels. Just how does this work?

Apparently oil companies are very good at their job. Producers have found ways to pump more crude with lower costs. As Chronicle reporter Collin Eaton wrote last week, it is now half a million dollars cheaper to drill a well in West Texas than last year, and it costs half as much to bring a well into production. Some of these cost savings come from the fact that the sudden drop in prices has oil patch tool companies running a fire sale on their wares. Survival of the fittest also means that only the most efficient oil men are left working in the fields.

All across the nation, low oil prices have put the squeeze on companies to pump oil cheaply and efficiently. The only problem is that this oil often has nowhere to go but back into the ground. Storage facilities in the United States, subterranean or otherwise, now hold nearly 500 million barrels of oil, according to Reuters market analyst John Kemp. That's the highest level in eight decades.

Yet while oil is piped into storage tanks, buyers around the globe are kept out of the game. In another hazy memory from the '70s, the United States prohibits companies from exporting most crude, and nobody really understands why we have that rule in place. The export ban was originally intended to keep U.S. oil on our shores at a time of high prices and short supply during the Arab oil embargo. Back then, however, we weren't even producing enough oil for there to be any excess production to ship out. Even today, consumers don't really benefit from this restriction on free trade. While oil hits a barrier, the gasoline and other petroleum products that people buy are all largely priced on a global market. Whether oil is kept here or sent abroad, you're probably going to pay the same amount at the pump. In fact, exporting U.S. oil could even push down worldwide gasoline prices.

The only folks who benefit from the ban are refiners and chemical companies that can turn lower domestic prices into higher profit. Meanwhile, Vladimir Putin and Saudi Arabia have little problem flooding global markets with their own crude, and Iran is about to bring its production back to global markets. When the United States withholds our oil from the planet, it empowers these less-than-savory figures on the global stage, growing their influence at a time when U.S. policy should be aimed at diminishing their clout.

Just in time for Congress' August break, the Senate Energy Committee passed a bill that would finally lift the 40-year-old export restriction. This move would free our oil industry to compete on a level playing field and help out a Houston economy that's seen job growth slow from 3.7 percent to 1.9 percent over the past 12 months.

The age of oil scarcity is gone, and its policies deserve a similar farewell. Like playing Pong on an iPhone, it is time for Congress to catch up with the times.

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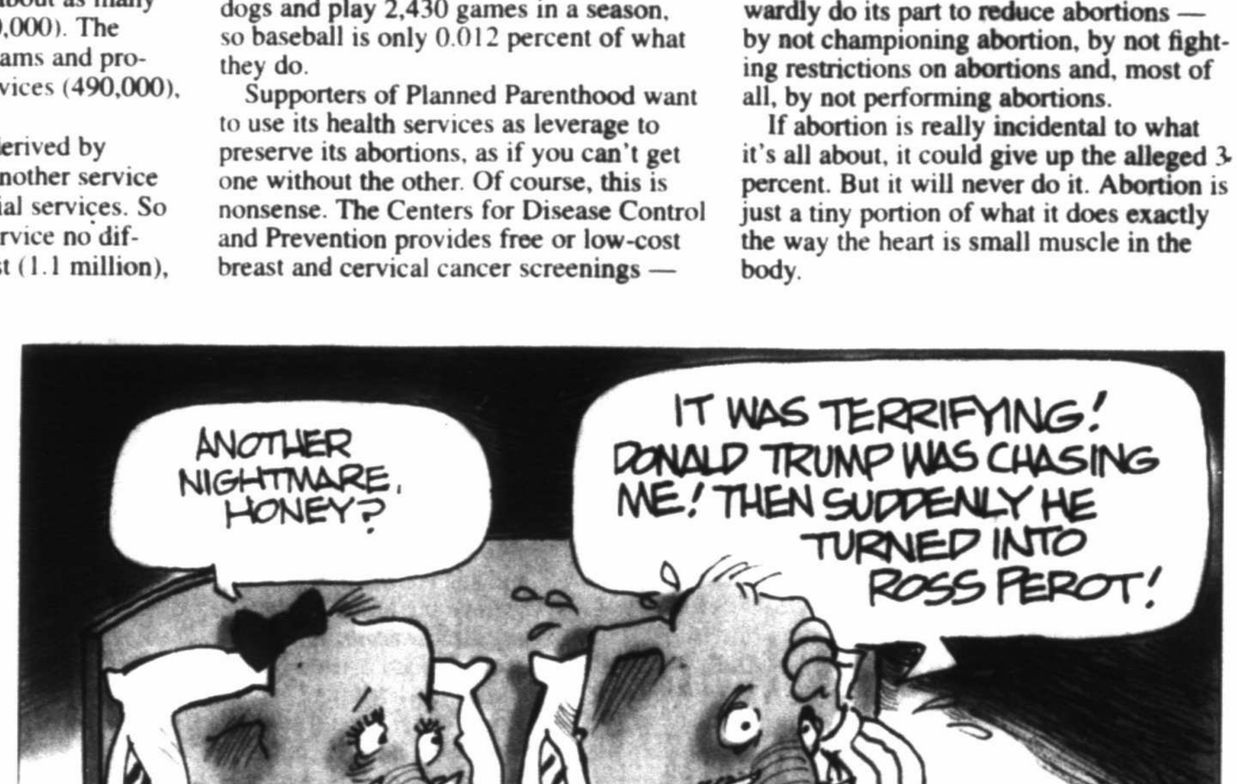

Voters didn't know much about Paxton

■ Depending on how attorney general's case plays out, Texas could once again be two-party state.

KEN HERMAN
Austin American Statesman

So now the great state of Texas has an indicted attorney general. Thanks, Democrats. I blame the Dems, tongue somewhat in cheek, because they've been so inept, so off the charts, so irrelevant, so out of the question in Texas statewide races for so long that Texans, this last go round, elected a GOP ghost candidate as their attorney general.

About the only thing many of the 2.74 million folks who voted to make then-state Sen. Ken Paxton attorney general was that he was the GOP nominee. The voters, bless their all-we-care-about-is-party hearts, gave Paxton just under 59 percent of the votes in beating Democrat Sam Houston.

Contrary to the Texas tradition of candidates with names that ring a bell, Houston actually was qualified for the office he sought. But Houston was a Democrat. End of story.

You have to go back to 1994 to find a statewide election in which Texans actually did some picking and choosing and picked and chose some Dems and some Repubs. Since then, there hasn't been much D in diversity in those jobs.

Some of last year's voters might have known that Paxton in early May 2014 paid a $1,000 fine and acknowledged he violated, in a civil way, state securities law. Even fewer might have been savvy enough to know the civil matter could lead to a criminal matter, as it did Monday in McKinney when indictments against him were unsealed.

In May 2014, then-state Rep. Dan Branch, R-Dallas, then in a runoff with Paxton for the GOP AG nomination was savvy enough to know problems could be afoot. "These transgressions," Branch said back then, "... represent repeated illegal behavior by Ken Paxton in violation of laws that are in place to protect Texans from being victimized by swindlers."

Republicans, Branch said, can't "promote a lawbreaker as our standard bearer to replace Greg Abbott as our attorney general."

Oh, yes they could. And they did, giving Paxton — fresh from admitting he had broken securities law — 63 percent vote of the runoff vote as Branch learned that being the non-tea party candidate these days in a GOP statewide runoff is as futile as being a Democrat in a general election.

Paxton made few public appearances in the general election campaign. He didn't have to. He was the GOP nominee.

Now, like all those under indictment, Paxton is innocent until proven guilty. But he also is indicted until adjudicated otherwise. Generally, it's not good for any attorney to be indicted. It's extra special bad for an attorney general to be indicted.

Paxton doesn't have to resign. He should consider doing that if defending himself gets in the way of representing the rest of us.

Another thing: If you hear the indicted politician's usual moan about being politically indicted, please keep in mind that the special prosecutors in this case were selected by a Republican state judge in Paxton's hometown, the investigation was done by Texas Rangers and the indictments were handed up by grand jurors in a heavily GOP county that gave Mitt Romney, who got 57 percent statewide, 65 percent of its votes in 2012.

So beloved is Paxton in his home county that he got just under 70 percent of its votes in his 2014 GOP runoff win over Branch.

This hardly is hostile territory for Paxton.

His legal woes, of course, are great news for the long-suffering Texas Democratic Party.

"That's just another reason we need strong Democrats in office to sweep away the one-party corruption for which Texans pay dearly," Glenn Smith of Progress Texas, a Democratic group, said of the indictments.

Yes, two parties are better than one.

Remember when some, including me, thought a Dem revival could begin to happen if the tea party Repubs now running things proved too crazy?

Doesn't seem to have happened yet. But, depending how this case comes out, maybe we'll move back toward a two-party state if the tea party Repubs start looking too criminal.

Paxton was in and out of the jail facility and out of sight for the 20 minutes or so it took for him to get booked Monday. Somehow, he avoided the towel that shows up around the neck of many folks who have their mugshots taken at that jail. A bevy of cameras awaited a Paxton statement but he opted not to make one.

Kind of reminded me of how he campaigned for the important office he now holds.

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POLITICS BRIEFS

FROM WIRE REPORTS

WASHINGTON

Book deal boosts net worth of GOP 2016 candidate Ted Cruz

A new financial disclosure from Sen. Ted Cruz estimates the Republican presidential candidate is worth between $2 million and $4.5 million, aided by an advance of roughly $319,000 for his best-selling memoir.

Cruz's financial report shows his overall wealth changed little from his most recent disclosure, which Cruz filed in 2013 as a member of the Senate. The main change was that Cruz has paid down a mortgage valued from $250,000 to $500,000.

The financial reports provide estimates of dollar amounts in these wide ranges.

Cruz's disclosure said he received a payment of $318,750 in June 2014 for his book, "A Time for Truth." Cruz also reported making royalties as of July 30 of between $100,000 and $1 million on the book.

IOWA

Attack targets Trump website; Gawker posts old cell number

DES MOINES — Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's corporate website was the target of a cyberattack Monday, the same day a celebrity gossip website published an old mobile telephone number for the billionaire businessman.

Aides to Trump said hackers accessed non-public pages inside Trump.com, where they posted a tribute to comedian and late-night talk show host Jon Stewart.

The aides described the episode as a prank and not a serious threat. They said the hackers' temporary entry into a low-level page was not connected to any of Trump.com's navigational components, compromised no corporate information and was fixed in less than 30 minutes.

In a separate event, New York-based celebrity gossip and media news website Gawker published a mobile telephone number it said was Trump's.

"It is a very old number. This is not one he uses," said Trump campaign spokesman Corey Lewandowski. "Mr. Trump has several numbers, so he has not experienced any issues."

Gawker said it was publishing the number because Trump disclosed Republican rival Lindsey Graham's cellphone number last month, when the two were at the center of a public feud over Arizona Sen. John McCain's military service.

LOUISIANA

Jindal canceling state contracts with Planned Parenthood

BATON ROUGE — Gov. Bobby Jindal is ousting Planned Parenthood from Louisiana's Medicaid program.

The Jindal administration announced Monday that it was ending four provider agreements that reimbursed Planned Parenthood for providing health care services to low-income women through the government-funded Medicaid insurance program.

Termination of the agreements comes after an anti-abortion group released secretly recorded videos showing Planned Parenthood officials describing how they provide aborted fetus tissue for medical research.

Jindal, a Republican running for the GOP presidential nomination, cited the videos in his announcement.

Wealthy conservatives cap Kochs' weekend with pledges

By Julie Bykowicz
Associated Press

DANA POINT, Calif. — One by one, the wealthy conservative donors stood up Monday and pledged millions of dollars to the favorite causes of billionaire industrialists Charles and David Koch.

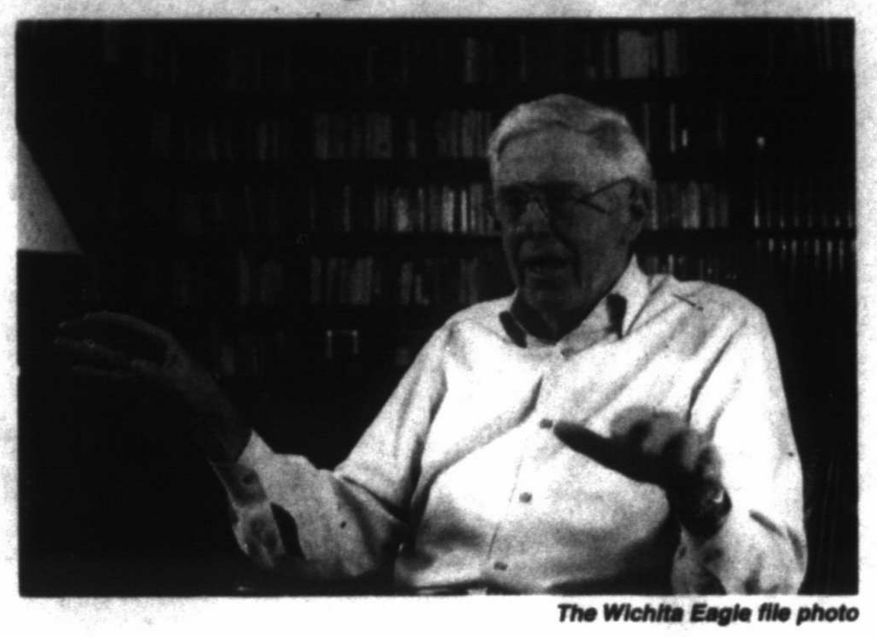
For more than two hours over lunch, hundreds of donors gathered at a luxury resort overlooking the Pacific Ocean told each other how much they will give to the various groups backed by the Koch brothers' Freedom Partners — a network of education, policy and political entities that aim to promote a smaller, less intrusive government.

That network in January set an eye-popping goal of raising $889 million over two years, with the two entities most directly involved in the 2016 elections, Americans for Prosperity and a super PAC, planning to spend $325 million through Election Day.

After Monday's lunch, the Koch groups are on track to meet that goal, said James Davis, a spokesman for Freedom Partners.

The three-day Koch meeting that wrapped up Monday with the pledge lunch was the biggest yet of the brothers' twice-annual gatherings, drawing donors — one-third first-time attendees — who must promise to give at least $100,000 a year to Koch-approved groups to score an invitation.

"It's been about making policy changes for the positive, for a free society, of which one part is ultimately providing resources and information to the elected leaders who implement those decisions," said Art Pope, a donor who was at the Kochs' first conference in 2003 and helped start Americans for Prosperity.



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On May 22, 2012, Charles Koch speaks in his office at Koch Industries in Wichita, Kan. Koch, a billionaire industrialist, warned America is "done for" if the conservative donors and politicians he gathered at a retreat this weekend don't rally others to their cause of demanding a smaller, less-intrusive government.

"You can have all the academic debate you want to, but eventually it takes people electing leaders who want to change the laws and change policy," said Pope, the CEO of a retail wholesaler and a former North Carolina state representative.

The weekend's agenda featured a spread of political leaders that included five Republican presidential candidates, five senators and five governors. Donors also heard several times from Charles Koch, the 79-year-old chairman and chief executive officer of the privately held Koch Industries.

"We talk here about dollars and raising money, and they are absolutely critical to getting this done, but they alone will not do the job," Koch said.

"It took the full commitment of our Founding Fathers or Frederick Douglass, Susan B. Anthony, Martin Luther King and the thousands of other leaders of successful movements," Koch said. "To defy the tremendous odds stacked against them, they all, not just the Founding Fathers, had to commit their lives, their fortune and their sacred honor. That's the challenge before us, and the question is, will we rise to it?"

Donors did rise, literally, at the Monday pledge lunch, specifying how much they will give to each of the Koch-approved groups. The best-known is Americans for Prosperity, which advertises and sends activists to knock on doors as it opposes policies such as President Barack Obama's health-care law.

Through a company called i360, Koch donors have invested for six years in data-mining efforts that Republican candidates can use to connect with voters. The Koch network also has put money into efforts to reduce the nation's prison population, and the Koch brothers have personally given more than $25 million to the United Negro College Fund — an organization Charles Koch promoted to donors over the weekend.

Though the work of the Koch network is a mix of politics and other kinds of outreach and education, there's a clear focus on elections. Tax documents show that Freedom Partners Chamber of Commerce, the membership organization that sponsors the donor conferences, took in more than four times as much in the year leading up to the 2012 election as it did in the year after.

Democrats have used the $889 million budget figure in their own fundraising pitches, too, decrying the influence of money in politics. One Democratic super PAC, American Bridge 21st Century, has a whole unit of employees dedicated to scrutinizing the Kochs.

The Kochs and their fellow donors have started to push back on what they say are misleading information and personal attacks about their efforts. For the first time, some reporters were invited to cover portions of the donor conference, on the condition that they not identify donors in attendance without their permission.

About 20 donors did talk to reporters Sunday night, and they were eager to portray the network as policy-oriented rather than a simple arm of the Republican Party, as they say it has been unfairly portrayed.

"This isn't nearly as political as people have said. It's all about pursuing personal freedom and the principles of the Constitution," said Bob Fettig, the chief executive of a metals fabrication company in Wisconsin who has attended the conferences for about six years. "Charles Koch embodies all of that."

GOP face off in early-state forum is also a debate preview

By Kathleen Ronayne and Steve Peoples
Associated Press

MANCHESTER, N.H. — The Republican Party's jam-packed presidential class faces off Monday night in New Hampshire, where more than a dozen White House hopefuls aim to warm up for the first full-fledged debate of the primary season.

The forum will bring together almost all of the 17 major Republican candidates for president for a debate-lite event, which unlike Thursday's nationally televised debate in Cleveland doesn't have a cut-off for participation.

"It's a great event because it has all the candidates on stage at the same time," said Steve Duprey, New Hampshire's representative to the Republican National Committee. "It treats all candidates equally."

In all, 14 Republican presidential candidates are scheduled to participate, a group that includes seven current or former governors, four senators, a businesswoman, a retired neurosurgeon and one former senator.

Billionaire businessman Donald Trump, who has dominated the GOP primary in recent weeks, is among the three major candidates who decided not to join.

The event will be broadcast live on C-SPAN and local television stations in Iowa and South Carolina — states that, along with New Hampshire, will host the first three contests in the presidential primary calendar next February.

Trump declined to attend the New Hampshire event, citing criticism from the local newspaper host, yet he is expected to play a prominent role in Thursday's formal debate, where only the GOP's top 10 candidates — as determined by national polls — will be allowed on stage.

The New Hampshire meeting comes amid new movement on politically charged issues.

Just hours before the 7 p.m. forum begins, the Senate is scheduled to vote on a GOP-backed bill to strip funding from Planned Parenthood, reviving a debate on social issues that some Republican officials hoped to avoid in 2016.

Three of the four senators participating in Monday's event — Sens. Marco Rubio of Florida, Ted Cruz and Rand Paul of Kentucky — will do so via satellite from C-SPAN's Washington studio, so they don't miss the high-profile vote.

Also on Monday, President Barack Obama unveiled new emissions limits on power plants designed to address climate change, an issue that energizes conservatives and liberals alike.

The candidates will appear on stage one at a time Monday night, answering several questions each from local radio host Jack Heath. The questions are based on submissions from newspaper readers in New Hampshire, Iowa and South Carolina. Immigration and the economy emerged as the most popular topics in the reader submitted questions, said Trent Spiner, executive editor of the New Hampshire Union Leader.

As the candidates take turns on stage, their rivals will sit side-by-side in the audience. The format is different than the various forums the candidates have attended this year, when they give individual speeches and leave to speak to the press or greet voters instead of watching each other.

Spiner said the speaking order will be determined randomly.

Fourteen ping pong balls adorned with each candidate's face will be drawn from a jar one at a time to set the order. After the initial round of questions, all the candidates will return to the stage for several more specific questions, giving them a chance to distinguish themselves from the rest of the field, Spiner said.

A camera will be fixed on the line of candidates in the front row, offering viewers a chance to see how they are reacting to their opponents' messages.

"This is two hours where everyone will be in the same room," Spiner said. He added, "This forum is important because it lets voters decide who the candidates should be. We don't use any gimmicks or national polls."

Several candidates involved Monday night won't make the cut for Thursday's debate.

Those on the bubble include South Carolina Sen. Lindsey Graham, former technology executive Carly Fiorina, former Texas Gov. Rick Perry and Ohio Gov. John Kasich.

In several recent visits to New Hampshire, Graham criticized Fox News' decision to determine participants based on national polls, saying it takes away from the importance of early voting states.

"National polling is about name ID; it's about celebrity," he told reporters after a recent town hall-style meeting in Manchester. "New Hampshire's about competency and character."

Senate blocks GOP bill to halt Planned Parenthood fed funds

By Alan Fram
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Senate blocked a Republican drive Monday to terminate federal funds for Planned Parenthood, setting the stage for the GOP to try again this fall amid higher stakes — a potential government shutdown that could echo into next year's presidential and congressional elections.

The derailed legislation was the Republican response to videos, recorded secretly by anti-abortion activists, showing Planned Parenthood officials dispassionately discussing how they sometimes provide medical researchers with tissue from aborted fetuses. Those videos have led conservatives to accuse the group of illegally selling the organs for profit — strongly denied by Planned Parenthood — and inserted abortion and women's health into the mix of issues to be argued in the 2016 campaign.

Monday's mostly party-line vote was 53-46 to halt Democratic delays aimed at derailing the bill, seven short of the 60 votes Republicans needed. Even so, the GOP is hoping to reap political gains because the videos have ignited the party's core conservative, anti-abortion voters.

The fight is already creating heated talking points for Republican presidential candidates, who convene Thursday for their first debate of the 2016 campaign. Several of them, including Sens. Ted Cruz of Texas and Rand Paul of Kentucky, are calling for Congress to end Planned Parenthood's federal payments.

Longer term, GOP leaders are hoping that three congressional committees' investigations, plus several state probes and the expected release of additional videos, will produce evidence of Planned Parenthood wrongdoing and make it harder for Democrats to defend the organization. Planned Parenthood provides contraception, testing for sexually transmitted diseases and abortions in clinics from coast to coast.

Democrats were largely muted when the videos were first distributed, but their defense of Planned Parenthood has grown more robust. They sounded a theme Monday that they have employed in recent elections, characterizing the GOP drive as an assault on health care for women.

"It's our obligation to protect our wives, our sisters, our daughters, our granddaughters" from the GOP's "absurd policies," said Senate Minority Leader Harry Reid, D-Nev. "The Republican Party has lost its moral compass."

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said Democrats should not protect Planned Parenthood's federal funds "just to protect some political group," an apparent reference to the organization's one-sided campaign contributions to Democratic candidates.

Republican Sen. Joni Ernst of Iowa said, "The American taxpayer should not be asked to fund an organization like Planned Parenthood that has shown a sheer disdain for human dignity and complete disregard for women and their babies."

Ernst sponsored the measure as party leaders sought ways to blunt Democratic charges of GOP insensitivity to women.

By law, federal funds are already barred from being used for abortions except for cases of incest, rape or when a woman's life is in danger.

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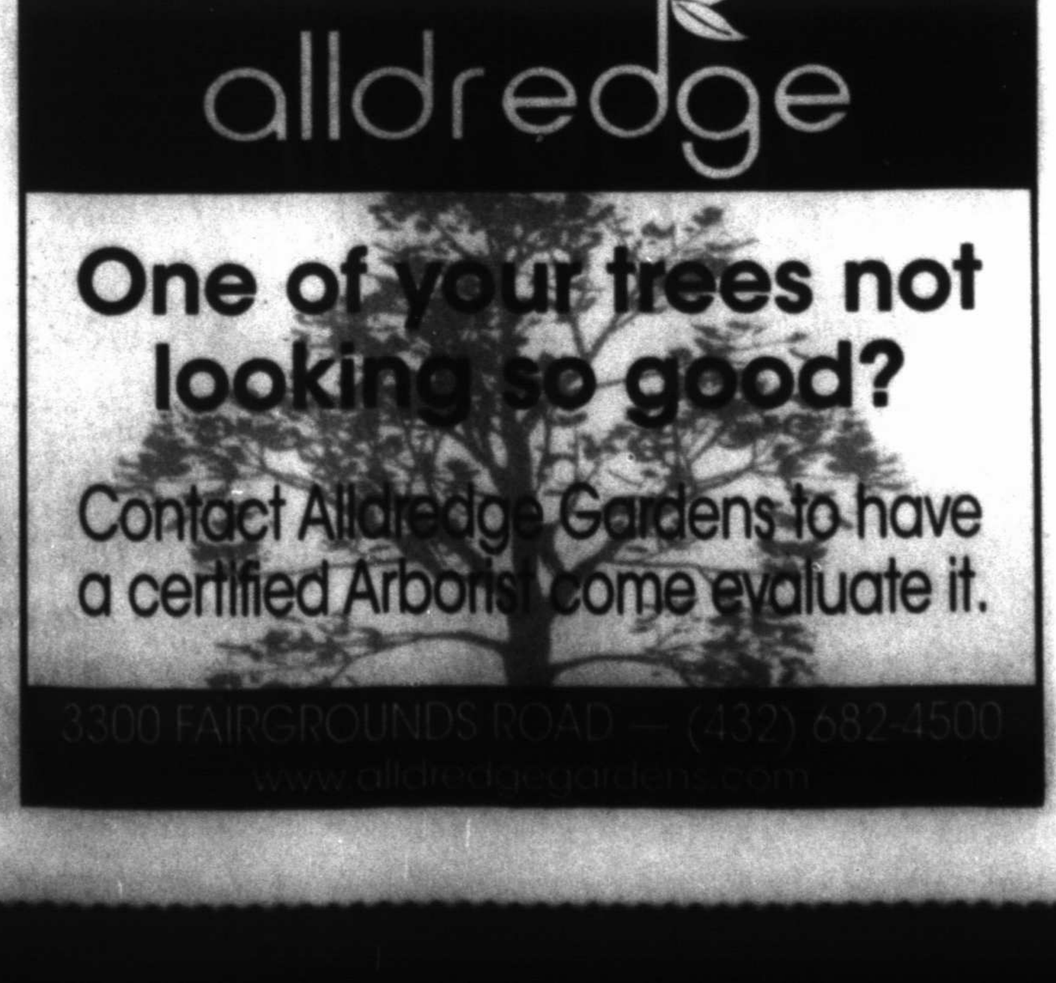

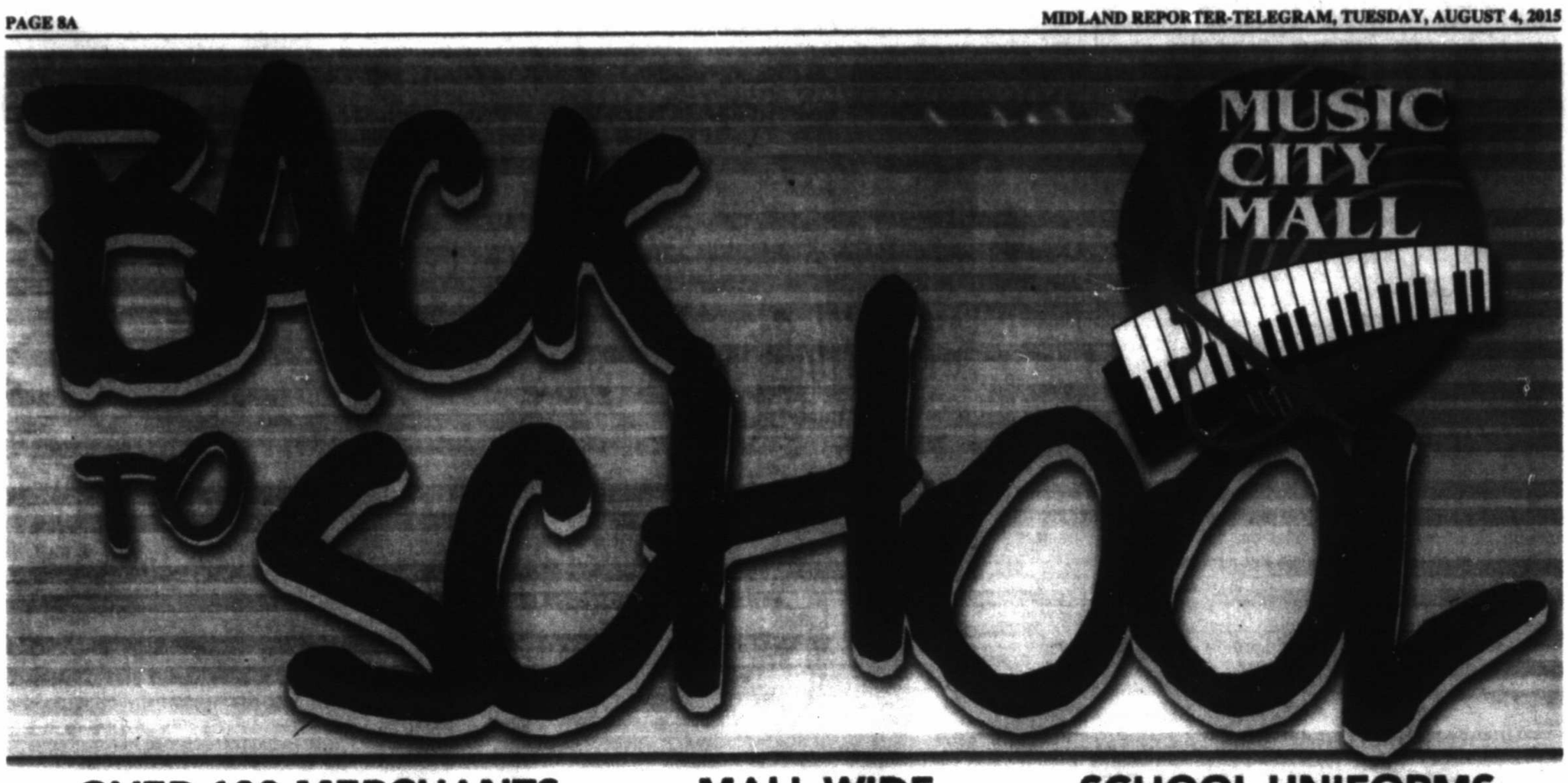

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LEARNING THE ART OF PUBLIC SPEAKING

Toastmasters clubs still thrive in Basin

By Megan Lea Buck
Reporter-Telegram

In an effort to help overcome his shyness, Midlander Mark Edgar became involved with Toastmasters and has been a member of The Pop-Up club since 2012. Before moving back to his hometown in 2010, he was a member of clubs in Round Rock and in Dallas.

"I've been involved for 20 years, on and off," he said. "There have been some breaks in there and during the breaks, I kind of regress and have to get back into it."

Edgar joined Toastmasters to overcome a fear of public speaking.

"I've always been really, really shy, especially with public speaking," he said. "I knew it was something that would be important, even if it wasn't the main thing I did for a job, I would need to do it from time to time.

A public speaking class in college didn't help him, so as a young professional, Edgar sought out Toastmasters clubs.

Toastmasters International was founded in 1924 after Ralph Smedley, director of education for the YMCA in Bloomington, Illinois, began organizing clubs to teach young men how to speak publicly and facilitate meetings. The California-based nonprofit now includes 14,650 clubs worldwide and more than 8,500 in the U.S.

