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AWARDS FINALIST

The Pink Pug is a finalist in two Boutique Awards categories.

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MOVING FORWARD

Hector Rodriguez will be Midland College's new head baseball coach after David Coleman announced on Tuesday he will be stepping down.

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Data on failing schools shows MISD has work to do

By Stewart Doreen
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■ COMMENTARY

Midland residents received good news and bad news Tuesday with the official announcement that only four schools will go into the 2017-18 school with failing grades from the previous year.

That is fewer than half from the previous year (nine).

For the record, the Texas Education Agency rated five campuses "improvement required" for performance during the 2016-17 school year. However, MISD board members closed Crockett Elementary after it became apparent the campus was headed for a seventh-straight year as "IR." It was the second longest streak in the entire state.

The good news is the district's academic performance is improving. The number of failing schools appears to have bottomed out at 11 in 2014 and 2015. And our community has seen improvement in a number of measurements as reported in Wednesday's edition.

The bad news is the district isn't out of the woods yet. Yes, four is better than 11 and nine when it comes to improvement required schools, but looking at districts across the state. it becomes apparent Midland ISD still has work to do.

Across West Texas, Amarillo and Abilene ISDs didn't have any failing schools, and San Angelo had two.

This past school year, Midland ISD officials compared the district to other so-called peer districts when examining data. The peer districts are Cy-Fair, Hurst-Euless-Bedford and Northside ISD and North East ISD, both in San Antonio. Combined, there are about 280 campuses in those four districts, and there aren't any failing schools, according to the TEA.

How about Brownsville and Harlingen and their combined 80-something campuses? The TEA reported one "IR" school.

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WILD WATER SLIDE

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Firefighter Tyler Vaden helps Caden Blumenauer spray down the inflatable slide on Wednesday at the Wellness Tour's Wet 'n' Wild with the Midland Fire Department. Wellness Tour, which is produced in part by Midland Health, the city of Midland and Midland College, continues through Saturday at various facilities around Midland. Today's activities include strength training at Curves, fitness class at YMCA and a screening of "Forks Over Knives" at Midland College. For a complete schedule visit www.midlandwellnesstour.com. #MidlandWellnessTour.

'Texas Standard' to broadcast from Marfa

■ Program's host to be in the West Texas community on Friday

By Trevor Hawes
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"The Texas Standard" radio program on Friday will be broadcast live from the Marfa Public Radio studio in Marfa.

Based at KUT at the University of Texas at Austin, the program airs weekdays at 10 a.m. and reports on news from around the Lone Star State.

"Texas Standard is one of the most important programs broadcast in Texas," Marfa Public Radio General Manager Elise Pepple told the Reporter-Telegram. "It was really visionary for KUT to produce a show dedicated to Texas."

Having Texas Standard in West Texas "shines a light on our area," she said. "West Texas is a big part of the heart and soul and a big part of the economy of Texas."

The visit means more than giving recognition to the part of Texas west of the 100th meridian. Pepple said her station has a young staff and that she's intent on creating professional development opportunities.

Marfa Public Radio has ramped up submitting stories to Texas Standard, Pepple said. In return, the program will

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Lacy: Road bond campaign requires better engagement

By Stewart Doreen
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Just minutes after the city council voted to hold a $100 million road bond election on Nov. 7, J.Ross Lacy offered "this is where the campaign starts."

Lacy has for months been leading the effort to make a road bond a reality. He's also seen two local elections go down in flames since October. He has a plan to make sure the streak of defeated local elections doesn't reach three.

And it starts with engagement.

Lacy said he expects a campaign that will educate the voters and that will be go back to the campaign basics. He says yard signs and door-knocking will part of that "old-school" campaigning.

He said there will be a balance of reaching out to those who vote in every election and those younger Midlanders who have yet to get involved in local politics. Lacy told the Reporter-Telegram that the age of the average Midlander is 32.1, and a winning campaign requires that young people get involved. The campaign will reach out to those younger voters, including talking to young professionals organizations, he said.

Lacy understands the campaign must also "engage the voters who always vote, make sure they have the information and see the value" in the bond proposal.

"We have to give them the proper information so they can go out and vote yes, so we can start addressing our aging infrastructure," he said.

The election will be held Nov. 7. There will be two propositions on the ballot — one addresses roads and the other addresses waterworks and sewer system improvements.

The owner of a property valued at $250,000 will see a $100-a-year increase in his or her city tax bill when all debt is issued. City leaders would use a 25-year-note to pay for the project. Finance Director Pam Simecka said the interest on the $100 million, assuming a 4.5 percent interest rate, would be $67.4 million.

Two local tax elections have been held in Midland since October. The first was Midland ISD's tax ratification election. The effort to increase the district's maintenance and operations tax rate resulted

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The big number
700 thousand
Americans have lost their jobs because of the way NAFTA rerouted commerce. Page 7A

Word of the Day: paludal
Do you know what it means? Find out the definition on Page 3A.

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STATE BRIEFS

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MCKINNEY

Texan gets life term for killing estranged wife, her twin

A North Texas man must serve life in prison without parole for the 2016 fatal shooting of his estranged wife and her twin sister.

Officials say 51-year-old Kelley Bigham of McKinney pleaded guilty Tuesday to capital murder and was sentenced by a judge. Prosecutors could have sought the death penalty if the case went to trial.

McKinney police in June 2016 answered a domestic violence call at the Bigham home. Officers found the bodies of 49-year-olds Karen Bigham and Kathy Boobar.

Investigators say Kelley Bigham was upset that his wife wanted a divorce and he shot the twins while stopping to pick up some belongings. The couple's adult daughter fled unharmed and summoned police.

Bigham was caught about 60 miles away at his father's home in Rains County.

GALVESTON

Lone Star Flight Museum planes fly from Galveston to Houston

Some vintage military aircraft have been flown from a now-closed Southeast Texas museum to their new home in Houston.

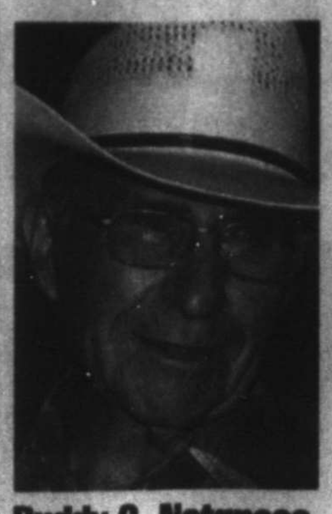
Lone Star Flight Museum spokeswoman Katie Jackman said Wednesday that the planes are being prepped for the Sept. 2 reopening at Ellington Airport.

Volunteers on Tuesday flew a dozen planes, including a B-17 bomber, about 50 miles (80 kilometers) to Houston. Jackman says the new $38 million complex will include aircraft displays, interactive exhibits and educational programs.

The Lone Star Flight Museum opened in 1990 at Scholes International Airport in Galveston. The 1995 Legislature declared the site home to the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

The museum flooded in 2008 during Hurricane Ike. Museum officials in 2011 announced plans to leave Galveston and move to Houston, farther from Gulf of Mexico storms.

Obituaries



Buddy G. Notgrass

Buddy G. Notgrass, 85, of Carbon, went home to his Lord and Savior August 12, 2017 with his family by his side.

He was born June 1, 1932 in Courtney, Texas to James Gordon Notgrass and Rosa Mae Robinson Notgrass. Buddy married his wife of 57 years, Jo Ann Johnson, on October 16, 1959, in Midland, Texas.

Buddy was a long-time member of Mangum Baptist Church. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War era. Buddy was employed as a Measurement Technician for El Paso Natural Gas for over thirty-five years. He loved donkeys, draft horses, and mules and after retiring became a farmer and rancher.

Buddy was happiest outdoors, working on his farm and tending his animals. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. The most often repeated description of Buddy, be it casual acquaintance, co-worker, or long-time friend, was "He was a good honest man."

Surviving Buddy are his wife, Jo Ann Notgrass; daughter, Kim Notgrass Swinney and husband, Andy; son, Kevin Gray Notgrass and wife, Cindi Steiner Notgrass; grandchildren, Jordan Swinney, Meaghan Swinney and Misty Billingsley; great-grandchildren, Brooklyn Swinney, Brielle Swinney, Mandie Wheeler, Briar Swinney and Audrey Hardy; siblings, Burl Notgrass, Nita Howard, Orita Smith, Dale Notgrass, Randall Notgrass, Lynn Blackburn; numerous nieces, nephews and other extended family.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Gordon Notgrass and Rosa Mae Robinson Notgrass; and brother, Troy Notgrass.

Memorial services will be held Wednesday, August 23, 2017, at 2:00 p.m. at Mangum Baptist Church, Eastland County, with Brother Chad Gosnell and Brother Larry Briley officiating.

Graveside committal services will be held Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in Sand Hill Cemetery, Comanche County.

If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Peaceful Valley Donkey Rescue at 8317 Duckworth Rd. San Angelo, Texas 76905, or Hendrick Hospice Care, 1651 Pine St., Abilene, TX 79601 in memory of Buddy Notgrass. Condolences may be offered online at *www.nowlinandersfh.com.*

Arrangements are in the care of Nowlin Anders Funeral Home, De Leon.

Caroline Kell O'Donohoe Bolger

Caroline Kell O'Donohoe Bolger, 76, of Midland passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017 surrounded by her family.

The family will receive friends on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. at The Branch at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Memorial services will be held on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 11:00 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church in Midland with a private burial at Resthaven Memorial Park.

Caroline was born on May 16, 1941 to Nancy and Jack O'Donohoe in Wichita Falls, Texas. She met her husband, Perry, in Austin while attending the University of Texas. They married in Wichita Falls, on January 28, 1961. They moved to Midland in 1976.

Caroline was a wonderful wife and homemaker who spent her time raising their four children. She loved her husband, family, and friends, and especially her grandchildren and great-grandson.

Caroline is survived by her children, Perry Bolger, Jr., of Houston; Barr Bolger and wife, Christa of Midland; Catherine Bolger Graham and husband, Mark of Scottsdale, Arizona; and Caroline Bolger Hinson and husband Mike of Austin; nine grandchildren: Jack and his wife, Shelby Bolger of Midland; Emma and Brady Bolger of Midland; Mac, J.P., and Kell Graham of Scottsdale; Jamison and Adelle Hinson of Austin; Kate Bolger of Houston; her beloved great-grandson, John Barr Bolger, III, of Midland; her brother, John F. O'Donohoe, III, of Wichita Falls; and her sister, Mary O'Donohoe McGregor of Wichita Falls.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Edward Perry Bolger.

The family would like to extend heartfelt thanks to Dr. Summer Merritt and the home health-care nurses who so lovingly attended her.

In lieu of flowers, memorials have been directed to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center (802 Ventura Ave, Midland, TX 79705), or First Presbyterian Church of Midland (800 W Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701).

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at *www.npwelch.com.*

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory
(432) 550-5800

Gary Lynn Branch

Gary Lynn Branch, 59, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Monday, August 14, 2017.

He was born in Midland on December 27, 1957. He graduated from Midland High School in 1976. Gary married Lorrell Ann Ward on March 31, 1989. They were married for 16 years. He and his son Garrett were co-owners of A.W. Contractors. Gary helped with the pyrotechnics at the Commemorative Air Force and loved to fish and hunt.

He is survived by his brothers, Randall Branch and Donald Branch; daughter, Aftan Branch; son, Garrett Branch; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his mother, Katherine Rose Causey; father, Afton "Brownie" Wallace Branch; and brother, Larry Dennis Branch.

There will be a visitation at Ellis Funeral Home from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2017.

A funeral service will be held in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with Brother Bob Porterfield officiating. Burial will be at a later date in Azle, Texas at Ash Creek Cemetery.

Online condolences may be offered at *www.ellisfunerals.com .*

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Ronnie Howard Benton

Ronnie Howard Benton, 71, of Midland, Texas, passed away peacefully on Friday, August 11, 2017.

Ronnie was born August 26, 1945, in San Francisco, California to Herschel A. and Francell E. Benton. He graduated from Odessa High school and, at the age of 18, was commissioned into the United States Navy, where he served during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged May 15, 1966, as a Boatswain's Mate, receiving a National Defense Medal. He remained with the Naval Reserve until January 15, 1969.

After arriving back in Texas, he moved to Fort Worth, and attended Texas Wesleyan where he received a Bachelor's of Science degree in Criminal Justice.

He began his Police career at Grapevine Police Department where he remained, until he moved to Midland in 1980. He was employed by the Midland Police Department from 1980-2000. He began as a Patrolman, transferred to the Crime Prevention Unit; he was promoted to the rank of Sergeant during his tenure in the Detective Division, which also included Sergeant over the Gang Unit. He was a graduate of Class 2 of the Texas Law Enforcement Management Institute, as well as a graduate of the FBI Academy in Quantico, Virginia. He completed his service with the Police Department in Accreditation in the Planning and Research Division.

Following his retirement from the Midland Police Department, he was employed by Dyncorp and contracted to the United Nations where he worked as a Peacekeeper for three years in Indonesia and Kosovo. He returned home and worked at the George Mahon Federal Building, for twelve years until he could no longer work due to his illness.

He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Valerie; daughters, Brandi, Laura, Kristen, and Taylor; his son, Brian; his grandson, William; his brothers, Glenn and Ricky Benton; sisters-in-law, Anease Benton and Cindy Fatheree; brothers-in-law, Robert Fatheree and Mark Bell; along with numerous nieces and nephews.

He is preceded in death by his parents, Herschel and Francell Benton; sister-in-law, Carol Benton; and his niece, Kim Orosco.

A Memorial Service for Ronnie will be held in the First United Methodist Church Sanctuary in Midland on Thursday, August 17, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. with Police Chaplain Rev. Mark H. Dettman officiating.

The Family of Ronnie Benton wishes to thank Dr. PK Patel, his pulmonologist, for his loving care throughout his illness. We also thank the Nurses in the Critical Care Unit and the Respiratory Therapists of Midland Memorial Hospital who took care of him with so much compassion. We greatly appreciate Hospice of Midland and finally, UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas where Ronnie selflessly donated his body for research to help find a cure for Pulmonary Fibrosis.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to Hospice Midland, 911 W. Texas Ave, Midland, TX 79701.

Death Notices

Bambie Lynne Clinton

Bambie Lynne Clinton, 59, of Midland, Texas, passed away on August 12, 2017.

A celebration of life ceremony will be held on Friday, August 18, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at the George H.W. Bush Commemorative Center, located on the Commemorative Air Force's High Sky Wing Campus at Midland International Airport, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland, TX 79706. The ceremony will be officiated by Pastor Robert Frazier of Cottonflat Baptist Church.

Casual dress is requested as Bambie would like everyone to be comfortable.

Clarence "Putty" Zachery, Sr.

Clarence "Putty" Zachery, Sr., 62, of Midland, passed away Tuesday, August 15, 2017.

The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., Friday, August 18, 2017 at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Midland.

Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Saturday, August, 19, 2017 at Mid-Cities Community Church in Midland.

Survivors include children, Clay Zachery and Rachel Zachery.

Darelton Autry Williams

Darelton Autry Williams, 28, of Midland, passed away Monday.

Services are scheduled for Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at True-Lite Christian Fellowship Church.

Survivors include his wife, Jasmine Williams, and one brother.

Woman arrested on burglary charge

From staff reports

A Midland woman was arrested Aug. 8 after allegedly entering a residence without the consent of the owner, according to court documents.

Vera

Michelle Gonzales Vera, 48, was released Aug. 10 on a $25,000 bond for a second-degree felony charge of burglary of a habitation.

A Midland police officer was dispatched Aug. 2 in reference to a disturbance.

Vera and another female allegedly forced their way into a residence.

A woman at the residence thought Vera brought the female with the intent to commit assault, according to her arrest affidavit. Police received a possible name and description of the other female, according to the affidavit.

If convicted of the second-degree felony charge, Vera could face up to 20 years imprisonment.

Texas special session whiffs on top conservative priorities

By Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — Key conservative priorities fizzled yet again as Texas lawmakers abruptly concluded their month-long special legislative session, despite Republicans controlling both chambers and every statewide office.

The state House surprisingly adjourned Tuesday night, more than 24 hours before the session was supposed to end. Failing were such red-state, red-meat issues as a "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people, school vouchers, local property tax restrictions and limits on paycheck deductions for union dues.

Gov. Greg Abbott ordered lawmakers to work on 20 issues, but more failed then passed — so much so that many conservatives are now clamoring for another extra session. It's not clear what Abbott will do, but, now running for re-election in 2018, either choice could be potentially politically risky. Here's a look at what was accomplished, what wasn't and what could be next:

Bathroom bill flushed

Social conservatives dominate Texas politics but couldn't revive North Carolina-style bathroom restrictions on transgender people. The issue gainrf even less traction during the special session than it did during the regular one that ended in May.

Abbott and Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a fiery former conservative radio host, pushed hard. But proposals to make transgender Texans use public restrooms corresponding to the gender on their birth certificates stalled in the state House, where Republican Speaker Joe Straus maintained they'd hurt the state's economy.

Business lobbying groups, backed by behemoths such as Apple, IBM, Exxon Mobile, Facebook and the NFL, branded the bill discriminatory, while almost daily rallies at the state Capitol mobilized police chiefs, chambers of commerce, religious groups, tourism industry leaders and women's organizations against it. After the session ended, Patrick suggested Straus was a coward, scoffing that he was thankful the speaker wasn't at the battle of the Alamo. Conservatives want Abbott to call lawmakers back again, hoping that the third time could be the charm for the bathroom bill. The governor, though, was non-comital Wednesday, saying, "I'm going to be making decisions later on."

School Finance Trumps Vouchers

The Texas House squashed a Senate-backed school voucher plan offering public money to students attending private schools during the regular session, and Abbott's efforts to revive the issue went nowhere over the past month.

Instead, lawmakers pumped about $560 million into classrooms and teacher retirement funding. They weren't forced to tackle a full overhaul of the state school finance system since the Texas Supreme Court ruled last year that it was minimally constitutional.

Curtailing cities

Abbott began the special session imploring lawmakers to beat back the power of his state's own cities, saying their urban, usually liberal values were "California-izing" Texas.

The Legislature made it tougher for cities to annex surrounding areas and also limited municipal tree-cutting ordinances, but both were weaker than Abbott wanted. And the issue the governor called the special session's top priority — putting proposed, stiff local property tax increases to voters in an effort to limit how much they could be raised — collapsed spectacularly as the House quit early.

Abortion limits advance

Texas became the 11th state to ban private insurance companies from covering abortion, forcing women undergoing one to buy supplemental coverage or pay out of pocket. Opponents likened that to requiring "rape insurance" because no exception was made in cases of rape or incest.

But an Abbott-backed effort to prevent local governments from funding Planned Parenthood for non-abortion procedures, like cancer screenings, failed unceremoniously.

Is it enough?

Abbott also resurrected a failed regular-session plan to bar some public employees from deducing union dues from their pay checks, only to watch the issue die again.

Of the governor's 20 total special-session priorities, nine became law. But he went 0-4 on the combination of bathroom bill, vouchers, property taxes and union dues. It remains to be seen if that's enough to save political face, but Abbott may face a challenge in next March's Republican primary from Patrick, who could use the bathroom bill's repeated failure as a rallying cry.

Though Patrick insists he's not running for governor, he has time to change his mind.

Still, if Abbott opts to bring the two-time failure conservative priorities back once more, there's no guarantee they'll fare any better — and the potential for political embarrassment grows.

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Paludal
[puh-lood-l, pal-yuh-dl]
adjective
1. of or relating to marshes.
2. produced by marshes, as miasma or disease.

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Things to do

■ Natural Grocers 62nd anniversary celebration, 8 a.m.-9 p.m., Natural Grocers, 3116 N. Loop 250 W. The 50s-themed bash will feature giveaways, samples and ice cream social. naturalgrocers.com.

■ Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Gilberto and the Wind" with copies given to each child, 4:30 p.m., George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. bushchildhoodhome.org.

■ Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m., Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

■ Bingo Nights, 7 p.m., American Legion, 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

■ John Baumann, 8 p.m., Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. Rockinrodeomidland.com.

Start of school

The 2017-18 academic year has begun for St. Ann's School, Midland Christian School and Texas Leadership Charter Academy.

Other school-state dates:

Today: Greenwood ISD, Trinity, Midland Academy Charter School

Monday: Midland Classical Academy, Richard Milburn Academy

Aug. 28: Midland ISD

In preparation for the academic year, Midland ISD Employee Convocation is planend for 8:30 a.m. Friday at Chaparral Center at Midland College.

End of school

Midland ISD is hosting a summer graduation ceremony 5:30 p.m. Monday at Bowie Fine Arts Auditorium, 805 Elk St.

No horseplay

James Durbin/Reporter-Telegram

Deputies with the Midland County Sheriff's Office mounted patrol watch over the festival grounds during the annual Rock the Desert on Aug. 5.

Lottery

Pick 3 morning: 2-4-5
Pick 3 day: 6-3-2
Pick 3 evening: 5-0-3
Pick 3 night: 6-1-1
Daily 4 morning: 0-5-5-3
Daily 4 day: 3-9-7-1
Daily 4 evening: 7-4-1-3
Daily 4 night: 7-1-1-4
Cash Five: 1-3-5-7-8-10-11-13-15-19-22-24

Triple Chance:
2-4-12-18-20-28-29-38-40-55
All or Nothing morning:
1-3-5-7-8-10-11-13-15-19-22-24
All or Nothing day: 1-3-4-5-8-9-11-12-17-18-23-24
All or Nothing evening: 1-3-5-7-8-9-11-12-17-18-19-24
All or Nothing night: 5-6-8-9-11-13-14-15-16-17-18-23

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Weather

Wednesday's temperatures
High 97
Low 70
Normal high 94
Normal low 69

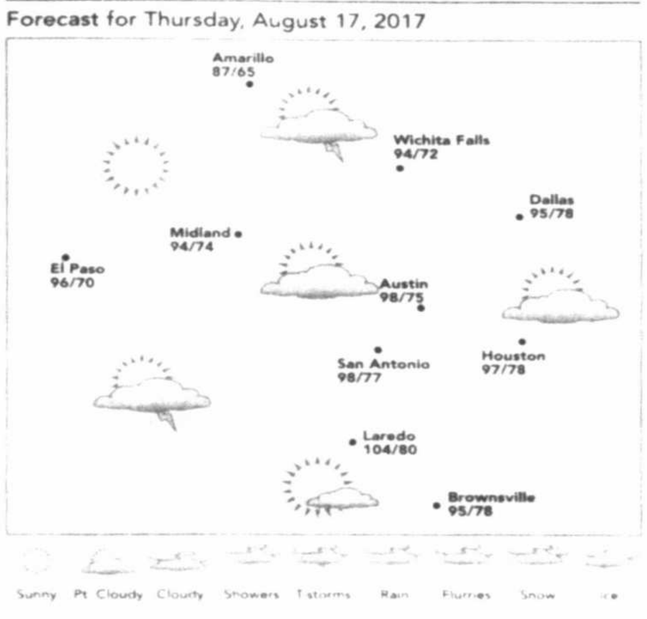
August 16's records
Record high: 104 set in 1946
Record low: 61 set in 1992

Precipitation
Tuesday ..... 0.00 in.
Wednesday ..... 0.00 in.
Month total ..... 1.85 in.
Year total ..... 12.07 in.
Normal total (year to date) ..... 8.77 in.

Winds
Average: 7.2 mph
Highest sustained: 10 mph

August 17 forecast
High: 95
Low: 73

Forecast for Thursday, August 17, 2017



Conditions: Sunny during the day/partly cloudy at night
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Sunrise ..... 7:23 a.m.
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Source: National Weather Service

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

Note: Bigar's Stars is based on the degree of your sun at birth. The sign name is simply a label astrologers put on a set of degrees for convenience. For best results, readers should refer to the dates following each sign.

A baby born today has a Sun in Leo and a Moon in Gemini if born before 12:13 p.m. (ET). Afterward, the Moon will be in Cancer.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for **Thursday, Aug. 17, 2017:**

This year you are unusually fortunate. You have the ability to pull white rabbits out of a black hat. Your communication is strong, which gives you the ability to draw others in. If you are single, this ability certainly attracts an assortment of wannabe sweeties. You'll need to determine how much you enjoy your single life before you can make an appropriate decision. If you are attached, you enter a very close, intimate phase with your significant other. You enjoy your sweetie's admiration, love and company. CANCER encourages you to reveal your emotions.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ A sense of abundance, goodwill and luck surrounds you in the morning. Handle a difficult conversation in the morning. By the afternoon, you easily could feel insecure or ambivalent. Success contributes to your lively spirit. **Tonight:** Get as much sleep as you can.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You might have buyer's remorse on some level. For some reason, you seem to feel as if you can't return an indulgence or purchase. Relax, you will be OK. Nevertheless, you might not want to allow that area of your life to go haywire in the future. **Tonight:** Hang out at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You have the ability to turn a person away from overindulging and/or being rather wild at times. A new love interest or a rekindled romance encourages mischief and flirtation. You will have a hard time getting upset about anything or anyone. **Tonight:** Where the crowds are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You might have a "bah-humbug" attitude in the morning, but you'll be able to reverse it by midafternoon. Rather than beat yourself up about your less-than-upbeat attitude, congratulate yourself on being able to turn it around. **Tonight:** Act as if you deserve to get what you want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Imagine what it would be like to be as driven as a friend of yours is. This person's words will encourage you. Count on quite a bit of drama and passion heading your way. Consider the possibilities that revolve around this matter. **Tonight:** Take some much-needed personal time.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You have the ability to let go and get to the bottom of a problem. A meeting or a get-together with friends might totally distract you. Honor someone else's need for a fast change of pace. Get through all of your errands before heading out the door. **Tonight:** Feel empowered.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ One-on-one relating takes you in a whole new direction. You could see a personal matter much differently as a result. You also gain a strong sense of direction and security. Continue to take an overview. You will understand others better as a result. **Tonight:** People notice you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You could be tired of hearing the same old chatter from the same person. You could be locked into a particular response. Go beyond the obvious, and be willing to come to a better understanding with this person. Get past the present issue. **Tonight:** Be a duo.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Let go of trying to be fair. What is important is the quality of how well you relate to others. A loved one enjoys the time you are able to focus on him or her. One-on-one relating elicits a powerful reaction. A new friend could be full of surprises. **Tonight:** In the limelight.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Make sure your checkbook is balanced. As the afternoon approaches, you might be in for a surprise or two. You can't seem to get a situation to your liking. A roommate or family member seems to enjoy disrupting you. Pull away from this person if need be. **Tonight:** Accept an offer.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ You will see no reason to slow down in the morning, especially with all the action going on around you. Know that you can't change anyone, people need to want to change. A person in your life could surprise you. Get into an important project. **Tonight:** Play it nice and easy.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Avoid a tense conversation at any cost. Express your caring and your delightful creativity in a positive way, and use care with your finances by not going overboard. Someone can't seem to stay away from you. Know that this person cares about you. **Tonight:** Start the weekend early.

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Scholars say Trump went afoul in lumping Lee with founders

By Andrew Dalton
Associated Press

Both were great generals. Both Virginians. Both came from slave-owning plantation families.

Is it really so far-fetched to put Robert E. Lee in the same category as George Washington, as President Donald Trump suggested Tuesday?

Many historians say yes.

"It's a ridiculous conflation," said Professor Alice Fahs of the University of California, Irvine. "He's not a founding father, and it's as though Trump thinks he is. It's really astonishing. It's amazing."

Trump's remarks on Tuesday came as he was defending those who have sought to preserve the statue of Lee in Charlottesville, Virginia, the focus of a violent weekend clash in which an anti-racist protester was killed. The president didn't exactly equate the Confederate general with the nation's founding fathers. But he noted a similarity sometimes glossed over — ownership of slaves by figures who nobly stand or sit astride horses on U.S. pedestals — and he asked: If you're going to be pulling down statues, "where does it stop?"

"So, this week it's Robert E. Lee," he said. "I wonder, is it George Washington next week, and is it Thomas Jefferson the week after?"

Evan Vucci/Associated Press

President Donald Trump pauses while speaking on Monday in the Diplomatic Reception Room of the White House in Washington. Is it really so far-fetched to put Robert E. Lee in the same category as George Washington, as Donald Trump suggested Tuesday? Many historians say yes.

There is no notable movement to tear down the Washington monument.

Most historians agree that Washington and Jefferson's ownership of slaves has tainted the positive legacy they left. And some monuments and memorials to both men attempt to address that part of their lives.

For some, monuments to those founding fathers "force us to contemplate the centrality of slavery to the making of the nation," said Gregory Downs, a history professor at the University of California, Davis who studies the impact of the Civil War on the United States. But he also said the difference between the nation's first president, George Washington, and then man who sought to secede from the nation, Robert E. Lee, isn't complicated.

"It is obvious that traitors in arms to the nation are not equivalent to those who created it," he said.

Adding to the complexity of the debate, many Lee memorials were erected long after the Civil War as part of an effort to rehabilitate Lee's reputation and denigrate his victorious opponent Ulysses S. Grant, who fought to preserve the nation and later defended black civil rights as president.

In that sense the memorials "celebrated two historical crimes," Downs said. "First, treasonous secession for the purpose of preserving and expanding slavery forever. Second, the violent and fraudulent creation of Jim Crow segregation."

Associate Professor Michael Green of the University of Nevada Las Vegas added, "A lot of Southerners glorified Lee into something more than he was."

Lee has been portrayed as kindly to slaves, which he was not, and conflicted about which side to fight for, which is inaccurate, Green said.

He concedes, however, that if "my ancestors had fought for the Confederacy, it's possible I would feel a little differently. It's important to look at historical figures so that we don't look up at them or down on them, but from all angles."

He said that historical consensus is very different now than when Trump learned it in school decades ago. People like Lee were presented as heroes and people like Frederick Douglass, about whom the president seemed to have little knowledge earlier this year, weren't presented at all.

Lee and Washington in the same class? Said Downs: "Had the Confederacy won, a new nation founded on perpetuating slavery would have celebrated Robert E. Lee as its George Washington. Luckily for us, that effort failed."

'Bathroom bill' dies again in Texas as session abruptly ends

By Paul J. Weber and Will Weissert
Associated Press

AUSTIN — A Texas "bathroom bill" targeting transgender people died again late Tuesday along with many of Republican Gov. Greg Abbott's summer demands as an already bruising legislative session was derailed by Republican backbiting that could preview an even nastier 2018 primary season.

It is the second time that North Carolina-style bathroom restrictions have failed to pass in Texas, and Abbott gave no indication he would order weary lawmakers to stay in Austin and try again — which would risk a third failure over what has erupted into one of the most high-profile bills in any U.S. legislature.

Corporate heavyweights from Amazon to Exxon Mobil lined up against the measure, as did some top law enforcement agencies, and opponents celebrated the latest failure despite the support from the governor and influential social conservatives who drive GOP politics and primaries in Texas.

"Today's victory shows what can happen when transgender Americans and their allies stay vigilant and push back against legislation that helps no one and harms many," said Sarah Kate Ellis, president and CEO of GLAAD, a national LGBT rights group.

The 30-day special session actually ended on day 29, as the chambers left early, unable to agree on an Abbott-backed property tax bill. For the governor, it was an unceremonious and deflating finish to a special legislative session that only he had the power to order. In addition to not getting a much-watched property tax proposal, other measures he championed fizzled, including taxpayer-funded vouchers that let students attend private schools.

Abbott faces his first re-election test in 2018. He has no credible challenger yet and the money to likely outspend anyone, but in dragging lawmakers back to work in July after a bruising regular session, he sought to punch back at criticism that he had grown disengaged and politically vulnerable.

Democrats mocked the special session as a month-long political ad for GOP primary voters, and even among some Republicans there was little appetite to return to work.

The first collapse of the so-called "bathroom bill" in May laid bare an escalating feud in Texas between ascendant social conservatives and moderate Republicans, and the mutual distrust only seemed to deepen over summer.

Democrats were also soured after Abbott earlier this year signed an immigration crackdown on "sanctuary cities." That later set off a scuffle on the House floor when Republican state Rep. Matt Rinaldi called federal immigration authorities on protesters in the Capitol. Rinaldi also acknowledged telling a Democratic colleague that he would shoot in self-defense. Abbott's office did not directly address questions about whether he would call another special session, but gave no signal he would do so.

"Our office believes this special session has produced a far better Texas than before," Abbott spokesman John Wittman said.

Republican Lt. Gov. Dan Patrick, a firebrand who was Donald Trump's top Texas surrogate during the presidential race, fumed over the continued defeat of efforts to require transgender people to use bathrooms in school and public spaces that correspond with the sex on their birth certificate. He said big businesses that predicted economic backlash were misled and had biting words for Republican House Speaker Joe Straus, who has refused all year to bring the bill up for a vote.

Republican leaders dance around Trump remarks

By Steve Peoples and Thomas Beaumont
Associated Press

NEW YORK — One after another, the nation's most powerful Republicans responded to President Donald Trump's extraordinary remarks about white supremacists. Yet few mentioned the president.

The Senate's top Republican, Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, condemned "hate and bigotry." House Speaker Paul Ryan charged that, "White supremacy is repulsive." Neither criticized the president's insistence that there were "very fine people on both sides" of a violent weekend clash between white supremacists and counterdemonstrators.

The nuanced statements reflect the party establishment's delicate dance. Few top Republican officeholders defended the president in the midst of an escalating political crisis. Yet they are unwilling to declare all-out war against Trump and risk alienating his loyalists. And as the 2018 elections begin to take shape, the debate over Trump's words appears to be taking hold in GOP primaries.