There are three Toastmasters clubs in Midland. The Permian Toastmasters meets 12:10-1 p.m. every Friday at the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. The Pop-Up club meets 6:30-7:30 a.m. every Tuesday at First Presbyterian Church. The Tall City Toastmasters — a corporate club open only to Chevron employees — meets every other week at Chevron's offices.

Carol Chandler joined the Pop-Up club 12 years ago because the morning meeting time worked best with her schedule.

"I had just started at Wells Fargo Advisors (formerly H.G. Edwards), and I knew I wanted to do seminars and workshops for clients and I just wasn't confident that I could get up in front of a group and field the questions as well as present the material in a logical way," she said.

Chandler said she's stayed with the group because she enjoys it, and it gives her the opportunity to learn from the other members.

A typical Toastmasters club meeting includes extemporaneous speaking, a few prepared speeches and evaluations. Content of the speeches is less important for club purposes than delivery. With each speech, club members work on specific skills such as persuasive speaking, eye contact and vocal variations. Extemporaneous speaking, also called table topics, requires members to think quickly and respond to topics without any time to prepare. Evaluations provide feedback for members giving prepared speeches.

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SCIENCE FUN AT SIBLEY



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ABOVE: Sarah Miller, education program director with Sibley Nature Center, talks with children Friday during a walk through the trails at Sibley as part of the mini day camp Wonderful World of Wildlife. **BELOW RIGHT:** Miller points out fox prints during a trail walk.



James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Suzi Flynt hikes during the Odonata Celebration at the Sibley Nature Center on Saturday.



Creators of destroyed hitchhiking robot mull rebuild

Associated Press

TORONTO — The Canadian talking and tweeting hitchhiking robot that met its untimely end in the United States over the weekend might be given another chance at life.

HitchBOT's co-creators Frauke Zeller and David Smith said Monday that they've been overwhelmed with support and offers to revive the robot since it was vandalized beyond repair and left on a street in Philadelphia on Saturday and they are considering rebuilding it.

The robot was on a hitchhiking, social experiment adventure in the U.S. after trekking across Canada and parts of Europe without incident last year. Strangers helped the immobile hitchBOT travel from place to place while checking items off its bucket list.

The solar-panel-powered robot was designed to traverse continents on the kindness of strangers and could toss out factoids and carry on limited conversation. It was equipped with a GPS tracker and a camera to chronicle its journey and was programmed to snap a photo of what was going on around it every 20 minutes.

The child-sized droid started its U.S. journey on a road in Massachusetts on July 17, its rubber-gloved thumb raised skyward, a strip of tape across its body reading "San Francisco or bust!"

During its short-lived U.S. trip, the hitchBOT attended a Red Sox game — even donning a jersey over its cylindrical torso — and took a ride on the New York City subway.

Smith said the hitchBOT even had some good times in Philadelphia, attending an extended family picnic at a park, and being taken in by a well-known YouTube user who set the robot up for its next ride.

But it was then that the innocent hitchBOT met its demise.

The creators were sent a photo of the vandalized robot collapsed among trash and dead leaves on the pavement in Philadelphia, its pool-noodle arms ripped from its torso, its plastic cake-saver skull and robot brain nowhere in sight. They decided not to share that image because it could be upsetting to some viewers.

To some crime experts, the tale of

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Illinois named top party school in US

By David Mercer
Associated Press

CHAMPAIGN, Ill. — The University of Illinois stakes claim to 23 Nobel Prize winners and tech prowess that contributed to the creation of YouTube, Netscape, Java and Yelp.

But students at the central Illinois campus don't just bury their heads in books, they also party — so much so that they've earned the top spot on The Princeton Review's annual list of top party schools in the U.S., the college guide said Monday.

"Drinking culture is huge here," according to an unnamed student in the Princeton Review's 2016 edition of the "The Best 380 Colleges." The university has about 31,000 undergraduate students.

University spokeswoman Robin Kaler was bothered by the No. 1 ranking — a first for the campus, which has been among the list's top five for years — and said it painted students in a false light.

"They are serious, they are hard-working, and to try to present them as being somehow irresponsible is insulting," she said Monday.

The largest of the parties is an annual day of drinking called Unofficial, a St. Patrick's Day celebration that was started by a local bar. The event included fatal accidents in 2001 and 2006. The university tries every year to keep the event under control, often beefing up police presence and, two years ago, even asking parents to help them tone down the partying.

The Princeton Review's publisher says the collection of lists is meant to paint a picture of life on campus at the schools it reviews, using students' answers to a long series of questions about student life to create profiles, as well as lists for things such as partying, dorm life, sports, political persuasions and more.

"We have such a high regard for each of the 380 schools," said publisher Robert Franek, whose review is not affiliated with Princeton University. "The University of Illinois, it is an exceptional school."

For those who don't imbibe, the top stone-cold sober school is Brigham Young University, the private Utah school

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AP file photo

Students walk between buildings Jan. 27, 2014, on the University of Illinois campus in Urbana, Ill. The U of I has partied its way into the top spot on an annual list of top party schools in the country. The Urbana-Champaign campus has been among the top five on the Princeton Review's annual list for years but is No. 1 on the new list released Monday.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Iliana Slutsky, Chevron intern, gives a speach June 23 during the Tall City Toastmasters meeting at Chevron. Toastmasters help people overcome shyness and fears of public speaking.

TOASTMASTERS

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"It's always encouraging," Chandler said. "It's not to tear someone down, but it's meant to be a tool to help them improve the next time they get up."

Though these three elements provide the foundation for Toastmasters' meetings, each club has its own preferences and traditions.

At the Pop-Up club, any member who fails to use the "word of the day" during table topics has to wear an old, ugly hat.

After visiting that club, Pauline Lee — a process safety specialist at Chevron who started the corporate club there in September 2014 — started a similar tradition at the Chevron club.

"I went to their meeting and saw the hat and I thought 'That's a great idea,' so now we have a hat, too, and it's a little crab with claws coming out," she said.

Some clubs have a joke of the week and some have a quote of the week.

"I would say all the clubs I've visited — each one has a different flavor, so to speak, to meet the needs of that particular group," Chandler said.

The Pop-Up club even encourages some good-natured competition among members.

"We vote on best table topic speaker, best speaker and best evaluator, so there's a little bit of friendly rivalry," Edgar said. "If you win you feel like you've accomplished something."

Despite any drive to win club contests, all of the local clubs strive to make the meetings a safe space for members to practice skills they will use in their professional lives.

"If someone has a prepared speech that's really a dry run for a presentation they've got to give at work or somewhere else, it gives them an opportunity to at least go through part of it, if not all of it, to get some feedback before they have to give it for real," Chandler said.

And though membership fluctuates — about 12 to 15 people regularly attend the Pop-Up club, though in the past the club has had as many as 60 active members — the local clubs are still seeing new faces at the table.

An open house at the Pop-Up club brought in several new members last year and Chevron's club recently welcomed four or five new members and as many interns.

"I think that as long as there is a need for good communication skills and good speaking skills, Toastmasters will always be there," Lee said.

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hitchBOT is a parable about American violence. Jeff Ferrell, a professor of sociology at Texas Christian University, wasn't surprised by the robot's demise.

"Culturally, there's sort of a meanness in the American soul that isn't present in Canada and other places, so in some ways I found it too typical," Ferrell said.

Researchers struggle to define what explains the differences between countries.

Factors blamed for violence are present in both the U.S. and Canada, but the U.S. has a higher rate of violent crime, experts said.

"There's certainly a different kind of culture in parts of the United States, and violence is kind of an expression of that culture, which you don't find in Canada," said Richard R. Bennett, professor of justice at American University.

Philadelphia police said they have no information about hitchBOT's demise because no one filed a criminal complaint.

If someone does file a report, it would be investigated as vandalism, said Lt. John Stanford of the Philadelphia Police Department.

Zeller said many people have reached out with offers to rebuild the droid, and her team will make a decision on whether to bring the robot back to life in the coming days.

"We don't really know what to do, so we have to sit down with the whole team and really see where we are and what can be done," Zeller said.



AP file photo

As pre-game activity begins, hitchBOT rests on the wall along the first base line before a baseball game at Fenway Park between the Boston Red Sox and Detroit Tigers in Boston on July 24. The robot's hitchhiking journey across the United States took a detour to Fenway. The child-sized robot's journey ended Saturday in Philadelphia, where it was vandalized beyond repair.

Since word got out, thousands of supporters have taken to social media to express their sadness and outrage: "I am incensed. I hope the perpetrators are found and punished. Long live the good memories. Hope to see you reincarnated soon!" wrote one Twitter user.

"If I could drive, I would have personally helped you across the USA and kept you safe," wrote another.

The creators don't know who destroyed the hitchBOT or why and are not interested in investigating the incident or pressing charges. For now, they are focusing on the question, "What can be learned from this?"

"We've always asked, in the context of this project: 'Can robots trust humans?'" Smith said.

"And, you know, we would say at this point, mostly."

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affiliated with the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Tops for most religious students? That's BYU, too.

Looking for the best campus food? Try the small, exclusive Bowdoin College in Maine.

Most satisfied students? Claremont McKenna University, under what one student told the review was "the constantly beaming California sun."

Want a job? Go to Clemson University in South Carolina, where students say they're instantly part of a worldwide network.

The party rankings, like most parties themselves, change over time. The University of Iowa is a former No. 1, but came in at No. 2 this year.

Freshmen due in Iowa City this month will find dozens of bars downtown and many house parties awaiting them. But the city has also made it harder for those under 21 to get into bars, and police officers will be patrolling neighborhoods to break up rowdy parties.

Rounding out the top five party schools are, in order: The University of Wisconsin-Madison, Bucknell University in Pennsylvania and last year's No. 1, Syracuse University in New York.

Vincent Marotta Sr., a creator of Mr. Coffee, dies at 91

N.Y. Times News Service

Vincent Marotta Sr., who, as a creator of the Mr. Coffee machine, helped send the percolator the way of the one-horse shay, died Saturday at his home in Pepper Pike, Ohio. He was 91.

His daughter, Susan Parente, confirmed his death.

One of the first automatic drip coffee makers designed for home use, Mr. Coffee was first marketed in 1972. The brainchild of Marotta, then a real estate developer, and his partner, Samuel Glazer, it was intended to replace the prevalent, problematic household percolator.

Mr. Coffee became a market leader almost immediately. By 1979, Forbes reported, the company was generating $150 million in annual sales and held a market share of at least 50 percent versus rivals like Norelco, General Electric and Proctor-Silex.

Much of the brand's success owed to its ubiquitous television ads featuring Joe DiMaggio. Marotta, a former pro football player who had also signed with the St. Louis Cardinals, personally recruited DiMaggio.

Tacit credit also goes to Marotta's wife, Ann. For had Marotta liked her coffee better, his daughter said on Monday, Mr. Coffee very likely would not have come to be.

The son of Calogero Marotta and the former Josephine Mirabella, immigrants from Italy, Vincent George Marotta was born on Feb. 22, 1924 — Washington's Birthday, hence his middle name.

Obituaries



Ruben Mora

Ruben Mora, age 38 of Midland, passed away tragically in a traffic accident on Saturday, August 1st in Midland. He was born Friday, February 18, 1977 in Ojinaga, Mexico to Joel Leyva Sanchez and Minerva Monje.

Those left to cherish his memories are his wife, Diana Mora of Odessa, his parents Minerva Monje and Joel Leyva of Midland. Three daughters, Kassandra, Victoria and Estrella Mora all of Midland; four brothers, Sergio Arturo Lara Mora of Mexico, Joel Leyva Mora, Mark Fernando Leyva Mora and Hugo Leyva Mora all of Midland; and sister, Elizabeth Leyva Mora also of Midland. As well as numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles.

Viewing with nightly services are scheduled to begin at 7:00 pm, Tuesday at Acres West 24 Hour Funeral Chapel. For more information, please call 432-381-9000.

Acres West

Death Notices

Billie Gale Freeman

Billie Gale Freeman, 70, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2015. A memorial service will be held 1:00 pm, Friday, August 7, 2015 at Midland Lutheran Church.

Survivors include children, Sherice Barndt, Drew Freeman and David Engram.

Douglas Earl Guichard

Douglas Earl Guichard, 90, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Friday, July 31, 2015 in Midland, Texas.

He is survived by his wife, Jeanne Guichard; sons, David and Kent Guichard; daughters, Julia Guichard and Rachel Tandy. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday, August 6, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Ann's Church in Midland.

Arrangements are entrusted to American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707. 432-563-9767

James J. Winters

James J. Winters, 85, of Odessa, Texas, passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2015 in Odessa, Texas. He is survived by two daughters, Marcia Muncey and Judi Winters; one sister, Joanie Morrow; one grandchild.

Services are pending with American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707. 432-563-9767

Phillip Leon

Phillip Leon, 23 of Midland, passed away on Saturday, August 1, 2015.

Prayer services will be Tuesday, August 4th at 7:00 pm at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral service is set for Wednesday, August 5th at 10:00 am at Heavenly Gate Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Serenity Memorial Gardens.

He is survived by his wife, Nai Lea Carrasco; son, Julius Leon; daughters, Jasselyn and Jovanni Leon; brother, Lorenzo Leon and step-brother, Christopher Cruz; sisters, Abby Ann and Samantha Leon and step-sister, Brittany Puckett; and his parents, Juan Jose Leon, Jr. and Lori Ann Alvarado; as well as his grandparents and great-grandparents.

Sandy Brooke Franklin

Sandy Brooke Franklin, 18, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Wednesday, July 29, 2015 in Midland, Texas. She is survived by her grandmother, Joni Kennedy; parents Jennifer Lee and Robert Dale Franklin; son, Zaylen Dale O'Neal; brothers, Jonathon Fenton and Cory Symour; and sister, Brittania Arpe.

A viewing will be held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., with family receiving visitors from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., at American Heritage Chapel. A funeral service will be held on Wednesday, August 5, 2015 at 2:00 p.m. at American Heritage Cemetery & Funeral Home, 4100 N. FM-1788, Midland, Texas, 79707.

Joan Archer Aldrin, who dealt with spotlight as astronaut's wife, dies at 84

Los Angeles Times

In the 1960s, few American women were placed on a higher pedestal than the wives of the nation's astronauts.

They were symbols of feminine poise, perfectly coiffed mainstays of the home front who waved the flag and raised the children while their husbands raced into space. A launch-day photograph of three smiling wives from the Apollo era seemed to say it all: "Proud, Thrilled, Happy" read the signs they held high.

Joan Aldrin, whose husband, Buzz, became the second man to walk on the moon in 1969, felt all of those emotions — and some that she was unprepared for.

"I had married an engineer and here he was a hero," she told the Los Angeles Times a few years after her husband's historic Apollo 11 mission with Neil Armstrong and Michael Collins. "This was disturbing but I didn't understand and my immediate reaction was anger toward Buzz. I did realize I should have expected it."

Aldrin, who spoke frankly about the stresses of life as an astronaut's wife for two decades, died July 22 in Ventura, California, of natural causes, her family said. She was 84.

"The future will recall Joan Archer Aldrin as a soft-spoken wife and mother, raising three well-behaved, individual-minded children and dealing with both our ... tribulations with a most admired human acceptance," Buzz Aldrin, 85, said in a statement Thursday.

Joan Aldrin belonged to an elite club that brought unique perks as well as responsibilities.

TV crews camped on their lawns and sometimes in their living rooms to record their reactions during agonizing hours and days waiting for their husbands' safe return.

When the missions ended, the challenges continued as they grappled with sudden fame and the letdown of life back on Earth.

Buzz Aldrin, whose July 20, 1969, moon walk was televised to millions around the world, struggled with alcoholism and depression and had extramarital affairs. Like many astronaut marriages, the Aldrins' ended in divorce.

He went on to write books about his space explorations and the consequences of stardom. His wife did not recede into the background.

"I feel my story is just as important to tell," she told the Times in 1973 when she gave her first solo interview.

Joan Ann Archer was born in Paterson, N.J., on Dec. 5, 1930, the only child of oil executive Michael Archer and C. Evelyn Cleminshaw. After acting in high school productions, she studied drama in college, earning a bachelor's degree from Rutgers University in 1951 and a master's from Columbia University in 1953.

Buzz Aldrin was an Air Force lieutenant when she met him in the early 1950s. They were married in 1954.

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BROADCAST																	
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	CMA Music Festival: Country's Night to Rock Performances by the top stars of country music along with back stage interviews. (N)						KMID News	(:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News	Ent. Tonight	NCIS "The Artful Dodger"		Zoo "This Is What It Sounds Like" (N)		NCIS:New "Careful What You Wish For"		CBS-7 News	(:35) Scorpion "Pilot"		(:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Happy Days	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Daring Decoy"		McCloud
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Smarter "Anthony/ Brent Part 1" (N)		Knock Knock Live (N)		Modern Family	Modern Family	Hot in Cleveland	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother	Met Your Mother
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PREMIUM																	
FLIX	340	575		165		(5:15) Turner & H...		★★ Captain Ron Kurt Russell.			(:45) ★★ What About Bob? Bill Murray.				The Kentucky Fried Movie		
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MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(4:55) ★★★ Transformers			(:25) Lucy Scarlett Johansson.			★★ Escape Plan Sylvester Stallone.				Weekend Sexc...	
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SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:15) Delivery Man		Masters of Sex		Ray Donovan		The Affair		Masters of Sex		Scary Movie 5	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:00) Restoration		★★ Mission: Impossible III Tom Cruise.				(:05) The Life Aquatic With Steve Zissou				(:05) Nature Calls	
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A&E	27	58	28	35	47	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars (N)	Storage Wars (N)	Big Smo (N)	Big Smo (N)	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars	Storage Wars
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) True Lies		★★ Gone in 60 Seconds ('00, Act) Nicolas Cage.					★★★ U.S. Marshals ('98, Act) Wesley Snipes.				
BET	58	-		40		Movie	★★ All About the Benjamins ('01, Act) Ice Cube.					Nellyville (N)		Nellyville		Wendy "Hot Topics"	
BRAVO	65	76		41		The Real Housewives		New York Social (N)		The Real Housewives (N)			Real Housewives		Watch (N)	Real Housewives	
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Blue	Blue Collar	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		West Texas (N)		Shark Tank		Shark Tank	
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		CNN Report (N)		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360		CNN Special Report	
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HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Waltons "The Journal"		The Waltons		Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
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MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word		All in With C. Hayes		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Mixed Martial Arts World Series of Fighting 20				MixedMartialArts World Series of Fighting 22				Mixed Martial Arts World Series of Fighting			
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TLC	51	61	32	38	52	Little People "Making Marital Moves"		Little People "t's Not Easy Letting Go" (N)		Little People "Don't Rain on Our Parade"		My Giant Life (N)		Little People, Big World		My Giant Life	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Castle "Room 147"		Rizzoli & Isles "A Bad Seed Grows"		Rizzoli "Nice to Meet You, Dr. Isles" (N)		Proof "Reborn" (N)		Rizzoli & Isles "Nice to Meet You, Dr. Isles"		Proof "Reborn"	
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Davis Mountains Preserve to be open to the public later this month

From staff reports

FORT DAVIS — The Nature Conservancy's Davis Mountains Preserve will be open free to the public Aug. 14-16 for activities such as hiking, biking, camping, horseback riding and birding.

Hours for the open weekend are 8 a.m. Aug. 14 to 4-p.m. Aug. 16. Guests will be required to sign in and out at the McIvor Conservation Center, according to a press release from the preserve.

Scheduled weekend events include bird walks and stargazing.

Chris Runk, a Dallas area eBird reviewer, will lead moderate bird walks on Aug. 15 and a more challenging walk on Aug. 16. The walks begin 7 a.m. at the center.

Bill Wren, a supernova researcher and telescope designer, will discuss dark night skies and provide interpretive stargazing at 8 p.m. Aug. 15 at the center.

The Davis Mountains Preserve is located avout 25 miles northwest of Fort Davis on Highway 118 (about 10 miles past McDonald Observatory and about 1/2 mile past the Lawrence E. Wood Picnic Area).

If you go

- Only high-clearance street-legal vehicles will be allowed past the McIvor Conservation Center.
- Camp fires are prohibited, but guests can use camp stoves.
- Restrooms are available at the center.
- There are no concessions at the preserve, so visitors may bring food and drinks.
- Visitors must take their trash with them.
- Hikers should wear sunscreen, hats and appropriate footwear and bring an adequate amount of water.
- Firearms and loud technology are not permitted.
- For safety reasons, children must be supervised by parents or other adults.
- Pets are not permitted at the preserve, but service animals are allowed.

For more information or to register for the bird walks, contact Deirdre Hisler at deirdre.hisler@tnc.org or 432-426-2390.

BANANAGRAMS!

LEVEL

Each set of 10 tiles below contains two common five-letter words. The letters of the first five-letter word are adjacent, but not in order. Find and rearrange them to spell a word. Rearrange the five remaining letters to spell the second word.

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P Y R O L O F L A P

A R R U U G A A W D

Yesterday's Answer: AWESOME, WILDCAT, EXCLAIM

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LEVEL

Each set of letters below is arranged alphabetically, and the ? is in the correct alphabetical position. Figure out what letter the ? represents, and then rearrange the letters to spell a six-letter word. For example, in HH?RTY the ? could be an H, I, J, K, L, M, N, O, P, Q or R. Here it represents an M, which can be combined with the other letters to spell RHYTHM. We've given you the first letter as a hint.

E I L O O ?
O

H ? P S U U
P

E ? T T W Y
T

Yesterday's Answer: BLAND, ANNUL; FLOOR, APPLY; AUGUR, AWARD

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Children learn the basics of tennis and soccer June 27 during sports camp at YMCA of Midland.

KICKIN' IT AT THE Y

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TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Big Spring storyteller



Alaska trip included panning for gold, whale-watching

In the previous column, I mentioned some of the problems we encountered getting ready to go to Alaska with our grandsons (our bags didn't arrive with us, but we picked them up later). The trip itself was perfect. It couldn't have been better. The boys, 12-year-old Max and 9-year-old Aiden, chose which excursions they wanted and enjoyed them all.

We wrote down some of what Alaska is: boats, seaplanes, salmon, totem poles, lumberjacks, fishermen, panning for gold, sourdough, forests, eagles, starfish, whales, snow-covered mountains wrapped in clouds, fjords, sled dogs, glaciers, northern lights, general stores, souvenir shops, mining, cool weather, bears, seals, jewelry, native clans, remote, magical, cruise ships, fur, parkas, beautiful, boardwalks, flowers, frontier, Iditarod, lakes, streams, waterfalls, summer jobs for students, friendly, artists, adventure, history, relaxing, vibrant legends, otters and music.

We left Seattle on the Ruby Princess and took the inside passage to Ketchikan. It's an island, and the only way to get there is by plane or boat. Once a week, a loaded barge brings in supplies for the stores, items ordered by mail and all things necessary for life on a remote island. The barge leaves with the island's garbage and takes it to Seattle. Ketchikan has the second smallest Wal-Mart in the world.

We went to totem pole parks, a native village and saw a lumberjack show that featured logrolling and ax throwing. The next day we cruised the Tracy Arm Fjord then headed for the state capital of Juneau. The four of us got off the cruise ship and got on a smaller ship that took us to see whales. We must have seen 50 of them turning flips in the ocean, blowing water into the air and putting on a good show. We also saw dolphins, otters and eagles.

We had our best time in the beautiful city of Skagway. We visited with an Iditarod racer, petted sled dogs, held their puppies and panned for gold. We all found gold. The boys put theirs in small cases. Skagway was where prospectors left for the Klondike gold fields in the 1890s and still has some of that frontier atmosphere.

The trip was relaxing. Max and Aiden explored the ship and enjoyed getting sandwiches, ice cream, pizzas and drinks without having to pay for them. We docked in Seattle and took a tour of that city before catching a plane back to the boys' home in Oakland, California.

The No. 1 tourist attraction in Seattle is a fish market. Don't waste your time with it. Most visitors stand around waiting for something to happen. Clerks are supposed to throw fish. They throw one about every 30 minutes and it's not all that interesting or fun. The views from the space needle were spectacular.

We delivered the boys to their parents and headed home. Our bad luck with luggage continued. One bag didn't make it, but Southwest delivered it the next day. A wheel was missing.

EDUCATIONBRIEFS

FROM STAFF REPORTS

MISD parents must show proof of address

Parents of all Midland ISD elementary school students must bring proof of residence to their elementary school office by Aug. 24 because of new elementary school boundary lines.

Proof of residency can be utility bill, mortgage statement or lease agreement.

Parents of students who are new to the district should also bring the student's birth certificate, Social Security card and shot records. Parents whose children are pre-kindergarteners or kindergarteners and who already have provided proof of residence are exempt, according to a press release from the district.

School offices are open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Bunche, Fasken and Yarbrough elementary parents should bring their proof of residence to the first floor of Central Office, 615 W. Missouri Ave. For more information, call the school or visit www.midlandisd.net.

Midland company, foundation donate to Sul Ross

A Midland oil company and foundation have made donations to Sul Ross State University, according to a press release from the school.

Permian Basin Area Foundation made a $35,000 grant to the Museum of the Big Bend's Museum Advantage Fund. COG Operating donated $10,000 to the Math and Science Scholarship Fund.

MC has scholarships for veterans

Two new scholarships are available for area veterans attending Midland College. The first scholarship provides $1,500 per semester for military veterans and their dependents; the other scholarship provides $1,500 per semester for former soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who received administrative discharges, according to a press release from the college.

Late last year, the college implemented the Green Zone program, which provides mentoring and guidance to veterans who might have a difficult time transitioning to civilian life.

For more information on scholarships and services, contact Kay Schipper, MC Veterans Assistance coordinator, at 685-4511 or kschipper@midland.edu.

Lee and Midland High to start later

Midland ISD is changing the school start time for Midland and Lee high schools for the 2015-16 academic year, according to a press release from the district. Classes will begin at 8:50 a.m. instead of 8:40 a.m. to allow for student tutorials.

The school day will end at 4:05 p.m., as in past years, according to the release.

School start and end times remain the same for other campuses: elementary schools, 8 a.m.-3:20 p.m.; magnet schools, 8 a.m.-3:45 p.m. (after-school program until 5 p.m.); junior high and freshman schools and Coleman High, 8:40 a.m.-4:05 p.m.; and Early College High School at MC, 7:45 a.m.-3:15 p.m.

Nonprofit founder to speak at Wagner Noel

Alex Sheen, founder of the nonprofit Because I Said I Would, will speak Aug. 24 at the Wagner Noël Performing Arts Center as part of the John Ben Shepperd Public Leadership Institute's Shepperd Distinguished Lecture Series.

His organization is dedicated to the "betterment of humanity through promises made and kept," according to a press release from UTPB.

The free lecture, "The Power of a Leader's Promise," begins at 7 p.m.

Drivers weigh in on Uber boom in NYC

By Lejla Sarcevic
Associated Press

NEW YORK — On a muggy summer evening, a woman stood on a midtown Manhattan street corner and switched between raising her hand for a taxi and glancing at her phone, possibly for an Uber car.

"She's going to take whoever comes first," yellow cab driver Jatinder Singh speculated as he scouted out the scene.

While New York City riders have increasingly more choices in how to get from here to there with the rise of e-hailing apps — and lawmakers grapple with how to regulate the booming industry — the drivers who keep cars moving are stuck in the middle.

Uber, a service that allows riders to choose a car type and pay by credit card from a mobile phone, has in four years gone from nearly non-existent to more than 26,000 drivers, joining the city's 13,437 taxis.

Some traditional yellow cab drivers said that since the arrival of Uber, the increased competition has cost them about 30 percent of their earnings.

Uber drivers also have complained the crowded streets are hurting their bottom line, a notion disputed by the company, which is moving forward with a goal of adding 10,000 drivers by the end of the year. The plan alarmed New York City lawmakers who later backed off a plan to cap the number of cars on the street in exchange for ridership data to study the issue.

Here's a look at how the battle for New York City's streets is playing out, through the eyes of those behind the wheel:

"In three years, there will be no taxis on New York City streets," Uber driver Michael Keflom predicted.

The 48-year-old driver moved from Eritrea, in Africa, to New York City in the late eighties, and during college started driving a yellow cab — a job he kept on and off for 26 years during a career as a commercial pilot.

He said that if Uber had existed back in the mid-90s, he would never have stepped foot in a cockpit. Keflom said he's made it his mission to convince his taxi-driving friends to join him at Uber for the flexibility — drivers own their cars and can work when they want.

Liang Wang has been driving for Uber for about a year and this is his first driving job. He chose the company because he believed the yellow cab shift schedule was just too rigid.

"The yellow cab schedule, you have to wake up at midnight or finish really late. And I have a daughter," said Wang, who drives five to six days a week around his family schedule.

Noureddine Benbedda, who owns his own yellow cab, said he used to take home $700 a week after paying a garage and the lease on the city medallion that allows him to drive.

Now he's lucky if he brings home $500. He used to have another driver take the night shift who has since quit, leaving Benbedda to drive longer hours to make up for it.

"My family is suffering now," he said.

Mohammad Sultan echoes Benbedda. After 27 years as a taxi driver, the 59-year-old said his earnings have dropped by $200 a week. Even though he's lost 30 percent of his business since Uber arrived on the streets, he remains positive.

"It's good that there's no more taxi monopoly," Sultan said. "Now we have another opportunity."

Driver Jatinder Singh has seen both sides: he drove with Uber and returned to driving a taxi.

"The drivers who are suffering they want to come back to a cab, but they can't, because they bought a brand-new car," he said. "My friend bought a Hyundai Sonata hybrid and they're stuck for good, for five years until the car is paid off."

He owned a yellow cab, which he decided to paint black so he could start driving with Uber.

TODAY: Mostly sunny	WEDNESDAY: Mostly sunny	THURSDAY: Sunny	FRIDAY: Sunny	SATURDAY: Sunny	SUNDAY: Sunny
High: 98 Low: 77	High: 103 Low: 78	High: 103 Low: 76	High: 103 Low: 76	High: 103 Low: 74	High: 101 Low: 74

Local forecast

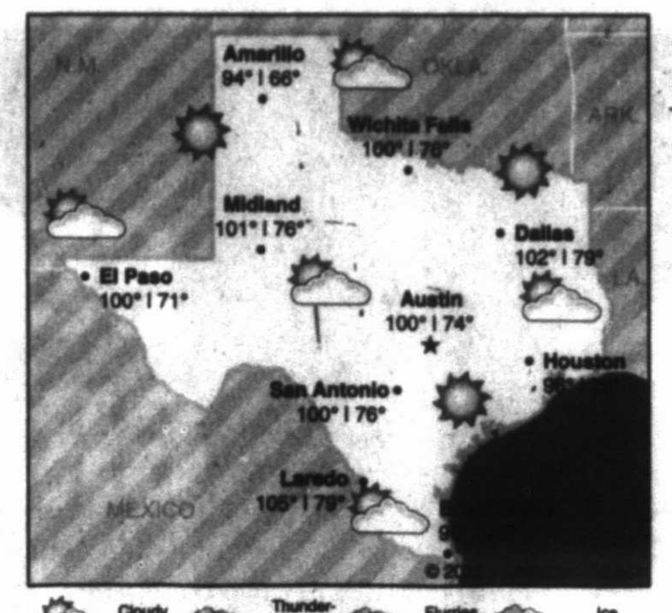
After a forecasted high of 98 and a 20 percent chance of showers today, expect highs in the triple digits for the rest of the week, according to the National Weather Service.