Trump's overall approval rating may be dismal, but a small group of die-hard supporters is expected to play an outsized role in next year's midterm elections when the Republican control of Congress is at stake. Those supporters are praising the president's response to the violence in Charlottesville, Virginia, which left one dead and many more wounded.

"You got racism in both factions, on both sides," former New Hampshire GOP chair Jack Kimball said. "Trump has zero fault here. None."

Republican leaders also need the president: They hope to work with him to enact meaningful legislation on infrastructure, taxes and health care to prove to voters their party can govern.

The delicate relationship helps explain Wednesday's cautious comments from powerful Republicans like McConnell.

"We all have a responsibility to stand against hate and violence, wherever it raises its evil head," McConnell said in a statement, noting that white supremacists are planning a rally in his home state of Kentucky.

"Their messages of hate and bigotry are not welcome in Kentucky and should not be welcome anywhere in America," he said.

Former Republican Presidents George H.W. and George W. Bush, usually silent on current political developments, released a joint statement that stopped short of criticizing Trump as well.

"America must always reject racial bigotry, anti-Semitism and hatred in all forms," the Bushes said.

The political tap dance frustrated as least one member of Trump's diversity council, CEO of the U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Javier Palomarez, who called Trump's response "a monumental failure in leadership."

He challenged those who denounced racism in general terms without calling out the president by name.

"That's a sign of weakness, and I don't think the American people and the Republican Party is going to forget," said Palomarez, who noted he would remain on Trump's diversity council "for now."

But Trump loyalists on the ground in key states are ready to fight for their leader. And there were signs that the divide between the loyalists and establishment Republicans is already shaping the midterm political landscape.

"We've always had these weak skittish so-called Republicans in the D.C. crowd. They're always peeing their pants," said Corey Stewart, a former Trump aide who has already launched a 2018 Senate bid in Virginia.

Many were quick to blame the media for Trump's struggles.

"It doesn't take a rocket scientist to figure out the liberal media is not a fan of President Trump," said Trump's Alabama campaign chairman, Perry Hooper, arguing the Russia investigation is driven by media obsession. He added, "Now they're trying to make him some kind of racist. It's ridiculous. He doesn't have a racist bone in his body."

Nevada Republican Danny Tarkanian, who is challenging Republican Sen. Dean Helier, said those criticizing Trump's response to the white supremacist rally were "splitting hairs."

"It was clear the media went out of their way to find fault with his statement," Tarkanian said.

Heller, who is considered one of the most endangered Republicans in the nation heading into the 2018 election, posted a simple statement on Twitter late Tuesday that stopped short of criticizing the president: "There is no defense or justification for evil in the form of white supremacists and Nazis. None," he wrote.

The Republicans who lashed out at Trump most aggressively were, in many cases, those with the least to lose politically.

South Carolina Republican Sen. Lindsey Graham, who doesn't face re-election until 2020, said the president "took a step backward by again suggesting there is moral equivalency between the white supremacist neo-Nazis and KKK members who attended the Charlottesville rally" and the people demonstrating against them.

"Many Republicans do not agree with and will fight back against the idea that the party of Lincoln has a welcome mat out for the David Dukes of the world," Graham added, referring to the former Ku Klux Klan leader.

BOND

From 1A

in an election turnout of less than 9 percent of eligible voters. More than 63 percent of the 6,648 who voted opposed the tax rate increase.

The second election was the sales tax election that would have collected money for parks, sports complex operations and maintenance, new roads and other items. The turnout for that city election was less than 11 percent; 54.42 percent of the 6,783 people who voted opposed the quarter-cent sales tax increase.

Lacy said the feedback he has received for a road bond has been "overwhelmingly positive after they get the information." He said the campaign will be extremely transparent as voters can see a plan of action that includes the 26 projects that will be addressed, the plan on costs and a timeline for when each project should be completed.

The plan would impact 26 different road projects across the city. The breakdown of costs is: roads, 60 percent; water and sewer, 24.4 percent; engineering, 5.2 percent and ADA compliance, 10.4 percent.

Streets on each proposal scored a rating of less than 50 on the pavement condition index, according to Lacy. (A score under 50 indicates roads are in "poor" condition.)

Voters can get more information at www.midlandroadbond.com.

"A majority of residents in this city seem to be receptive to fixing our roads," Lacy said. "That is all we have heard the last two years — 'fix our roads.' OK, we have a bond proposal to do that; go vote for it now."

Editor's note:
Those wishing to write letters to the editor about the road bond can send them to letters@mrt.com. Now that the election has been called, letters taking a side are limited to 200 words.
Letters policy
- Deadline is noon Thursdays for the following Sunday.
- Reporter-Telegram policy limits individuals to one letter in a 30-day period.
- Letter-writers should include phone number and address. Failure to do so could delay letter's publication.

MISD

From 1A

In the three districts that make up the public school system in the greater El Paso metropolitan area, there are more than 185 schools. Of those schools, only three are improvement required.

To review, out of 545 total schools, four are IR schools. Midland ISD has five.

To his credit, Midland ISD Superintendent Orlando Riddick didn't sound like a man ready to consider the mission accomplished. He talked about these results, providing the "momentum to become the great educational system this community expects and is ready to support." For the record, Riddick's former district, Cedar Hill ISD, doesn't have any IR schools.

Riddick also paid homage to former interim Superintendent Rod Schroder and the foundation he laid in the 10 months he was in Midland. Riddick cited a "growth mindset" and "no-excuses" philosophy to education that Schroder drilled into anyone concerned about a turnaround for MISD.

When thinking about the data presented by the TEA and Midland ISD about campus performance, a coach's quote about the strides made by the Southern Methodist University football team in the latter part of the last decade comes to mind.

It went something like this: "We're not where we need to be, we're not where we should be, but thank God we're not where we used to be."

As much as the comment holds true, and as much as it is right for people in this community to wonder how this transformation could have taken so long, thinking about yesterday really won't help as we move toward tomorrow.

The community should look forward to the day that unveiling the TEA accountability report is the non-event that it is in communities of Brownsville, Harlingen, El Paso, the suburbs of San Antonio, the mid-cities area of Dallas/Fort Worth and Cy-Fair.

We look forward to the day when Midland ISD is where it needs to be and should be.

Improvement required schools

West Texas
Ector County ISD 6
Lubbock ISD 7
Midland ISD 5 (will open the 2017-18 school year with four)
San Angelo ISD 2
Abilene ISD 0

Permian Basin
Big Spring ISD 3
Andrews ISD 0
Greenwood ISD 0
Stanton ISD 0
Grady ISD 0
Glasscock County ISD 0
Rankin ISD 0
Forsan ISD 0
Coahoma ISD 0

RADIO

From 1A

broadcast from the station and offer staff a "newsroom 101" workshop.

Texas Standard host and managing editor David Brown will be in Marfa on Friday, but much of the staff will stay in Austin, Rhonda Fanning said. It's about a 450-mile trip from the school to the studio.

Texas Standard, which began in March 2015, has long been keen on this side of the state.

"The wonderful thing about Marfa Public Radio is it reaches all across West Texas," Brown said.

Emily Donahue, KUT director of Journalism, Sustainability and Impact, said Marfa Public Radio was a critical collaborator and test market for the program and continues to be a major contributor of stories. She said West Texans have shown they have high interest in the news program.

Marfa Public Radio will host a coffee tailgate party during the show that is open to the public.

The program airs at 10 a.m. Friday. It can be heard in Midland-Odessa on West Texas Public Radio, 91.3 FM; in Marfa and Fort Davis on 93.5 FM; in Alpine on 91.7 FM; and in Marathon on 91.5 FM.

Laura Greene /The High Point Enterprise via AP

Tim Hopkins, left, demonstrates against the violence that broke out in Charlottesville, Va. on Tuesday in High Point, N.C.

Virginia clashes bring attention to anti-fascist movement

By Lisa Baumann and Sarah Rankin
Associated Press

SEATTLE — The deadly white nationalist demonstration in Virginia has brought new attention to an anti-fascist movement whose black-clad, bandanna-wearing members have been a regular presence at protests around the country in the last year.

Members of the "antifa" movement were among those protesting the Charlottesville rally last weekend.

During a combative news conference Tuesday, President Donald Trump did not mention antifa by name but said there was blame "on both sides" for the violence. He said the counter-demonstrators charged at white nationalists with clubs and suggested they also had a hand in escalating the violence.

"You had a group on one side that was bad, and you had a group on the other side that was also very violent, and nobody wants to say that, but I'll say it right now," Trump said.

Here are some facts about the antifa movement and those who protested the rally:

What is antifa?

"Antifa" is short for anti-fascists and emulates historic anti-fascist actors in Europe.

It's an umbrella term covering different groups that organize largely on the internet, said Mark Smith, political science professor at the University of Washington. According to websites and Facebook posts, people who affiliate with the term take a militant approach against fascism and white nationalism that doesn't necessarily shy away from violence.

A website that appears to have been created by a group of anti-fascists in Sacramento, California, says anti-fascism opposes the power structures of white supremacy, patriarchy and capitalism and strives to dismantle all systems that promote prejudice and oppression.

The site also says they have no leaders, official members or spokespeople.

In April, pro-Trump demonstrators at a planned Ann Coulter talk in Berkeley called for antifa to be declared a terrorist organization. Others disagree with that assessment.

"There's extremist ideology and then there's extremist tactics," said Oren Segal, the director of Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism. His organization does not directly track antifa groups but says they come up in their work because of their opposition to the hate groups they do track, he said.

The ADL opposes antifa's use of violence in part because "it helps the white supremacist narrative of victimization become a more effective talking point," he said.

Smith rejects the claim that both sides are equal, saying the movements of neo-Nazis and white nationalists are at least in part what's driving the antifa movement.

What did antifa do in Charlottesville?

Both sides did engage in violence Saturday. For nearly an hour, fights broke out among a crowd of hundreds of people who gathered in the street before the rally was set to start.

Antifa members were among those protesting the white nationalists, along with Black Lives Matter protesters, clergy members and others. In the mass of hundreds of people, it was not always possible to see who was instigating the fights.

In a combative news conference at Trump Tower, the president acknowledged that there were "some very bad people" among those who gathered to protest Saturday. But he added, "You also had people that were very fine people, on both sides."

He also said he had "no doubt" that blame laid with both groups.

The comments drew a swift rebuke from political leaders of both parties.

Charlottesville Mayor Mike Signer said Wednesday that he did not think it was fair for the president to equate the actions of those protesting racism and fascism to the white nationalists.

"The spark for that whole event was Nazis and KKK members choosing to launch a public event with the intent of inciting mayhem. I place the blame for the entire event at their feet," he said.

What about the so-called alt-left?

In recent weeks, conservatives have described violent protesters who have been clashing with conservatives at political rallies as the "alt-left" or "alternative left." Trump used the newly coined term several times Tuesday.

The "alt-left" seems to encompass far-left-leaning militant groups that disrupt or resist what they see as fascist activity, countering neo-Nazis and white supremacists at demonstrations and other events.

The "alt-right" movement has been described as a mix of racism, white nationalism, populism and anti-Semitism. It emphasizes preserving and protecting the white race in the United States.

Where else has antifa protested?

In the hundreds of protests against Trump since his election, there have been rare, scattered incidents of violence. Those episodes usually involve select anarchists or members of the anti-fascist movement that see violence as a way to fight the state and protect the vulnerable.

Yong Jung-Cho of the activist group All of Us said in June that only "a real small percentage of people" on the left engage in violence.

"This is the challenge of large social movements — there's a lot of people in them."

A group identified as anti-fascists demonstrated in Portland, Oregon, in June — many wearing masks and black clothing— during a larger rally with other counter-protesters that was organized by a pro-Trump conservative group. Police used flash-bang grenades and pepper spray to disperse the anti-fascist crowd. They said protesters hurled bricks and other objects at officers.

A prominent San Francisco Bay Area anti-fascist leader, Yvonne C. Felarca, was recently arrested on charges stemming from a state Capitol brawl last year between white nationalist groups and counter-protesters.

Felarca has been prominent at several clashes in Berkeley involving the Occupy movement and more recently between supporters and opponents of Trump and conservative leaders.

The first time Smith heard the word antifa, he said, was in connection with the January shooting by a purported Trump supporter of a man protesting an appearance by right-wing speaker Milo Yiannopoulos at the University of Washington.

That protest involved people wearing black clothing and bandannas and carrying signs that said "Make Fascists Afraid Again," among other slogans. The look and actions were not new to the Pacific Northwest, a region that Seattle Police Department spokesman Sean Whitcomb said has always had a strong anarchist presence.

"The two groups are not dissimilar," he said.

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University of Florida says no to white nationalist event

By Jason Dearen
Associated Press

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — The University of Florida on Wednesday denied a request by a group headed by white nationalist Richard Spencer to rent space on the campus for a September event and his supporters vowed to file a court challenge.

UF President W. Kent Fuchs said in a statement that the decision was made after assessing risks to the campus, community and law enforcement following last weekend's deadly violence during a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville, Virginia.

Members of the National Policy Institute, which Spencer heads, had contacted the university about renting space on the campus in Gainesville on Sept. 12.

"I find the racist rhetoric of Richard Spencer and white nationalism repugnant and counter to everything the university and this nation stands for," Fuchs' statement said.

Fuchs said UF is dedicated to free speech and public discourse, but the First Amendment does not require risk of imminent violence to students.

Spencer said he was angry with the university's decision, and his supporters planned to file a legal challenge.

"Such a brazen attack on free speech from a public university is infuriating," Spencer said in a text message.

Cameron Padgett, a Georgia resident affiliated with Spencer's group who was coordinating the campus event in Gainesville, told The Associated Press he would file the legal challenge after conferring with lawyers.

"I signed an agreement and sent it in to the event coordinator," Padgett said. "I don't know who's advising them on why they think they can do this."

Padgett filed a challenge after Auburn University tried to ban Spencer's appearance there in April. A federal judge ruled against Auburn, and the talk was held as planned. The university was also ordered to pay nearly $30,000 in legal fees.

Several hundred people attended the event and three people were arrested outside the building during clashes between Spencer's supporters and his opponents.

Janine Sikes, a UF spokeswoman, said this is the first time that officials can recall the university denying such a request due to fears of violence or hate speech.

"I can't say for the last 100 years, but we're not aware of ever doing this in recent history."

The move comes after Texas A&M University canceled a planned September white nationalist protest on its campus featuring Spencer, due to security concerns.

Spencer, a leading figure in the white nationalist movement, has popularized the term "alt-right" to describe a fringe movement that is a mix of white nationalist, white supremacist, anti-Semitic and anti-immigration beliefs. Spencer has advocated for an "ethno-state" that would be a "safe space" for white people.

Facebook bans white nationalist's accounts over hate speech

Associated Press

MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. — Facebook has banned the Facebook and Instagram accounts of a white nationalist who attended the rally in Charlottesville, Virginia, that ended in deadly violence.

Facebook spokeswoman Ruchika Budhraja tells The Associated Press that the profile pages of Christopher Cantwell have been removed as well as a page connected to his podcast. Cantwell was featured in a Vice News documentary about the rally and its aftermath.

Facebook has also removed at least eight pages connected to the white nationalist movement over what Budhraja says were violations on the company's polices on hate speech and organizations.

Cantwell, of Keene, New Hampshire, was listed on rally flyers and labeled an extremist by the Southern Poverty Law Center. A former information technology worker who moved to New Hampshire from New York in 2012, the 36-year-old Cantwell describes himself as a white nationalist and said he voted for President Donald Trump. He has a podcast and blog that promote his views.

Cantwell says Facebook shut down his account in an attempt to silence him for his views. He also said his PayPal account had been closed. The company wouldn't confirm that because it has a policy of not commenting on the status of accounts.

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Alt-right isn't part of conservative movement

■ The vast, overwhelming majority of conservatives are patriotic and decent, just like Americans in general

JONAH GOLDBERG

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Last year around this time (and the year before that), I was arguing with some of my fellow conservatives about the insanity of finding any common cause whatsoever with the so-called alt-right. The issue wasn't that every avowed nationalist who claimed membership in the alt-right was a Nazi or Klansman. It was that the alt-right was open to Nazis and Klansmen. And why wouldn't these newly minted white supremacists welcome such pioneering organizations to their cause?

Right-wing cynics, hucksters and opportunists deliberately blurred these distinctions in the name of a right-wing popular front. Steve Bannon, now a White House consigliere, is by most accounts not a bigot in his personal dealings. But when he ran Breitbart.com, he had no problem making it a "platform" for the alt-right. Internet entertainer Milo Yiannopoulos was a Breitbart star for his defenses of the alt-right and its supposedly hilarious Holocaust jokes. He was only let go (and disinvited from the Conservative Political Action Conference) when it was revealed he was equally broad-minded about some expressions of pedophilia as he was about some expressions of Nazism.