The high on Monday reached 99, while the low was 74. The record high for Aug. 3 is 106 set in 1953 and 1944. The record low is 60 set in 1971. On Aug. 3 of last year, the high was92 and the low was 71.

National forecast

It will be damp and cooler across New England today as clouds and a few showers pass through. A cold front will begin moving off the coast, bringing spotty thunderstorms from Maine to Rhode Island. Another day of warm weather will hold across the Middle Atlantic, but there will be thunderstorms across Virginia.

High pressure will bring a warm and sunny day from the southern Plains to the Southeast. A few showers and thunderstorms will occur across Florida, which may renew flooding problems in some areas. Thunderstorms will hold off until the afternoon along the east coast of the state.



Precipitation

Sunday	0.00 in.
Monday	0.04 in.
Month total	0.04 in.
Year total	13.04 in.
Normal total (year to date)	8.06 in.

Monday's temperatures

High	99
Low	74
Normal high	95
Normal low	70
Sunrise	7:06 a.m.
Sunset	8:43 p.m.

National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Aug. 4



Grandma feels disrespected when her advice is ignored

DEAR ABBY

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



DEAR ABBY: Whatever happened to respecting one's elders and recognizing grandparents as head of the family? I recently returned from visiting my son, his wife and my new grandchild. My son's wife and I had many disagreements on how to care for my grandchild. Instead of respecting my years of experience as a mother and appreciating my help, she chose to ignore my instructions and advice.

After I returned home, I was told by my son that I was no longer welcome to visit my grandchild unless I apologized to his wife for trying to undermine her parenting. I told him she should apologize to ME for not showing me respect as the grandmother.

How can I make my son see that it is his wife who is wrong, and not me? — UNAPPRECIATED GRANDMA

DEAR UNAPPRECIATED: It would be interesting to know how closely you adhered to your parents' and in-laws' parenting advice, because when your children came along, I'll bet you had your own ideas on the subject.

Showing respect and following your orders are not the same thing. It is a mother's right to care for her baby as she sees fit, and you should show HER the respect she deserves by allowing her to do that and not turning it into a power struggle. Unless you do, you will be seeing very little of any of them.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 26 and still live with my mother, helping her with bills and rent. A couple of months ago I got an opportunity to move out, but the fear of leaving my mother alone with her medical conditions stopped me.

Now that I have another chance to move out and live alone, I don't know how to tell her, or even if I should go. When both of my sisters moved out, Mom got really depressed. My fear is she will find herself alone and try to harm herself. What should I do? — YOUNG ADULT IN FLORIDA

DEAR YOUNG ADULT: The mark of a successful parent is having raised her children to be self-sufficient. Because you are afraid your mother might become so depressed she might harm herself if you move, you should discuss this with her physician and explore what social services in your community can do to help her adjust. Many hospitals have social workers on staff, and that would be a place to start asking what is available.

DEAR ABBY: When we visit my parents' graves, we always leave flowers. Invariably, there are flowers also at my father's — not put there by my wife and me. Because Dad has been gone since 1963, we can't figure out who could be putting flowers on his grave only. My sister thinks he had a secret girlfriend. I don't think so. What's your opinion of this? — STUMPED IN SACRAMENTO

DEAR STUMPED: Your dad is dead and gone. I assume he was good to your mother, and there wasn't a breath of scandal. Why look for trouble where none exists? Suggest to your sister that she should focus on the positive, and be glad someone cared enough about him to continue to honor his memory.

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, Aug. 4, 2015:

This year you develop your abilities to problem-solve and get ahead. You will witness situations change in a more positive way as a result. Others see you in a new light as well. You are likely to receive an opportunity to augment your funds. If you are single, you will meet someone quite different, possibly while traveling. This person could turn up anytime from today on. If you are attached, as a couple you benefit from planning and taking a special, long-discussed trip. You will become much closer as a result. ARIES can be even more enthusiastic than you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★ You easily will find answers to an issue that demands creativity. A loved one might be very receptive to your ideas at this time. Be impulsive, brainstorm, and as a result, you'll be delighted by the outcome. Tonight: Resist pressure.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Don't overcommit. You need to be in touch with your feelings, as someone you meet today could be a little off. Be ready to follow through on a key matter that involves travel. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one at a distance.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Zero in on a long-desired goal. Assess how you feel about this desire, as it will be helpful to pursue it. Be aware of what is being offered by another person, and be grateful for this new opportunity. Tonight: Let it all hang out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Note how much you are bringing in as well as what you are spending. An item that appeals to you might not be worth the cost. Avoid a tendency to go to extremes. Steer clear of a power-hungry person. Tonight: At a favorite place.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ Reach out to someone at a distance. You might be taken aback by all the vitality that surges around you. You are likely to find yourself in a situation that calls for more creativity. Tonight: Touch base with a loved one.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Deal with a friend directly and with caring. You could be overwhelmed by a choice you seem to be facing right now. Tonight: Be more caring than usual.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ Others will make the first move. You will feel much better when you relax. You could feel as if you are walking on eggshells. Take your time when dealing with a personal issue that needs your attention. Tonight: Say "yes" to an offer.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★ You have a lot to get done, and quickly at that. You will see a situation far differently from how your associates see it. Your style of communication could evoke some powerful reactions. Tonight: Push to be heard on a key matter.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★★ No matter what you do, you'll find a reason to be impulsive. If you can detach, you will cease to be triggered, and you might find a solution that works better. Use caution with financial agreements. Tonight: Be playful.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ A proposition might be too intriguing for your own good. You will find the right solution. Brainstorm with someone who doesn't hesitate to question your thinking. You could change your mind about a decision. Tonight: Head home.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★★ Be more upbeat about the possibilities being offered. Someone will be coming from a heartfelt perspective. You might want to follow his or her lead. Stay on top of a personal matter. Tonight Say "yes" to an unusual offer.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ You have a way of being very dramatic in your daily life. You could draw some strong responses that might not be as positive as usual. Be aware that you will need to hear from the other parties involved. Tonight: Make it early.

BORN TODAY

Musician Louis Armstrong (1901), author Helen Thomas (1920) actor Wesley Addy (1913)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Big reversal

East-West vulnerable. East deals.

NORTH
♠ 7 5 3
♡ K 10 8 7
♢ K Q 5
♣ A 10 7

WEST
♠ K 10 6
♡ A 9 5 3 2
♢ J 2
♣ 9 4 3

EAST
♠ A Q J 9 8 4
♡ Q 4
♢ 10 9 6 3
♣ 5

SOUTH
♠ 2
♡ J 6
♢ A 8 7 4
♣ K Q J 8 6 2

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
2♠	3♣	3♠	5♣
All pass			

Opening lead: Six of ♠

North's five-club bid may seem a bit extreme, but he was too good for just four clubs, plus he had good reason to believe that partner was short in spades and that all of his cards were working.

East won the opening spade lead with the ace and continued with the queen, ruffed by South. Declarer cashed the king of clubs and took a moment to plan his play. The contract would be easy should the trumps split 2-2 or the diamonds split 3-3, along with a good guess in hearts, but preemption suggests poor splits. South spotted a line that gave him an extra chance.

At trick three, South led the jack of hearts and rose with dummy's king when West played low — East couldn't hold the ace after his preempt. He ruffed dummy's last spade and exited with a heart, won by East with the queen. East shifted to a low diamond, won in dummy with the queen. South ruffed a heart with a high trump, crossed back to dummy with a diamond to the king, and ruffed dummy's last heart high. Next came a trump to dummy's ace followed by the 10 of trumps. The ace of diamonds was the 11th trick.

South had completed a mammoth dummy reversal, requiring four ruffs in his hand to create one extra trick. Well done!

DAILY CROSSWORD

ACROSS

1 Network celebrating early Hollywood
4 Doesn't leave a gratuity
10 Little untruth
13 Fury
14 Like an atrium
15 __ sapiens
16 Aid in finding a pitch
18 Trebek with all the answers
19 "Dallas Buyers Club" Oscar winner Jared
20 "I certainly will!"
21 "I'm here to help"
22 New Haven collegians
23 Foldable outdoor seat
25 __-mo replay
26 Internet access letters
28 "That's the spot!"
29 ICU VIPs
30 Eponymous Hicks with an online list
32 Pasta specification
34 Motorist's question ... and hint to the ends of 16-, 23-, 46- and 55-Across
36 Moves stealthily
38 "Ain't gonna happen"
41 Dominate, in slang
42 Baby newt
43 Berlin article
44 Prefix with conservative
46 Hard-to-read expression
49 Diner's list
50 Proofreaders' catches
51 Credit alternative
53 Leftover food bits
54 TV host Hannity
55 Bubba Gump company vessel
57 Little boys
58 Motion detector, e.g.
59 Uncover, poetically
60 Where drs. wear masks
61 Botswana biter
62 __ school

DOWN

1 Names on spines
2 "101 Dalmatians" villain de Vil
3 Refer to in passing
4 Confidential personal ID
5 Harbor guiders
6 Preferred way to be paid?
7 Regional plant life
8 Online security device
9 Investor's purchase: Abbr.
10 Indigenous drawings, carvings, etc.
11 Harrison song on the Beatles' "Let It Be" album
12 Stocky dogs
15 Corned beef dish
17 Aegean island
21 Want very badly
24 Literature Nobelist Gordimer
26 Weight watchers
27 Wave to from the dock
31 Econ. measure
32 Remote control batteries
33 Ultimate degree
35 Unfastens
36 Like a House representative's term
37 Desk stamp go-withs
39 Like quaint rural schoolhouses
40 Got violently emotional
41 Decides one will
43 Partner of cease
45 Forcibly removed from power
47 Ages and ages
48 Chili con __
49 Unruly crowd
52 Managed care gps
55 Bygone jet, briefly
56 School opening?

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

G	E	T	S		S	L	E	D		S	A	G	A	S
A	Q	U	A		H	E	R	R		T	R	O	L	L
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SOUNDBITES

Reviews of recent releases

LIANNE LA HAVAS
"Blood"



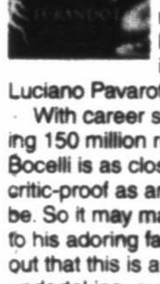
Lianne La Havas is one of the most beguiling pop stars of our time. With her second record, she confirms this status. Aesthetically breathtaking, she is a charming and immaculately dressed 25-year-old of Greek and Jamaican origin born in London. "Is Your Love Big Enough?", her 2012 debut, earned well-deserved accolades, partly on the strength of wonderful singles such as the title track and "Forget." Her much anticipated sophomore effort, "Blood," might not have singles with such immediate appeal, but it flouts that tired expectation by making a complete, cohesive long-play delightful from beginning to end.

She front-loads the crowd-pleasers; "Unstoppable," a gauzy introduction that rewards patience with a meaty beat, lush production, and a sing-along chorus; "Green & Gold," a delightful, jazzy show of confidence in a mirror, a reflection on both her youthfulness and connection to an ancient bloodline; and the video-accompanied "What You Won't Do," a riff on early '60s girl groups with a timeless, sultry edge.

With "Blood," Lianne La Havas solidifies her place in their presence. She's worthwhile, a force to be reckoned with.

Bill Chenevert/AP

ANDREA BOCELLI
"Turandot"



The phenomenon known as Andrea Bocelli is at it again, releasing his 11th complete opera recording. This time, he takes on the tenor role of Calaf in Puccini's final, unfinished opera, "Turandot." best known for the stirring aria "Nessun dorma," immortalized by Bocelli's Italian compatriot Luciano Pavarotti.

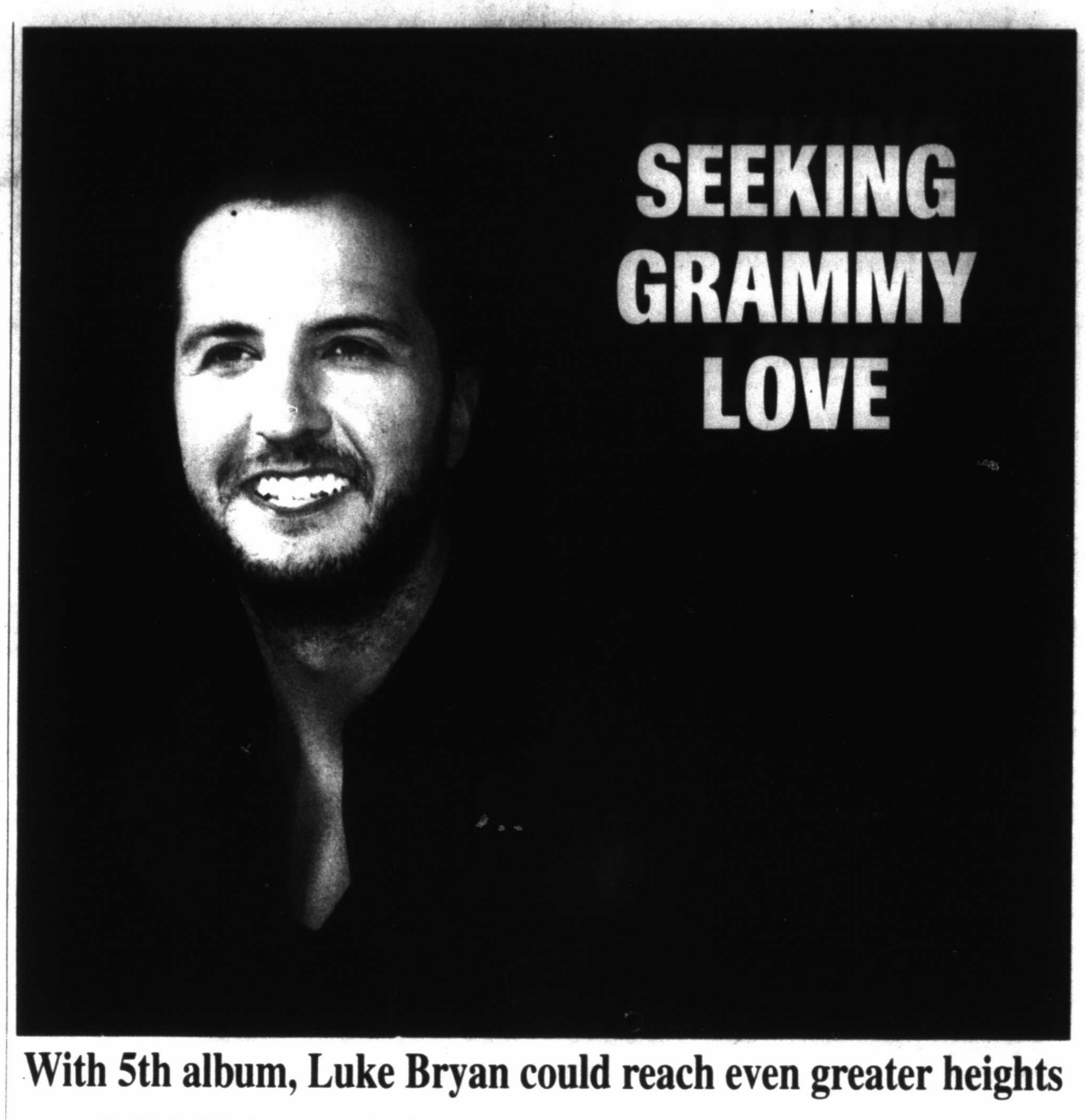
With career sales exceeding 150 million records, Bocelli is as close to being critic-proof as any artist could be. So it may matter little to his adoring fans to point out that this is a misguided undertaking, exposing the folly of even the most expert pop vocalist trying to pose as an opera singer.

From his opening lines — "Padre, mio padre!" — Bocelli's voice is thin and effortful. There is no heroic heft to his voice, a requirement in this demanding role. In the riddle scene, with its battle-of-the-high-notes duet, he is outmatched by American soprano Jennifer Wilson's impressive Turandot.

Conductor Zubin Mehta, leading the Orquestra de la Comunitat Valenciana, does a fine job of bringing out the dazzling colors and moods in Puccini's most ambitious score.

Still, anyone wanting to experience the opera for the first time would be better off with Mehta's 1972 version, which starred Pavarotti himself.

Mike Silverman/AP



With 5th album, Luke Bryan could reach even greater heights

By Mesfin Fekadu
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Luke Bryan is easily the reigning prince of country music: He's scored 10 No. 1 hits on Billboard's Hot Country songs chart; he's one of a few contemporary acts to sell out stadiums; and he's achieved back-to-back multiplatinum albums.

But Bryan, who has been on the music scene for a decade, has yet to earn a Grammy Award — or even a nomination.

"I guess a few years ago I kind of was thinking I'd get a Grammy nomination or two and didn't," said Bryan, who had one of the top albums of both 2013 and 2014 with "Crash My Party."

"Yeah, you get a little frustrated by that," he added. "I think the Grammys, sometimes accepting a guy like me is a little outside their deal."

Things could change with the release of his fifth album, "Kill the Lights," on Aug. 7.

"My focus is doing what I can musically for my fans first and foremost. ... Grammys stuff would be added, amazing stuff," he said. "I've won quite a few AMAs (American Music Awards), and it's so fun being out there and being recognized among all music as a country artist — that stuff's very flattering. And if the Grammys stuff ever happens, I'd be flattered by it."

Bryan, who turns 40 next year, has connected with young country fans thanks to his party anthems and songs about drinking and living life freely. Recent winners for Grammys for country music include acts that have hit mainstream and topped the pop charts, from Carrie Underwood to Taylor Swift to Lady Antebellum, or traditional acts in the vein of Glen Campbell.

Others have been slow to give Bryan credit: He finally won his first Country Music Association Award less than a year ago when he was named entertainer of the year, the show's top prize.

"I don't feel pressure much anymore. ... Up until this point in my career, obviously there's been quite a bit of pressure, but it's fun to be in a situation where that stuff starts chilling out and you can just relax," said the married father of two boys. "My thing is I spent a lot of years trying to outdo each album ... and I feel like this album has outdone 'Crash My Party,' so now it's just about me enjoying it."

On "Kill the Lights," Bryan is stretching outside his comfort zone. He said recording the song "Razor Blade" was challenging.

"It's kind of a darker song for me — somewhere I haven't really been artistically. The main thing was me learning how to kind of capture that really, really kind of darker side of the song," he said by phone during a break from his Kick the Dust Up Tour. "It's new territory for me. ... I had to step out of the vocal booth a couple times and get my head in the right space."

The album features the radio-ready "Home Alone Tonight," a duet with Karen Fairchild of Little Big Town; the slow-burner "Strip It Down"; "Huntin', Fishin' and Lovin' Every Day," an ode to Southern living; and "Kick the Dust Up," the upbeat first single that's currently No. 1 on the country charts.

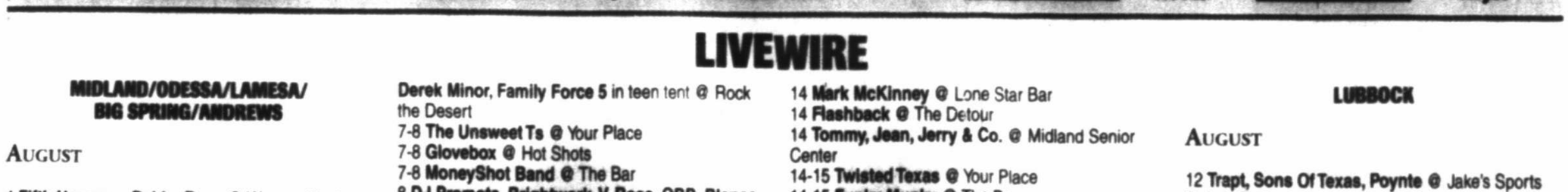
Jeff Stevens, who has produced all of Bryan's albums, worked on "Kill the Lights" with his son, Jody, to give the country star some new flavor.

Stevens said Bryan co-wrote more songs this time around, which "lends a different tone for the record."

"He's had an emotional year while we were making this record, lots of things going on around him including — not only family stuff — but the fact that his career keeps growing," he said. "So there's a lot of changes going on in his life and this album reflects that."

Bryan, who lives in Nashville, Tennessee, said he's mostly grown from being a live performer to perfectly crafting songs in the studio. And overall in life, he's content.

"I've matured on so many levels," Bryan said. "I'm happier now than I've ever been because ... I'm just in a completely Zen moment now."



LIVEWIRE

MIDLAND/ODESSA/LAMESA/ BIG SPRING/ANDREWS

AUGUST

4 **Fifth Harmony, Debby Ryan** @ Wagner Noel
4 **Goodtimers** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
5 **Emperors & Elephants, Era 9, Sawyer Family, Elisium** @ Blue Max
5 **Justin Langston** @ Saltgrass
5 **AWA (AsWeAre)** @ Calvary Midland
5 **Callahan Divide** @ Proof
6 **Johnny & Susie** @ West Texas Dance Club
6 **Dalton Domino and the Front Porch Family Band** @ Basin Burger House
6 **Matt Caldwell** @ Rockin Rodeo
6 **DJ Promote, Gideon, Wolves at the Gate, Fit for a King, Sleeping Giant, Project 86, For Today, Thousand Foot Krutch** @ Rock he Desert
7 **Michael Graves** @ Blue Max
7 **Gary Nix & West Texas** @ The Detour
7 **The Band McGraw** @ Redneck's
7 **Atwood and Nunn** @ 10 Sports Bar
7 **Cody Joe Hughes** @ Lone Star Bar
7 **No Dry County** @ Beer Garden
7 **DJ Promote, Kaleidoscope, I Am They, Jared Scott Salas, KB, Family Force 5, Jimmy Needham, For King & Country** on main stage, **DJ Vow, Sive, Everfound, NF, Big Rich, Social Club, KJ52/ Derek Minor, Family Force 5** in teen tent @ Rock the Desert
7-8 **The Unsweet Ts** @ Your Place
7-8 **Glovebox** @ Hot Shots
7-8 **MoneyShot Band** @ The Bar
8 **DJ Promote, Brightwork, V. Rose, OBB, Blanca, Building 429, Andy Mineo, LeCrae** on main stage, **DJ Vow, A Life Set Apart, Kaleidoscope, The Classic Crime, Jared Scott Salas, DaTruth** in teen tent @ Rock the Desert
8 **Thunderosa** @ Blue Max
8 **Eric Samuel Timm** @ First Baptist Church (Odessa)
8 **Adipocere, Adrenal Asphyxia, Asylum, Crafting The Conspiracy** @ VFW
8 **Kayla Ray** @ Basin Burger House
8 **Joe Peso** @ Fusion Sports Bar
9 **Blind Pets** @ Blue Max
9 **Goodtimers** @ Music City Mall
9 **Camila** @ Hacienda Event Center
9 **Jumping Giants** @ Museum of the Southwest
11 **Saving Abel** @ Blue Max
11 **Showdown** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
11 **Whitesnake, Bridge to Grace, The Dead Daisies** @ Wagner Noel
13 **Bri Bagwell** @ Basin Burger House
13 **Showdown** @ West Texas Dance Club
13 **Matt Kimvrow** @ Rockin Rodeo
14 **The Unsweet Ts** @ Ranchland Hills
14 **Stoney LaRue** @ Graham Central Station
14 **Mark McKinney** @ Lone Star Bar
14 **Flashback** @ The Detour
14 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Midland Senior Center
14-15 **Twisted Texas** @ Your Place
14-15 **Funky Munky** @ The Bar
16 **Matt Stell** @ Basin Burger House
16 **The Shades** @ Museum of the Southwest
17 **Showdown** @ Andrews Senior Center
18 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ Permian Basin Dance Club
19 **Eyes Set to Kill, Archer** @ Blue Max
20 **Cody Bryan Band** @ Basin Burger House
20 **Tommy, Jean, Jerry & Co.** @ West Texas Dance Club
21 **Forgotten Road, On The Level, Justin Langston, Silvertones** @ Midland County Fair
21 **Casee Allen, Clare Dunn, Jon Pardi, Joe Nichols, Brad Paisley** @ Texas Thunder
21-22 **Bobby Champion and The New Revolution Band** @ Your Place
21-22 **Electric Gypsies** @ The Bar
22 **Max Stalling** @ Lone Star Bar
22 **The Pistolevos, Williams & Roe, Tracy Lawrence, The Cadillac Three, Big and Rich** @ Texas Thunder
22 **Jacob Garcia Band, Robert Cobos Band, Unsweet T's, Loe Blue Cats, Abby Cone** @ Midland County Fair
22 **Sphynx** @ Basin Burger House

LUBBOCK

AUGUST

12 **Trapt, Sons Of Texas, Poynte** @ Jake's Sports Cafe & Backroom

SEPTEMBER

24 **Jason Aldean, Cole Swindell, Tyler Farr** @ United Supermarkets Arena

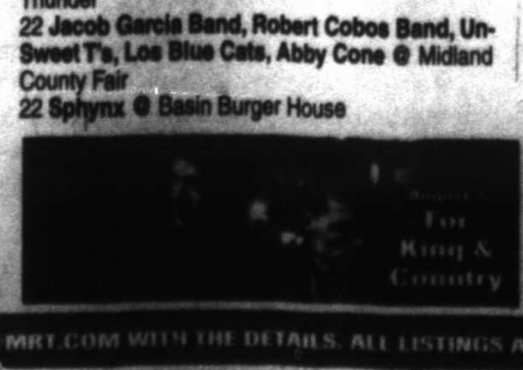
DALLAS-FORT WORTH AREA

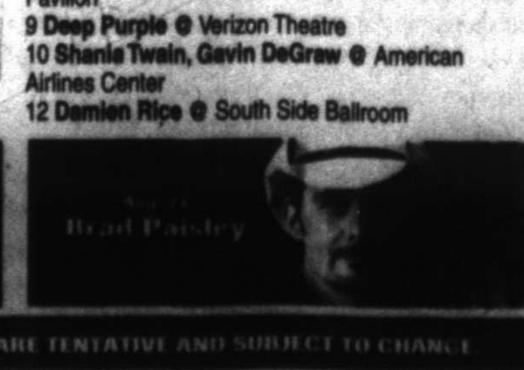
AUGUST

4 **Stephen Pearcy** @ Trees
7 **5 Seconds Of Summer, Hey Violet** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
7 **Reekwon, Ghostface Killah, Dillon Cooper** @ House Of Blues
8 **Marco Antonio Solis, Camila** @ Verizon Theatre At Grand Prairie
8 **Rascal Flatts, Scotty McCreery** @ Gexa Energy Pavilion
9 **Deep Purple** @ Verizon Theatre
10 **Shania Twain, Gavin DeGraw** @ American Airlines Center
12 **Damien Rice** @ South Side Ballroom









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Beltre hits for the cycle as Rangers defeat Astros

By Stephen Hawkins
Associated Press

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Adrian Beltre became the first major leaguer since the 1930s to hit for his third career cycle, and the Texas Rangers held on for a wild 12-9 victory over the AL West-leading Houston Astros on Monday night.

Beltre's solo homer in the fifth, a liner deep into the seats in left field, completed the cycle against three Houston pitchers.

A two-run triple by Beltre in the first inning put the Rangers ahead to stay at 3-2. He had a double in the second and a single in the third before his ninth homer of the season made it 12-7.

All three of Beltre's cycles have come at the Rangers' ballpark, two for the home team and one as a visitor when he was playing for Seattle on Sept. 1, 2008. The third baseman's other cycle for Texas was Aug. 24, 2012, against Minnesota.

The last major leaguer with three career cycles was Babe Herman, who had two in 1931 and one in 1933, according to research provided by the Elias Sports Bureau to the Rangers. The only other big leaguers with three career cycles are Bob Meusel (1921, 1922 and 1928) and John Reilly (twice in 1883 and 1890).

Colby Lewis (12-4) had to work hard over six innings for his fourth consecutive victory, giving up seven runs and 10 hits — three of those home runs. The right-hander is 8-1 in 14 career games against Astros, who previously scored only 17 runs in 75 1-3 innings off Lewis.

Shawn Tolleson worked the ninth for his 19th save in 20 chances.

Lance McCullers (5-4), at 21 the youngest starting pitcher in the majors, allowed six runs and seven hits while getting only one out. That came five days after he gave up only one run over seven innings to beat the Los Angeles Angels.

Jason Castro hit a grand slam for Houston, his third homer in 14 at-bats, after rookie Carlos Correa had a two-run shot to put the Astros ahead in the first. Luis Valbuena's solo homer in the second was his 20th of

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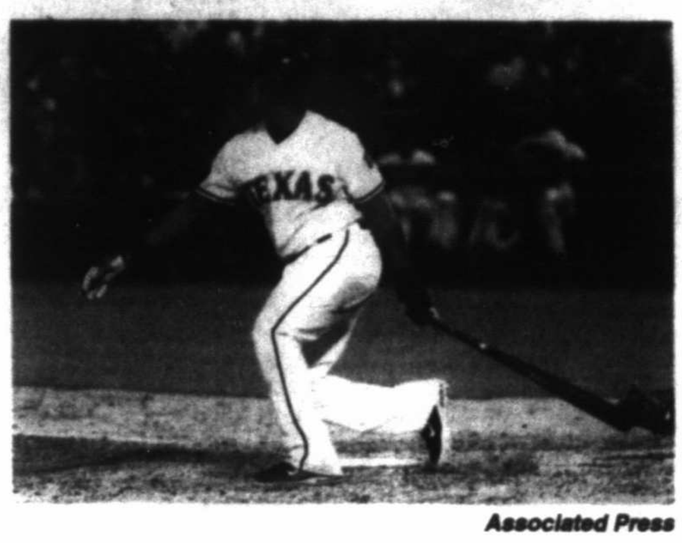

Associated Press

The Rangers' Adrian Beltre follows through on his solo home run completing the cycle against the Astros on Monday in Arlington. Beltre is the ninth player in Rangers history to hit for the cycle.

MAKING MOVES



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Greenwood football players run drills Monday during the first day of practice for the upcoming 2015 season.

Use of batboys and girls suspended after child's death

By Margaret Stafford
Associated Press

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The National Baseball Congress suspended using batboys and girls during its World Series games in Kansas following the death of a 9-year-old boy who was accidentally hit in the head with a bat during a game.

Kaiser Carlile died Sunday, a day after he was hit by a follow-through swing near the on-deck circle during the Liberal Bee Jays' game in Wichita. The boy was wearing a helmet.



Carlile

During an emotional news conference Monday, Kaiser was remembered as an energetic, happy boy who loved being part of the Bee Jays. Manager Adam Anderson and several players said he inspired them to always work hard, have fun and win.

"I can't get over how hard he worked, and he was having fun doing it," said outfielder Gavin Wehby, who plays for Nicholls State. "I was blessed to have called him a friend, a teammate and, most of all, a brother."

The NBC's general manager, Kevin Jenks, said Kaiser would be honored throughout the tournament until the championship game Saturday. The honors will include having the boy's initials on the scoreboard marquee and fundraisers for his family during the games. The team is also wearing wristbands and T-shirts with Kaiser's initials.

Kaiser's father, Chad Carlile, said his son was competitive but also just loved the game of baseball. He said Kaiser

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After 6-year wait, Brown ready to enter Hall

By Josh Dubrow
Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Perhaps more than any other position in football, wide receivers are forced to depend on teammates for success.