In Bannon's case, and in the case of so many on the right who pulled their oars to the beat of Bannon's drum, the motivation wasn't racism or anti-Semitism; it was the need to win at all costs (or to make a profit).

Win what? Well, that varied. At first it was the war on the "establishment," including Fox News. Then one alleged civil war on the right or another. And, ultimately, the fight to get Donald Trump the nomination and the presidency.

As the primaries wound down, the imperative for unity intensified. Why look under rocks when you can use them as stepping stones to victory? Besides, Trump was making it as clear as possible that he welcomed support and praise from any quarter.

The right's game of footsie with the alt-right ostensibly ended when Trump won. Bannon disavowed them once he made it to the White House. Like France after the liberation, it seemed everyone was suddenly a member of the resistance and nobody was a collaborator. At least, that is, until Saturday, when the president invited speculation that the old popular front is still operational.

Whatever its status at the White House, the alt-right thinks it will replace the traditional right. It won't, for the simple reason that the vast, overwhelming majority of conservatives are patriotic and decent, just like Americans generally. They don't want anything to do with people who want to overthrow the Constitution and set up racial Bantustans.

No, the real threat to traditional conservatism is the mindset that made it possible to form even a theoretical alliance with the alt-right in the first place: the idea that winning and fighting are self-justifying.

Over the last decade, many on the right have convinced themselves that the real problem with conservatism is a lack of will. They admiringly quote left-wing activist Saul Alinsky admiringly and claim that "we" have to be like "them" by doing whatever is necessary to "win."

During the campaign, when Trump attacked the ethnicity of an American judge or the parents of a fallen Muslim U.S. soldier, the response from his defenders on the right was usually, "At least he fights!"

Such amorality was warranted, many explained, because if Clinton had won, America would be "over." National security official Michael Anton, then writing from the safety of anonymity, dubbed it a "Flight 93 election" and argued that conservatives must do anything for victory or accept certain death. In an interview with New York magazine, Anton went further. "If we must have Caesar," he said, "who do you want him to be? One of theirs? Or one of yours (ours)?"

The election is over. Yet that spirit not only endures, it has intensified. Trump's conservative critics, or "apostates" as Conrad Black calls us, face the same ultimatum. "The choice, for sane conservatives," Black writes, "is Trump or national disaster." Black is hardly alone in making this or similar cases. The upshot of them all is that the test for "sane" (or real or good or true) conservatives is loyalty to the president, not to any coherent body of ideas or ideals. Even truth takes a back seat

I'd point out that such thinking could invite the worst and most opportunistic creatures to infiltrate the movement. Except they already have.

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OPINION EXTRA

Twisting what Trump said is repugnant

For a few hours, the commanding topic on Donald Trump's Charlottesville remarks was why he couldn't have delivered Monday's thorough, tone-appropriate condemnations of racists on Saturday.

Then came Tuesday.

In wide-ranging remarks that sent some TV analysts into conniptions, the president took advantage of having checked the box for rebuking the right villains, and explored some substrata of the Charlottesville controversy that raised eyebrows nationwide.

"He just equated Robert E. Lee and George Washington!" gasped one talking head. "He just defended the neo-Nazis!" blurted another.

Except he did no such thing. Everyone is free to like or dislike what the president says; making stuff up is another matter.

His main themes:

■ The violent left was on hand in Charlottesville as well, with the clear intent to react to the hate groups with a variety of weapons. This is a fact.

■ Alongside a throng of admitted racists, decent people can be found at protests seeking to prevent the erasure of Confederate monuments (a fact Dallas Mayor Mike Rawlings would do well to realize as he cobbles together a "task force" to plot the fate of Dallas monuments. Wonder how that will go).

■ If the confederate monuments are obliterated, activists will not stop there. Get ready for attacks on imagery featuring any of history's slaveholders, from Sam Houston to Thomas Jefferson to George Washington. Anyone doubting this has not been paying attention to the wanton fervor of the revisionist left.

On the day after hooligans in Durham, North Carolina, yanked down and defiled a Confederate monument, Trump said his favored policy on the fate of statues is to leave the matter to "a local town, community or federal government, depending on where it is located."

Sounds reasonable to me. But then my radical position is to harbor neither affection nor revulsion for the statues, which are sure to be future flashpoints. Those will be interesting occasions, as people seeking to preserve those images with no racist intent find themselves aligned with execrable figures like David Duke and Richard Spencer.

Should that send good-hearted folks away from their cause? If David Duke likes "Star Trek," do I have to stop watching it? This is all so very stupid, a fog machine billowing from one source: narrators hell-bent on affixing President Trump to the hate groups he has repeatedly berated.

In what now seems like ancient history, for the record, count me among those who would have liked to have heard the specific condemnations of neo-Nazis, Klansmen and white supremacists sooner rather than later. He could have done himself a great favor, sparing himself two days of criticism from enemies and supporters alike.

He attempted Tuesday to suggest that his broad Saturday rebukes were sufficient. They were not, especially for a president who knows he has a loud chorus of haters ready to suggest the redesigned Oval Office will feature a wall-mounted swastika flag.

But with specific scoldings now on the record, honest examination of the president's actual words will reveal that his observations are worthy. They are also shared by millions who grow weary of the daily chore of being called racists by virtue of their votes for Trump.

That burden will not soon be lifted. There is no shortage of attackers eager to spread that slander, and no shortage of inattentive Americans who may choose to believe it.

— Mark Davis,
Dallas Morning News

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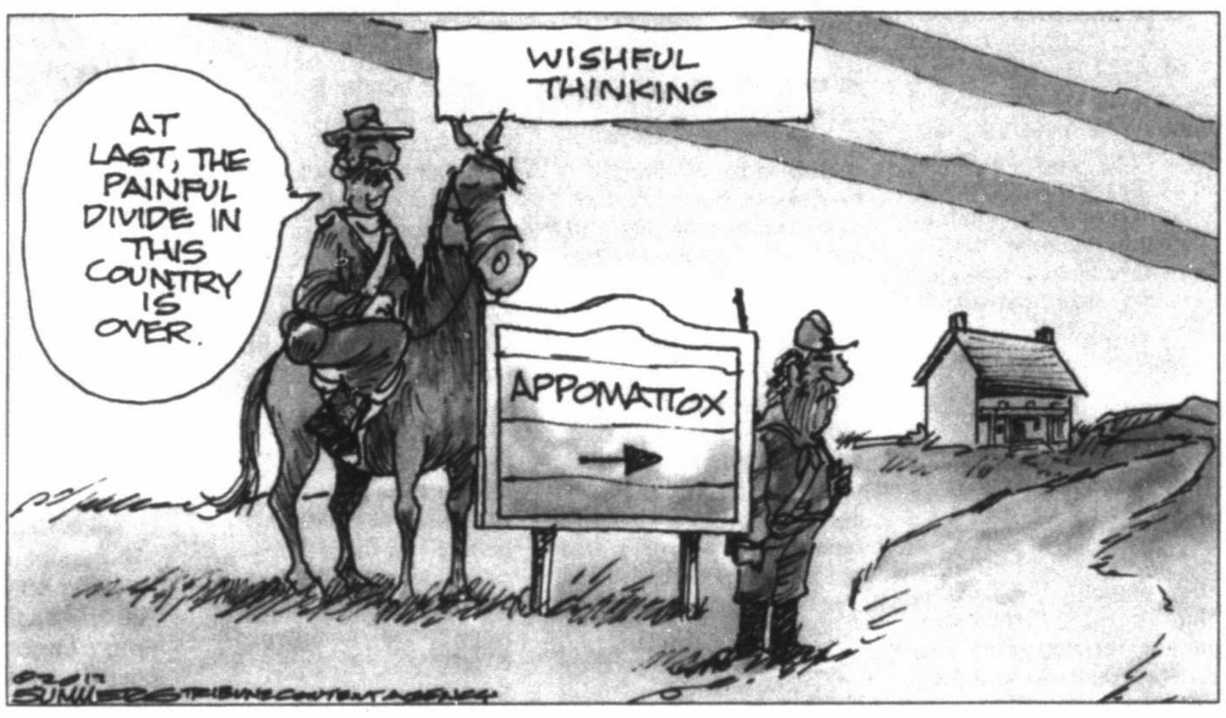

The president just hit a new low

■ There is a new platform for the alt-right in America: the White House

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It's a case of being careful what you wish for. Critics left, right and center panned President Trump for his initial refusal to denounce the neo-Nazis in Charlottesville, one of whom allegedly drove his car into counter-demonstrators, killing one and injuring 19. When Trump finally gave a canned and grudging disavowal of white supremacists, he was urged anew to say more, to be presidential, to bring the nation together.

Well, late Tuesday, Trump said more and told the nation what he really thought. It was downright ugly.

There, from Trump Tower in New York, was the president of the United States declaring that those protesting against Nazis were ... the same as Nazis. "You had a group on one side that was bad, and you had a group on the other side that was also very violent, and nobody wants to say that," said Trump.

Nobody wants to say that because there is — and there can be — no moral equivalence between Nazis and those who oppose Nazis. But Trump saw them as equal. He said the anti-Nazi demonstrators didn't have a permit and "were very, very violent." Trump maintained that those marching with the white supremacists have been treated "absolutely unfairly" by the press, and there "were very fine people, on both sides."

Trump was not done with his apology for white supremacists. He went on to endorse the cause that brought these racists, David Duke among them, to Charlottesville: the Confederacy. "I've condemned neo-Nazis. I've condemned many different groups," the president said. "But not all of those people were neo-Nazis, believe me. Not all of those people were white supremacists, by any stretch. Those people were also there because they wanted to protest the taking down of a statue, Robert E. Lee."

Right. The man who led an army against the United States. "So this week it's Robert E. Lee. I noticed that Stonewall Jackson's coming down," Trump went on. "I wonder, is it George Washington next week? And is it Thomas Jefferson the week after?"

Thus did Trump, after putting Nazis on the same moral plane as anti-Nazis, put the father of our country and the author of the Declaration of Independence on the same moral plane as two men who made war on America. Duke and white-nationalist leader Richard Spencer applauded Trump's performance.

The nationalist-turned-presidential-adviser Stephen Bannon used to say that the publishing outfit he led, Breitbart, was a "platform for the alt-right," a euphemism for white nationalists and far-right extremists. But now there is a new platform for the alt-right in America: the White House.

It looks more and more like the White Nationalist House.

Trump, who this week retweeted an "alt-right" conspiracy theorist and ally of white supremacists, continues to employ in his White House not just Bannon and Stephen Miller, two darlings of the alt-right, but also Sebastian Gorka, who uses the platform to defend the embattled white man.

"It's this constant, 'Oh, it's the white man. It's the white supremacists. That's the problem.' No, it isn't," Gorka said in an interview with Breitbart days before the Charlottesville mayhem. "Go to the Middle East, and tell me what the real problem is today." At an inaugural ball in January, Gorka wore a medal from the Hungarian nationalist organization Vitezi Rend, a longtime anti-Semitic group that claimed Gorka as one of its own. (He denies it.)

It's more than words. The administration proposed eliminating the "Countering Violent Extremism" program; officials argued that the effort should target only Islamist radicalization, not right-wing extremism. In June, the Trump administration canceled a grant to a group called Life After Hate, which rehabilitates neo-Nazis. "At a time when this is the biggest threat in our country, to pull funding from the only organization in the United States helping people disengage from this is pretty suspect to me," the group's co-founder Christian Picciolini told me.

And now we have the spectacle of the president defending the character and motives of the neo-Nazi demonstrators in Charlottesville.

Trump, who has issued scores of tweets without benefit of accurate information, explained his initial unwillingness to single out the white supremacist who drove into a crowd of demonstrators: "Before I make a statement, I like to know the facts."

Trump, who has criticized others for failing to use the phrase "radical Islamic terrorism," declined to call the incident terrorism.

Asked about the culpability of the "alt-right" in the Charlottesville attack, Trump replied: "OK, what about the alt-left that came charging them?"

Political violence, by anybody, is wrong. But to equate neo-Nazis with those who oppose them is, even for our alt-right president, a new low.

From the Left | Doonesbury

From the Right | Mallard Fillmore

Trump advisory panels dissolve after more CEOs flee

By Tracey Lien and Jim Puzzanghera
Los Angeles Times

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump announced Wednesday that the White House's economic advisory council and manufacturing council have been dissolved — panels that consisted of business leaders from firms such as BlackRock, JPMorgan Chase, IBM and PepsiCo.

The decision came as a wave of the manufacturing council's members chose to resign.

"Rather than putting pressure on the businesspeople of the Manufacturing Council & Strategy & Policy Forum, I am ending both. Thank you all!" Trump said on Twitter.

The chief executives of 3M Co. and Campbell Soup Co. were the last to announce their departures before Trump's tweet. Shortly afterward, General Electric confirmed that its chief had sent his resignation to Trump on Wednesday morning. The CEOs of Merck & Co., Under Armour Inc. and Intel Corp. had quit Monday, and on Tuesday, the president of the Alliance for American Manufacturing trade group and two AFL-CIO members left.

The exodus from the panels followed Trump's comments about last weekend's deadly violence in Charlottesville, Va., in which white nationalists and anti-racist counterprotesters clashed. Trump initially did not say that hate groups such as the Ku Klux Klan and neo-Nazis were behind the violence, and on Tuesday, he again faulted "both sides" — a contention at odds with local police accounts.

JPMorgan Chase & Co. chief Jamie Dimon said the policy council decided on its own to disband, and he delivered a rebuke to Trump in describing why he backed that decision.

"I strongly disagree with President Trump's reaction to the events that took place in Charlottesville over the past several days," he said Wednesday in a memo to employees. "Racism, intolerance and violence are always wrong. … There is no room for equivocation here."

Marlene Towns, a professor at Georgetown University's McDonough School of Business, said stepping away from Trump probably was an easy decision for many business leaders.

"Brand managers go to great lengths to protect the brand of a company, and they want the brand kept as far away from that controversy as possible," Towns said. "Generally it's a bad idea to align your brand with the KKK and white nationalists. You don't need a Ph.D. in marketing to arrive at that conclusion."

She cited the pictures of torch-carrying protesters in Charlottesville reminiscent of Klan rallies from decades past. "Just that in itself was striking optics," she said. When Trump doubled down Tuesday on his initial statements that "many sides" were to blame, Towns said, it became too much for CEOs to ignore.

"A lot of people are now going to be looking at which CEOs left and when they left," Towns said. "Did they quit on principle, or did they do it under duress after everything had gone down?"

Many of the members who resigned from the panels cited personal reasons for doing so.

Merck CEO Kenneth Frazier, one of corporate America's leading African-American executives, was the first to step down this week.

"America's leaders must honor our fundamental values by clearly rejecting expressions of hatred, bigotry and group supremacy, which run counter to the American ideal that all people are created equal," Frazier said in a statement Monday. "As CEO of Merck and as a matter of personal conscience, I feel a responsibility to take a stand against intolerance and extremism."

Trump lashed out at Frazier on Twitter, criticizing Merck for what he said were its high drug prices.

Although Trump issued a statement later Monday specifically denouncing "the KKK, neo-Nazis, white supremacists and other hate groups," that didn't stop the fallout.

As additional members left the manufacturing council, Trump lashed out again. "For every CEO that drops out of the Manufacturing Council, I have many to take their place," he tweeted Tuesday. "Grandstanders should not have gone on. JOBS!"

The first defection from Trump's advisory panels took place not long after the president was inaugurated: Travis Kalanick, then the CEO of Uber, quit the economic council in early February, facing pressure from employees and customers upset about Trump's executive order barring travelers and refugees from seven majority-Muslim countries.

Tesla Inc.'s Elon Musk and Walt Disney Co.'s Robert Iger resigned from Trump's panels in June after the president decided to withdraw the United States from the Paris climate accord.

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US demands big NAFTA changes, setting stage for tough talks

By Paul Wiseman
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The United States won't settle for cosmetic changes to the North American Free Trade Agreement, the top U.S. trade negotiator said, as negotiations to rework terms of the pact began.

President Donald Trump has called the 23-year-old trade pact the "worst" in history and vowed to fix it — or withdraw from it.

On the first of five days of talks, U.S. Trade Rep. Robert Lighthizer said Wednesday that Trump "is not interested in a mere tweaking of a few provisions and an updating of a few chapters. We believe NAFTA has fundamentally failed many, many Americans and needs major improvement."

NAFTA did away with most barriers, including tariffs, on trade between the U.S., Canada and Mexico.

The Trump administration and other NAFTA critics say the agreement encouraged manufacturers to move south of the border to take advantage of lower-wage Mexican labor. Lighthizer said that at least 700,000 Americans have lost their jobs because of the way NAFTA rerouted commerce.

The U.S. trade representative said he wanted to change the pact to require that duty-free NAFTA products contain more content made within the trade bloc and specifically in the United States. But Stephen Orava, partner and head of the trade law practice at King & Spalding, said that changing NAFTA's "rules of origin" to promote Made-in-the-USA products would prove "complicated" and risk disrupting the intricate supply chains that manufacturers have built across NAFTA borders.