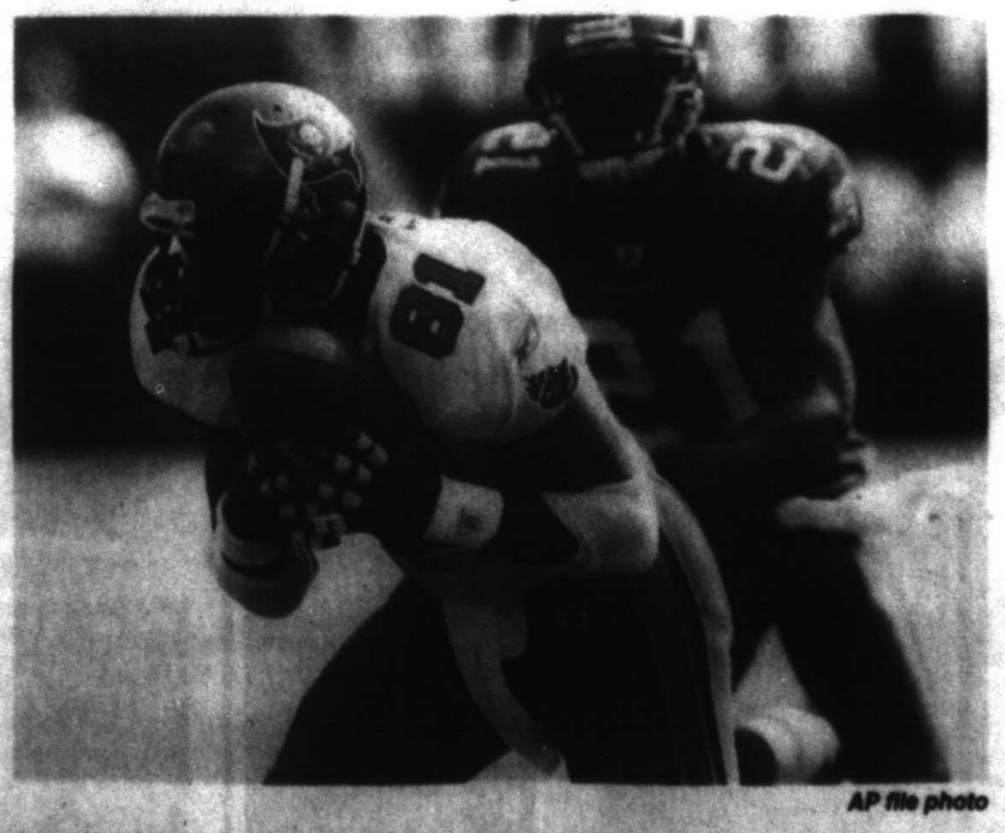
Without a quarterback to throw it, a line to block or other running backs and receivers to divert attention, it is nearly impossible for a wideout to accumulate the big numbers necessary to become a Hall of Famer.

That's why Tim Brown takes so much pride on the way he made it to Canton.

Despite spending most of his career with pedestrian quarterbacks and few other big-play talents around him on the Raiders, Brown earned his Hall of Fame honors by becoming one of the league's most consistent and prolific receivers.

In a 17-year career that included 1,094 catches for 14,934 yards and 105 overall touchdowns, Brown caught balls from 19 quarterbacks with the Raiders and Tampa Bay.

"I used to tell them throw it in my vicinity and I'll do the rest," Brown said. "To be consistent for that many years with so many quarterbacks is something I'm very proud of. I don't know if a lot of other guys weathered through some of the things that had to be done. It was sometimes more mental than it was physical to get on the same page of these guys and almost babysit some of the young quarterbacks."



AP file photo

On Sept. 19, 2004, Tampa Bay Buccaneers wide receiver Tim Brown (81) pulls in a pass in front of Seattle Seahawks cornerback Ken Lucas during their game in Tampa, Fla. Brown's versatility and longevity made him a strong candidate for the Pro Football Hall of Fame.

While Jerry Rice had Joe Montana and Steve Young, Michael Irvin had Troy Aikman, Andre Reed had Jim Kelly, Brown's quarterbacks were not exactly a who's who at the position. There were journeymen Jay

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Cowboys' Bryant tangles with teammate at training camp

By Schuyler Dixon
Associated Press

OXNARD, Calif. — Dez Bryant kept going after Dallas cornerback Tyler Patmon in a heated training camp skirmish that didn't end until quarterback Tony Romo finally stepped in and calmed his star receiver.

Bryant, who has a history of sideline antics that include screaming at coaches and teammates, threw something at Patmon and later appeared to take a swing at him after the two tangled during a play in 11-on-11 work late in the practice Sunday.

The incident started when Patmon jarred Bryant's helmet loose during a play and Bryant responded by yanking off Patmon's helmet. Patmon threw a punch and backed away, and Bryant came back with a wild left hook before teammates separated them. The Cowboys posted video of the exchange on their website.

Tight end Jason Witten was among those who couldn't get Bryant to walk away. Romo eventually came over and got Bryant to move to a different part of the sideline, while Patmon stood with

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DAILY RUNDOWN

FROM STAFF & WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

ON TV

Baseball

Big League Final, 6:30 p.m., ESPN2

Cycling

Tour of Poland, Stage 3: Zawiercie to Katowice, 10:30 a.m., beIN/beIN2

Tour of Utah, Stage 2: Tremonton to Ogden, 2 p.m., FS1

Major League Baseball

Boston at NY Yankees, 6 p.m., MLB

Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW/ROOT

Men's Soccer

Audi Cup: Real Madrid vs Tottenham Hotspur, 11 a.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

Audi Cup: FC Bayern Munich vs AC Milan, 1:30 p.m., ESPN2/ESPNDEP

UEFA Champions: AS Mopnaco FC vs BSC Young Boys, 1:40 p.m., beIN/beIN2

Copa MX: Puebla FC vs Celaya FC, 6:55 p.m., ESPNDEP

Copa MX: Cruz Azul vs Venados, 7:55 p.m., UDN

Copa MX: CD Tiburones Rojos de Veracruz vs Lobos BUAP, 8:55 p.m., ESPNDEP

CONCACAF Champions: Real Salt Lake at Municipal, 9 p.m., FOXSOC+

CONCACAF Champions: W Connection FC at Santos Laguna, 9 p.m., UDN

CONCACAF Champions: San Francisco at Queretaro, 11:30 p.m., GALA

Copa MX: Atlante vs CF Pachuca, 1 a.m., UDN

Softball

Dallas at USSSA, 6 p.m., CBSSN

Tennis

ATP/WTA: Citi Open, 1 p.m., TENNIS

WNBA

Indiana at Chicago, 7 p.m., NBAtv

Minnesota at Los Angeles, 9 p.m., ESPN2

Tulsa at Phoenix, 9 p.m., ESPN3

RADIO

Major League Baseball

Houston at Texas, 7 p.m., KBST 1490 AM (Big Spring)

Texas League Baseball

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

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL

American League

BALTIMORE ORIOLES — Optioned RHP Jorge Rondon to Norfolk (IL). Recalled RHP Tyler Wilson from Norfolk.

BOSTON RED SOX — Agreed to terms with RHP Austin Glorius on a minor league contract.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX — Optioned RHP Scott Carroll to Charlotte (IL). Recalled OF Trayce Thompson from Charlotte. Promoted Nick Hostetler to director of amateur scouting and Doug Laumann to senior adviser to scouting operations.

CLEVELAND INDIANS — Placed INF Jason Kipnis on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Optioned LHP Michael Roth to Columbus (IL). Recalled LHP Kyle Crockett and INF Jose Ramirez from Columbus.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS — Assigned RHP Jeremy McBryde outright to Salt Lake (PCL).

MINNESOTA TWINS — Selected the contract of RHP Tyler Duffey from Rochester (IL).

OAKLAND ATHLETICS — Optioned RHP Dan Otero and OF Jake Smolinski to Nashville (PCL). Claimed INF/OF Danny Valencia off waivers from Toronto. Reinstated OF Coco Crisp from the 15-day DL, and LHP Pat Venditte from the 15-day DL and optioned him to Nashville. Recalled RHP Arnold Leon from Nashville.

TAMPA BAY RAYS — Optioned LHP Matt Moore to Durham (IL). Selected the contract of 3B Richie Shaffer from Durham.

TEXAS RANGERS — Agreed to terms with RHP Dallas Gallant on a minor league contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS — Assigned OF Ezequiel Carrera outright to Buffalo (IL). Claimed RHP Ben Rowen off waivers from the Chicago Cubs and optioned him to Buffalo.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS — Sent RHP Chase Anderson and C Gerald Laird to the AZL Diamondbacks for rehab assignments.

CHICAGO CUBS — Designated LHP Clayton Richard for assignment. Recalled OF Matt Szczur from Iowa (PCL).

MIAMI MARLINS — Optioned 3B Donovan Solano to New Orleans (PCL). Placed RHP Carter Capps on the 15-day DL. Recalled C Tomas Telis from New Orleans. Selected the contract of RHP Brian Ellington from New Orleans.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS — Optioned OF Domingo Santana to Colorado Springs (PCL).

PITTSBURGH PIRATES — Optioned OF Jaff Decker to Indianapolis (IL).

ST. LOUIS CARDINALS — Assigned RHP Marcus Hatley and 1B Dan Johnson outright to Memphis (PCL).

SAN DIEGO PADRES — Sent 2B Cory Spangenberg to San Antonio (TL) for a rehab assignment.

SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed 2B Joe Panik on the 15-day DL, retroactive to Sunday. Selected the contract of 2B Kelby Tomlinson from Sacramento (PCL).

Frontier League

JOLIET SLAMMERS — Released RHP Adam Panagiotisch.

RIVER CITY RASCALS — Released RHP Clay Smith.

ROCKFORD AVIATORS — Signed INF Raul Linares. Released RHP Kyle Allen.

WASHINGTON WILD THINGS — Released 1B Lee Orr.

BASKETBALL

USA BASKETBALL — Named Gersson Rosas international player personnel scout for the men's national team.

National Basketball Association

MIAMI HEAT — Signed G Josh Richardson.

MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES — Signed G Andre Miller to a one-year contract.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

ARIZONA CARDINALS — Activated TE Jermaine Gresham from the PUP list and TE Troy Niklas from the non-football injury list.

BUFFALO BILLS — Signed CB Merrill Noel.

CLEVELAND BROWNS — Waived WR Kevin Cone and DB Brandon Stephens. Signed RBs Timothy Flanders and Jalen Parmele.

DENVER BRONCOS — Placed WR Kyle Williams on injured reserve. Signed WR Corbin Louks.

GREEN BAY PACKERS — Signed WR Ed Williams.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS — Activated C Maurice Pouncey from the PUP list.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS — Signed DT Luther Robinson. Placed DT Tenny Palepoi on injured reserve.

Canadian Football League

EDMONTON ESKIMOS — Signed DL Shomari Williams to the practice roster.

WINNIPEG BLUE BOMBERS — Released DL Deantre Harlan from the practice roster. Signed DL Justin Cole to the practice roster.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

SAN JOSE SHARKS — Re-signed G Aaron Dell to a one-year contract.

ECHL

READING ROYALS — Agreed to terms with F Robbie Czarnik.

LACROSSE

National Lacrosse League

BUFFALO BANDITS — Agreed to terms with Ts David Brock and Alex Kedoh Hill on two-year contracts.

SOCCER

Major League Soccer

MONTREAL IMPACT — Signed M Johan Venegas.

COLLEGE

LIMESTONE — Promoted Colleen Cannon to senior women's administrator in addition to her duties as assistant director of compliance.

NORTH CAROLINA — Reinstated CB Malik Simmons to the football team.

ST NORBERT — Named Meredith Roth women's ice hockey coach.

THIEL — Announced the retirement of director of athletics Jack Liebherr, effective at the end of December.

WELLS — Named David Valesente baseball coach.

YALE — Named Laura Simon women's assistant crew coach.

PRO RODEO LEADERS

Through Aug. 2

All-Around

1. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $166,011
2. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $85,899
3. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas $81,875
4. JoJo LeBlond, Andrews, Texas $77,383
5. Rhen Richard, Roosevelt, Utah $71,536

Bareback Riding

1. Evan Jayne, Marseille, France $81,382
2. Clint Cannon, Waller, Texas $66,872
3. Seth Hardrick, Laramie, Wyo. $65,335

Steer Wrestling

1. Hunter Cure, Holliday, Texas $62,507
2. Ty Erickson, Helena, Mont. $60,043
3. Luke Branquinho, Los Alamos, Calif. $57,842

Team Roping (header)

1. Clay Tryan, Billings, Mont. $81,316
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $69,586
3. Derrick Begay, Seba Dalkai, Ariz. $63,277

Also: 14. JoJo LeBlond, Andrews, Texas $47,732

Team Roping (heeler)

1. Jade Corkill, Fallon, Nev. $81,316
2. Patrick Smith, Lipan, Texas $69,586
3. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Gardnerville, Nev. $68,717

Saddle Bronc Riding

1. Cody DeMoss, Heflin, La. $101,317
2. Rusty Wright, Milford, Utah $80,545
3. Taos Muncy, Corona, N.M. $77,657

Tie-down Roping

1. Marty Yates, Stephenville, Texas $71,521
2. Caleb Smidt, Bellville, Texas $71,168
3. Tuf Cooper, Decatur, Texas $70,968

Steer Roping

1. Mike Chase, McAlester, Okla. $54,629
2. Trevor Brazile, Decatur, Texas $49,397
3. Vin Fisher Jr., Andrews, Texas $48,324

Also: 9. Shay Good, Midland, Texas $34,348; 11. JoJo LeBlond, Andrews, Texas $30,088

Bull Riding

1. Sage Kimzey, Strong City, Okla. $95,013
2. Brennon Eldred, Sulphur, Okla. $90,362
3. Wesley Silcox, Santaquin, Utah $89,976

Barrel Racing

1. Lisa Lockhart, Oelrichs, S.D. $150,227
2. Callie Duperier, Boerne, Texas $128,749
3. Sarah Rose McDonald, Brunswick, Ga. $108,925

AREA SPORTS ROUNDUP

FROM STAFF REPORTS

FLORIDA

MHS' Hoppel places 3rd at track nationals

JACKSONVILLE — Midland High senior Bryce Hoppel placed third in the men's 17-18 year old 1,500-meter run during the USATF National Junior Olympic Track and Fields Championships at the University of North Florida on Sunday.

Hoppel recorded a time of 4:00.16 in the 1,500 one day after winning the 800-meter race.

Midland High senior Charles Schmidt placed ninth in the 1,500 with a time of 4:06.42.

COLLEGE STATION

MHS' Smith wins 2 golds at Games of Texas

Midland High sophomore Sametria Smith, running for the West Texas Track Club, won three gold medals at the TAAF Games of Texas State Meet over the weekend.

Smith placed first in the 16-under girls long jump with a jump of 18 feet, 3 inches; was first in the 16-under 100 hurdles with a time of 14.96; and was first in the 16-under hurdles with a time of 45.70.

Overall, Smith walked away with four medals from the games as she won silver in the triple jump on Thursday.

In other action from the Games of Texas, Jacary Penn, of the Midland Crusaders Track Club, won the 12-under boys long jump with a jump of 17-8.

Also for the Crusaders, Jenia Mitchell placed fourth in the 14-under girls 1,600 meter run with a time of 5:35.00, and she placed seventh in the girls 14-under 800 run with a time of 2:30.86.

FLORIDA

Gilliland places 2nd at diving nationals

ORLANDO — Tarrin Gilliland, of the City of Midland Diving Club, placed second in the 12-14 girls platform event at the AT&T USA Diving National Diving Championships.

Gilliland competed in a field of 33 of the country's best young female divers.

She finished first in the semifinals but was beaten by Maysi Richards, from GC Diving out of Weatherford, 298.4 points to 289.45 points.



Fort Worth Star-Telegram/AP

With Jeremy Mincy trying to block, Dallas Cowboys wide receiver Dez Bryant, hidden at right, swings at defensive back Tyler Patmon (26) as Bryant confronted Patmon after a rough play during the Cowboys' afternoon practice at training camp in Oxnard, Calif., on Sunday.

COWBOYS

From 1C

players and other team personnel nearby.

Bryant, the biggest star in this camp because he recently signed a five-year, $70 million contract that ended his threat not to show up, said he and Patmon exchanged words for several plays before the skirmish that had several teammates trying to separate them.

When practice ended a few minutes later, coach Jason Garrett spoke briefly to Bryant, who then walked over to Patmon and hugged him while fans nearby cheered after earlier yelling at Bryant to calm down.

"I got a little bit overheated," Bryant said. "At the end of the day, that's something that you really need for a team, on a team. I'm just trying to win ballgames."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who had already left the practice field, wasn't bothered by the display. He said he caught footage of it on television and said, "Man, you'd have thought it was CNN featuring some big event going on."

"That's training camp. That's not new," Jones said. "That's been happening at our training camp for years and years and years."

Jones also noted that it was just the second padded practice in front of a second straight bigger weekend crowd. The Cowboys drew 3,727 Sunday after the first padded workout Saturday brought in 5,802 fans.

"The kind of atmosphere that we've worked to put together, and that atmosphere breeds that kind passion, it breeds that kind of excitement," Jones said. "Sure enough, here comes some after-the-whistle action."

Patmon is an undrafted second-year player still fighting for a roster spot a year after making the team with a strong camp and preseason. He played in 11 games and both of Dallas' playoff games.

Both players went to Oklahoma State.

"Oh, man, it's just brothers," Patmon said. "Brothers fight. That happens sometimes. We go at it. After that we squash it and it's over."

Bryant, days removed from talking about the growth and maturity that led to his huge payday, bristled at the notion that he remains a focal point because of several sideline incidents. Besides ranting at teammates and coaches, Bryant also left the field before the clock ran out in a particularly painful loss to Green Bay two years ago.

"All I can say is have I ever missed a game?" said Bryant, who initially left the field without stopping for reporters but came back and answered questions after he had taken off his uniform. "All right then. So I don't even know why you asked me that question."

Bryant said Garrett told him "he wasn't going to get in between it and all of that."

"Because he knows the kind of guy I am," Bryant said. "This kind of stuff happens. I just hate the fact that when it's me, I know that I can get kind of animated with everything. That's why a lot of focus is on me. It's really good for the team."

And Bryant, a first-round draft pick in 2010, also acknowledged that Patmon is an unsung player battling for attention.

"You don't want somebody weak on your team," Bryant said. "He's fighting his way and he's fighting for respect. And he's got mine then. You can go to war with a guy like that any day of the week."

Both players will have an extra day to cool off. Dallas takes a break Monday before returning to practice Tuesday.

BROWN

From 1C

Schroeder, Vince Evans, Jeff Hostetler, Jeff George and Donald Hollas. There were fringe players Marques Tuiasosopo, Chris Simms, David Klingler, Rob Johnson, Tee Martin and Bobby Hoying.

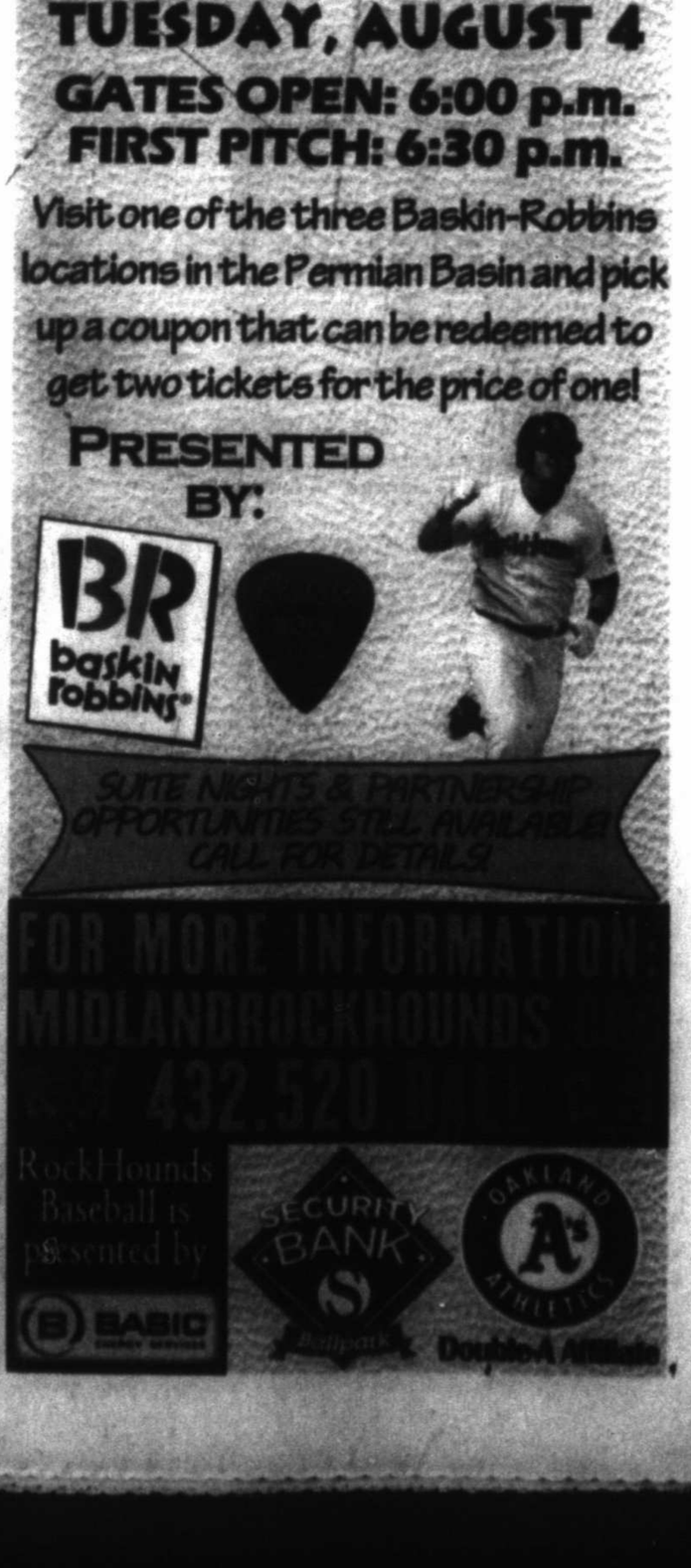
That all changed when Rich Gannon arrived in Oakland in 1999 to give Brown a top-flight quarterback late in his career. Gannon was the only quarterback who was an original selection to the Pro Bowl while playing with Brown. Hostetler was a replacement selection in 1994.

There were only three other skill position players who made the Pro Bowl while teammates with Brown: Rice, Bo Jackson and Ethan Horton each getting one selection.

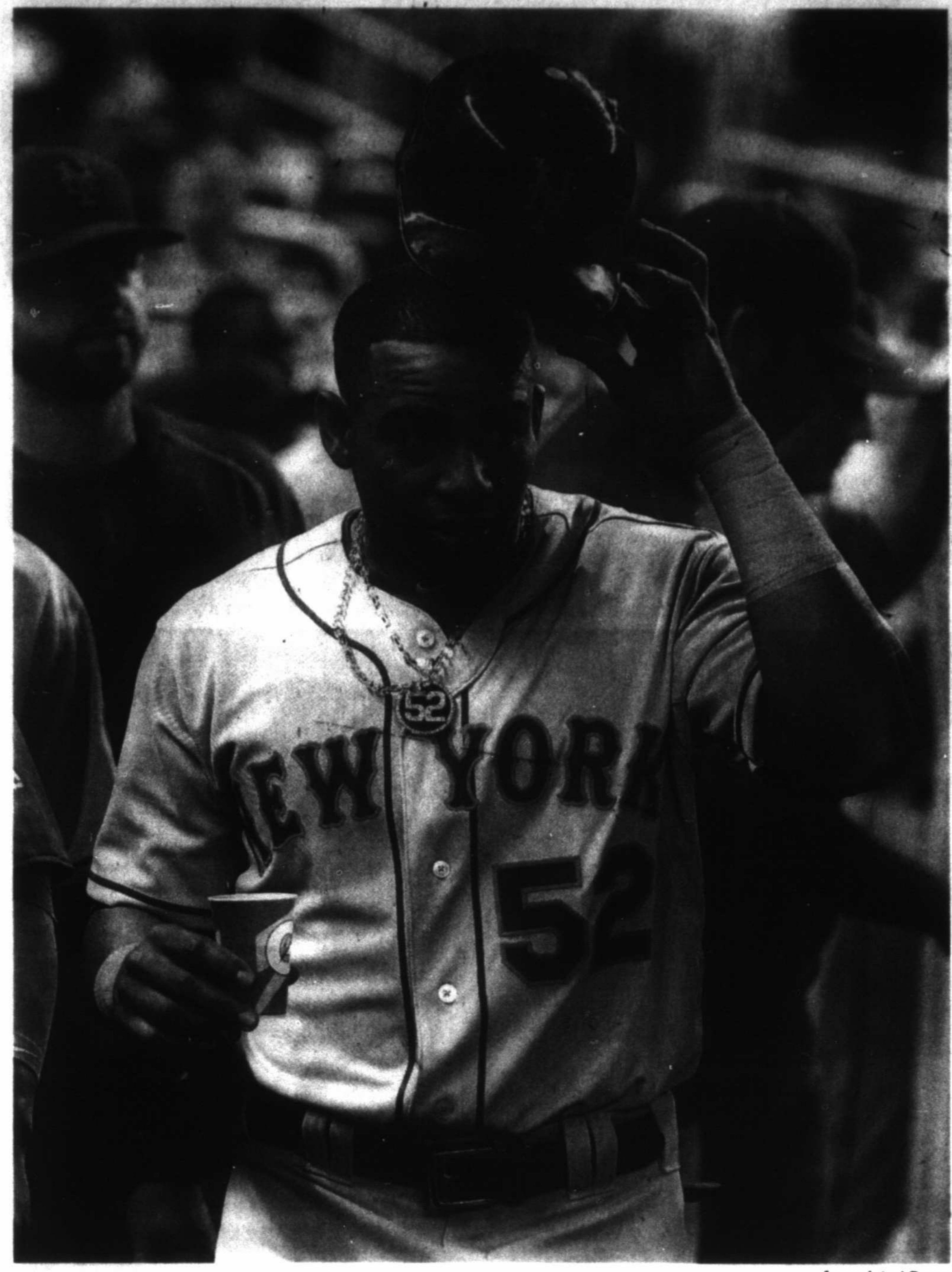
"Timmy did a lot of good things without a big-name quarterback," Hall of Fame defensive back Rod Woodson said. "That adds to what he accomplished. That means at the top of his routes, he was open. Most great quarterbacks can throw people open. The not-so-good ones can't. That means Timmy was getting open a lot of times. When he was at his best and some of the elite cornerbacks were covering him, he was still getting open."

Gannon called Brown one of the smartest teammates he ever had, pointing to a photographic memory that allowed him to memorize game plans almost as soon as he got them. Brown had the creativity to make subtle in-game adjustments to get open.

Despite just 4 1/2 years together, including three with coach Jon Gruden calling plays, Gannon completed more passes to Brown than anyone else, 356.







Associated Press

New York Mets hitter Yoenis Cespedes walks in the dugout after he scored on a double by teammate Wilmer Flores in the fifth inning against the Miami Marlins in Miami on Monday. Cespedes got on base with a two-run double, hitting a total of three doubles on the night.

MLBROUNDUP

FROM WIRE REPORTS

American League

BLUE JAYS 5 TWINS 1

TORONTO — David Price struck out 11 over eight innings to win his Blue Jays debut, Josh Donaldson hit a tiebreaking home run and Toronto beat Minnesota in the opener of a four-game series between AL wild-card contenders.

Price (10-4) allowed one run and three hits. He threw 119 pitches, two shy of his season high.

Acquired from Detroit last Thursday for a trio of minor league left-handers, Price received a standing ovation from the sellout crowd of 45,766 as he walked in from the bullpen before the game.

NBA All-Star Kevin Durant was among those on hand to watch Price work on a sunny afternoon.

The lefty struck out the first two batters he faced and set down four straight before Torii Hunter homered in the second. It was the 12th home run surrendered by Price in 10 career starts at Rogers Centre.

RAYS 5 WHITE SOX 4

CHICAGO — Mikie Mahtook singled with two outs in the top of the ninth inning to drive in Logan Forsythe and give Tampa Bay a win over Chicago.

Forsythe started the winning rally with a one-out walk. Evan Longoria had three hits and an RBI.

Rays prospect Richie Shaffer went 0-for-2 with a hit-by-pitch and a walk in four plate appearances before leaving the game in the seventh.

Jake McGee (1-1) pitched a perfect eighth to get the win and Brad Boxberger worked out of a jam in the ninth for his 27th save. David Robertson (4-3) took the loss.

Jose Abreu and Carlos Sanchez each had a two-run home run for Chicago, which has dropped four of five following a hot streak.

National League

METS 12 MARLINS 1

MIAMI — Yoenis Cespedes hit three doubles and New York took over first place in the NL East, routing Miami.

Fresh off sweeping Washington, the Mets won their fourth in a row and moved a game ahead of the Nationals for the division lead.

There was a brief delay with two outs in the bottom of the ninth inning after Tomas Telis lost control of his bat and it flew into the stands and hit a fan. There was no immediate word on the extent of the man's injury.

Cespedes, acquired last week from Detroit, played for the third time with the Mets and tied the team record for doubles in a game. He drove in four runs.

Bartolo Colon (10-10) had lost six straight decisions. He pitched eight innings and allowed one run.

Tom Koehler (8-8) was tagged in the Marlins' most-lopsided loss of the season.

DIAMONDBACKS 6 NATIONALS 4

WASHINGTON — Rookie Zack Godley pitched six scoreless innings to continue a stellar start to his career, and Arizona homered four times to send Washington to a fourth straight loss.

Nick Ahmed homered and had four hits as the Diamondbacks improved to 5-2 on their 10-game, bi-coastal road trip.

Godley (3-0) won two of those games, and with Monday's victory he becomes the second Arizona pitcher to win in each of his first three major league outings.

David Peralta and Welington Castillo added back-to-back homers off Nationals starter Doug Fister (4-7) and Jake Lamb hit a high-arcing shot in the ninth in Jonathan Papelbon's home debut in Washington.

Fister allowed five runs over six innings.

BRAVES 9 GIANTS 8, 12 INNINGS

ATLANTA — Adonis Garcia hit a two-run homer in the 12th inning off Ryan Vogelsong and Atlanta completed its final comeback of the game to beat San Francisco.

Down 6-0 against Matt Cain going into the sixth, the Braves rallied with four runs. A.J. Pierzynski hit a two-run homer with two outs in the ninth off Santiago Casilla, tying it at 7.

Buster Posey homered early, then hit a go-ahead single in the Giants 12th.

Jace Peterson led off the Braves 12th by reaching on a throwing error by shortstop Brandon Crawford. Vogelsong (7-7), trying to earn the first save of his 11-season career, fell behind in the count and Garcia homered over the center field wall.

Garcia made his major league debut this season and has three home runs in 11 games.

The Giants have lost two in a row for the first time since stopping a seven-game skid in early July.

PADRES 13 BREWERS 5

MILWAUKEE — Yangervis Solarte hit two home runs and Tyson Ross pitched six effective innings to help San Diego rout Milwaukee.

Solarte hit a solo home run in the first and connected for a three-run shot in the seventh.

Jedd Gyorko also homered and had three hits while Alexi Amarista drove in three runs for the Padres.

Ross (8-8) gave up seven hits and two earned runs in six innings. He struck out five and walked two. He also had an RBI single in the third inning.

Milwaukee starter Wily Peralta (2-6) was ineffective in his second start after spending more than two months on the disabled list with a strained left oblique.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	59	45	.567	—
Toronto	55	52	.514	5½
Baltimore	53	51	.510	6
Tampa Bay	53	54	.495	7½
Boston	47	59	.443	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Kansas City	62	42	.596	—
Minnesota	54	51	.514	8½
Detroit	51	54	.486	11½
Chicago	50	54	.481	12
Cleveland	48	56	.462	14

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Houston	60	47	.561	—
Los Angeles	55	49	.529	3½
Texas	52	53	.495	7
Seattle	48	58	.453	11½
Oakland	47	59	.443	12½

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	56	50	.528	—
Washington	54	50	.519	1
Atlanta	48	58	.453	8
Miami	43	63	.406	13
Philadelphia	41	65	.387	15

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	67	38	.638	—
Pittsburgh	61	43	.587	5½
Chicago	57	47	.548	9½
Cincinnati	47	56	.456	19
Milwaukee	44	63	.411	24

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	60	45	.571	—
San Francisco	57	48	.543	3
San Diego	52	54	.491	8½
Arizona	51	53	.490	8½
Colorado	44	59	.427	15

Monday's scores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Toronto 5, Minnesota 1
Texas 12, Houston 9
Tampa Bay 5, Chicago White Sox 4
Baltimore at Oakland, late
Cleveland at L.A. Angels, late

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona 6, Washington 4
N.Y. Mets 12, Miami 1
Atlanta 9, San Francisco 8, 12 innings
San Diego 13, Milwaukee 5
Chicago Cubs at Pittsburgh, late

INTERLEAGUE

Seattle at Colorado, late

Today's games

Boston (Owens 0-0) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 7-4), 6:05 p.m.

Minnesota (P.Hughes 10-6) at Toronto (Estrada 8-6), 6:07 p.m.

Kansas City (D.Duffy 4-5) at Detroit (Verlander 1-3), 6:08 p.m.

Houston (Undecided) at Texas (Gallardo 7-9), 7:05 p.m.

Tampa Bay (Archer 9-8) at Chicago White Sox (Sale 9-6), 7:10 p.m.

Baltimore (Mi.Gonzalez 9-7) at Oakland (Bassitt 0-4), 9:05 p.m.

Cleveland (Carrasco 11-8) at L.A. Angels (Shoemaker 5-7), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Arizona (Corbin 2-3) at Washington (Scherzer 11-8), 6:05 p.m.

Chicago Cubs (Arrieta 11-6) at Pittsburgh (Happ 0-0), 6:05 p.m.

L.A. Dodgers (A.Wood 7-6) at Philadelphia (J.Williams 3-8), 6:05 p.m.

N.Y. Mets (Niese 5-9) at Miami (B.Hand 1-2), 6:10 p.m.

San Francisco (Peavy 2-4) at Atlanta (S.Miller 5-8), 6:10 p.m.

St. Louis (Lackey 9-8) at Cincinnati (DeSclafani 6-7), 6:10 p.m.

San Diego (Cashner 4-10) at Milwaukee (Nelson 8-9), 7:10 p.m.

INTERLEAGUE

Seattle (Nuno 0-0) at Colorado (J.Gray 0-0), 7:40 p.m.

Texas box scores

RANGERS 12, ASTROS 9

Houston	ab	r	h	bi	Texas	ab	r	h	bi
Altuve 2b	5	1	1	0	DShlds cf	2	2	0	0
CGomz cf	5	0	2	0	LMartn cf	0	0	0	0
Correa ss	5	1	1	2	Odor 2b	5	2	2	2
Tucker lf	5	1	1	0	Fielder dh	5	2	2	2
Gattis dh	5	1	1	0	Beltre 3b	5	2	4	3
Lowrie 3b	4	1	2	0	Morlnd 1b	5	1	2	2
ClRsms rf	4	1	1	2	JHmltn lf	5	0	0	0
Valuen 1b	3	2	2	1	Choo rf	3	1	1	2
JCastro c	4	1	2	4	Andrus ss	5	1	2	0
BWilsn c	4	1	2	1					
Totals	40	9	13	9	Totals	39	12	15	12

Houston 210 400 200 —9
Texas 605 010 00x —12

E—B.Wilson (1). LOB—Houston 6, Texas 8. 2B—Tucker (17), Col.Rasmus (18), J.Castro (14), Beltre (18), B.Wilson (1). 3B—Odor (6), Beltre (3). HR—Correa (13), Valbuena (20), J.Castro (10), Beltre (9), Choo (14). SB—DeShields (17).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
McCullers L,5-4	1-3	7	6	6	1	1
J.Fields	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Fiers	5	7	6	6	3	6
Qualls	1	0	0	0	1	0
Texas						
Lewis W,12-4	6	10	7	7	1	3
Patton	2-3	2	2	2	1	1
S.Freeman	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
S.Dyson	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Sh.Tolleson S,19-20	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—3:19. A—21,671 (48,114).

Linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BLUE JAYS 5, TWINS 1

Minnesota 010 000 000 —1 3 0
Toronto 010 020 20x —5 8 0

E.Santana, Boyer (7), O'Rourke (8) and K.Suzuki; Price, Hawkins (9) and Ru.Martin. W—Price 10-4. L—E.Santana 2-2. HRs—Minnesota, Tor.Hunter (17). Toronto, Goins (3), Donaldson (27).

RAYS 5, WHITE SOX 4

Tampa Bay 100 010 111 —5 12 0
Chicago 000 002 200 —4 7 1

Karns, B.Gomes (6), Cedeno (7), Geltz (7), McGee (8), Boxberger (9) and Casali; Quintana, Petricka (7), Duke (8), Dav.Robertson (9) and Flowers. W—McGee 1-1. L—Dav.Robertson 4-3. Sv—Boxberger (27). HRs—Tampa Bay, Sizemore (3). Chicago, Abreu (19), C.Sanchez (3).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

DIAMONDBACKS 6, NATIONALS 4

Arizona 001 310 001 —6 11 0
Washington 000 000 004 —4 8 0

Godley, A.Reed (7), D.Hudson (9), Ziegler (9) and W.Castillo; Fister, Roark (7), Storen (8), Papelbon (9) and W.Ramos. W—Godley 3-0. L—Fister 4-7. Sv—Ziegler (19). HRs—Arizona, Ahmed (7), D.Peralta (10), W.Castillo (12), Ja.Lamb (4). Washington, Zimmerman (7).

METS 12, MARLINS 1

New York 030 043 200—12 15 0
Miami 000 000 010 —1 7 1

B.Colon, Gilmartin (9) and d'Arnaud; Koehler, Rienzo (5), C.Reed (7), Ellington (9) and Realmuto, Telis. W—B.Colon 10-10. L—Koehler 8-8. HRs—New York, Conforto (1).

BRAVES 9, GIANTS 8 (12 INNINGS)

San Francisco 022 200 001 001 —8 14 2
Atlanta 000 004 102 002 —9 17 1

M.Cain, Kontos (6), Strickland (7), Romo (8), Lopez (9), Casilla (9), Y.Petit (10), Vogelsong (12) and Posey; Foltynewicz, Marksberry (7), Aardsma (8), McKirahan (9), Brigham (10), Detwiler (11), Vizcaino (12) and Pierzynski. W—Vizcaino 2-0. L—Vogelsong 7-7. HRs—San Francisco, Belt (13), B.Crawford 2 (18), Posey (16). Atlanta, J.Peterson (5), C.Johnson (2), Pierzynski (7), Ad.Garcia (3).

PADRES 13, BREWERS 5

San Diego 131 110 600—13 13 1
Milwaukee 200 001 101 —5 9 1

T.Ross, Campos (7), Thayer (8), Maton (9) and Hedges; W.Peralta, Blazek (4), Knebel (6), Gutmat (7), Cotts (8), W.Smith (9) and Lucroy. W—T.Ross 8-8. L—W.Peralta 2-6. HRs—San Diego, Solarte 2 (7), Gyorko (6). Milwaukee, Garvin (5).

DEATH

From 1C

cherished a pair of shoes and a white bracelet the team had given him. He said his son's organs will be donated.

"There is no anger towards what happened," he said. "This is something that was obviously a tragedy. I want no bad comments. ... He was happy. He loved it, and the team we are obviously for loved him, as well."

The tournament has been in Wichita since 1931, and this is the first time such a situation has occurred, Jenks said.

"We have over 900 participants coming into the World Series every year," Jenks said. "You never expect anything like this to happen."

The Bee Jays played and won after Kaiser was hurt Saturday night and won again on Sunday, making it to the semifinals. His parents attended Sunday's game and supported the team's decision to continue playing "because they know that's what Kaiser would want us to do," Anderson said.

Anderson said the death has hit his teammates hard. He said the team has been comforted by support from across the country and the world and that it's staying together to cope with the loss

"My biggest message to them is nobody is going through this alone," Anderson said. "We're here to support each other and support Kaiser's family. This is not one person's burden to bear. We'll have to bear it together."

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The city of Wichita owns Lawrence-Dumont Stadium, where the accident took place, and is deciding whether to investigate the accident, Ken Evans, the city's strategic communications director.

Third baseman Brady Cox, who plays for Texas-Arlington, said he will always remember Kaiser encouraging him even when Cox was having a bad day on the field. He recalled one game when the boy was in the dugout even though he didn't feel well and encouraged Cox not to feel bad after he had gone 0-for-2. In his next bat, Cox hit a homerun.

"He changed my attitude on the game," Cox said. "I'll never pick up a baseball and not think of that. ... I'll always remember him saying, 'It's all right, you've got more bats left.' I'll never step on the field without thinking of him."

RANGERS

From 1C

the season, but first in 83 at-bats since June 23.

Beltre was one of five Rangers players with multiple RBIs in the game.

Shin-Soo Choo, who had a cycle for Texas last month at Colorado, homered to cap the six-run first. Prince Fielder had two RBI singles.

Rougned Odor had a two-run triple when the Rangers scored five runs in the third off Mike Fiers, whose American League debut had been scheduled as the starter Tuesday night. He was traded from Milwaukee on Thursday.

Josh Fields threw 1 2-3 scoreless innings in relief of McCullers before Fiers allowed six runs and seven hits over five innings. Fiers struck out six.

It was the ninth cycle in Rangers' history, their sixth since the beginning of the 2009 season, twice as many as any other team in the major leagues in that span. Arizona and Colorado both have three cycles in that time.

Arizona in 2012 was the last team with two cycles in the same season. The last American League team with multiple cycles in the same year was Minnesota in 2009.

Trainer's room

Astros: OF George Springer is traveling with the team and doing workouts that don't involve the right wrist he fractured July 1. Manager A.J. Hinch said Springer won't get his wrist examined again until the Astros return home.

Rangers: C Carlos Corporan (left thumb sprain) is making progress in his minor league rehab, but manager Jeff Banister said Corporan needs to catch nine innings and play consecutive days. Corporan was sore when he took Sunday off after consecutive games.

Up next

Astros: Playing only the second game of a nine-game trip, Houston has yet to decide on a starter as it looks to win for only the third time in its last 14 road games.

Rangers: Yovani Gallardo (7-9, 3.39) was 0-3 with a 5.46 ERA in his last six starts, allowing five runs in each of his last three starts.

'HOUNDSREPORT

FROM STAFF REPORTS

ROCKHOUNDS 5, ROUGHRIDERS 0 at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Midland's Ryon Healy, who was just named as Texas League Player of the Week, was 2-for-2 with two walks and two RBI. ... RockHounds teammate Matt Olson was 2-for-3 with a double and an RBI. ... Frisco's Preston Beck was 3-for-4.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Jake Sanchez picked up his ninth win of the season by throwing six shutout innings with three hits, three walks and four strikeouts. ... Midland's bullpen of Tucker Healy and Ryan Doolittle allowed just one hit in three shutout innings.

HIGHLIGHTS: With the RockHounds leading 2-0, Midland added three more in the sixth as Ryon Healy and Bruce Maxwell drew bases-loaded walks, while Jaycob Brugman added a sacrifice fly.

NOTES: Frisco has now lost 11 straight games and trails 7 1/2 games behind leader Midland in the Texas League South Division second half standings and is 12 1/2 games back of the 'Hounds for the wild card. ... The shutout was the 11th for the RockHounds this season. ... This was the opening game of a three-game series between the teams.

TL HONORS: Ryon Healy was named the Texas League Player of the Week, and RockHounds pitcher Sean Manaea has been named the TL Pitcher of the Week for the period of July27-Aug. 3. ... Healy hit .444 (12-for-27) in seven games with two doubles, two home runs and nine RBI. He also recorded four multi-hit games, including a five-hit performance at Frisco on July 29. ... Manaea, who was acquired by the A's organization in a trade with Kansas City on July 28, made his first start with the RockHounds on July 31, threw seven shutout innings, allowed three hits and struck out nine.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: Frisco — LHP Victor Payano (3-2, 4.64). Midland — LHP Dillon Overton (3-2, 4.50)

TL standings

Second Half

North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	22	16	.579	—
Springfield	20	18	.526	2
Tulsa	16	22	.421	6
x-Northwest Arkansas	14	23	.378	7½

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Midland	25	13	.658	—
x-Corpus Christi	21	17	.553	4
Frisco	17	20	.459	7½
San Antonio	16	22	.421	9

Monday's Scores

Midland 5, Frisco 0
Arkansas 4, Northwest Arkansas 2
Corpus Christi 4, San Antonio 2, 10 innings
Springfield 7, Tulsa 6

Today's Games

Frisco at Midland, 6:30 p.m.
Arkansas at Northwest Arkansas, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at San Antonio, 7:05 p.m.
Tulsa at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 5, ROUGHRIDERS 0

Frisco	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Beck 1b	4	0	3	0	Oberacker cf	2	0	0	0
Mendez 3b	4	0	0	0	Brugman ph-cf	1	0	0	1
Mazara lf	3	0	0	0	Walsh 2b	4	0	1	0
Burg c	4	0	0	0	Ravelo 1b	4	0	0	0
Robinson 2b	2	0	0	0	Nunez b	3	1	1	0
Brinson cf	4	0	1	0	Pinder ss	4	2	1	0
Adams dh	4	0	0	0	Olson rf	4	1	2	1
Cone rf	3	0	0	0	Whitaker lf	3	1	1	0
Marte ss	3	0	0	0	Healy dh	2	0	2	2
					Maxwell c	3	0	0	0
Totals	31	0	4	0	Totals	30	5	8	5

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Frisco						
Bell L, 3-12	5.1	8	5	5	2	2
Castillo	0.1	0	0	0	2	0
Grullon	1.1	0	0	0	0	1
Faulkner	1.0	0	0	0	1	1
Midland						
Sanchez W, 9-7	6.0	3	0	0	3	4
Healy	1.0	0	0	0	0	2
Doolittle	2.0	1	0	0	0	0

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SEC spares no expense in hiring 14 new coordinators

By John Zenor
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — Alabama coach Nick Saban and his staff always devote some offseason time to studying new offensive and defensive coordinators, just perhaps not quite this much.

There are 14 new coordinators — seven on each side of the ball — in the Southeastern Conference. That includes Vanderbilt coach/defensive coordinator Derek Mason, and the number creates extra homework for staffs around the league leading up to the season.

Head coaches aren't the only ones making huge bucks either, considering the seven-figure salaries of new defensive coordinators Will Muschamp (Auburn) and John Chavis (Texas A&M).

The offseason study of new coordinators involves trying "to figure out how much they will impact their particular program that they're representing, and that's always challenging," Saban said.

"You can pretty much assume that they're going to do their whole scheme, and you're going to see a lot of the same things," he said. "But I think we continue to add a lot of quality people, from a coaching standpoint, to our league, and I think that's important to playing real quality football. I think there's a lot of proven coordinators that have come into the league that are going to improve their areas."

Just because Florida's Jim McElwain, who replaced Muschamp, is the only new head coach doesn't mean it was a quiet offseason.

Muschamp and Chavis will both make at least $5 million over the next three seasons. They'll draw bigger paychecks than dozens of FBS head coaches last season, including McElwain at Colorado State ($1.5 million). South Carolina is paying co-defensive coordinators Jon Hoke and Lorenzo Ward a combined $1.5 million, or $750,000 apiece.

The Auburn and Texas A&M hires were certainly the most eye-catching since Muschamp is returning to his roots as a defensive coach after an up-and-down tenure as the Gators' head man and Chavis swapped SEC West schools after six seasons with LSU.

In most cases, there won't be wholesale changes in philosophy or schemes. Muschamp, however, is switching up from Ellis Johnson's system that often employed only two linebackers and five defensive backs. Ditto for South Carolina, one of Johnson's previous stops.

Muschamp and Chavis are trying to bolster defenses that had been regarded as the weaker links opposite the up-tempo offenses of Texas A&M's Kevin Sumlin and Auburn's Gus Malzahn.

Malzahn said Muschamp is "the best defensive mind in all of football" but also has high praise for the quality of the league's other coaches.

"I think there are some of the best minds in all of college football in our league, and you've got to prepare for that," the Auburn coach said. "You can't just prepare for that that week you play them. You've got to prepare in the offseason, already be thinking ahead because each defensive coordinator is going to be a little bit different.

"They're going to have their personnel, and you've got to project how they're going to use that particular personnel that they have."

In a league packed with head coaches making $4 million or more — including all seven in the Western Division — it's no surprise that some assistants are raking in seven-figure salaries or close to it. Alabama defensive coordinator Kirby Smart was already making $1.385 million annually.

Kevin Steele, who replaced Chavis at LSU, is making $2 million over two years. Two new offensive coordinators — Georgia's Brian Schottenheimer and Florida's Doug Nussmeier — are also approaching seven-figure salaries.

AUTO RACING GLANCE

Sprint Cup

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 2

1. Kevin Harvick, 780
2. Joey Logano, 734
3. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 717
4. Jimmie Johnson, 713
5. Martin Truex Jr., 694
6. Brad Keselowski, 681
7. Matt Kenseth, 662
8. Jamie McMurray, 631
9. Kurt Busch, 620
10. Jeff Gordon, 617
11. Denny Hamlin, 614
12. Paul Menard, 591
13. Ryan Newman, 584
14. Clint Bowyer, 574
15. Kasey Kahne, 559
16. Carl Edwards, 553
17. Aric Almirola, 534
18. Greg Biffle, 502
19. Kyle Larson, 485
20. Austin Dillon, 484
21. Casey Mears, 467
22. Danica Patrick, 462
23. AJ Allmendinger, 460
24. David Ragan, 440
25. Tony Stewart, 417
26. Sam Hornish Jr., 390
27. Ricky Stenhouse Jr., 383
28. Trevor Bayne, 370
29. Justin Allgaier, 337
30. David Gilliland, 331
31. Cole Whitt, 331
32. Kyle Busch, 318
33. Brett Moffitt, 279
34. Alex Bowman, 264
35. Michael Annett, 248
36. Matt DiBenedetto, 220
37. Josh Wise, 186
38. Michael McDowell, 124
39. Jeb Burton, 120
40. Alex Kennedy, 77
41. Reed Sorenson, 41
42. Bobby Labonte, 39
43. Brian Vickers, 32
44. Michael Waltrip, 26
45. Mike Wallace, 8
46. Eddie MacDonald, 7
47. Will Kimmel, 6
48. Ron Hornaday Jr., 2

Xfinity Series

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 1

1. Chris Buescher, 682
2. Chase Elliott, 662
3. Ty Dillon, 661
4. Regan Smith, 643
5. Elliott Sadler, 630
6. Darrell Wallace Jr., 601
7. Daniel Suarez, 596
8. Brendan Gaughan, 576
9. Brian Scott, 568
10. Ryan Reed, 551
11. Jeremy Clements, 477
12. Dakoda Armstrong, 465
13. J.J. Yeley, 451
14. Ross Chastain, 435
15. David Starr, 432
16. Ryan Sieg, 421
17. Blake Koch, 360
18. Landon Cassill, 354
19. Cale Conley, 348
20. Brennan Poole, 334
21. Eric McClure, 333
22. Joey Gase, 310
23. Harrison Rhodes, 282
24. Ryan Blaney, 261
25. Peyton Sellers, 228
26. Mike Harmon, 187
27. Derrike Cope, 157
28. Mike Bliss, 141
29. Jeffrey Earnhardt, 128
30. Mario Gosselin, 117
31. Ben Rhodes, 106
32. Dylan Lupton, 99
33. Derek White, 91
34. Jimmy Weller, 80
35. Josh Reaume, 76
36. Martin Roy, 73
37. Jamie Dick, 68
38. Carl Long, 61
39. Morgan Shepherd, 61
40. Jeff Green, 60
41. Kenny Wallace, 56
42. Boris Said, 47
43. Todd Bodine, 40
44. Benny Gordon, 39
45. Ross Kenseth, 39
46. Chris Cockrum, 38
47. Stanton Barrett, 35
48. Brandon Gdovic, 32
49. Bobby Gerhart, 30
50. Matt Wallace, 30

Camping World Truck Series

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 1

1. Tyler Reddick, 479
2. Matt Crafton, 468
3. Erik Jones, 463
4. Johnny Sauter, 420
5. Cameron Hayley, 391
6. John Wes Townley, 387
7. Daniel Hemric, 382
8. Timothy Peters, 380
9. Spencer Gallagher, 366
10. Ben Kennedy, 362
11. Ray Black Jr., 338
12. Tyler Young, 320
13. Korbin Forrister, 267
14. Justin Boston, 255
15. Jennifer Jo Cobb, 254
16. Brandon Jones, 241

Sprint Cup (continued)

17. Mason Mingus, 239
18. Norm Benning, 225
19. Travis Kvapil, 216
20. John Hunter Nemechek, 201
21. Matt Tifft, 189
22. Jordan Anderson, 177
23. Austin Theriault, 166
24. Cole Custer, 159
25. Ryan Ellis, 148
26. Timmy Hill, 131
27. Joe Nemechek, 129
28. Tyler Tanner, 121
29. Caleb Holman, 117
30. Christopher Bell, 114
31. Justin Jennings, 114
32. Wendell Chavous, 104
33. James Buescher, 100
34. B.J. McLeod, 76
35. Bryan Silas, 73
36. Brandon Brown, 64
37. Tommy Regan, 55
38. Garrett Smithley, 54
39. Bobby Pierce, 43
40. Todd Peck, 40
41. Jake Griffin, 35
42. Ken Schrader, 33
43. Cody Ware, 31
44. Donnie Neuenberger, 29
45. Chris Fontaine, 28
46. Austin Hill, 28
47. Gray Gaulding, 27
48. Jody Knowles, 26
49. Kyle Martel, 25
50. Cody Coughlin, 24

IndyCar

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 2

1. Juan Pablo Montoya, 465
2. Graham Rahal, 456
3. Scott Dixon, 431
4. Helio Castroneves, 407
5. Will Power, 406
6. Sebastien Bourdais, 379
7. Marco Andretti, 378
8. Josef Newgarden, 370
9. Tony Kanaan, 354
10. Simon Pagenaud, 329
11. Ryan Hunter-Reay, 304
12. Carlos Munoz, 303
13. Charlie Kimball, 282
14. Takuma Sato, 246
15. Gabby Chaves, 229
16. James Jakes, 227
17. Jack Hawksworth, 226
18. Sage Karam, 180
19. Stefano Coletti, 171
20. Luca Filippi, 170
21. Tristan Vautier, 152
22. James Hinchcliffe, 129
23. Ryan Briscoe, 120
24. Justin Wilson, 92
25. Conor Daly, 81
26. Ed Carpenter, 75
27. Simona de Silvestro, 66
28. Sebastian Saavedra, 61
29. Pippa Mann, 59
30. J.R. Hildebrand, 57
31. Rodolfo Gonzalez, 50
32. Francesco Dracone, 38
33. Townsend Bell, 32
34. Carlos Huertas, 31
35. Alex Tagliani, 27
36. James Davison, 10
37. Oriol Servia, 10
38. Bryan Clauson, 10

Formula One

Points Leaders
Through July 26

1. Lewis Hamilton, 202
2. Nico Rosberg, 181
3. Sebastian Vettel, 160
4. Valtteri Bottas, 77
5. Kimi Raikkonen, 76
6. Felipe Massa, 74
7. Daniel Ricciardo, 51
8. Daniil Kvyat, 45
9. Nico Hulkenberg, 24
10. Romain Grosjean, 23
11. Max Verstappen, 22
12. Felipe Nasr, 16
13. Sergio Perez, 15
14. Pastor Maldonado, 12
15. Fernando Alonso, 11
16. Carlos Sainz Jr., 9
17. Jenson Button, 6
18. Marcus Ericsson, 6

NHRA

Points Leaders
Through Aug. 2

Top Fuel

1. Tony Schumacher, 1,206. 2. Antron Brown, 1,169. 3. Larry Dixon, 960. 4. Doug Kalitta, 912. 5. Richie Crampton, 901. 6. Spencer Massey, 820. 7. Brittany Force, 794. 8. Steve Torrence, 783. 9. J.R. Todd, 782. 10. Shawn Langdon, 780.

Funny Car

1. Matt Hagan, 1,142. 2. Jack Beckman, 1,085. 3. John Force, 948. 4. Tommy Johnson Jr., 947. 5. Ron Capps, 935. 6. Del Worsham, 902. 7. Cruz Pedregon, 855. 8. Tim Wilkerson, 815. 9. Robert Hight, 784. 10. Alexis DeJoria, 765.

Pro Stock

1. Greg Anderson, 1,263. 2. Erica Enders, 1,216. 3. Jason Line, 1,069. 4. Chris McGaha, 1,053. 5. Allen Johnson, 877. 6. Larry Morgan, 874. 7. Drew Skillman, 779. 8. Jonathan Gray, 761. 9. Shane Gray, 757. 10. Vincent Nobile, 735.

Pro Stock Motorcycle

1. Eddie Krawiec, 702. 2. Hector Arana Jr., 596. 3. Andrew Hines, 546. 4. Karen Stoffer, 468. 5. Jim Underdahl, 459. 6. Jerry Savoie, 429. 7. Hector Arana, 417. 8. Matt Smith, 389. 9. Scotty Pollacheck, 376. 10. Angelle Sampey, 336.



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American Pharoah No. 4, with Victor Espinoza riding, won the $1,750,000 Grade 1 William Hill Haskell Invitational at Monmouth Park in Oceanport, N.J., on Sunday

What's going on with American Pharoah?

By Richard Rosenblatt
Associated Press

OCEANPORT, N.J. — When the music played about 10 minutes before the start of the Haskell Invitational, there was no way American Pharoah could lose.

As the Triple Crown winner stepped onto the track for first race since sweeping the Kentucky Derby, Preakness and Belmont Stakes, Monmouth Park's Haskell anthem was blasting away over the sound system, and many in the record crowd of 60,983 were singing along: "... tramps like us, baby we were born to run."

Pharoah fever was in the air, to the tune of Jersey rocker Bruce Springsteen's "Born to Run." Everyone seemed to catch it. Maybe even American Pharoah — despite the earplugs he wears because he's sensitive to sound.

On a perfect summer day at the Jersey Shore track, racing's biggest star delivered an encore performance to remember — a 2 1/4-length victory in the $1.75 million Haskell that was much more dominating than the margin indicates.

"It was pretty easy," winning jockey Victor Espinoza said after American Pharoah raced second until midway around the far turn before seizing the lead and taking control. "For me the key was just coming out of there running."

A slight nudge by Espinoza gave American Pharoah the cue he needed to show off his blazing speed and cruise home without any urging.

"This horse, he just keeps bringing it," trainer Bob Baffert said. "He's just a great horse."

For a day, Springsteen was probably happy to let American Pharoah be The Boss.

And now that he's won the first race of the start of the end of his career, here's a look at what's next for Team Pharoah:

Where's Pharoah?

After the race, he was led back to the stall he's been staying in at trainer Kelly Breen's barn on the Monmouth Park backstretch. While Baffert jetted back to California on Sunday night, and owner Ahmed Zayat and family were celebrating somewhere in Jersey, the horse was headed back to California on Monday for some rest before he resumes training.

Next race

The biggest question is which race will American Pharoah run in next? There's no answer right now, but the options include the Travers at Saratoga on Aug. 29, the Pennsylvania Derby on Sept. 19, and the Awesome Again Stakes at Santa Anita on Sept. 26.

"No clue," Zayat said when asked about his colt's next start.

Actually, there are. Baffert says he's not keen on running against older horses. Of the three options, only the Awesome Again is open to 3 year-olds and up. The other two are for 3-year-olds.

And Zayat's son and racing manager, Justin, has been saying his choice would be the Travers, which announced it would raise its purse by $350,000 to $1.6 million if American Pharoah runs. The Pennsylvania Derby also is likely to offer more money.

"We have to get him home first and see what we'll do," Baffert said. "I want to do the right thing for American Pharoah. There are a lot of options out there. Every time I lead him out there I want to feel good about it."

What we do know is if all goes according to plan, American Pharoah's final race will be the $5 million Breeders' Cup Classic at Keeneland in Lexington, Kentucky, on Oct. 31. And then, he's headed down the road to the breeding shed at Coolmore's Ashford Stud.

Is he beatable?

Even Secretariat lost, more than once. American Pharoah has won eight in a row, including seven Grade 1 races. He's beaten all the other top 3-year-olds around — except one. While American Pharoah missed the Breeders' Cup Juvenile with a minor injury, Texas Red won the race. However, he missed the Triple Crown races with an injury, and on Saturday won the Jim Dandy Stakes at Saratoga.

The win has trainer Texas Red's trainer Keith Desormeaux anticipating a showdown, if not in the Travers, certainly the BC Classic.

"Keith's always said it would be nicer to wait until the Breeders' Cup before that matchup (with American Pharoah), but it's inevitable, so why not?" Desormeaux's assistant Julie Clark said Sunday at Saratoga. "He (Desormeaux) had no interest in the Haskell, he didn't want to meet him just yet, but I think his race impressed him and gave him some confidence."