Lighthizer's comments suggest the negotiations could prove contentious. The Canadian and Mexican negotiators defended NAFTA as an economic success story, though they say it needs to be updated to reflect economic and technological changes.

On a chaotic day in DC, Trump goes after Amazon, again

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump renewed his attacks on e-commerce giant Amazon, saying Wednesday that the company is "doing great damage to tax paying retailers."

Trump, in a tweet, said that "towns, cities and states throughout the U.S. are being hurt — many jobs being lost!"

The president has been a frequent critic of the company and CEO Jeff Bezos (BAY'-zohs), who also owns The Washington Post.

Many traditional retailers are closing stores and blaming Amazon for a shift to buying goods online. But the company has been hiring thousands of warehouse workers on the spot at job fairs across the country. Amazon has announced goal of adding 100,000 full-time workers by the middle of next year.

Trump has said that Amazon does not pay "Internet taxes," but it's unclear what he meant by that. Amazon.com collects state sales taxes in all 45 states with a sales tax and the District of Columbia, according to their website. State governments have sought to capture sales taxes lost to internet retailers, though they have struggled with a 1992 Supreme Court ruling that found for a state to collect sales tax from retailer, the retailer must have a physical presence within state borders.

The issue arose recently in South Carolina, which is attempting recoup tax revenue it says it's owed in court. This summer, the state Department of Revenue filed a case with the Administrative Law Court, alleging that Amazon had failed to collect taxes on third-party merchant sales.

Third-party merchant sales involve items that can be bought on Amazon.com, but the company acts solely as a middleman between buyers and sellers. Amazon processes the payments and offers other support to the parties involved.

The state claims that Amazon owes the state $12.5 million in taxes, penalties and interest from first quarter of last year alone, according to the complaint obtained by The Associated Press.

Amazon had a five-year moratorium on taxes, the state wrote in the complaint, giving the company "fair warning that its sales of tangible personal property in South Carolina subjected it to South Carolina's taxing jurisdiction."

The state's case is in the early stages, and a court date has not been set.

For years, the Seattle company fought against collecting sales taxes from its customers. According to the National Conference of State Legislatures, South Carolina was among 10 states that initially gave Amazon a temporary tax reprieve in exchange for jobs and investment, voting in 2011 to give the company until the beginning of 2016 before the state levied taxes.

According to the conference, that deal made South Carolina the last state to collect among those where officials cut similar deals with Amazon. The company promised to create at least 2,000 full-time jobs and invest $125 million by Dec. 31, 2013. It opened two distribution centers in the state.

Max Behlke, who has been tracking this issue for the conference, told AP Wednesday that dozens of states have been grappling with how to collect taxes from entities like Amazon, with several heading to court over it in recent years. As for the South Carolina case, Behlke said it could lead to more actions elsewhere.

"If the court ends up ruling in favor of the state, then I can almost guarantee you that we're going to see other state tax departments handling it similarly, too," he said.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING TO DISCUSS BUDGET AND PROPOSED TAX RATE

The GREENWOOD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will hold a public meeting at 6:30 pm on August 28, 2017, in the Distance Learning Center, Building located at 2700 FM 1379 Midland, Texas. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss the school district's budget that will determine the tax rate that will be adopted. Public participation in the discussion is invited.

The tax rate that is ultimately adopted at this meeting or at a separate meeting at a later date may not exceed the proposed rate shown below unless the district publishes a revised notice containing the same information and comparisons set out below and holds another public meeting to discuss the revised notice.

Maintenance Tax	$ 1.04733	/ $ 100 (Proposed rate for maintenance and operations)
School Debt Service Tax Approved by Local Voters	$ 0.26255	/ $ 100 (Proposed rate to pay bonded indebtedness)

Comparison of Proposed Budget with Last Year's Budget

The applicable percentage increase or decrease (or difference) in the amount budgeted in the preceding fiscal year and the amount budgeted for the fiscal year that begins during the current tax year is indicated for each of the following expenditure categories:

Maintenance and operations	7.15	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)
Debt service		% (increase)	or	1.00	% (decrease)
Total expenditures	5.83	% (increase)	or		% (decrease)

Total Appraised Value and Total Taxable Value (as calculated under section 26.04, Tax Code)

	Preceding Tax Year	Current Tax Year
Total appraised value* of all property	$1,433,863,497	$1,732,783,300
Total appraised value* of new property**	$35,042,210	$67,972,950
Total taxable value*** of all property	$1,227,060,954	$1,514,867,079
Total taxable value*** of new property**	$32,636,807	$66,498,576

* "Appraised value" is the amount shown on the appraisal roll and defined by Section 1.04(8), Tax Code.
** "New property" is defined by Section 26.012(17), Tax Code.
*** "Taxable value" is defined by Section 1.04(10), Tax Code.

Bonded Indebtedness

Total amount of outstanding and unpaid bonded indebtedness $ 58,165,000

Comparison of Proposed Rates with Last Year's Rates

	Maintenance & Operations	Interest & Sinking Fund *	Total	Local Revenue Per Student	State Revenue Per Student
Last Year's Rate	$1.17000	$0.32411	$1.49411	$7.493	$1.566
Rate to Maintain Same Level of Maintenance & Operations Revenue & Pay Debt Service	$1.00733	$0.26255	$1.26988	$7.304	$1.976
Proposed Rate	$1.04733	$0.26255	$1.30988	$7.997	$1.976

* The Interest & Sinking Fund tax revenue is used to pay for bonded indebtedness on construction, equipment, or both. The bonds, and the tax rate necessary to pay those bonds, were approved by the voters of this district.

Comparison of Proposed Levy with Last Year's Levy on Average Residence

	Last Year	This Year
Average Market Value of Residences	$ 269,972	$ 281,777
Average Taxable value of Residences	$ 259,822	$ 270,866
Last Year's Rate Versus Proposed Rate per $100	$ 1.49411	$ 1.30988
Taxes Due on Average Residence	$ 3,882	$ 3,548
Increase (Decrease) in Taxes		$ -334

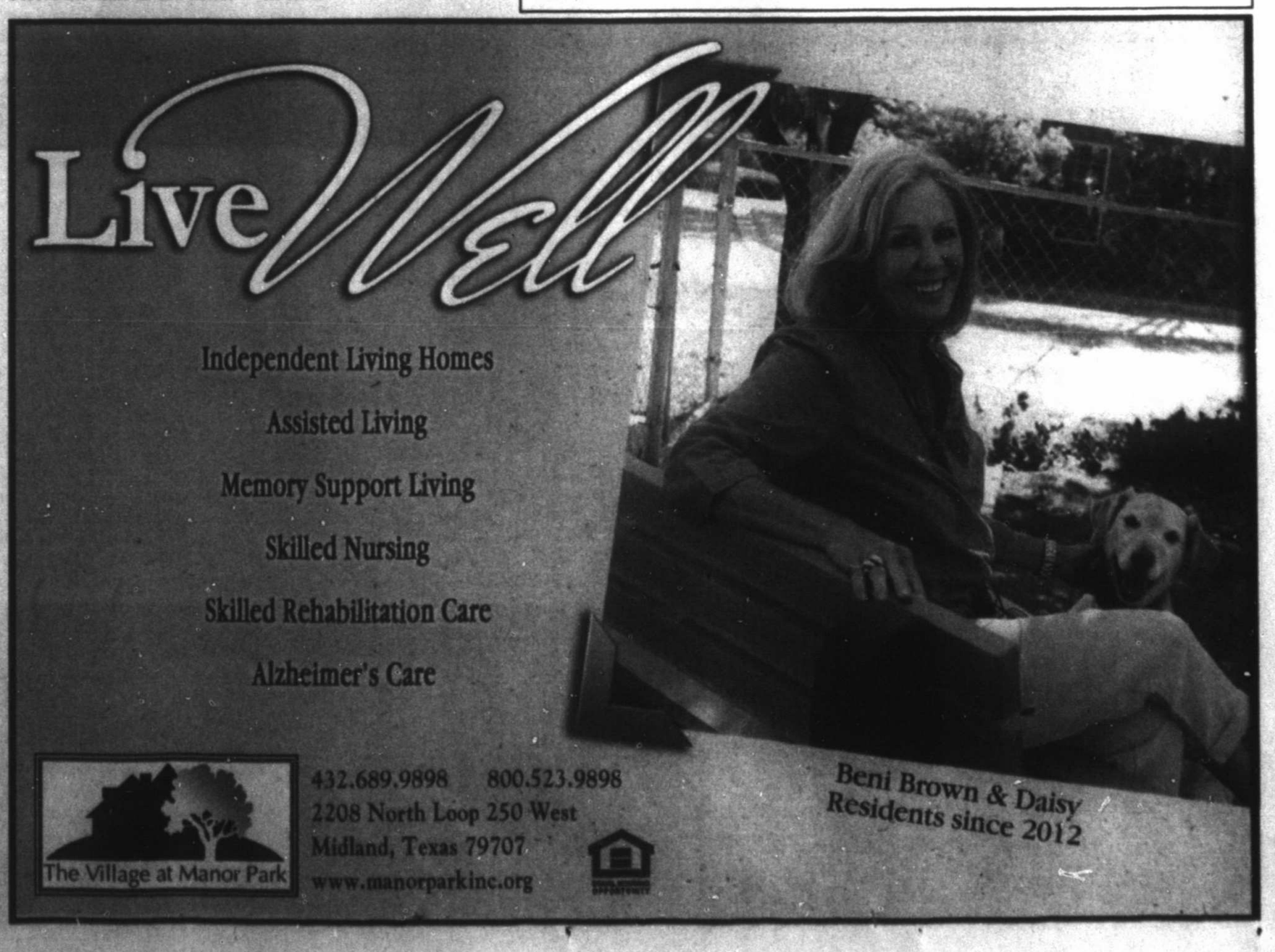
Under state law, the dollar amount of school taxes imposed on the residence homestead of a person 65 years of age or older or of the surviving spouse of such a person, if the surviving spouse was 55 years of age or older when the person died, may not be increased above the amount paid in the first year after the person turned 65, regardless of changes in tax rate or property value.

Notice of Rollback Rate: The highest tax rate the district can adopt before requiring voter approval at an election is 1.30988. This election will be automatically held if the district adopts a rate in excess of the rollback rate of 1.30988.

Fund Balances

The following estimated balances will remain at the end of the current fiscal year and are not encumbered with or by a corresponding debt obligation, less estimated funds necessary for operating the district before receipt of the first state aid payment :

Maintenance and Operations Fund Balances(s)	$ $10,590,996
Interest & Sinking Fund Balance(s)	$ $706,286



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Sneak Preview

FAVORITE FAMILY MEDICINE Cheryl Vallie RN CF NP

If you're looking for a professional healthcare provider with more than 30 years of experience, trusted service and enough time and care to truly listen to their patients, then look no further than Cheryl Vallie RN CFNP Medical Center and Family Practice.

When Cheryl Vallie opened her Midland family clinic in 2004, she knew her goal was to provide the community with quality service that ensured they felt safe and cared for – something that sets her and her practice apart from other healthcare providers in Midland.

Before opening the Cheryl Vallie RN CFNP Medical Center and Family Practice, Vallie said she operated another smaller clinic, and afterward spent some time working as a Nurse Practitioner in an emergency room.

"I was working in an emergency room before this," Vallie said. "And after a while, my colleagues kept saying, 'Since patients keep asking for you, while don't you open up your own practice?'"

And that's just what she did. Offering a variety of professional services and treatments for adults and children 12 and older such as sports physicals, hormone replacement, women's and men's healthcare and exams, weight programs, children's exams and many more, it's no wonder that Cheryl Vallie RN CFNP Medical Center and Family Practice stands above the rest as this year's Reader's Choice Award Winner.

Besides keeping up with her clinic, Vallie and her family are heavily involved in the Midland athletic community, where she supports living a healthy lifestyle and remaining active in all areas of life.

"I believe in lifelong healthy habits," Vallie said. "I really support an overall clean lifestyle including good, clean eating and staying active as much as you can."

Vallie's daughter, Megan Johnson, is a coach at Trinity High School and her son-in-law, Ray Johnson, is a coach at Abell Junior High. Her three grandsons are all active in sports including the Blue Sharks soccer team, and the Permian Basin Junior Football League team, The Texas Longhorns, where Vallie serves as the team's medical provider.

She supports the health scene in Midland through helping tri-athletes and bicyclists with Vim Racing, where her daughter is a member, as well as with the COM swimming programs.

"If you can stay active by swimming, it's the fountain of youth," Vallie said.

She said what sets her and her team apart in community healthcare is that they try to spend more time evaluating their patients and listening to their concerns in order to meet all the needs of the patient.

"Because we are a Nurse Practitioner's office, we try to take more time to listen to our patients," Vallie said. "When we fail to do that it means we are not meeting their needs, and meeting their needs is something that is important to our whole team."

She said her practice combines a holistic approach to healthcare that, when paired with aspects of some more traditional methods, provides

quality patient care in a unique way with a different perspective than most large health providers.

"We have an extensive background in the healthcare field," Vallie said. "But we aren't afraid to get a second opinion, and we have an excellent collaborating physician we work closely with. For us, it's all about making sure the needs of the patient are met."

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WEEKENDER

YOUR GUIDE TO EVENTS IN THE PERMIAN BASIN

BEST BETS

TODAY

POP ARTS The Ellen Noel Art Museum continues its run of "Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes of Fame," featuring some of the artist's most iconic work and images. Free admission. Thursdays feature extended hours. Through Sept. 7.

FRIDAY

MOVIE NIGHT City of Midland's Movies in the Park will offer a free screening the animated film "Sing" at Fasken Park. The movie begins at dusk.

SATURDAY

QUE TIP The Basin Burnout cookoff competition will offer food sampling, fireworks and a performance by The Stateline Band. The event at Security Bank BallPark benefits Reel Thanx and Hunt for Heroes and includes food sampling, live music and fireworks. Noon-6 p.m.

NO JOSHIN' The Josh Abbott Band brings its Until My Voice Goes Out tour to Dos Amigos in Odessa. Doors open at 7 p.m.

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MOVIES

Films opening and closing this week at Midland theaters.

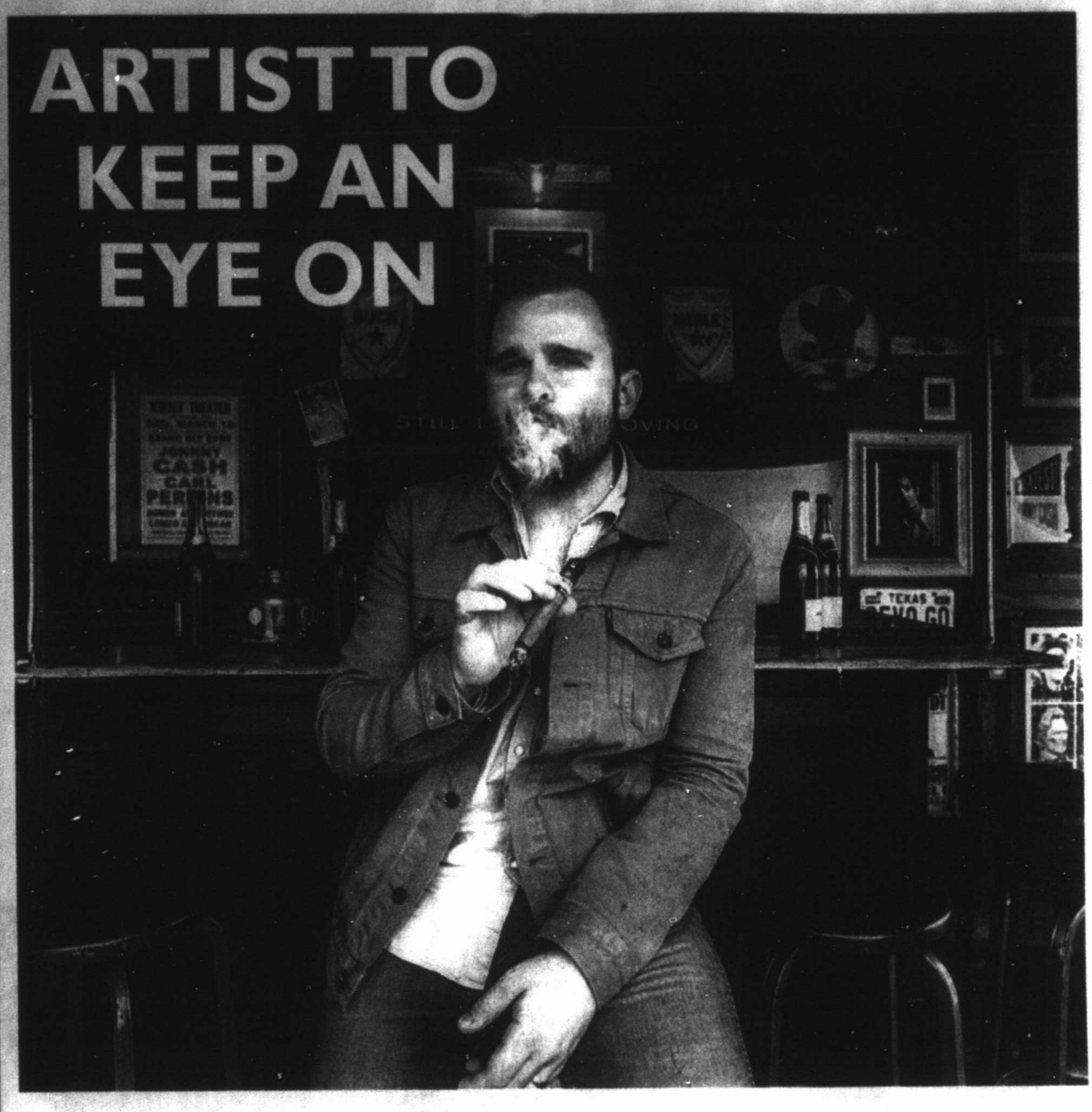
TALL CITY 14
Opening: "The Hitman's Bodyguard," "Logan Lucky."
Closing: "Despicable Me 3."