GOLF GLANCE

PGA Tour

FedExCup Leaders
Through Aug. 2

	Points	Money
1. Jordan Spieth	3,763	$9,170,215
2. Bubba Watson	2,043	$4,724,518
3. Jimmy Walker	1,997	$4,251,883
4. Jason Day	1,793	$4,140,205
5. Dustin Johnson	1,607	$4,355,331
6. Robert Streb	1,526	$3,074,124
7. Zach Johnson	1,522	$3,883,687
8. Rory McIlroy	1,510	$4,147,849
9. Patrick Reed	1,497	$2,902,624
10. Charley Hoffman	1,473	$3,224,596
11. Danny Lee	1,442	$2,984,397
12. Justin Rose	1,422	$3,620,302
13. Brandt Snedeker	1,410	$3,238,792
14. J.B. Holmes	1,405	$3,251,104
15. Kevin Kisner	1,384	$3,103,576
16. Rickie Fowler	1,384	$3,545,523
17. Hideki Matsuyama	1,311	$2,977,650
18. Brooks Koepka	1,248	$2,629,942
19. Steven Bowditch	1,222	$2,582,210
20. Jim Furyk	1,193	$2,697,582
21. Paul Casey	1,156	$2,654,029
22. David Lingmerth	1,147	$2,311,394
23. Bill Haas	1,144	$2,516,767
24. Ben Martin	1,137	$2,442,584
25. Scott Piercy	1,107	$2,033,804
26. Chris Kirk	1,087	$2,296,396
27. Ryan Moore	1,081	$2,357,166
28. Matt Kuchar	1,026	$1,890,878
29. Gary Woodland	1,024	$2,402,665
30. Louis Oosthuizen	1,022	$2,893,979
31. Sangmoon Bae	1,011	$2,047,187
32. Jason Bohn	1,005	$2,049,973
33. Sergio Garcia	1,005	$2,548,429
34. Kevin Na	1,004	$2,219,983
35. Shawn Stefani	987	$1,689,411
36. James Hahn	984	$1,942,883
37. Justin Thomas	940	$1,848,172
38. Troy Merritt	915	$1,958,848
39. Russell Knox	914	$1,655,553
40. Tony Finau	905	$1,701,046
41. Daniel Berger	899	$1,802,951
42. David Hearn	890	$1,735,549
43. Brendon de Jonge	887	$1,445,667
44. Harris English	874	$1,477,740
45. Russell Henley	871	$1,800,120
46. Pat Perez	825	$1,411,289
47. Billy Horschel	822	$1,532,813
48. Brendon Todd	822	$1,631,974
49. Marc Leishman	817	$1,694,767
50. Cameron Tringale	816	$1,510,762
51. Ryan Palmer	816	$1,565,270
52. Henrik Stenson	815	$1,854,470
53. Webb Simpson	807	$1,687,584
54. Fabian Gomez	793	$1,511,664
55. Phil Mickelson	789	$1,902,285
56. Brendan Steele	780	$1,309,374
57. Nick Watney	772	$1,521,309
58. Matt Jones	772	$1,523,186
59. Kevin Streelman	756	$1,461,628
60. Boo Weekley	744	$1,632,152
61. Alex Cejka	739	$1,193,371
62. Matt Every	726	$1,480,316
63. Ian Poulter	726	$1,539,579
64. Sean O'Hair	718	$1,290,499
65. Brian Harman	704	$1,343,899
66. Keegan Bradley	699	$1,333,248
67. Daniel Summerhays	694	$1,085,122
68. Rory Sabbatini	678	$1,356,164
69. George McNeill	678	$1,108,459
70. Charles Howell III	650	$1,171,141
71. Scott Pinckney	645	$1,221,274
72. Carl Pettersson	634	$972,144
73. Chad Campbell	633	$985,082
74. Hunter Mahan	621	$1,190,281
75. Martin Laird	617	$1,113,162
76. Chesson Hadley	617	$1,099,489
77. Jason Kokrak	614	$1,033,489
78. John Senden	610	$1,354,289
79. Padraig Harrington	609	$1,288,477
80. Greg Owen	608	$1,180,794
81. William McGirt	596	$751,013
82. Colt Knost	591	$966,709
83. John Peterson	586	$779,509
84. Morgan Hoffmann	583	$1,004,825
85. Jerry Kelly	582	$1,032,669
86. Kevin Chappell	576	$972,702
87. Bryce Molder	573	$931,761
88. Will Wilcox	569	$1,050,842
89. Adam Hadwin	566	$924,824
90. Jim Herman	560	$989,828
91. John Huh	554	$666,730
92. Hudson Swafford	554	$895,509
93. Adam Scott	553	$1,315,863
94. Johnson Wagner	551	$1,085,160
95. Nick Taylor	547	$1,035,152
96. Scott Brown	545	$864,450
97. Graham DeLaet	545	$988,349
98. Francesco Molinari	535	$930,264
99. Chris Stroud	531	$746,814
100. Jason Dufner	526	$912,257
101. Jon Curran	522	$1,036,529
102. Steve Wheatcroft	522	$964,509
103. Zac Blair	520	$831,916
104. Chad Collins	504	$747,899
105. Stewart Cink	494	$661,655
106. Carlos Ortiz	486	$835,284
107. Mark Wilson	475	$748,370
108. Erik Compton	471	$676,602
109. Ken Duke	465	$761,353
110. Retief Goosen	459	$810,230
111. Jeff Overton	458	$545,032
112. Will MacKenzie	458	$863,563
113. Tim Clark	454	$1,009,779
114. Lee Westwood	453	$809,896
115. Andres Gonzales	451	$776,535
116. Scott Stallings	447	$919,619
117. Spencer Levin	446	$626,810
118. Kyle Reifers	439	$764,108
119. Scott Langley	436	$626,356
120. Nicholas Thompson	433	$660,179
121. Seung-Yul Noh	432	$711,609
122. Jamie Donaldson	427	$887,664
123. S.J. Park	426	$597,103
124. Vijay Singh	422	$665,659
125. Ryo Ishikawa	421	$603,341
126. Brian Stuard	421	$654,869
127. Luke Donald	415	$656,033
128. Michael Putnam	407	$557,803
129. Brice Garnett	396	$637,789
130. Alex Prugh	397	$610,566
131. Billy Hurley III	395	$566,728
132. Whee Kim	393	$755,998
133. Tom Gillis	385	$627,951
134. Camilo Villegas	380	$513,349
135. Blayne Barber	380	$768,383
136. Tom Hoge	373	$589,599
137. Jonas Blixt	372	$512,064
138. Charl Schwartzel	368	$819,028
139. Lutre Guthrie	359	$562,946
140. Sam Saunders	358	$484,071
141. Charlie Beljan	357	$774,920
142. Michael Thompson	355	$585,309
143. Brian Davis	355	$594,534
144. Geoff Ogilvy	350	$653,925
145. Jhonattan Vegas	339	$437,830
146. Aaron Baddeley	336	$439,925
147. K.J. Choi	330	$420,622
148. Cameron Percy	330	$552,723
149. Lucas Glover	325	$451,791
150. J.J. Henry	319	$446,267

LPGA Tour

Money Leaders
Through Aug. 2

	Trn	Money
1. Inbee Park	18	$1,732,165
2. Stacy Lewis	17	$1,200,432
3. Lydia Ko	16	$1,180,107
4. Sei-Young Kim	18	$1,162,243
5. Amy Yang	17	$1,110,784
6. Lexi Thompson	16	$862,974
7. Morgan Pressel	19	$825,021
8. Brittany Lincicome	18	$807,392
9. Na Yeon Choi	17	$748,274
10. Anna Nordqvist	17	$737,109
11. So Yeon Ryu	17	$695,506
12. Hyo-Joo Kim	15	$692,249
13. Cristie Kerr	19	$667,916
14. Suzann Pettersen	14	$524,781
15. Chella Choi	20	$520,104
16. Ha Na Jang	16	$520,083
17. Shanshan Feng	13	$508,568
18. Mirim Lee	16	$507,682
19. Minjee Lee	19	$504,175
20. Brittany Lang	19	$466,177
21. Gerina Piller	19	$420,378
22. Lizette Salas	15	$392,691
23. Jenny Shin	19	$388,210
24. Alison Lee	17	$367,483
25. Sandra Gal	18	$366,723
26. Azahara Munoz	15	$366,242
27. Ilhee Lee	19	$352,342
28. Karrie Webb	16	$348,950
29. Mika Miyazato	16	$338,227
30. Mi Hyang Lee	19	$317,934
31. Pernilla Lindberg	19	$302,026
32. Angela Stanford	18	$287,633
33. Paula Creamer	17	$268,277
34. Jane Park	18	$264,336
35. Ariya Jutanugarn	19	$250,416
36. Q Baek	18	$256,019
37. Austin Ernst	19	$248,346
38. Hee Young Park	18	$247,672
39. Julieta Granada	18	$236,152
40. Mariajo Uribe	18	$235,285
41. Pornanong Phatlum	18	$228,362
42. Michelle Wie	16	$225,057
43. Karine Icher	19	$224,193
44. Moriya Jutanugarn	19	$217,424
45. Jessica Korda	16	$215,487
46. Mo Martin	19	$215,172
47. Sun Young Yoo	17	$211,056
48. Carlota Ciganda	16	$205,325
49. Sakura Yokomine	16	$203,651
50. Danielle Kang	18	$198,269

Web.com Tour

Money Leaders
Through Aug. 2

	Trn	Money
1. Patton Kizzire	15	$391,699
2. Peter Malnati	16	$266,499
3. Wes Roach	16	$236,516
4. Kelly Kraft	15	$210,689
5. Martin Piller	16	$200,549
6. Abraham Ancer	17	$195,350
7. Shane Bertsch	14	$190,503
8. Tyler Aldridge	16	$184,833
9. Miguel Angel Carballo	16	$183,114
10. Jamie Lovemark	16	$171,878
11. Smylie Kaufman	13	$171,204
12. Rod Pampling	7	$169,965
13. Si Woo Kim	17	$169,307
14. Bronson Burgoon	17	$164,271
15. Andrew Landry	16	$164,041
16. Dawie van der Walt	11	$163,683
17. Patrick Rodgers	7	$162,070
18. Steve Marino	14	$157,723
19. Lucas Lee	10	$155,518
20. Harold Varner III	17	$151,062
21. Rob Oppenheim	17	$148,667
22. D.H. Lee	14	$141,883
23. Sung Kang	14	$139,587
24. Kyle Thompson	9	$139,235
25. Kevin Tway	16	$136,547
26. Michael Kim	16	$133,482
27. Rhein Gibson	17	$128,953
28. Jorge Fernandez-Valdes	17	$127,870
29. Mathew Goggin	16	$122,829
30. Cody Gribble	16	$119,276
31. Steve Allan	16	$113,348
32. Rick Cochran III	17	$111,401
33. Darron Stiles	16	$108,999
34. Travis Bertoni	17	$103,257
35. Henrik Norlander	15	$102,539
36. Adam Long	13	$101,908
37. Ryan Spears	17	$99,391
38. Julien Etulain	17	$97,380
39. Zack Fischer	17	$96,040
40. Andrew Yun	17	$94,550
41. Chase Wright	16	$93,606
42. Nicholas Lindheim	13	$92,640
43. Timothy Madigan	14	$91,719
44. Erik Barnes	17	$90,804
45. Tag Ridings	15	$89,689
46. Jason Allred	15	$87,336
47. Andy Winings	16	$84,589
48. Matt Davidson	15	$83,851
49. Luke List	17	$82,199
50. Alex Aragon	17	$80,813



AP file photo

NBA Summer League head coach Becky Hammon talks with San Antonio Spurs' Kyle Anderson, left, and Cady Lalanne during a game July 11 against the New York Knicks in Las Vegas. Becky Hammon dreamed of playing in the NBA when she was young. She never got a chance to make that happen. Now, though, she's giving girls hope of a chance to coach in the NBA.

Hammon breaks a barrier with Spurs

By Doug Feinberg
Associated Press

"If you have a daughter, or even a woman in your life, it is worth supporting because of the bigger picture, because of the opportunities it will lead to down the road for little girls."

Becky Hammon, San Antonio Spurs assistant coach

NEW YORK — Becky Hammon believes the possibilities are limitless for women coaching in pro sports.

One year ago this week, she broke the gender barrier becoming the first full-time paid female assistant coach in the NBA. Now Hammon's happy to see she's no longer the only woman in the profession.

Nancy Lieberman accepted an assistant coaching job the other day with the Sacramento Kings, and the Arizona Cardinals made Jen Welter the NFL's first female coach last week.

"I think anything is possible," Hammon said Sunday before the New York Liberty honored her at a game. "Just because something's never been done doesn't mean it can't be done. Leadership has no gender. The point is, do you know basketball? Do you know what it takes to lead people?"

Clearly for Hammon, the answer was yes. The 5-foot-6 former WNBA star once hoped to play in the NBA. Now she's a trailblazer of a different sort.

"If you have a daughter, or even a woman in your life, it is worth supporting because of the bigger picture, because of the opportunities it will lead to down the road for little girls," Hammon said. "We're not asking the male to get up and leave his seat. We're just saying scoot over a little bit. Make a little room at the table for the ladies."

Hammon said she hasn't had a chance to chat with Lieberman yet since she was hired, but the two did talk when they were both coaching in the Las Vegas summer league last month.

"First, I'm very proud of Becky as much as I'm proud of Jen Walter. I'm friends with both of them," Lieberman said. "Just to see the opportunities that they got. Becky opened up a lot of doors even for myself with what the Spurs did and then with her success at the summer league. It has an effect on a lot of people's thinking and the acceptance."

NBA Commissioner Adam Silver sees Hammon and Lieberman as the start of something. He has "no doubt" there will be a female head coach one day.

"I think just like we've seen enormous change in our society, just in the last decade, I think that's another ceiling, another barrier that will be broken," Silver said last month. "And it takes women like Becky being out there. You need pioneers, and there's been other pioneers before her, but I think you couldn't ask for more of a complete package in terms of former player, student of the game and someone who's able to work within a strong organization like the Spurs."

Hammon knows that timing can mean everything. She tore a knee ligament in 2013 and instead of playing overseas decided to stay in Texas and rehab the injury. She asked Stars coach Dan Hughes if coach Gregg Popovich and Spurs general manager RC Buford would mind if she "popped her head in on a few practices." Soon after she was attending all of the Spurs' coaches meetings and film sessions.

She acknowledges that such an arrangement might not have worked with another team, and she's thankful San Antonio gave her a chance. She hasn't disappointed them, helping guide the Spurs summer league team to a championship in Las Vegas last month.

"Someone had to be brave enough to do the right thing and not care about gender," Hammon said. "I hope we get to the point in society where this is not news anymore and (it becomes) 'We hired this person because they are best for the job.'"

Sjostrom and Hosszu set world marks at swim championships

By Beth Harris
Associated Press

KAZAN, Russia — The women are getting it done at the world swimming championships.

Sarah Sjostrom of Sweden lowered her own world record in the 100-meter butterfly to win gold Monday night, and then Katinka Hosszu of Hungary erased a world mark from the high-tech suit era to claim the 200 individual medley.

Earlier Monday, American teenager Katie Ledecky bettered her own world record in the 1,500 freestyle preliminaries.

Four world records set in the first two days of pool swimming — and all by women.

"Unbelievable," American Ryan Lochte said. "I'm glad to see world records get broken. It gets more people behind swimming so that's awesome."

Sjostrom first broke the mark set by American Dana Vollmer at the 2012 London Olympics in the semifinals on Sunday. In the final, the Swede led at the turn and won by a body length, touching in 55.64 seconds. She dipped a hundredth of a second lower than her mark a day earlier while finishing 1.41 seconds ahead of Jeanette Ottesen of Denmark.

"My plan was to break the world record in the semifinals because there is always more pressure in the final," Sjostrom said. "So I'm very happy that I could show myself that I could swim even with all this pressure."

Ottesen earned silver in 57.05 and Lu Ying of China took bronze in 57.48.

Hosszu defended her 2013 title in the 200 IM, winning in 2 minutes, 6.12 seconds. That bettered the old mark of 2:06.15 set by American Ariana Kukors at the 2009 worlds in Rome during a time when the sport was rocked by swimmers setting a slew of world records in rubber suits that were eventually banned.

Hosszu covered her mouth with her left hand and cried as she stared at the clock. Her husband and coach, Shane Tusup, wiped tears from his eyes using the neck of his black T-shirt bearing Hosszu's nickname "Iron Lady."

After the medal ceremony, Tusup joined Hosszu on the deck and he kissed her in front of photographers. She offered him her gold medal and he playfully took a bite out of it.

"She's been training for eight, 10 hours a day minimum. She pretty much eats, sleeps and swims. She runs her swimming as a business," Tusup said. "To see the hard work and everything finally pay off in one race at one time is just unbelievable for me."

Hosszu trains in the United States and met Tusup when they were swimmers at the University of Southern California. She's known for keeping a grueling schedule of events at meets, and has five left in Kazan.

Earlier Monday, Hosszu was the top qualifier in the 100 backstroke preliminaries, but she scratched the semifinals to focus on the 200 IM.

Kanako Watanabe of Japan earned silver in 2:08.45 and Siobhan O'Connor of Britain took bronze in 2:08.77.

American Maya Di Rado was fourth and teammate Melanie Margalis finished seventh.

Adam Peaty gave Britain its first gold medal in the temporary pool at Kazan Arena with a comeback victory in the 100 breaststroke.

Former world record holder and current Olympic champion Cameron van der Burgh of South Africa led at the turn under Peaty's pace set in April. But Peaty overtook van der Burgh in the closing meter, getting his hand on the wall in 58.52 for the gold.

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To fax your information, send to 570-7650.

Baseball

GCM Baseball Academy
What: Professional private baseball lessons & clinics covering pitching, fielding, catching and hitting provided by three former professional players.
For: Ages 5 & up.
Cost: Individual lessons $65 an hour or $40 for 30 minutes. Bulk purchases & group lesson rates available at discount.
For more info: Call (432) 425-6108

Private batting and pitching instruction
For more info: Call Danny Jordan at 230-0096 for instruction on mechanics and pitch selection in a one-on-one setting

Private hitting and catching instruction
For more info: Call Scott Chapman at 967-2364 for instruction in a one-on-one environment.

Pitching, hitting and fielding lessons
For more info: Call Midland High baseball coach Barry Russell at 296-2438

Private Baseball/Softball lessons
For more info: Contact Extra Innings Midland/Odessa at (432) 617-4487 or visit www.extrainnings-midlandodessa.com

Midland Little League Umpires Needed
For more info: Contact 889-6080

WTX Baseball
What: Instruction for players 5 and up
For more info: wtxbaseball.com; facebook.com/wtxbaseballmidland; 413-0329

Private lessons
For more info: Call Mike Mungia 432-230-6477 or email mmungia@midlandchristianschool.org

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Jim Cox, 685-4143 or 553-3714

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: 682-2551

Midland Hoops 32 Basketball Skills Training
Cost: $25 per session, one to two people; $15 for groups of three or more
For more info: Contact Eddie Venzant at 254-6894 or go to midlandhoops32.com; venzanteddie@yahoo.com

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes 694-0177

Edith McElmore Three-Person League
When: 10 a.m. Wednesdays
Where: AMF Lanes
For more info: Call AMF Lanes at 689-9725

Camps/Clinics

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

COM Aquatic Camps
What: Swimming, diving, snorkeling
Ages: Preschool and grade school
For more info: Call 684-7755

Midland College Girls Volleyball Camps
Session I: Girls Volleyball FUNdamental Camp for grades 7th-8th; Session II: Girls Volleyball Advanced Competition Camp for grades 9th-12th
When: Session I, July 27-29, 9 a.m.-noon; July 27-29, 1-4 p.m.
Cost: $80 per session
For more info: Visit www.gochaps.com or contact Tammie Jimenez at 432-685-4650 or Holli Reyna at 432-685-6747

West Texas Lacrosse Clinics
When: Every Saturday between June 20-Aug. 22 with the exception of July 4. Boys aged 8-13: 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Boys 14 and up: 10:30 a.m.-noon.
Where: Hogan Park South
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Visit our website www.westtexaslacrosse.org, e-mail info@westtexaslacrosse.org or follow us on Twitter @WestTexLacrosse

Tennis clinics and lessons
Contact Coach Jon lanier for clinics and lessons at jlanier@midlandchristianschool.org

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month
Where: Beak Park Ranch House, 5200 W. Wall Street, Midland
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes 699-1718 or go to www.pbbatx.com

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call 682-2551

Football

Permian Basin Officials Chapter seeks officials
Note: Education and training will be provided
For more info: Call Terrell Pierce at 559-5004 or Don Orren at 631-2395

Golf

Vamono's Muchachos! Benefit Golf Tournament for Mario Gonzales and Moose Armendariz
When: Sunday, Sept. 27
Where: Hogan Park Golf Course
Time: Shotgun starts at 8 a.m.
Cost: $75 per player or $150 per team
What: Two-man scramble tournament that will have closest to the pin contest in both flight divisions. Deadline to register is Thursday, Sept. 24. A meal will be provided following the tournament.
For more information: Please contact Coon Moreno at 432-210-2302 or Paul Armendariz at 432-488-6124.

Lacrosse

Summer 2015 Lacrosse - Learn-2-Play Clinics
When: Every Saturday from June 20-Aug. 22 (not July 4), 9 a.m.-10:30 a.m. (boys ages 8-13), 10:30 a.m.-noon (boys ages 14 and up)
Where: Hogan Park South (across from Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.)
Cost: $10 per clinic
For more information: Go to Facebook page, Twitter @WestTexLacrosse, go to website at www.westtexaslacrosse.org or email info@westtexaslacrosse.org

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Monday-Friday, 7 to 9 p.m.; Saturdays, 12:30 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 684-7008 or 770-3155

Private Martial Art/Self-Defense Lessons
Ages: Men-Women-Children
What: Learn Basic Skills to Advanced Techniques
Note: Private, Semi-Private and Group Lessons are available
For more info: Call Master Oscar Jimenez, 432-559-5009, ojimenez3@att.net

Brazilian Jiu Jitsu
When: 6-8 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, 2-3 p.m. Saturdays
Where: Perez Martial Arts Academy, 350 N. Midland Dr., Suite A
For more info: Call 634-9821 or (469) 248-8472

Matthews Martial Arts
When: Monday through Thursday, 5-8 p.m.
What: Karate-Judo-Jujitsu-Kempo-KungFu
For: Ages 3 and up
Where: 3205 Cuthbert
For more info: Contact Jason Matthews at 488-7467 or 689-8444

Miscellaneous

Student-Athlete Sports Consultant
For: Assisting high school student athletes with academic-athletic scholarships
For more info: Call Jacob Santillano at (915) 240-1030

Physicals

High school physicals available
Where: Dr. Don Floyd's office, West Texas Orthopedics at 4304 Andrews Hwy.
When: Aug. 22 from 8 a.m.-1 p.m.
Cost: $25, cash only. Checks and credit cards will not be accepted
For more info: Call 432-520-3020

Poker

Lone Star Poker League
What: Free to play Texas Hold 'em Poker tournaments
For: Beginners to experienced players. Ages 21 and up
When/where: 6:30 p.m., Sunday, Wednesday and Friday at Woofers & Tweeters; 6:30 p.m., Tuesday and Thursday at Rednecks Drafthouse. Players must be signed in by 6:15 p.m. each night
For more info: Go to www.lonestarpokertour.net

Professional Wrestling

Old School Wrestling School
What: Professional wrestling school for all ages
Where: 404 E. 61st St., Odessa
When: 7-10 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday; 2-6 p.m. Sunday
Cost: $50 down; $35 a month
For more info: Call Fred, 770-7001 or Sam, 349-3055

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club
Practices: Tuesdays and Thursdays from 7-9 p.m. at Reyes-Mashburn Park (north field)
For more info call: 432-697-6418

Running

Permian Basin Running Club
Cost: $20 per year for individual membership; $30 for per year for family membership
For more info: Go to www.pbrunningclub.com or email Shawn Hailey, president at haileyshawn@pbrunningclub.com

Gazelles Training Group
When: 6 a.m. Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday
For more info: Call Popcorn Leonard at 512-762-1020 or 682-0988

Shooting

Comanche Trail Shootists
What: Single Action Shooting Society affiliated club in Midland
When: Monthly shoots first Saturday and third Sunday of each month, first Saturday beginning at 10 a.m.; Third Sunday from 1 p.m. (Mandatory safety meeting at 12:30 p.m.) Also shoot on fifth Sunday on months that have them (begin at 1 p.m. and are no cost to the shooter); Mandatory safety meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Where: Timberline Ranch adjacent to Jake's Clays
For more info: Go to comanchetrailshootists.org or call Hoodoo Brown 682-1422

Midland Shooters Association
What: All types of shooting practice and competition, featuring archery, benchrest rifle, bulls-eye rifle, high power rifle, pistol silhouette, rimfire silhouette, 3 gun, practical pistol, skeet, trap 5 stand and sporting clays
When: Members can access rifle and pistol ranges from sunrise to sunset seven days a week. Shotgun ranges open 11 a.m. until dusk Wednesday to Sunday
For more info: Go to www.midlandshooters.com

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 to 8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Midland Soccer Association
For: Youth Recreational League Ages 4-18
When: Spring/Fall Games
Note: Also information on becoming a certified referee
For more info: Register online at www.midlandsoccer.com and go to 432-684-5425

Softball

Midland Softball Association Tournament Schedule
Now available at www.midlandsoftball.com
For more info: call Tommy Hawkins at 520-9100

Midland Men's Woodbat Fastpitch Association
What: Men's fastpitch softball
For more info: Call 634-6474 or visit www.facebook.com/pages/Midland-Texas-Mens-Fastpitch or wyofastpitch@gmail.com

Midland United Girls Softball Registration
What: Online registration is now open and registration will only be available online
Fees: T-ball ($75), 8U-18U ($100), late fee $25
For ages: A girl must be 4 by Jan. 1, 2015 to play T-ball. The same date will used to place child in each division. A parent may have opportunity to bump their child up one division
To register: go to Midlandfastpitch.com or registration will alse be available at Midland Park Mall on March 7 and March 14 from 1-5 p.m.

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
Who: All skill levels
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: All ages
Note: Private, semi-private and group lessons are available
For more info: 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
What: Competitive or non-competitive program for adults of all skill levels
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m. to 1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: Call 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic skills for beginners then advance to pre-competitive and competitive diving that emphasize skilled diving techniques and participation in diving meets
Ages: 4 and up
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Elite Dive Team
What: Highest level of COM diving. Concentrates on perfecting Olympic level skills, national and international travel
For more info: 684-7755

COM Competitive Swim Team
Who: Try out for COM Swim Team, tryouts available by appointment
What: Emphasizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: 684-7755

COM Adult Conditioning
What: Allows adult participation use of top quality lap pools and fitness room during specified hours
For more info: 684-7755

COM Water Walking Class
What: Unstructured, self-paced class
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

COM Senior Fitness Class
Who: Senior citizens that need help with physical conditions resulting from injury, disease, chronic conditions, advanced age, etc.
For more info: Call Tommy McAlister at 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Central YMCA Synchronized Swimming
For: Ages 6 and up
For more information: Call Leaf Faller 682-2551

Tennis

West Texas Tennis Association
What: West Texas Tennis Association, a non-profit community tennis association, promotes and oversees USTA leagues, programs and events in the area
For more info: Call 432-210-0611 or www.westtexastennis.com for more information

Bush Tennis Center Clinics
What: Balloon Tennis 34 (ages 3-4); Redball 58 (ages 5-8); Orange and Green Ball 910 (ages 9-10); Junior Development (6th-8th grade, freshman-JV); Junior Select (varsity); RSR Adults (adult beginners); Intermediate Adults, 4.0-5.0 Adults (advanced adults). Also Junior Team Tennis registration now open
Where: Bush Tennis Center
For more info: Visit www.bushtenniscenter.com and / or call, 620-8180

USTA Team Tennis Adult Leagues
When: Leagues run May through November
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Sherry 620-8610 or Email www.midlandtennis@aol.com

Midland College Tennis
What: Clinics, lessons, leagues, tournaments
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: Call 687-4046

Midland College Tennis Club
When: A community tennis club
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
Annual Dues: Adults $65, youths $30, families $140
For more info: Call 563-1333 or email midlandtennisclub@aol.com

Midland Women's Tennis Association
For more info: 559-7208

MTC Tournaments
What: Singles, doubles, mixed
When: Sept. 12, Oct. 24, Oct. 31, Nov. 1
To enter: Call 687-4046 or email midlandtennisclub@yahoo.com

Track & Field

Midland Crusaders Track Club Summer Track & Field
For: Boys and girls age 7-18
When: 6:30-8 p.m. Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays May 21-Aug. 2
Where: Lee High Track, 3500 Neely Ave.
For more info: Call Tony Goyang 432-894-2424 or 349-1125

Ultimate Frisbee

Midland Drought Ultimate Frisbee Club
What: The Club plays weekly casual pick-up games on Saturday mornings from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. and offer occasional opportunities for tourney travel
For ages: Males and females from the high school level to adult
For more info: Go to www.midlandultimatefrisbee.weebly.com or call Matt at 432-288-3139

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: First Monday of the month at Murray's Deli on Wadley at 6 p.m.
Monthly 10K walks: Aug. 15 at Big Spring State Park, Sept. 12 UTPB walk, Oct. 10 Stanton, Nov. 21 Members choice, Dec. 20 Christmas walk
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose 687-2586 or go to www.midlandwalkabout.org

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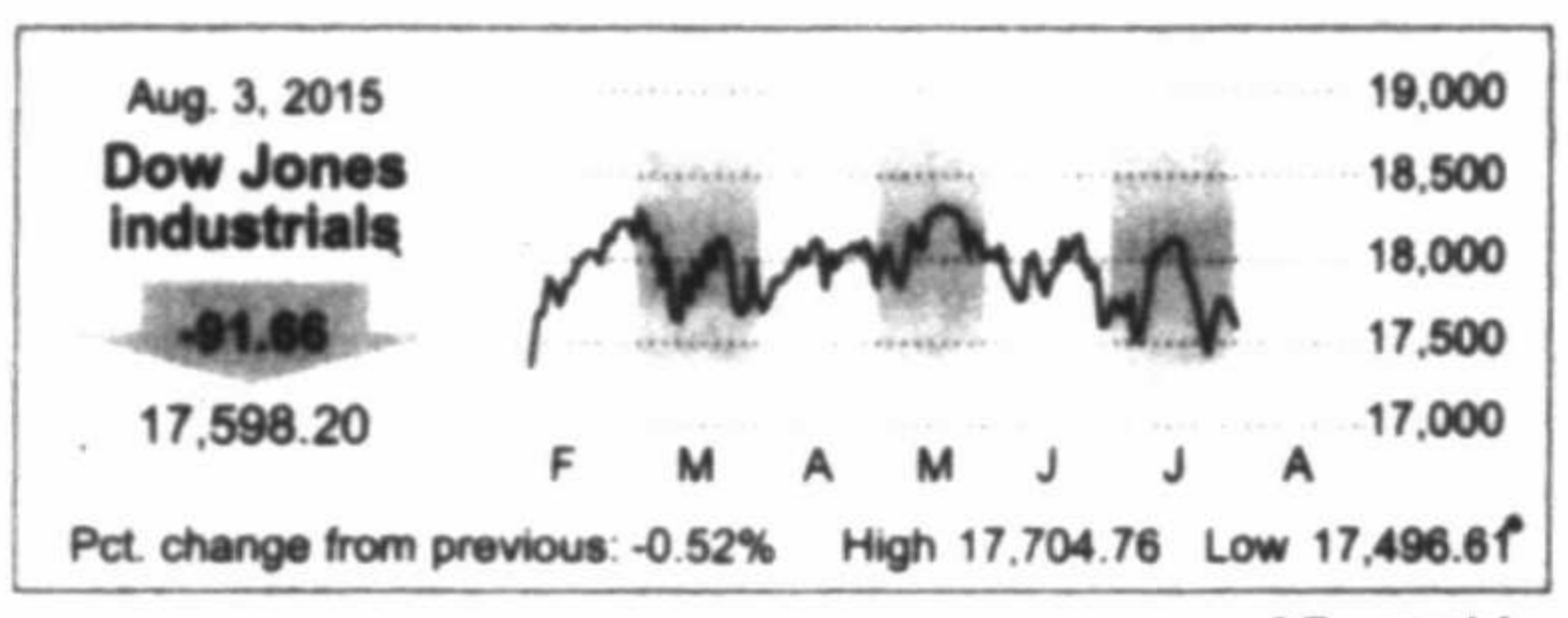

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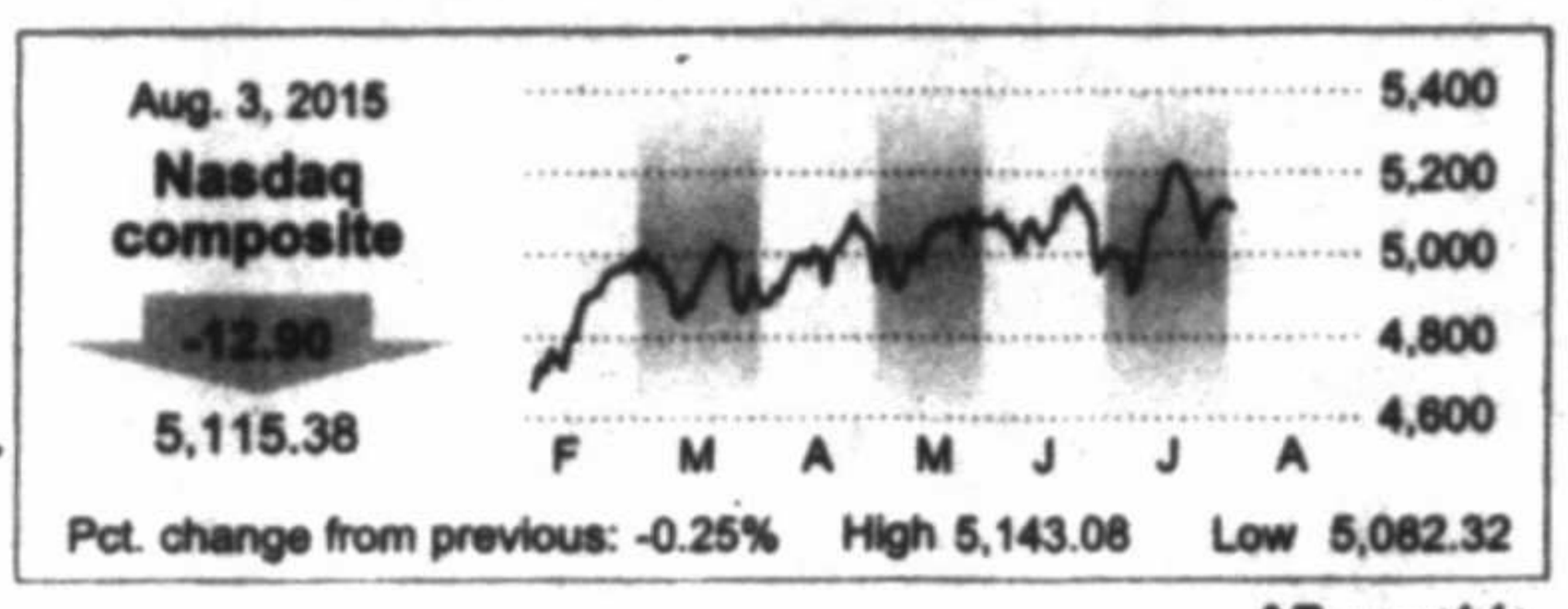

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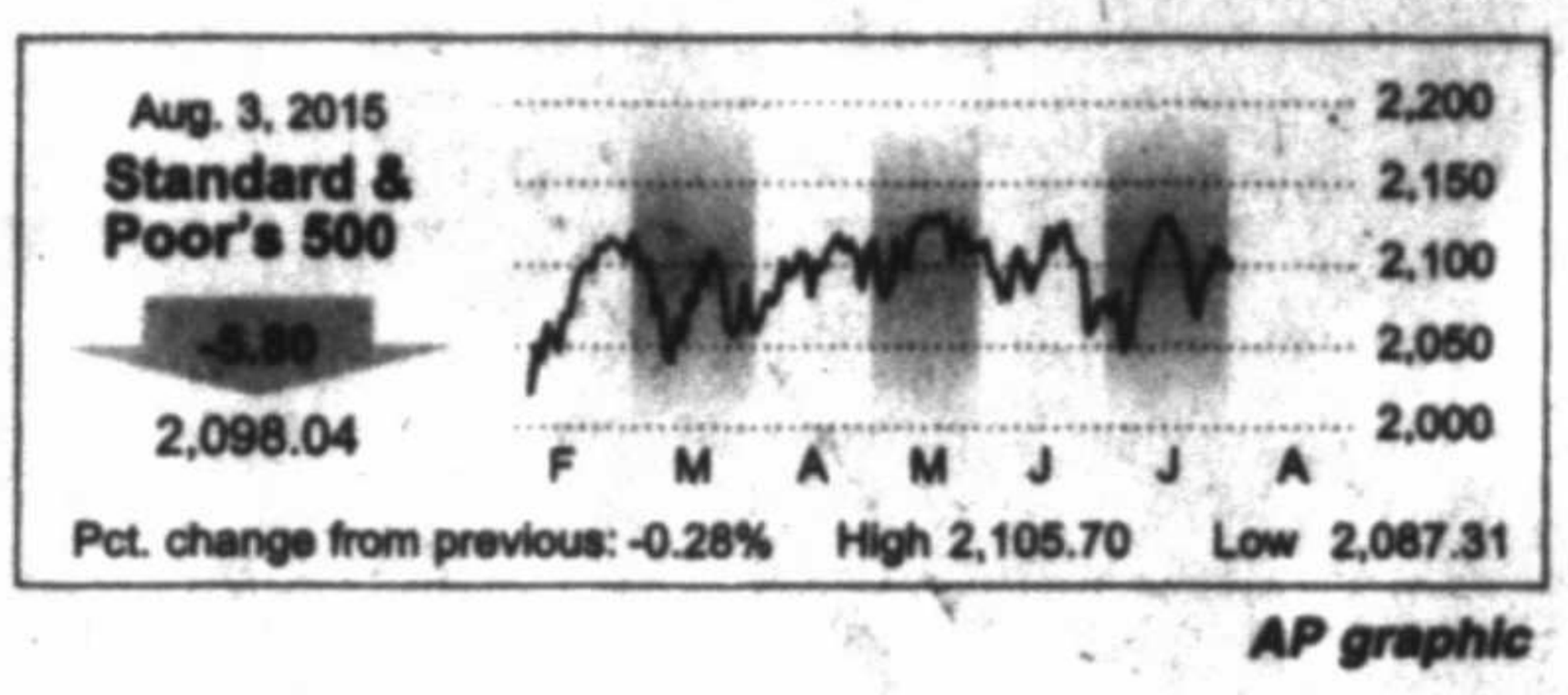

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Monday: $45.17
Previous: $47.12

POSTED
Monday: $41.25
Previous: $43.75

WEST TEXAS SOUR
Monday: $39.80
Previous: $42.45

NATURAL GAS
Monday: $2.748
Previous: $2.716

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S&P500ETF	1045040	209.79	-.71
CSVLgCrde	887201	1.36	-.14
BkofAm	616097	17.77	-.11
B iPVixST	502888	15.78	-.24
MktVGold	473417	13.27	-.48

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CastleAM	3.46	+.61	+21.4
Intelsat	11.04	+1.53	+16.1
Intelsat pfA	30.78	+3.67	+13.5
EKodak wt	2.81	+.31	+12.4
NamTai	5.45	+.55	+11.2

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmiraNatF	9.01	-3.25	-26.5
ITT Ed	3.04	-.64	-17.4
Trex	38.84	-6.53	-14.4
NatResPtrs	2.50	-.41	-14.1
AtlasEng	2.65	-.43	-14.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,229
Declined	1,908
Unchanged	98
Total issues	3,235
New Highs	72
New Lows	175
Volume	3,422,000,644

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
BarcGSOil	50062	8.83	-.34
ChenierEn	43063	65.98	-2.99
NthnO&G	29969	4.60	-.16
NwGold g	28648	2.03	-.17
Globalstar	26196	2.03	-.04

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Oragenics	3.20	+.58	+22.1
Innsuites	2.80	+.49	+21.2
EnerJex pf	5.08	+.64	+14.4
KelsoTch g	2.70	+.20	+8.0
OrchidsPP	26.99	+1.75	+6.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TrnsatlPet	2.91	-.37	-11.3
Richmnt g	2.34	-.29	-11.0
BovieMed	2.06	-.25	-10.8
IDI rs	8.95	-1.05	-10.5
Inuvo	2.68	-.28	-9.5

DIARY

Advanced	143
Declined	243
Unchanged	23
Total issues	409
New Highs	4
New Lows	25
Volume	70,835,289

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Apple Inc	689500	118.44	-2.86
FrontierCm	552871	5.15	+.43
MicronT	327484	19.00	+.49
LexiPhm rs	312289	13.60	+5.16
Facebook	289070	94.14	+.13

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GlobTcAdv	6.45	+3.45	+115.0
LexiPhm rs	13.60	+5.16	+61.1
Intergroup	32.11	+8.71	+37.2
Lumntm wi	23.45	+3.75	+19.0
PioneerPw	7.80	+1.17	+17.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AbengoaSA	7.75	-3.31	-29.9
Quotinet wt	5.66	-2.07	-26.8
ZionB wt18	2.69	-.82	-23.4
HMS Hldgs	9.26	-2.26	-19.6
LinnEngy	3.28	-.76	-18.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,026
Declined	1,777
Unchanged	159
Total issues	2,962
New Highs	86
New Lows	165
Volume	1,761,726,330

US auto sales strong in July on SUV, luxury demand

Associated Press

DETROIT — More Americans are buying cars that say "look at me."

Luxury vehicles like Audis and Volvos drove off dealer lots at a furious pace in July and, combined with sizzling demand for SUVs, helped the auto industry roll on toward its best annual sales since before the recession. July sales rose 5 percent to more than 1.5 million, according to Autodata Corp.

Subaru reported the biggest sales gain of 10.5 percent over last July. General Motors, Fiat Chrysler and Hyundai all saw 6 percent sales increases, while Honda and Nissan saw 8 percent gains. Ford's U.S. sales rose 5 percent. Volkswagen sales rose 2 percent. Toyota's sales were flat, hurt by a big dip in car sales.

The high demand for big, pricey vehicles is defying recession-era predictions that Americans would downsize and stop flaunting their wealth. Luxury sales were up 10 percent in the first six months of this year; in the same time period, mass-market vehicle sales rose just 3 percent, according to car shopping site TrueCar.com.

The surge in SUV sales is due in part to relatively low gas prices, which ended July at around $2.70 per gallon nationwide. Sales of Nissan's new Rogue SUV jumped 51 percent in July, while sales of GM's Buick Encore jumped 68 percent.

Summer discounts to clear out 2015 models also lured buyers. Sales of midsize sedans have been struggling as Americans pass them over for small SUVs, so automakers enticed buyers with zero-percent financing deals on the Toyota Camry, Ford Fusion, Nissan Altima and other sedans. It worked. Altima sales rose 27 percent and set a new July record.

Another big motivator: status. Luxury brands made up 11.5 percent of vehicles purchased so far this year, up from 10.2 percent three years ago, according to TrueCar.

Here are more details, by automaker:

■ GM's sales rose 6 percent to 272,512. Buick sales jumped 18 percent, but Cadillac sales were down. GMC and Chevrolet sales were up thanks to demand for trucks. Chevrolet Silverado pickup truck sales were up 34 percent in July.

■ Ford's sales were up 5 percent to 222,731. F-Series pickup sales, which had been down due to lack of inventory as a new truck went into production, were up 5 percent. But Ford's car sales fell 4 percent.

■ Toyota's sales were up less than 1 percent to 217,181. Sales of the Tacoma small pickup jumped 29 percent, while Lexus SUV sales were up 28 percent thanks to the new NX small SUV. But car sales were down. Prius hybrid sales dropped 13 percent.

■ Fiat Chrysler's sales rose 6 percent to 178,027. Jeep sales increased 23 percent and Ram sales rose 1 percent, but Dodge and Fiat sales were down.

■ Honda's sales rose 8 percent to 146,324. Honda's SUV and truck sales jumped 13 percent, led by the CR-V SUV and the Odyssey minivan. Honda's car sales were up 3 percent.

■ Nissan's sales rose nearly 8 percent to 130,872. Nissan said sales of its trucks and SUVs set a new July record, but low gas prices took a toll on the electric Nissan Leaf, which saw sales drop 61 percent.

■ Hyundai's sales rose 6 percent to 71,013. Sales of its Santa Fe SUV were up 35 percent.

■ Subaru's sales rose 10.5 percent to 50,517. Sales of the XV Crosstrek small SUV jumped 30 percent but sales of the Outback SUV fell 8 percent from last July, which was a record July for the Outback.

■ Volkswagen's sales rose 2.4 percent to 31,300 vehicles. Golf and Jetta sedan sales more than doubled over last July.

Pimco says SEC may take action against its total return fund

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Investment giant Pimco said Monday the Securities and Exchange Commission may take legal action against its total-return fund.

The investment management company said it received a Wells notice, which means SEC investigators are recommending that the agency take civil action against the company.

Pimco said it will have an opportunity to demonstrate to the SEC why it believes its actions were appropriate and standard for its industry, and that regulators shouldn't take any action against it.

Pimco said the SEC is looking into the valuation of positions in non-agency mortgage-backed securities the found bought between its creation on Feb. 29, 2012, and June 30 of that year. The SEC is also investigating the fund's performance disclosures for that period and its compliance policies and procedures.

The SEC is not formally accusing Pimco or the Pimco Total Return Active Exchange-Traded Fund of wrongdoing.

Pimco, or Pacific Investment Management Co., said in September that it was cooperating with an SEC probe.

The SEC declined comment Monday.

Energy sector pushes stocks lower

Another bad day for the energy sector pulled down stocks on Monday.

Energy stocks slumped as the price of oil dropped to its lowest in more than four months. Oil has fallen sharply since the end of June on evidence that a global supply glut is building at the same time demand appears to be slowing.

The energy sector is down 15 percent this year, making it easily the worst performing industry group in the S&P 500 index. Earnings at energy companies have dropped almost 60 percent in the second quarter.

"Certainly, oil production has been strong globally," said Serena Vinton, a portfolio manager at Franklin Templeton. "And with some of the global economic concerns and strong global production, it creates a nervous environment for oil."

The Standard & Poor's 500 index dropped 5.80 points, or 0.3 percent, to 2,098.04. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 91.66 points, or 0.5 percent, to 17,598.20. The Nasdaq composite slipped 12.90 points, or 0.3 percent, to 5,115.38.

Precious metals prices fall

Precious metals prices fell Monday. Gold was down $5.50 $1,089.40, while silver fell 23 cents to $14.516. Platinum lost $17.90, ending the trading day at $967.10.

Copper was also down, falling 2 cents to $2.3475.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Clayton Williams Energy (CWEI)
Closing Price $37.95 Down 2.33

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $104.50 Down 2.06

Dawson Operating (DWSN)
Closing Price $4.07 Down 0.06

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $66.82 Down 0.48

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $6.37 Down 1.44

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $2.26 Down 0.13

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $19.33 Down 0.79

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $24.31 Down 0.49

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $7.94 Down 0.23

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $15.71 Down 0.14

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	...	3.14	+.19	-47.1
AT&T Inc	1.88	35	34.66	-.08	+3.2
Abraxas	...	3	1.84	-.04	-37.4
AdaDvsEq	1.17e	...	14.16	-.19	+3.5
AMD			2.20	+.27	-17.6
Alcoa	.12	14	9.64	-.23	-38.9
AlonUSA	.60	20	18.52	-.09	+46.2
Amgen	3.16	23	175.59	-1.00	+10.2
Anadarko	1.08	...	73.22	-1.13	-11.2
Apache	1.00	...	45.27	-.59	-27.8
Apple Inc	2.08	14	118.44	-2.86	+7.3
ApldMatl	.40	17	17.16	-.20	-31.1
ATMOS	1.56	19	55.32	+.02	-.8
AutoData	1.96	26	80.11	+.34	-3.9
Avon	.24		5.85	+.18	-37.7
BP PLC	2.40	...	36.48	-.49	-4.3
BabsCCInv	1.20		16.13	-.26	+1.5
BakrHu	.68	57	55.55	-2.60	-.9
BcoBrad s	.38e		7.64	-.30	-31.4
BkofAm	.20	19	17.77	-.11	-.7
B iPVixST			15.78	-.24	-49.9
BarrickG	.20	42	6.70	-.36	-37.7
BasicEnSv	...	...	6.07	+.03	-13.4
BerkHa A	...	17	213600.00	-500.00	-6.5
BlkHillsCp	1.62	14	41.30	-.36	-22.1
BrMySq	1.48	61	65.34	-.30	+10.7
BrownFA	1.26	38	120.08	+.59	+36.8
BrownFB	1.26	34	108.57	+.16	+23.6
CVS Health	1.40	28	112.82	+.35	+17.1
Cameron	...	12	49.16	-1.30	-1.6
Caterpillar	3.08f	13	77.26	-1.37	-15.6
Celestic g	...	15	12.95	-.43	+10.3
CntryLink	2.16	22	28.90	+.30	-27.0
ChesEng	...	...	8.15	-.51	-58.4
Chevron	4.28	13	85.60	-2.88	-23.7
Chicos	.31	34	14.97	-.25	-7.6
Cimarex	.64	...	102.40	-1.72	-3.4
Cisco	.84	17	28.36	-.06	+2.7
ClayEng	...	32	37.95	-2.33	-40.5
CocaCola	1.32	24	41.54	+.46	-1.6
ColgPalm	1.52	27	68.42	+.40	-1.1
ConAgra	1.00	30	44.07	+.01	+21.5
ConchoRes	...	26	104.50	-2.06	+4.8
ConocoPhil	2.96f	23	49.71	-.53	-28.0
Corning	.48	10	18.19	-.49	-20.7
CrackerB	4.40f	24	153.99	+2.10	+9.4
CSVLgNGs			1.91	+.04	-52.0
CSVLgCrde			1.36	-.14	-72.2
CSVelIVST			48.76	+.72	+56.6
CrosTim	2.02e	6	14.91	-.59	-13.9
DCP Mid	3.12	11	29.60	-1.60	-34.8
DTE	2.92f	17	80.36	-.10	-7.0
Dataram			1.94	+.03	+13.9
DeltaAir	.54f	14	45.73	+1.39	-7.0
DenburyR	.25	2	3.69	-.25	-54.6
DevonE	.96	...	48.36	-1.06	-21.0
DxGldBull			3.09	-.35	-72.3
DrxSCBear			10.04	+.15	-16.3
Disney	1.32f	26	121.12	+1.12	+28.6
DowChm	1.68	14	46.46	-.60	+1.9
eBay s	...	15	28.33	+.21	+21.5
EMC Cp	.46	22	26.34	-.55	-11.4
EOG Rescs	.67	14	76.44	-.75	-17.0
EmpDist	1.04	18	23.17	+.16	-22.1
Energen	.08	32	54.18	-1.02	-15.0
EngyTsfr	4.14f	65	50.57	-.63	-22.2
EnPro	.80	...	49.88	-.80	-20.5
ENSCO	.60	...	16.37	-.21	-45.3
EntPrdPt s	1.52f	21	27.31	-1.02	-24.4
Ericsson	.39e	...	10.56	-.17	-12.7
ExxonMbl	2.92	12	78.06	-1.15	-15.6
Facebook	...	96	94.14	+.13	+20.7
Fitbit n	...	...	48.96	+1.36	+65.0
FordM	.60	16	14.94	+.11	-3.6
FrptMcM	.20a	...	11.20	-.55	-52.1
FrontierCm	.42	...	5.15	+.43	-22.8
GATX	1.52	11	52.12	-.92	-9.4
GabMultT	1.05e	...	8.98	-.01	-10.3
GAInv	3.50e	...	34.28	-.16	-2.1
GenElec	.92	...	25.87	-.23	+2.4
GenMotors	1.44f	12	31.68	+.17	-9.3
GtPlainEn	.98	17	26.17	+.08	-7.9
HalconRes	...	...	1.02	-.08	-42.7
Hallibrtn	.72	18	40.12	-1.87	+2.0
Hanesbds s	.40	33	29.06	-1.97	+4.1
HewlettP	.70	12	30.02	-.50	-25.2
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	28.04	-.65	-23.3
iShJapan	.13e	...	12.88	-.05	+14.6
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	39.89	-.59	-4.2
iShEMkts	.84e	...	36.50	-.62	-7.1
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	64.61	-.17	+6.2
iShR2K	1.66e	...	122.35	-.61	+2.3
Intel	.96	12	29.06	+.10	-20.0
InterDig	.80	...	52.59	-1.48	-.6
JohnJn	3.00	18	100.02	-.19	-4.4
KimbClk	3.52	62	115.69	+.72	+.1
KindMorg	1.96f	44	33.75	-.89	-20.2
LegacyRes	1.40	...	6.37	-1.44	-44.3
LexiPhm rs	...	...	13.60	+5.16	+113.5
LinnEngy	1.25	...	3.28	-.76	-67.6
Lubys	...	...	4.85	...	+6.6
MGM Rsts	...	...	19.85	+.23	-7.2
MktVGold	.12e	...	13.27	-.48	-27.8
MktVRus	.64e	...	16.38	-.59	+12.0
McDnlds	3.40	22	99.42	-.44	+6.1
Merck	1.80	17	59.05	+.09	+4.0
MeritMed	...	38	25.25	-.31	+45.7
MexcoEn	...	...	2.26	-.13	-58.4
MicronT	...	6	19.00	+.49	-45.7
Microsoft	1.24	32	46.81	+.11	+.8
Nabors	.24	8	11.53	-.08	-11.2
NatGrid	3.35e	...	66.53	-.09	-5.8
NOilVarco	1.84	9	40.97	-1.16	-37.5
NvMAd	.79a	...	13.29	+.05	-2.7
NvPMI	.82a	...	13.27	+.04	-5.0
NuvPI	.82a	...	13.33	+.06	-3.8
NSTFI3	.56a	...	13.75	+.03	-3.4
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OcciPet	3.00	18	69.40	-.80	-13.9
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Prmian	.59e	8	6.52	-.15	-31.7
Petrobras	...	...	6.35	-.45	-13.0
Pfizer	1.12	26	36.15	+.09	+16.1
PioNtrl	.08	25	123.41	-3.36	-17.1
PlainsAAP	2.76f	19	41.10	-.66	-19.9
PwShs QQQ	1.50e	...	111.60	-.35	+8.1
Praxair	2.86	21	113.63	-.51	-12.3
PrmEgy	...	...	56.10	+.10	-22.9
PUVixST rs	...	...	25.25	-.79	-79.9
ProctGam	2.65	30	76.40	-.30	-16.1
RangeRs	.16	55	38.22	-1.12	-28.5
RegionsFn	.24	15	10.37	-.02	-1.8
Rowan	.40	...	16.59	-.64	-28.9
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SpdrDJIA	3.67e	...	175.75	-.93	-1.2
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SanderFm	.88a	5	72.17	+.16	-14.1
SandRdge	...	...	.52	-.00	-71.6
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SiriusXM	...	44	3.96	...	+13.1
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TelefEsp	1.03e	...	15.35	+.07	+8.0
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Torchmark	.54	15	62.32	+.71	+15.0
Transocn	.60m	...	12.42	-.84	-32.2
TriContl	.80e	...	21.25	-.04	-.7
Twitter	...	...	29.27	-1.74	-18.4
TylerTech	...	69	139.69	+.15	+27.6
Tyson	.40	13	39.96	-4.39	-.3
UBWV	1.28	21	40.87	+.34	+9.1
US OilFd	...	...	15.10	-.49	-25.8
USSteel	.20	...	19.79	+.32	-26.0
Vale SA	.60e	...	5.10	-.16	-37.7
ValeroE	1.60	7	64.66	-.94	+30.6
VangEmg	1.10e	...	37.69	-.63	-5.8
VulcanM	.40	86	89.66	-1.36	+36.4
WEC Engy	1.69	19	49.37	+.37	-6.4
WPX Engy	...	...	8.01	-.69	-31.1
WalgBoots	1.44f	32	95.91	-.72	+25.9
WellsFargo	1.50	14	57.91	+.04	+5.6
WstnRefin	1.36	7	43.42	-.74	+14.9
WhitingPet	...	48	19.05	-1.44	-42.3
WmsCos	2.36f	94	51.65	-.83	+14.9
XcelEngy	1.28	19	34.53	-.14	-3.9
Xerox	.28	20	10.94	-.08	-21.1

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18,351.36	15,855.12	Dow Jones Industrials	17,598.20	-91.66	-.52	-1.26	+6.21
9,310.22	7,700.57	Dow Jones Transportation	8,416.86	+24.90	+.30	-7.91	+3.29
657.17	524.82	Dow Jones Utilities	587.77	+3.83	+.66	-4.90	+9.12
11,254.87	9,886.08	NYSE Composite	10,841.26	-41.02	-.38	+.02	+.69
5,231.94	4,116.60	Nasdaq Composite	5,115.38	-12.90	-.25	+8.01	+16.69
2,134.72	1,820.66	S&P 500	2,098.04	-5.80	-.28	+1.90	+8.20
1,551.28	1,269.45	S&P Midcap	1,498.57	-4.32	-.29	+3.18	+8.89
22,537.15	19,160.13	Wilshire 5000	22,108.88	-73.20	-.33	+2.02	+7.83
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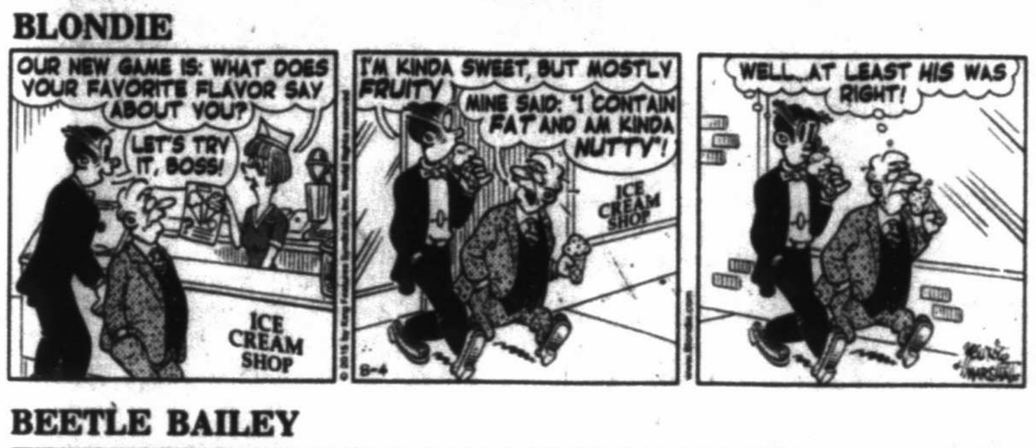

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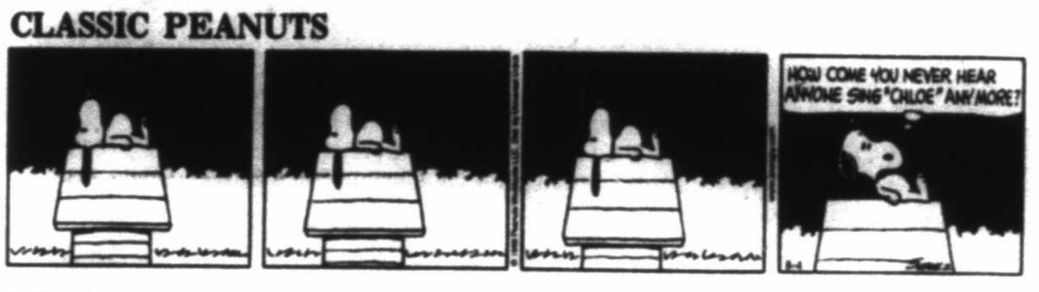

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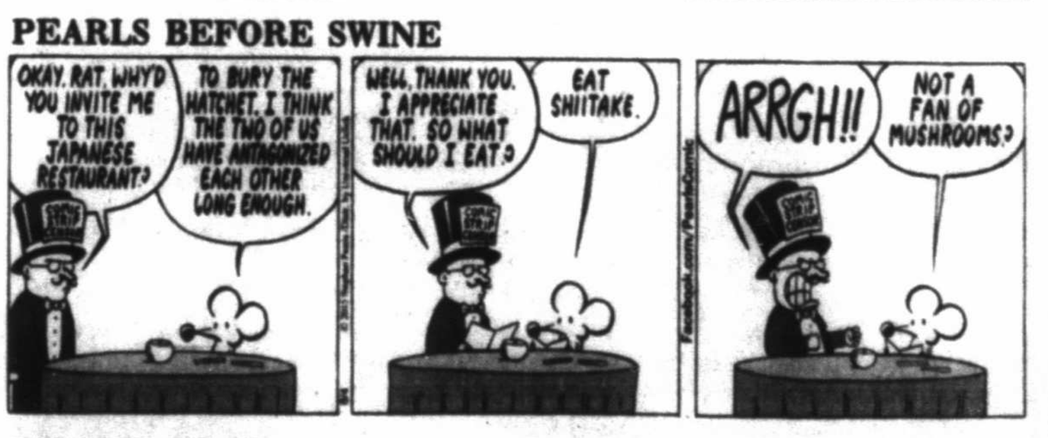

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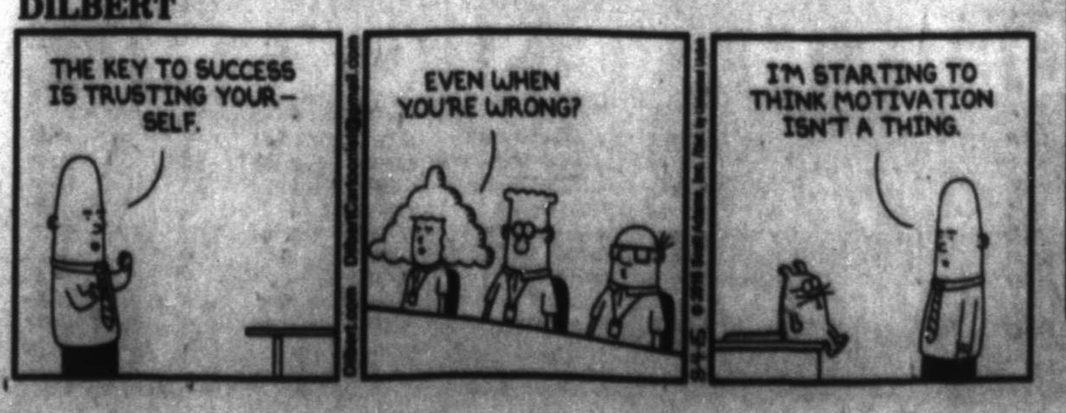

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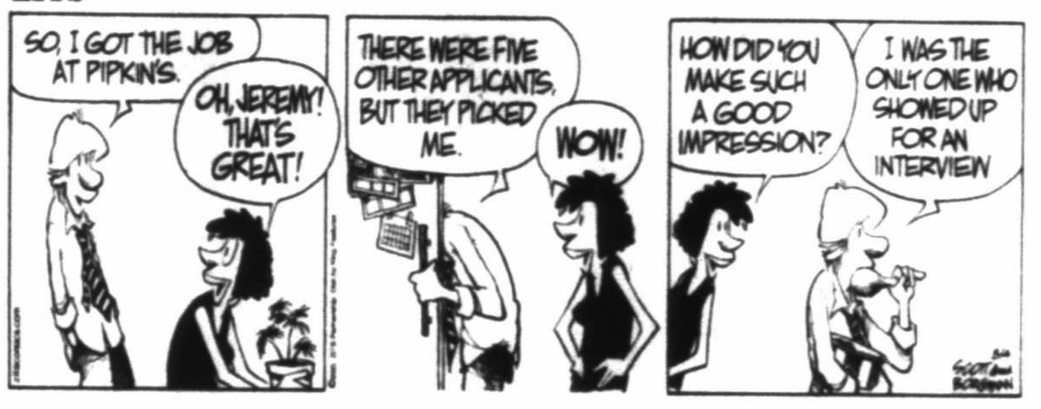

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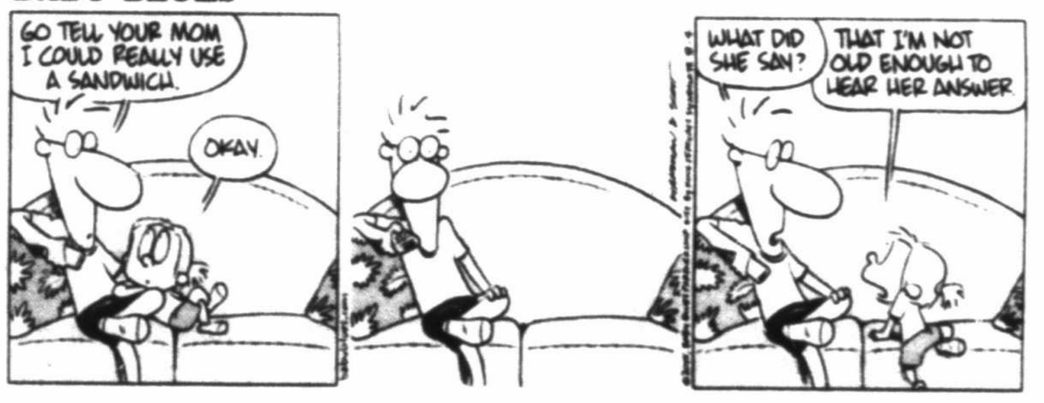

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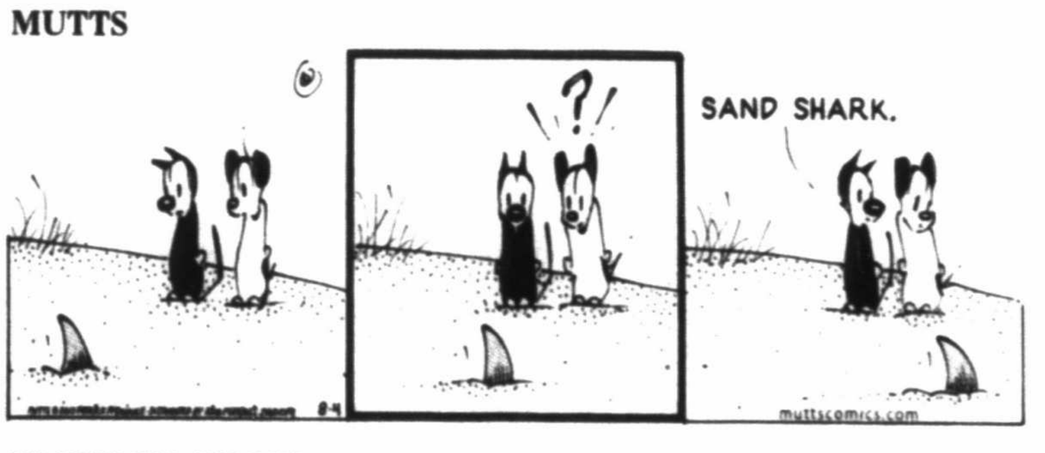

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The first pyramid scheme.