CINERGY CINEMAS
Opening: "The Hitman's Bodyguard," "Logan Lucky."
Closing: "Detroit," "Dunkirk," "War for the Planet of the Apes."

STAYING IN?
Find out which movies are worth watching from the comfort of your couch. **Page 4**

COMING SOON

Go back to acid-washed jeans and leg warmers with Wang Chung, Naked Eyes, pictured, Cutting Crew and more at the Lost '80s Live concert at the Wagner Noel on Aug. 26. Tickets available at wagnernoel.com.



HEAT INDEX: Austin singer John Baumann to perform; Club Crude to open

By Rich Lopez
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John Baumann at Rockin' Rodeo

Austin musician John Baumann mixes a bit of folk music, Red Dirt and alt-country for a sound that is gritty and straightforward. All that can be heard in his latest album "Proving Grounds" released this month or onstage tonight. With his third release and all the goods of veteran artists, the Texas troubadour is an artist to keep an eye on.

8 p.m. today at 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

Slide the City in Odessa

Get wet and wild at this family-friendly water event. Live DJs, food, beverages and a 1,000-foot slip and slide for everyone 5 years and older to splash through. Grab your floaties, water pistols and sunscreen to hold on to the summer break. Tickets include a tube, mouth guard and a drawstring bag for your belongings.

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road., Odessa. $20-$100. slidethecity.com.

SciFridays screens 'Weird Science'

Director John Hughes practically defined adolescence in the 1980s with "The Breakfast Club" and "Sixteen Candles." This 1985 film about two high school nerds attempting to create the perfect woman was a departure for the director but still '80s to the core with its over-the-top comedy, a nostalgic soundtrack and stars Anthony Michael-Hall and Kelly LeBrock. The film series offers complimentary snacks and beverages with trivia before the movie.

7:30 p.m. Aug. 18 at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

Club Crude grand opening

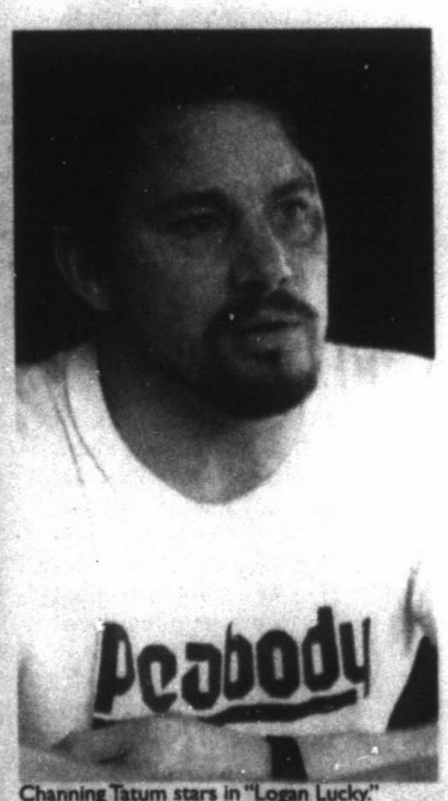
Nightlife is going upscale at this new Odessa club. Club Crude looks to change the landscape of the club experience. The grand opening event will open with DJ Michael Jerome, VIP bottle service and reserved seating. Get your best digs on and head out for a night of high-class dancing and mingling. Dress code will be enforced.

9 p.m. Aug. 19 at 4101 E. 52nd, Odessa. No cover.

Broga and Brews at Lacy J Pilates

Yoga is for everyone, but Lacy J Pilates offers this class specifically for the guys. Instructors lead gentlemen to build flexibility and increase range of motion through yoga. Once instruction is over, everyone can enjoy a cold one. More importantly, you'll be fully recharged to take on Monday. Mats are provided or you can bring your own.

4 p.m. Sunday at 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $5.



Channing Tatum stars in "Logan Lucky."

'Logan Lucky' is sure to put a smile on your face

Lindsey Bahr
Associated Press

"Logan Lucky" is an easy movie to like, but maybe not love.

In his big return to film after a four-year hiatus (or retirement, if it can even be called that now), Steven Soderbergh has created a sort of cinematic bingo of his well of tricks. Heist movie? Check. Channing Tatum? Check. Not so subtle metaphors slipped in to genre stories about the state of the working class man? Check. Dopey but reliable sidekick brothers? Check, check, check.

That's not to say that "Logan Lucky" has nothing new to offer — it just feels unshakably familiar in a way that could irk some and feel like home to others.

The setting for this heist is West Virginia, where Tatum's Jimmy Logan has just been laid off from his coal mining job

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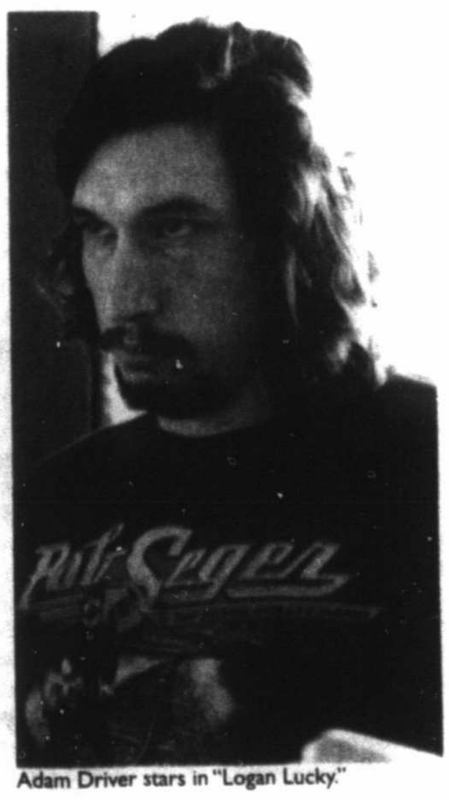

Adam Driver stars in "Logan Lucky."

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CALENDAR

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

FINE ART & DANCE

Works by Andrew Lawson is part of a monthly art show featuring works by a select artist. Fridays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St.

"Andy Warhol: 15 Minutes of Fame" features original prints, photographs, Polaroids, documentary film and more. On display through Sept. 3. at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd., Odessa. ellenoelartmuseum.org.

"Alpha by Artist" is an exhibition of works by Herb Williams running through Sept. 7 at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E. University Blvd. noelartmuseum.org.

"Three Millennia of Art in West Texas" will feature works by Donald Judd, rock art and art from the 1920s. Through Sept. 24 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Works by Erwin E. Smith features 30 images by the early Texas photographer who documented cowboys and the open range. On display through Sept. 22. 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays at Haley Memorial Library & History Center, 1805 W. Indiana Ave. haleylibrary.com.

Works by Ken Rowland is a display by the local artist of watercolors depicting the Southwest and Big Bend.On display through Sept. 30 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. sibleynaturecenter.org.

EVENTS

16th annual Bustin' Clay for United Way, 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday at Jake's Clays, 13301 Farm-to-Market Road 1379. $180. Bustinclayforunitedway.org.

The 12th annual Back to School Bash offers free school supplies for students K-12. Students must attend with parent or guardian. 10 a.m.-noon Saturday at West Side Lions Club, 4300 Thomason Drive.

Slide the City is a slip-and-slide water party with live DJ, food and more for all ages. 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Saturday at McKinney Park, 625 W. Pool Road., Odessa. $20-$100.Ticketfly.com.

Sip, Snack, Shop and Support is a shopping event benefiting Midland Children's Advocacy Center. Snacks and drinks provided, as well as information about the organization's initiatives. 1-5 p.m. Saturday at Runway Seven, 2900 W. Loop 250 N.

Club Crude grand opening will feature guest DJs, VIP bottle service, live events and more. 9 p.m. Saturday at 4101 E. 52nd, Odessa.

FAMILY & YOUTH

Writing is Magic Teen Writing Club for ages 13-19 is a creative writing club with writing time and weekly topics that will meet monthly. 4:30 p.m. Every first Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Third Thursday Reading will feature the book "Gilberto and the Wind" with copies given to each child. Free but space is limited so reservations are encouraged. Refreshments provided. 4:30 p.m. today at the George W. Bush Childhood Home, 1412 W. Ohio Ave. bushchildhoodhome.org.

"Super Kids Save the World" is a collaborative exhibition with Keep Midland Beautiful. Through a superhero theme, this show provides information on green practices such as recycling and reusing. On display through Sept. 9 at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Youth Day Camp: Venom and Poison: Spiders, Scorpions and Berries. Camp is open to students entering grades K-3. The camp may be full, but a waiting lists is available by calling 684-6827. 9 a.m.-noon, Wednesday at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. $12 members, $15 for non-members. Sibleynaturecenter.org.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Wednesdays. Tickets required for later sessions due to limited space. Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Storytime at the Library. 10:30 a.m. (birth-2 years), 11:30 a.m. (2-6 years). Thursdays. Midland County Public Library downtown branch, 301 W. Missouri Ave. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Evening Storytime at the Library. 4:30 p.m. (2-6 years) Fridays at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Pretend and Play for ages 3-6. 10 a.m. Friday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N. Every other Friday. co.midland.tx.us/lib.

Old Miner's Maze interactive adventure features a maze, rock walls, mechanical bull and more. Fridays 6-10 p.m., Thursdays noon-8 p.m., Sunday noon to 6 p.m. 4305 N. County Rd. 1140. oldminersmaze.com.

FOOD & DRINK

Natural Grocers 62nd anniversary celebration is a '50s-themed bash that will feature giveaways, samples and an ice cream social. 8 a.m.-9 p.m. today at Natural Grocers, 3116 N. Loop 250 W. naturalgrocers.com.

Midland Downtown Farmers Market is celebrating its 10th season. The market will be open Saturdays through Oct. 28. 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave.

Cops, Kids and Barbecue community event features face painting, bounce houses and barbecue while also honoring local officers and the retirement of Chief Price Robinson. School supplies will also be given out as part of the event. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday at Mount Moriah Disciples of Christ, 701 S. Calhoun St.

Basin Burnout cookoff competition benefiting Reel Thanx and Hunt for Heroes. The event includes food sampling, live music and fireworks. Noon-6 p.m. Saturday at Security Bank Ballpark, 5514 Champions Drive. $25 advance, $40 door. Basinburnout.com.

GAMES

Bingo Nights is hosted by the American Legion and offers play throughout the week. 7 p.m. Thursdays and Fridays, 4 p.m. Sundays. 501 Veterans Airpark Lane. 682-5511.

Zia Park Casino Hotel and Racetrack bus trips by Midland Shuttle Services. Departs at 5 p.m. First Fridays and Saturdays to Hobbs, New Mexico. $55 adults, $45 65 and older. RSVP by calling 260-5428. midlandshuttleservices.com.

Hold 'em poker tournaments, 7 p.m. Fridays at The Detour.

Bridge lessons, 10 a.m. Saturdays at Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $3. permianbridgeclub.com.

Bingo, 6 p.m. Mondays and Tuesdays at the Tall City VFW Post 7208, 1306 E. Taylor Ave. Children welcome.

Bridge game play, 6:45 p.m. Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 1 p.m. Tuesdays; 10:30 a.m. Saturdays; 1:30 p.m. Sundays. Allison Bridge Center, 913 W. Wadley Ave. $6. For more information call 682-8595.

Monday Mayhem features unlimited bowling for $14.09 with free shoe rentals after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 7 p.m. Tuesdays at Basin Burger House.

Two-Dollar Tuesdays with the same price for games, shoes, select beer sand arcade card after 8 p.m. Bowlero, 5320 W. Loop 250 N. bowlero.com.

Trivia Game Night, 7 p.m. Wednesdays at True Texas BBQ, 5407 Andrews Hwy. Free.

Live Trivia by Challenge Entertainment. 8 p.m. Wednesdays at Torino's. challengeentertainment.com.

LECTURES, MEETINGS & WORKSHOPS

Texas Master Naturalists: Llano Estacado Chapter meeting with guest speaker entomologist Sonja Sweiger. 7 p.m. today at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave. Free.

Watercolor art classes by Sara Drescher is for all levels. 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays at Arts Council of Midland, 1506 W. Illinois Ave. To register, email sara@artbysaradb.com.

Midland Lunch and Learn Information Meeting offers details on becoming a court appointed special advocate. Noon, Tuesday at CASA of West Texas, 1611 W. Texas Ave.

MUSIC

CHRISTIAN

Big Daddy Weave, 6 p.m. Wednesday at Crossroads Odessa, 6901 E. Highway 191, Odessa.

CLASSICAL

The Piano Guys, 8 p.m. Tuesday at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

COUNTRY

John Baumann, 8 p.m. today at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. Rockinrodeomidland.com.

Jesse and the Midnight Peddlers, 6 p.m. Friday at Mac's BBQ and Catering, 2400 W. Indiana Ave.

The Good Neighbors, 7 pm. Friday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Steve Hamende, 9 p.m. Friday at Escape Lounge, 3001 E. Business Loop 20, Odessa.

Clete Bradley, 10 pm. Saturday at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

Josh Abbott Band, 7 p.m. Saturday at Dos Amigos, 4700 N. Golder Ave., Odessa. $25. dosamigos.com.

Keeping Harvey Company, 5 p.m. Saturday at The Field Office, 3205 W. Industrial Ave.

DJ/DANCE

#HangoverSaturdays, 7 p.m. Saturday at Atrium Lounge, 3904 W. Wall St.

DJ Wildman, 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday at The Lift on 7th, 1401 E. Seventh St. Odessa.

KARAOKE

Karaoke, 9 p.m. Saturday at The Detour Bar, 1708 Rankin Highway. thedetourbar.com.

Karaoke with Ali, 8 p.m. Tuesdays at Your Place, 3704 W Wall St.

Karaoke and pool tournament, Tuesdays at The Lone Star Bar, 621 W. Wall St.

ROCK

Darren Welch Group, 5 p.m. Friday-Saturday at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

OUTDOORS, SPORTS & FITNESS

Family Nite roller skating, Sundays from 2-5 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. at KC's Nutty Roller, 1004 A Andrews Highway. kcsnuttyroller.com.

Broga and Brews, 4 p.m. Sunday at Lacy J. Pilates, 3211 W. Wadley Ave. $5.

Solar Eclipse Dive Party by the Midland Dive Association. Observe the eclipse from underwater. Masks provided. 11 a.m. Monday at Balmorhea State Park. $40-$75. Cost does not include park entry. Midlandscuba.com.

Total Solar Eclipse Viewing Party will feature storytime, crafts and free viewing glasses. Blankets and lawn chairs encouraged. 11:30 a.m. Monday at Midland County Public Library Centennial branch, 2503 W. Loop 250 N.

Solar Eclipse Viewing Party with activities, food trucks and eclipse-watching. Noon, Monday at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Yoga at the Museum for museum members. 8 a.m. Wednesdays at Ellen Noel Art Museum, 4909 E University Blvd, Odessa. Free. noelartmuseum.org.

Meditation with Art with Lynn Alsup, 6 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Kundalini Yoga with Kasie Lunson. All levels are welcome. Bring your own mat and dress in comfortable clothing. 6:30 p.m. Wednesdays at Kamiposi, 510 S. Big Spring St. $5.

Adult Kickball, 2 p.m. Thursdays. Visit facebook.com/groups/Midlandkickball for more information.

Free skateboarding lessons, noon-1:30 p.m. Thursdays at RTD Skatepark. rtdskatepark.com.

THEATER, COMEDY & FILM

Film Festival at the Lofts hosted by screenwriter and filmmaker David Perkins. This weekly independent film series will feature a variety of genres and filmmakers Skyping in. 6 p.m. at Wall St. Lofts, 100 W. Main St. $10. RSVP to 685-7041.

Movies in the Park: "Sing," 8 p.m. (dusk), Friday at Fasken Park, 2301 Humble Ave. Free. midlandtexas.gov.

SciFriday: "Weird Science." The 1985 John Hughes film about two high school nerds attempting to create the perfect woman stars Anthony Michael-Hall and Kelly LeBrock. The film series offers complimentary snacks and beverages with trivia before the movie. 7:30 p.m. Friday at Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

The 69th season of Summer Mummers: "Psychedelic Trip to the Summer of '69" at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado St. $12-$25. Runs weekends through Sept. 2. MCTmidland.org.

"New Horizons" dome show, noon, Tuesdays-Saturdays, 3 p.m. Sundays through Saturday 1. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"The Secret Lives of Star" dome show, 2 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through Saturday 1. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

"Dawn of the Space Age" dome show, 4 p.m. Tuesdays-Saturdays through today 1. Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. museumsw.org.

Susan Graham Day will feature a screening of "Werther," 5:30 p.m. Tuesday at Marian Blakemore Planetarium, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. mypbo.org.

COMING SOON

AUGUST

Eighth annual Midland County Fair and Rodeo will feature the Chase Quine Memorial Ride, Little Miss Midland County Fair Pageant, Charro Rodeo Extravaganza and more. Aug. 24-27 at Horseshoe Arena. 2514 Arena Trail. Midlandhorseshoe.com.

Dueling Pianos Poolside Happy Hour, 6:30 p.m. Aug. 24 at Wall Street Lofts, 100 N. Main St. doyourcity.us.

Bri Bagwell, 8 p.m. Aug. 24 at Rockin' Rodeo, 4400 N. Big Spring St. $10. rockinrodeomidland.com.

The seventh annual Windy City Golf Tournament benefiting Midland Senior Corp. The tourney is a four-person scramble with two flights, lunch and awards. Noon, Aug. 25 at Hogan Park Golf Course. $600 team, $150 person. Seniorlinkmidland.org.

Wolf 359, 5 p.m. Aug. 25-26 at The Bar, 606 W. Missouri Ave.

Business of Art: "Print is not Dead" with Dirk Fowler. 6:30 p.m. Aug. 25 at Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free. museumsw.org.

MJ Live, 8 p.m. Aug. 25 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Food for Thought is a program about growing food in your own backyard. 10 a.m. Aug. 26 at Sibley Nature Center, 1307 E. Wadley Ave.

Lubbock Pride will feature live music, food trucks, guest speakers, a drag show and more. Noon, Aug. 26 at Maxey Community Center, 4020 30th St., Lubbock. lubbockpride.wixsite.com/lubbockpride

Lost 80s Live: Wang Chung, Naked Eyes, The Flirst, Dramarama, Tony Hadley of Spandau Ballet, Cutting Crew, Christopher Anton, Annabella Lwin. 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. wagnernoel.com.

AUDITIONS: "A Nice Family Christmas." Roles available for three men and four women. 6:30 Aug. 27-28 at Midland Community THeatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave. mctmidland.org.

Kari Jobe, 7 p.m. Aug. 27 at Wagner Noel Performing Arts Center, 1310 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788. Wagnernoel.com.

Hope-In-One Golf Tournament by MARC. 1-5 p.m. Aug. 29 at Ranchland Hills Golf Club, 1600 E. Wadley Ave. $150. marctexas.org.

BAHR

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because one of the higher-ups spotted him walking around with a limp. Like a distant cousin to Magic Mike, who supplemented waning construction work with stripping, Jimmy Logan is another side of the American dream dashed. Once a high school football star with a promising future, Jimmy has ended up in the same place where he began, only slightly worse. He's also got a young daughter, Sadie (a precocious and adorable Farrah Mackenzie), and an ex-wife (Katie Holmes) who has traded up for a middle-class husband (David Denman) and may be moving across state lines imminently.

His brother, Clyde Logan (Adam Driver) is a slow-talkin' bartender who lost one of his arms serving in Iraq, but can still make a killer martini when an arrogant NASCAR sponsor played by Seth MacFarlane challenges him. And his sister, Mellie Logan (Riley Keough), is a no-nonsense hairdresser who wears acrylics, drives a stick and has no time for try-hards like her ex-sister-in-law's new husband.

The Logans, simply, are not going anywhere anytime soon, which is why they decide to try to take something back from the institutions that have failed to share the wealth with the people who support them. Their plan? To intercept the cash flow at a big NASCAR race.

They gather up some help in an incarcerated demolition savant, Joe Bang (Daniel Craig, who is hilarious), and his knucklehead but shrewd-enough brothers Fish (Jack Quaid) and Sam (Brian Gleeson) who say things like they "know all the things there is to know about computers" while playing horseshoes with toilet seats.

Suffice it to say, this is not some verite look at the world of coal miners and NASCAR lovers, nor is it an all-out comedy a la "Talladega Nights: The Ballad of Ricky Bobby." Rather, it's an interesting combination of the two, closest, probably to Adam McKay's "The Big Short" but a lot sillier.

"Logan Lucky" throws in bits about charity health workers providing shots to the underprivileged West Virginians next to MacFarlane sporting a Rick James wig and a British accent. For all its wildness, "Magic Mike" was done with a straight face and happened to be about something more than male strippers. "Logan Lucky," despite the social consciousness, is slightly more trivial.

And unlike "Magic Mike," it never really feels like it's about the people it's about — it is all surface. You're always very keenly aware you're watching movie stars who are just playing at being hillbillies. That's not a bad thing — especially when you've got a batch of charismatic personalities hamming it up in trucker hats without condescending to their subjects.

It's a gimmick, however enjoyable, that goes on a little too long, with a few too many tangents that can't sustain the pulsating energy of, say, any of the "Ocean's" movies.

But, flaws aside, it is a darn good heist, and sure to leave you with a smile on your face. We should be glad Soderbergh is back, hopefully this time for good.

"Logan Lucky," a Bleecker Street release, is rated PG-13 by the Motion Picture Association of America for "language and some crude comments." Running time: 119 minutes. Two and a half stars out of four.

MPAA Definition of PG-13: Parents strongly cautioned. Some material may be inappropriate for children under 13.

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ON SCREEN

'THE DINNER'

Dialogue-driven 'The Dinner' packs a wallop

PICK O' THE WEEK

"The Dinner" (R) The buildup to the finale is a dialogue-driven character study that packs one shocking statement after another. Steve Coogan — sporting a very believable American accent — gives the performance of his career. His support, including Laura Linney and Richard Gere, is incredible, as well. **A**

ICK! O' THE WEEK

"King Arthur: Legend of the Sword" (PG-13) Guy Ritchie's ambition was his undoing in the telling of the legendary tale. It seems obvious that he wanted to do for Arthur what Mel Gibson did for William Wallace or Peter Jackson did for Aragon. There are times during this film — especially when things enter the surreal — when he actually comes close. Ultimately, though, the tale falters in the same way Oliver Stone's "Alexander" and Ridley Scott's "Legend" stumbled. Great directors sometimes get too close to their films. Ritchie should rebound. **D**

MORE REVIEWS

"Blind" (R) Everything about this movie screams sentimentality as you find yourself wondering how Alec Baldwin and Demi Moore were blackmailed into doing it. Then you find the tears on your cheek from its sappy ending. Not from what happened but from happiness that it's over. **D+**

"Diary of a Wimpy Kid: The Long Haul" (PG) Not only did producers shake up the series with a new cast, they threw a real wrench in the fire by not really sticking with the theme of the series. Instead, they just stole a few ideas from the National Lampoon Vacation films and put their name on it. **C-**

'The Domicile" (not rated) I thought it was impossible to make a horror film as bad as this. It's a given the plot is completely lacking in originality, and the acting is atrocious, but there's nothing — nothing — lending this monstrosity any honor. Even the set decoration — somebody got to borrow their grammy's living room furniture for filming — is pathetic. **F**

"Female Fight Squad" (R) Although the role-reversal is a nice change of pace, the story of a legendary fighter being lured back into the ring is tired. **C**

"The Hunter's Prayer" (R) Speaking of tired stories, here's another. This one involves a damsel-in-distress who needs a big, strong man to rescue her from big, strong, evil men. I recommend seeing this story as it's told every year at Summer Mummers, where it's a lot more fun and you get to throw popcorn. **D**

"Lego DC Super Hero Girls: Brain Drain" (unrated) Of the week's two hastily produced films aimed toward cashing in on the Lego film craze brought on by "The Lego Batman Movie," this is the stronger feature. The girls have to take action when their villainous classmates disrupt studies. It's not the best of the series but it's a great leap above the year's other entry, "DC Super Hero Girls: Intergalactic Games." **C+**

"Lego Scooby-Doo! Blowout Beach Bash" (unrated) This is one of the most disappointing Scooby features in some time. Even the accompanying extra short films in the bonus features are not up to standards. **D+**

"Phoenix Forgotten" (PG-13) It seems a bit late to try to capitalize on the 1997 Phoenix Lights phenomenon, but this faux documentary didn't let that, or other little things — such as facts and even lore — stop them from making a bad genre film. **D**

"Shin Godzilla" (not rated) Forget the recent and forthcoming high-tech American films spotlighting Japan's most fearsome monster. Japan owns this creature and has dealt a mighty blow to its U.S. counterpart with this wonderfully retro yet surprisingly effects-laden film. Yes, the monsters — there are several "evolved" versions — do still look like guys in rubber suits, though the tails are CGI. The building stampede also looks more modern. The premise largely remains the same: How do we kill the beast, until — under pressure from the U.S. to destroy the creature — the story goes to a place one would never expect a Japanese film to go. The ensuing social commentary is something one would never expect from a Godzilla movie and is quite thought-provoking. **A-**

"Snatched" (R) The plot is admittedly a little thin in some spots but the raucous humor makes up for it. The pairing of Goldie Hawn and Amy Schumer brings an unexpected chemistry that brightens up the strained moments of weirdness. **C+**

"Tommy's Honour" (PG) Aside from serving as an interesting biopic for golf lovers, this look at the Scotsman who redefined the rules of the game is a bit tedious. **B-**

"Undercover Grandpa" (PG-13) It only looks like the majority of the budget was spent making sure not a hair was out of place on the head of heartthrob Dylan Everett. There's actually a decent family film underneath the coif in the tradition of "Catch That Kid." **B-**

"Unforgettable" (R) This film is so unlike its title that I actually forgot I watched it more than two weeks ago. As I recall, it was such a trite, formulaic thriller that even Lifetime might pass on it. **D**

"Vincent N Roxxy" (R) Story of love-struck couple that just can't help but get into trouble and commit atrocities of their own follows in the tradition of "Badlands" and "Natural Born Killers." Just don't expect it to follow in the same footsteps as far as quality. **B-**

Reeled & Stream

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REDBOX'S TOP 10 DVD RENTALS

The top 10 DVD rentals at Redbox kiosks for the week of Aug. 7:

1. The Fate of the Furious — Universal
2. Going in Style — Warner
3. The Boss Baby — Fox
4. Kong: Skull Island — Warner
5. The Circle — Lionsgate
6. Gifted — Fox
7. The Dinner — Lionsgate
8. Ghost in the Shell (2017) — Paramount
9. Unforgettable — Warner
10. CHIPs — Warner

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'Hitman's Bodyguard' misses its mark

KATIE WALSH
Tribune News Service

If you're feeling nostalgic for a '90s-style buddy action comedy with some early 2000s edge, "The Hitman's Bodyguard" is the film for you. Recycling vintage character types, tropes and even politics, "The Hitman's Bodyguard" already feels like you're half-watching it on TNT on a Saturday afternoon.

Directed by "The Expendables 3" director Patrick Hughes, the script by Tom O'Connor could have been written in 2005 and never updated, as a ripoff Tarantino that thinks swearing stands in for wit, with the kind of casual sexism and objectification of women that movies got away with before we all got sick of it.

But this is a film that lives and dies on its stars, and Samuel L. Jackson, as the hitman, and Ryan Reynolds, as the bodyguard, working within their already well-established personas, make for a fine pair of unlikely partners, and hit a few well-placed punchlines with expert delivery. Jackson, in particular, is a treat to watch, whether singing Italian folk songs with nuns, or doling out love advice via speakerphone during a car chase.

The plot concerns testimony that the hitman, Darius Kincaid (Jackson), is supposed to give against a bloodthirsty Belarussian dictator, Vladislav Dukhovich (Gary Oldman). In exchange for the release of his feisty wife, Sonia (Salma Hayek) from a Dutch prison (it's never explained why she's in prison, however), Kincaid promises to offer proof of Dukhovich's war crimes.

When the Interpol transfer of Kincaid goes south, agent Amelia Roussel (Elodie Yung) calls up an old boyfriend for backup, an "executive security agent" who's fallen on hard times, Michael Bryce (Reynolds). Bryce and Kincaid have a long and thorny history as adversaries, so their 24-hour jaunt from England to Amsterdam proves to be quite eventful. Thanks to Dukhovich's thugs, who are trying to prevent Kincaid from testifying, it's also violently action-packed.

It's unfortunate that "The Hitman's Bodyguard" hits U.S. theaters this particular weekend — it's no fault of the distributor, but it's unlikely audiences will be entertained by the multiple scenes of evil henchmen plowing vehicles through quaint city squares, mowing down innocent bystanders.

The film demonstrates a hypocritical attitude about murder — while Kincaid and Bryce race across town to indict a dictator for murdering civilians, they remorselessly leave a wake of bloody bodies in the streets. They're bad guys, but the tricky morality doesn't quite gel.

Moreover, the violence of "The Hitman's Bodyguard" is thuddingly, exhaustingly dull. It's not shot in any particularly interesting way, the cinematic geography is mush, and the stunts and action choreography are nothing to write home about. As the film pushes the two-hour mark, it just becomes a boring blur.

Speaking of blur — Hughes shoots every scene with open windows providing backlight, creating a gauzy haze throughout the whole film. It makes no sense why every scene looks like the lens has been smeared with Vaseline. It doesn't even soften the edges of the brutally bad CGI.

The problem with "The Hitman's Bodyguard," aside from the dodgy filmmaking craft, is that this story is the least interesting tale to tell about these characters. The flashbacks, to Kincaid's first kill, and his meet-cute with Sonia, are juicy snippets of stories that would have made for a better movie. This film should have traded the hitman's bodyguard for his wife — she's the most compelling character in it.

'THE HITMAN'S BODYGUARD'

1.5 out of 4 stars

Cast: Ryan Reynolds, Samuel L. Jackson, Salma Hayek, Elodie Yung, Gary Oldman

Directed by Patrick Hughes

Rated R for strong violence and language throughout.

Running time: 1 hour, 58 minutes

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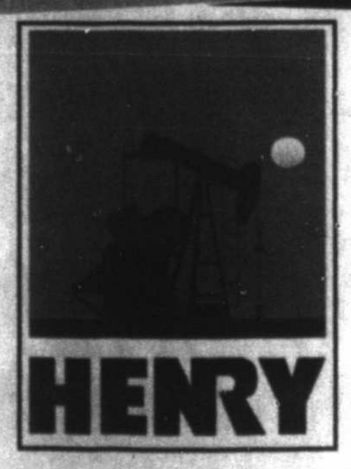

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"Annabelle: Creation" (R) A nun and several girls from a closed orphanage move in with the bereaved dollmaker, his wife and the possessed doll in this horror sequel. With Stephanie Sigman, Talitha Bateman, Anthony LaPaglia, Miranda Otto. Written by Gary Dauberman. Directed by David F. Sandberg.

"The Dark Tower" (PG-13) Based on Stephen King's series of novels about a young boy and a frontiersman knight on an interdimensional quest. With Idris Elba, Matthew McConaughey, Tom Taylor, Claudia Kim, Jackie Earle Haley. Written by Akiva Goldsman & Jeff Pinkner and Anders Thomas Jensen & Nikolaj Arcel. Directed by Arcel.

"Despicable Me 3" (PG) Supervillain-turned-hero Gru and his family return in this animated comic-adventure. Voices by Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker, Miranda Cosgrove, Dana Gaier, Nev Scharrel, Steve Coogan, Jenny Slate, Julie Andrews. Written by Cinco Paul & Ken Daurio. Directed by Pierre Coffin & Kyle Balda. Co-directed by Eric Guillon.

"Dunkirk" (PG-13) British and Allied forces are pinned down on the French coast and facing long odds in writer-director Christopher Nolan's World War II tale. With Kenneth Branagh, Cillian Murphy, Fionn Whitehead, Harry Styles, James D'Arcy, Jack Lowden, Mark Rylance, Tom Hardy.

"Girls Trip" (R) Regina Hall, Queen Latifah, Jada Pinkett Smith and Tiffany Haddish play longtime friends who trek to New Orleans for wild times. With Larenz Tate, Kate Walsh, Mike Colter. Written by Kenya Barris & Tracy Oliver, story by Erica Rivinoja and Barris & Oliver. Directed by Malcolm D. Lee.