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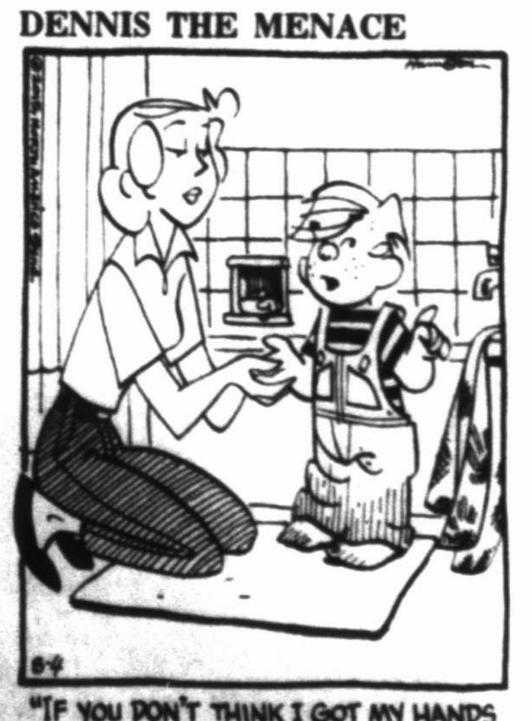

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CONVENIENCE STORE The Kent Companies



A West Texas staple since 1957, The Kent Companies are proud to receive the Gold Award for Midland's Top Large Employer in the 2015 MRT Readers' Choice Awards.

"We're a fun company. We believe in working hard and treating every customer as a guest, but we treat our Team Members like family and like to enjoy ourselves while we work," said Meredith Bright, director of corporate communications and brand development.

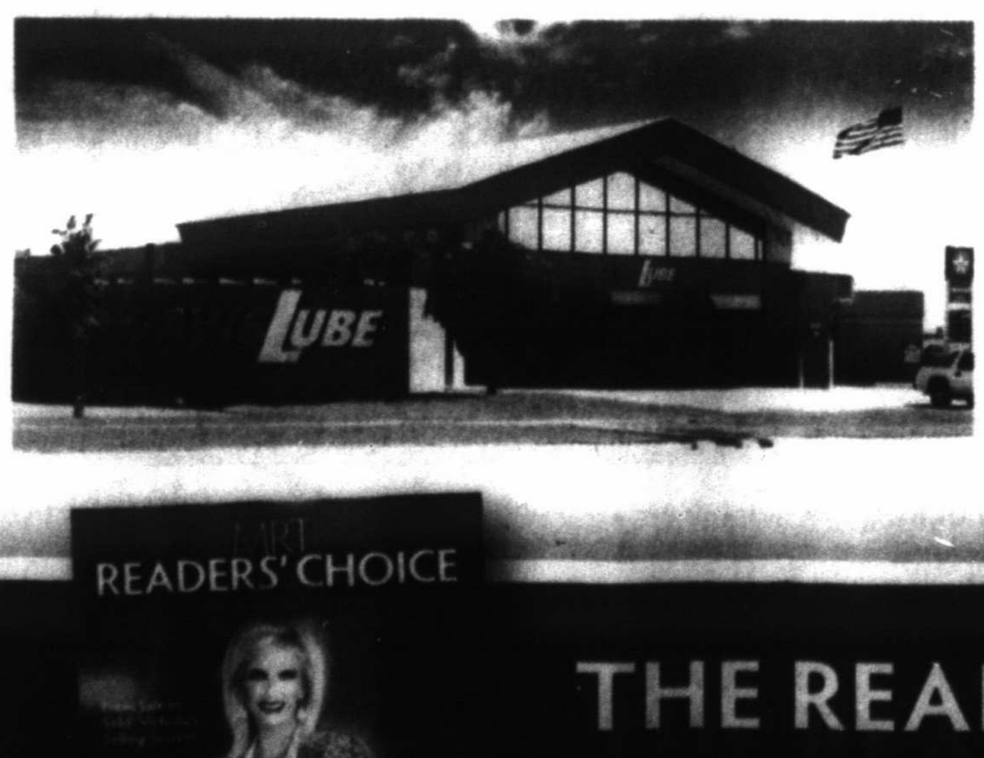
E. L. "Buck" Kent founded Kent Oil and Kent Distributors in 1957 and became a prominent gasoline distributor throughout West Texas. The company's West Texas prominence and portfolio of businesses have grown in tandem throughout the years. Today, The Kent Companies are led by Bill Kent, Buck's youngest son, and employs more than 1,000 Team Members at over 80 different sites. The corporate office is on North Big Spring Street in Midland.

The most prominent Kent Companies entity, Kent Kwik Convenience Stores, has 40 locations throughout West Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico. The stores are paired mostly with Chevron/Texaco gasoline and many locations include other Kent Companies businesses such as KwikEats, Mr. Payroll, or Avis Lube Fast Oil Change Centers.

"People don't realize how many entities are under our umbrella. They think a convenience store is the only thing we have, when in reality we have the Baskin Robbins, Avis Lube, Mr. Payroll, Huddle House and more in this area," said Joie Brown, director of human resources.

In addition to Kent Kwik, The Kent Companies portfolio includes 14 Avis Lube oil change stores, three Baskin Robbins ice cream shops, four Huddle House restaurants, two Rustic Café eateries and 14 Mr. Payroll check cashing businesses. The company also operates six carwashes with its newest one just north of Midkiff Road and Loop 250 in Midland. Furthermore, the company does all business functions in-house including maintenance, IT, accounting, human resources, advertising, construction and payroll.

"Our Team Members are the lifeblood of the Kent Companies and they undergo extensive training before they begin working with our guests," Bright said.





All new Kent Kwik hires spend two days at the corporate office learning about the company before three days of extensive training at the company's mock convenience store, located south of the corporate office. In the mock store, employees learn about cleaning, restocking, guest service and using all equipment. Team Members then undergo in-store training with managers for the first few days on the job.

The company's benefits package, with medical, dental and vision insurance, life insurance, paid vacations and sick time, tuition reimbursement, discounts on oil changes and a match of up to 4 percent on 401k contributions, is a definite perk, Brown said. Additionally, Kent offers bonus programs and a cash Christmas bonus program for all Team Members.

"We are becoming a large company, but we are still locally-owned and operated," Bright said. "We are a second-generation family owned company and believe in providing Team Members with advancement opportunities and a career."

Kent Companies looks to hire internally first for every position and strongly believes from promoting within. The majority of Kent Companies' directors started as a team member or district manager, Bright said. An example, Terry Adkisson, the companies Chief Operating Officer, started with the company on the Avis Lube team as a teenager and over the years worked his way up to become COO.

"The reason why our Team Members have been here so long is because we treat them like family and we include their family," Bright said.

Aware that a majority of Team Members have families, the company's regular Team Members appreciation events typically take place in environments where the entire family is invited. The company recently held a family day at Tiki Island Water Park and regularly hosts employee appreciation night at the Midland RockHounds game.

The Kent Companies
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Must be able to work Monday thru Saturday from 8am-6pm. Tuesday will be here later till about 8 or 9 pm. Need to be able to work on your feet thru 6-8 hour shift. Will work at night occasionally. We will train the right person

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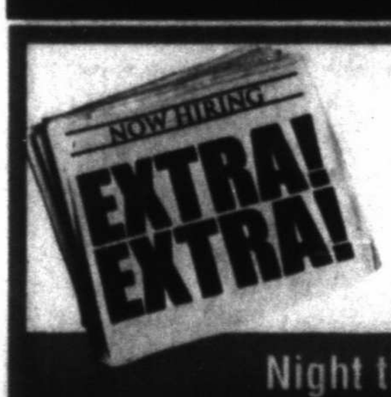

Midland Reporter-Telegram HAS IMMEDIATE OPENINGS IN ITS DISTRIBUTION DEPARTMENT FOR NIGHT TIME ASSOCIATE

Night time associate - MUST BE DEPENDABLE

Must be able to count at a fast pace. Be able to work between the hours of 12-6 am Sunday night thru Friday night and be able to work Saturday night 8pm -4am. Will be working inside and outside depending on the job you are doing that night. Will be 5-6 nights per week. We will train the right person

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EDUCATION & TRAINING

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Available positions: Porters, Drivers, Service Writer, Service Cashier, and a Suspension Technician.

Porter Requirements: Include sweeping, mopping, cleaning technician stalls, cleaning main service drive, parking vehicles, and bringing around vehicles for customers. Help with other misc. task around shop. Clean driving record and valid drivers license.

Driver Requirements: Include delivery, pickup and handling of vehicle parts to/from surrounding areas. Requires ability to secure parts in a timely manner, work efficiently and maintain a friendly attitude at all times. Must have a valid drivers license and clean driving record. Previous parts or delivery experience preferred. Dealership experience preferred. And Excellent customer service skills and multitasking ability.

Service Writer Requirements: Including customer-focused, well organized person, service reception, providing repair estimates, obtaining approvals, keeping your clients updated on service status, invoicing, and service delivery. Must be professional in appearance, have excellent written and verbal communications skills, and have a positive, customer service, team-oriented attitude. Prior dealership, automotive, or other retail experience would be helpful.

Service Cashier Requirements: Includes to greet customer on main service drive, cash customers out, answer phone calls, cover fast lube cashier, and help with other misc. work task.

Suspension Technician Requirements: Must be able to follow work directions, pay attention to detail and diagnose problems and make the necessary repair. Duties include, but are not limited to the following: Verify complaints, follow diagnostic procedures, perform checks and make the necessary repair to vehicles. Identify potential problems, and perform preventative maintenance. Obtain information and keep accurate records. Obtain authorization and perform repair. Must have own tools. Must be able to be on your feet for long periods of time. Call for more details.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Billie Jo Nietert, Deceased, were issued on July 23, 2015, in Cause No. P18362, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Christian T. Nietart.

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

c/o: L. SHANE STOKES
Attorney at Law
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, TX 79701

DATED the 23rd day of July, 2015.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Charles Francis Qualia, Deceased, were issued on July 28, 2015, in Cause No. P-18,372, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to Charles R. Qualia, Independent Executor, whose residential address is 2507 Candle Tree Cove, Midland, Texas 79705.

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

DATED the 3rd day of August, 2015.

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ATTORNEY FOR
INDEPENDENT EXECUTOR

Legal & Public Notices

Notice Of Application For Fluid Injection Well Permit

XTO Energy, Inc., Opr. No. 945936, 500 W. Illinois, Suite 100, Midland, Texas 79701 is applying to the Railroad Commission of Texas to amend an existing injection permit to inject fluid into a formation which is productive of oil and gas. XTO Energy Inc. will modify the injection interval, and pressures.

The applicant proposes to dispose of these fluids into the San Andres/Glorietta Formation in the Maralo 32 Lease, well number: 9D. It is located 2608' FNL & 5708' FWL, Blk 38, Section 32, which is approximately 22 miles south from the city of Midland and is in the Spraberry (Trend Area) Field in Midland County, TX. Fluid will be injected into the strata in the subsurface depth interval from 4700 to 5584 feet.

LEGAL AUTHORITY: Chapter 27 of the Texas Water Code, as amended, Title 3 of the Texas Natural Resources code, as amended, and the Statewide Rules of the Oil and Gas Division of the Railroad Commission of Texas.

Request for a public hearing from persons who can show they are adversely affected or requests for further information concerning any aspect of the application should be submitted in writing within fifteen days of publication, to the Environmental Services Section Oil and Gas Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P. O. Box 12967, Austin, Texas 78711 (Telephone 512-463-6792)

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

DATED the 3rd day of August, 2015.

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Legal & Public Notices

NOTICE TO DEBTORS AND CREDITORS

To those indebted to or holding claims against the Estate of MARIE HOWARDENE RADTKE, deceased: JANET RADTKE PRITCHETT, having been duly appointed Independent Executor of the Estate of MARIE HOWARDENE RADTKE, deceased, late of Midland, Midland County, Texas, by the Judge of the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Cause No. P18379 on July 28, 2015, hereby notifies all persons indebted to said estate to come forward and make settlement, and those having claims against said estate to present them to said Independent Executor within the time prescribed by law, at the following address:

JANET RADTKE PRITCHETT, Independent Executor of the Estate of MARIE HOWARDENE RADTKE, deceased
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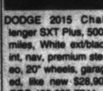

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4WD & SUV

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c/o: Richard Glenn Fillingim
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Big Spring, Texas 79720

DATED the 3rd day of August, 2015.

Meredith F. Nieto
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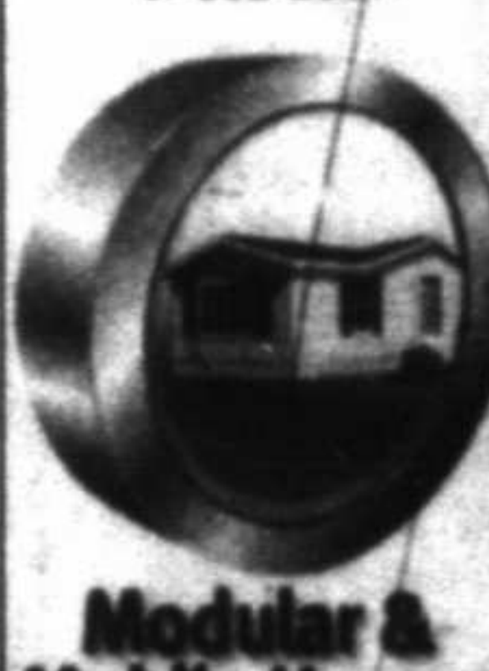

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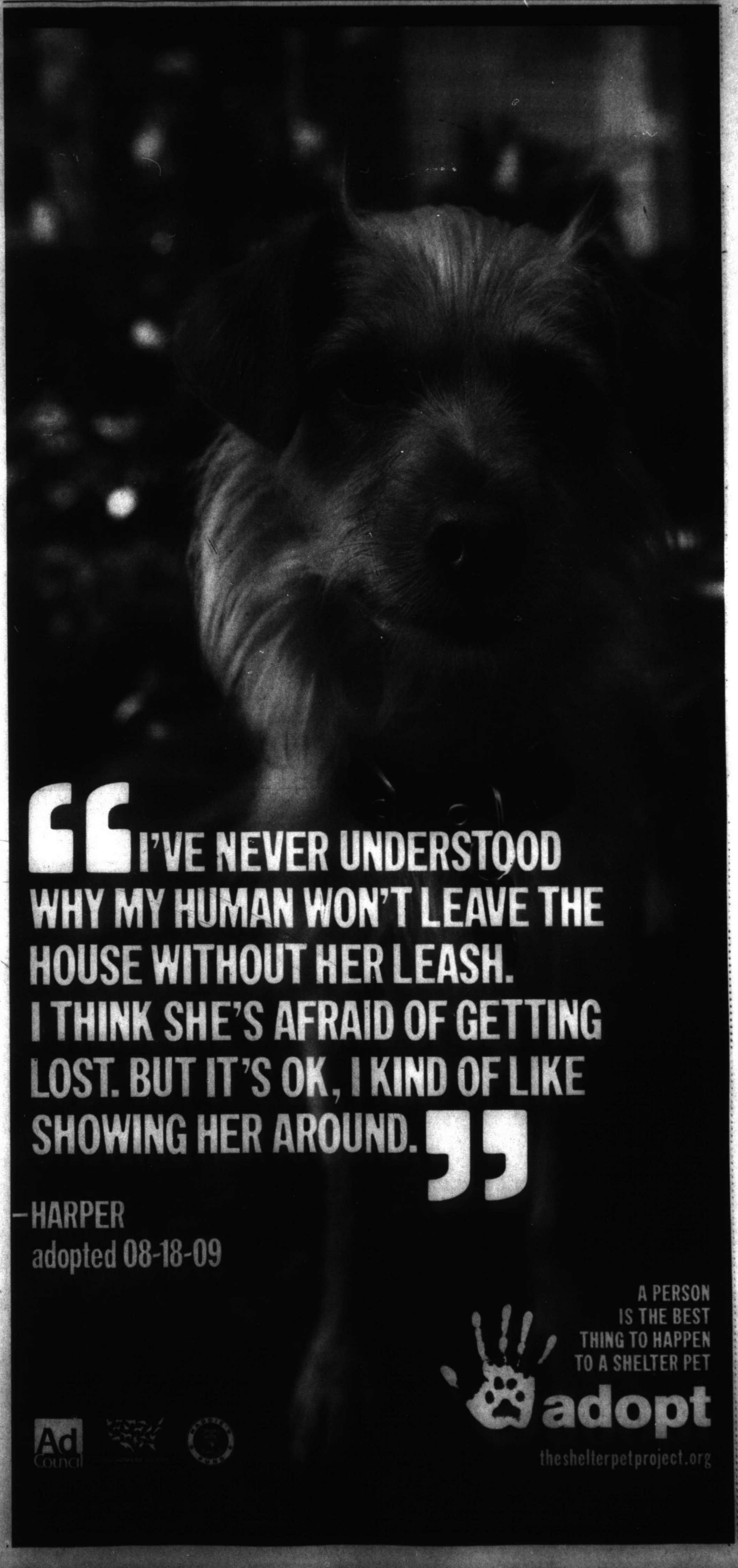
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In this July 21 photo, visitors look at display cases at the "Forever Remembered" exhibit and memorial for the astronauts that perished on the Columbia and Challenger space shuttles, at the Kennedy Space Center Visitor Complex in Cape Canaveral, Fla.

Challenger, Columbia wreckage on public display for 1st time

By Marcia Dunn
Associated Press

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — NASA is offering up wreckage from the Challenger and Columbia for public view after hiding it from the world for decades.

A new exhibit at Kennedy Space Center features two pieces of debris, one from each lost shuttle, as well as poignant, personal reminders of the 14 astronauts killed in flight.

It is an unprecedented collection of artifacts — the first time, in fact, that any Challenger or Columbia remains have been openly displayed.

NASA's intent is to show how the astronauts lived, rather than how they died. As such, there are no pictures in the "Forever Remembered" exhibit of Challenger breaking apart in the Florida sky nearly 30 years ago or Columbia debris raining down on Texas 12 years ago.

Since the tragic re-entry, Columbia's scorched remains have been stashed in off-limits offices at the space center. But NASA had to pry open the underground tomb housing Challenger's pieces — a pair of abandoned missile silos at neighboring Cape Canaveral Air Force Station — to retrieve the section of fuselage now on display.

The exhumation was conducted in secrecy. Everything about the exhibit, in fact, was kept hush-hush during the four years it took to complete the project, out of respect to the dead astronauts' families.

June Scobee Rodgers had never seen an actual remnant of her husband's destroyed shuttle, Challenger, until previewing the exhibit just before its low-key opening at the end of June.

Displayed in a dimly lit room: a 12-foot section of the left side body panel of Challenger, standing vertically and bearing the gouged and scraped but still brilliantly colorful U.S. flag, and the charred frames for Columbia's cockpit windows, seemingly floating at eye level.

"Sad, yes," to see the wreckage but it is "a wonderful memorial" to the shuttles, Scobee Rodgers said. The items representing the astronauts, on the other hand, are a "truly fitting" reminder of who they were as individuals.

Challenger commander Francis "Dick" Scobee's display case, on the left side of the exhibit's main corridor, contains the leather helmet from the Starduster biplane he and June used to fly, and his blue "TFNG" T-shirt from the Astronaut Class of 1978, nicknamed the Thirty-Five New Guys.

Across the hall on the right are Columbia commander Rick Husband's scuffed cowboy boots and well-worn Bible opened to Proverbs. There's a display case for each astronaut, filled with personal items, although not all families contributed, including schoolteacher Christa McAuliffe's.

"Forever Remembered" is a permanent exhibit, part of a larger display centered on the retired space shuttle Atlantis. NASA opted to keep Atlantis at Kennedy, the shuttle launch site, after Atlantis closed the program with the final mission in 2011.

The entrance to the new exhibit is directly beneath the nose of Atlantis, which is suspended with its payload bay doors wide open as though perpetually orbiting Earth.

One recent afternoon in July, tourists filled the predominantly blue hallway, pausing in front of the astronaut display cases. One woman wondered aloud which shuttle burned up and which one blew up. A few young children scampered about, their parents shushing them given the solemnity of the place.

A few weeks after visiting the exhibit, Scobee Rodgers noted in a phone interview that much of the world's population wasn't even born yet when Challenger went down in 1986.

"It's mostly history for the general public. It's very personal for us," she said.

Amber DiSalvatore — an Apopka, Florida, resident touring the space center with her husband and two children — was 4 years old at the time of Challenger. Seeing the actual wreckage — along with Husband's Bible — brought tears to her eyes.

The astronauts sacrificed their lives for exploration, DiSalvatore said, "so it's something that everybody — every human being — should know."

In the aftermath of the Feb. 1, 2003, Columbia accident, NASA meticulously stored the 42 tons of debris in Kennedy's iconic Vehicle Assembly Building and made them available for research. The space agency displayed a remnant or two of Columbia in a restricted area of the space center and, for the fifth anniversary, organized a traveling in-house exhibit. The relics were intended as safety reminders for the workforce.

Importing both salamanders and their potential destruction

By Carl Zimmer
N.Y. Times News Service

We humans can drive species toward extinction by hunting them or destroying their habitat. But we can also threaten them in a more subtle but no less dangerous way: by making them sick.

In the early 1900s, humans introduced malaria-spreading mosquitoes to Hawaii, and many native bird species were decimated. More recently, a fungus introduced to the United States from Europe has proved lethal to several species of bats.

Now, scientists and wildlife managers are struggling to prevent the next infectious disaster. A recently discovered fungus is killing salamanders in Europe. It is likely spread by the pet trade and could soon arrive in North America, home to about half of all salamander species.

For months, biologists have been calling for a halt to the trade in pet salamanders so they can mount a defense against the fungus. But federal officials have yet to take action.

"You would think there would be something in place," said Vance T. Vredenburg, a biologist at San Francisco State University. "We really need a government agency at some level to take action and do something."

Vredenburg and his colleagues have already seen what a fungal infection can do to amphibians. In the 1990s, they discovered that Batrachochytrium dendrobatidis (Bd for short) was wiping out entire populations of frogs. Humans have spread Bd around the world, and now it threatens hundreds of species with extinction.

"People really didn't believe that something could happen that was so bad," Vredenburg said. "I really don't want to see that happen again."

In 2013, unfortunately, scientists in the Netherlands discovered that a related species of fungus, called Batrachochytrium salamandrivorans, or Bsal, was killing fire salamanders. Since then, they have also found it in Belgium and Britain.

Having seen what Bd could do, researchers scrambled to understand Bsal better. Three species of Asian salamanders that are popular as pets can carry the fungus without getting sick, they found. It is likely that the pet trade is spreading Bsal to wild salamanders in Europe, which have not developed resistance to the disease.

Researchers in North America have been looking for Bsal, and so far have not found any trace of it. But based on a study of North American salamanders, published Thursday in the journal Science, Vredenburg and his colleagues predict that some regions of the continent are at high risk of an outbreak.

"It shows a terrible picture," Vredenburg said.

The pet trade brings huge numbers of salamanders into the United States. Fish and Wildlife Service records show that about 780,000 salamanders were imported from 2010 to 2014. Vredenburg and his colleagues found that 98 percent of the imported animals were native to Asia.

In Asia, Bsal-carrying salamanders tend to live in cool, moist climates. Vredenburg and his colleagues identified several regions in North America with the same conditions where the fungus should grow well. Some of these regions are home to a high diversity of salamanders.

The scientists identified three regions as particularly hospitable to Bsal: the Southeast, the Pacific Northwest and Sierra Nevadas, and the highlands of central Mexico.

Vredenburg sees an additional threat to salamanders in these areas: Some regional cities, such as San Francisco and Atlanta, are arrival points for imported salamanders.

Because Bsal was discovered only two years ago, scientists still have a lot to learn about it. The fungus may grow in a wider range of conditions than currently known, for example. Discovering new host species in Asia could help scientists better predict where else Bsal could thrive in North America.

The Fish and Wildlife Service can stop the import of "injurious wildlife" under a law known as the Lacey Act. This spring, the service announced that it would evaluate pet salamanders for their risk of introducing Bsal. That process is inching along.

Some free Internet services are better at giving out free spam

Dear PropellerHeads: Are there any websites for sending email reminders before important dates? I tried using anniversary reminders on greeting card sites, but they sent more ads than reminders.

That's the problem with all these "free" services. It turns out there is such a thing as a free lunch, and about half of it is spam. Greeting card sites send reminders before your anniversary, and advertisements for flowers. Weather sites send thunderstorm alerts, and advertisements for umbrellas. Can't we just get web services for nothin' and baby chickens for free? (I'm pretty sure I quoted that song right ...)

Check out Google Calendar (calendar.google.com), which supports repeating events and email reminders.

Then think bigger. That's what Linden Tibbets did when he had an idea for "digital duct tape" that connects "any two services together." He called the site "if this then that," or ifttt for short (ifttt.com).



The idea is simple: If this happens, then that other thing should happen. "This" could be the temperature dropping, a stock price rising, or — here's where you come in — "my anniversary approaching." Ifttt responds to an impressive number of these "triggers," ranging from "if I receive an email" to "if I'm tagged in a Facebook photo."

If any of these triggers occur, then "that" happens. "That" could be "send me an email," "post a link on my Facebook wall" or "add an event to my calendar." Ifttt can even send text messages and call you. These are called "actions," so the basic formula is that "triggers cause actions."

Triggers and actions are grouped into channels to make them easier to find. There are channels for Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and Gmail. There are dozens, including Weather, Stocks, and Date/Time (for remembering anniversaries).

A trigger/action combination is called a "task." You might have a task that specifies "if it's September 20th, then email a reminder to buy Gretchen flowers." On a related note, "if someone starts selling my possessions on craigslist, then call my phone."

The Weather and Stock channels are especially useful. "If it will rain tomorrow, then email me." "If the temperature hits 70, then call my phone and say 'Time for a walk.'" "If MSFT stock rises above 30, then send me a text message."

Other tasks are nerdy. "If I upload new photos to Facebook, then copy them to an online backup service." "If I share a link on Facebook, then share it on LinkedIn too."

Blog notifications can be handy, too. "If Amazon posts a free song or e-book, then email me." Another sure-to-be popular one is "if the PropellerHeads update their blog, then send a chat notification."

Here's a favorite for anyone routinely called into boring meetings at work: "If it's 2:15 p.m. on Friday, then call my phone" (so I can fake an emergency and leave early).

Shared tasks are called "recipes." Visit ifttt.com/recipes to browse some popular ones, like "If I update my profile picture on Facebook, then update my Twitter profile to use the same picture." I use one that sends me an email whenever I ask (Amazon's) Echo what's on my shopping list. The possibilities are endless (http://bit.ly/1g3AhR6).

Check it out now, because they don't have a trigger for "if my wife kicks me out of the house."

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