"The Glass Castle" (PG-13) Brie Larson stars as a young woman who strives to find her own way after growing up in a close-knit unorthodox family. With Naomi Watts, Woody Harrelson. Screenplay by Destin Daniel Cretton & Andrew Lanham, based on Jeannette Walls' memoir. Directed by Cretton.

"The Hitman's Bodyguard" (R) Ryan Reynolds stars as the agent assigned to protect assassin Samuel L. Jackson and transport him safely from England to The Hague. With Gary Oldman, Salma Hayek. Written by Tom O'Connor. Directed by Patrick Hughes.

"Kidnap" (R) Halle Berry stars as a mother intent on rescuing her kidnapped son. With Sage Correa, Chris McGinn, Lew Temple. Written by Knate Gwaltney. Directed by Luis Prieto.

"Logan Lucky" (PG-13) During Charlotte's NASCAR Coca-Cola 600 stock car race, two brothers attempt a heist. With Channing Tatum, Adam Driver, Riley Keough, Hilary Swank, Seth MacFarlane. Written by Rebecca Blunt. Directed by Steven Soderbergh.

"The Nut Job 2: Nutty by Nature" (G) This follow-up to the 2014 animated comedy finds Surly Squirrel and friends fighting to save their park from development. Voices by Will Arnett, Katherine Heigl, Maya Rudolph. Written by Scott Bindley, Cal Brunker, Bob Barlen. Directed by Brunker.

"Spider-Man: Homecoming" (PG-13) Fresh off his adventures with the Avengers, Peter Parker adjusts to life as a webslinger and faces off against the villainous Vulture. With Tom Holland, Michael Keaton, Zendaya, Jon Favreau, Donald Glover. Written by Jonathan Goldstein & John Francis Daley and Jon Watts & Christopher Ford and Chris McKenna & Erik Sommers. Directed by Watts.

"War for the Planet of the Apes" (PG-13) Caesar and his apes battle a human army led by a brutal colonel in this third film in the latest series inspired by Pierre Boulle's 1963 novel. With Andy Serkis, Woody Harrelson, Steve Zahn, Amiah Miller, Terry Notary, Karin Konoval. Written by Mark Bomback, Matt Reeves. Directed by Reeves.

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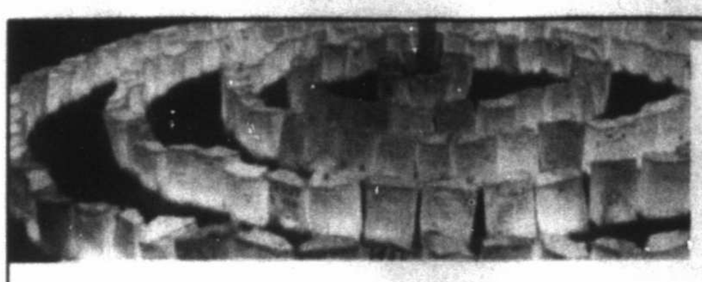

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WHEN: September 9th, 6pm-Midnight
Survivors dinner will be served at 4:45pm

WHERE: Midland College, 3600 N Garfield St. Midland, TX 79705

CONTACT: Candice Escamilla at 432-683-6375 or Candice.escamilla@cancer.org

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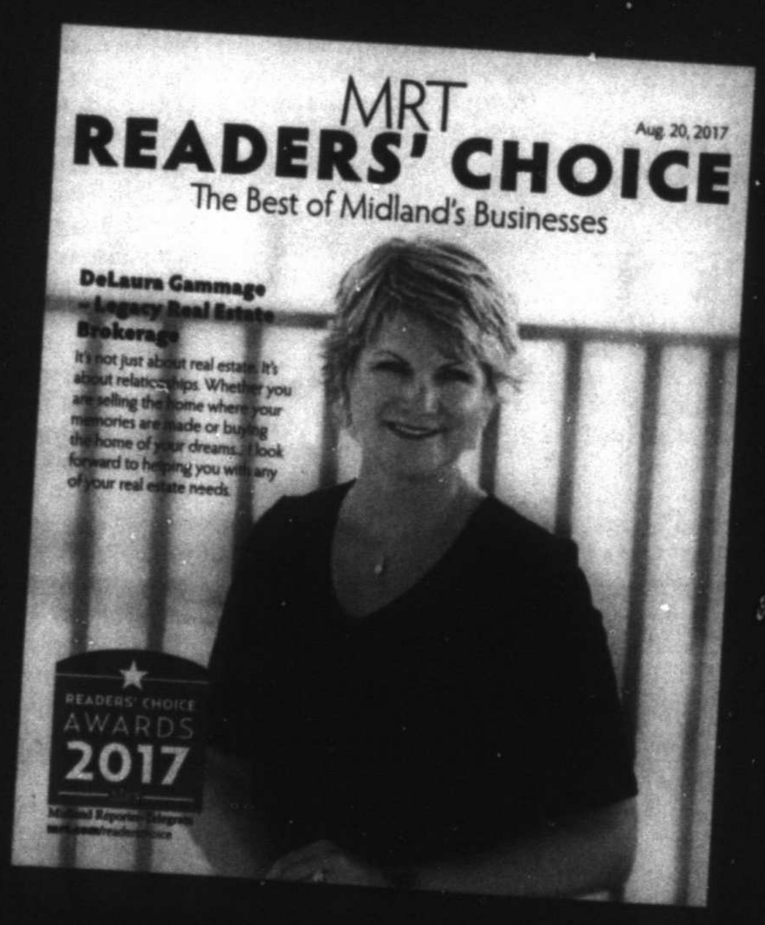

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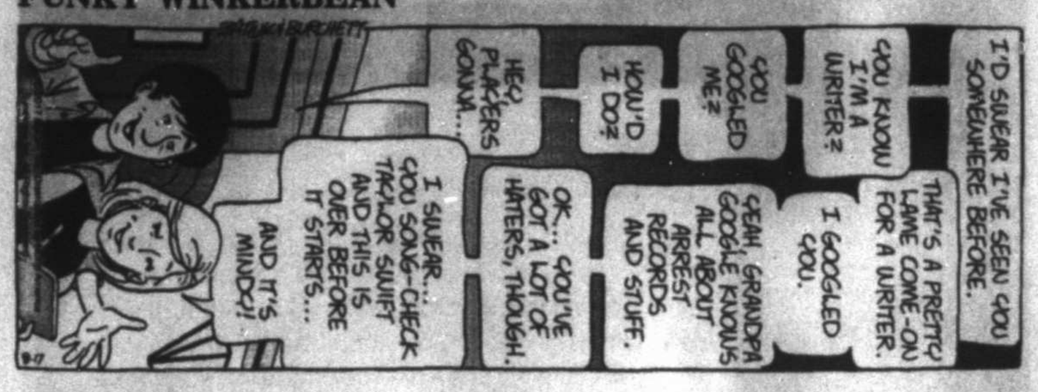

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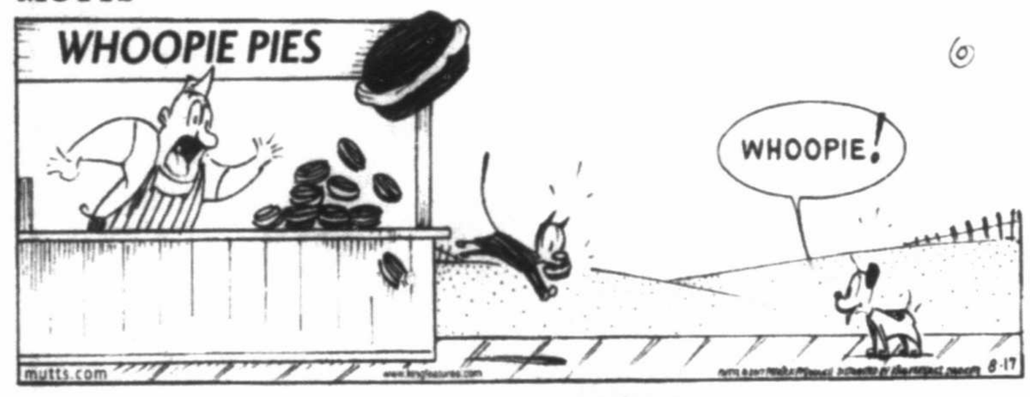

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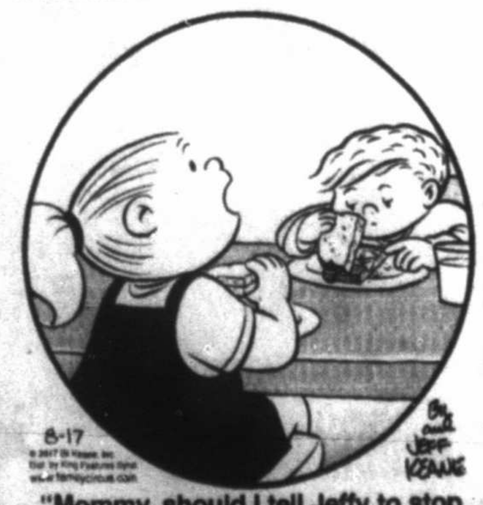

"Mommy, should I tell Jeffy to stop lookin' in his sandwich and just eat it or do you wanna?"

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CICIS Italian chain offering buffets with an array of specialty pizzas, plus simple pastas and salads. The chain places an emphasis on its affordability so you can eat a lot for not a lot of money. 2106 Rankin Hwy. 685-3020 | http://bit.ly/2tk5V5X | $ | 2 spoons

DOMINO'S PIZZA Inconsistency is the chain's biggest flaw but when it's good, it's fantastic. The newest location at 503 E. Interstate 20 is also the first Domino's Pizza Theater in town, where customers can dine inside the restaurant, watch their food being prepared and watch television in the dining room. The other locations offer carryout and delivery. 606 N. Big Spring St. 685-3030, 3300 W. Illinois Ave. 699-3030, 4519 N. Garfield St. 689-3030 3111 Faudree Road 362-3030 | dominos.com | $ | 3 spoons

DOUBLEDAVE'S PIZZAWORKS Chain counter-serve pizzeria known for its Peproni Rolls and make-your-own pizzas. 3208 N Loop 250 W #100. 618-3283 | $$ | 3 spoons

FAZOLI'S Casual restaurant chain known for baked pastas, subs, pizza and other Italian fare. We recommend the Three-Cheese Tortellini Alfredo. 4505 Loop 250 Frontage Rd., 520-4260 | http://bit.ly/2t02GkM | $ | 3 spoons

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LITTLE CAESAR'S Carryout chain featuring chicken wings, signature breadsticks and pizza tossed from housemade dough. There are three locations serve the Tall City. 5109 W Wadley Ave #107, 618-1719; Town & Country Barber Shop, 1000 N Midkiff Rd., 694-3676; 2106 Rankin Hwy #100, 618-8776 | littlecaesars.com | $ | 2 spoons

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VENEZIA RESTAURANT Fine dining in a beautiful atmosphere. Sit on the patio if there's room and enjoy a glass of wine, veal piccata and something from the impressive dessert table. 2101 W. Wadley Ave. #20 | veneziarestaurant.info | $$$ | 4 spoons

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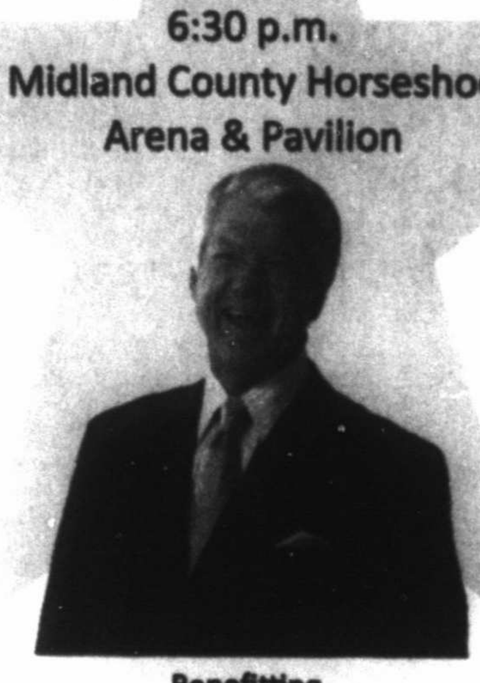

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Savage is starting QB, but Watson impressing early

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

WHITE SULPHUR SPRINGS, W.Va. — Tom Savage is Houston's starting quarterback for now, but coach Bill O'Brien is keeping a keen eye on rookie Deshaun Watson, charting his progress as the Texans prepare for their season opener.

When the Texans traded up 13 picks to take Watson 12th overall in this year's draft many assumed that the Clemson standout would immediately move into the starting role.

Instead the Texans insisted that Savage was their starter and have operated that way throughout training camp with the third-year player getting the bulk of the snaps with the first team.

That hasn't stopped coach Bill O'Brien from being questioned about Watson and his progress every day.

Sometimes he'll talk about the rookie quarterback, but often he steers his comments back to his starting quarterback.

"I think we have a really good situation here," O'Brien said. "We have Tom. He's had a good camp. He's thrown the ball well, he's done some good things ... but Deshaun's had a good camp, too, so it's been very productive for both guys."

The interest in Watson was already high after he became the first quarterback the Texans drafted in the first round since taking David Carr with the first overall pick in their first season.

But interest got even higher after he threw for 179 yards and ran for a touchdown after taking over for Savage in Houston's preseason opener against the Panthers last week.

While O'Brien often deflects questions about Watson, he did admit that he was one of the best rookie quarterbacks he's coached and said he often does the little things a quarterback needs to do to be successful.

"He's ahead of where some rookies I've been around have been," O'Brien said. "I've seen

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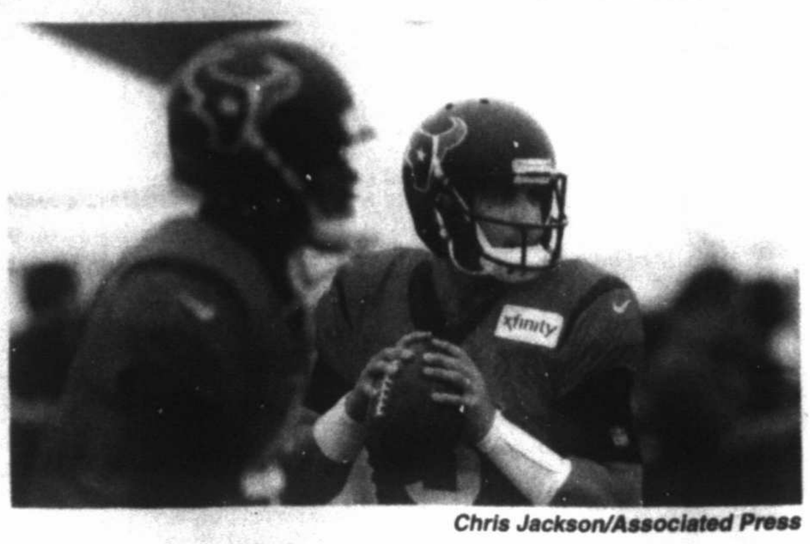

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Houston Texans quarterbacks Tom Savage (3) and Deshaun Watson, left, go through drills during a joint NFL team practice with the New England Patriots on Wednesday in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.

Stepping up to the plate

Rodriguez promoted to Chaps head coach

By Oscar LeRoy
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The official introduction of Hector Rodriguez as Midland College's new head baseball coach on Wednesday morning was a validation of why he has stayed at MC as long as he did.

After 12 years as an assistant, 11 of which under David Coleman, the 37-year-old Rodriguez was introduced as only the third head coach in the program's 17-year history.

Coleman announced on Tuesday night that he had stepped down to take a local sales job and left with an impressive 412-241-1 record.

To those who have followed the program closely over the years, they know that there is no better person to take over the program that Rodriguez, who helped Coleman build the Chaparrals into a nationally-respected program.

"When we found out that Coach Coleman would be leaving, my mind immediately went to Rodriguez as a replacement for him," said MC Director of Athletics Forrest Allen. "I couldn't think of anybody else who would be a better fit than Hector.

"It's a really good situation. Hector's come in and worked really hard for Midland College. He has presented himself as a coach and he has distinguished himself as a recruiter and as a pitching coach."

Allen added that Rodriguez was the lone candidate for the job.

"I'm really excited for the opportunity," Rodriguez said. "To me, it puts validation of why I've been here for 12 years. With some other opportunities during that time period and choosing to stay, now I know why I stayed here — to be able to take over a great junior college program and keep it going in the right direction. It was a pretty easy decision to stay and just keep moving forward."

Rodriguez said he actually got an offer a few weeks ago to be an assistant coach at U.T.-San Antonio, his alma mater. However, that offer came at the same time when Coleman informed him he would be leaving.

"The opportunity to be a head coach and to be a head coach at a place that you've been at a while and going in the right direction, to me was a no-brainer," Rodriguez said. "It was kind of an easy decision when we sat down as a family and discussed what we wanted to do."

Rodriguez was 25 years old when he came to Midland College as a part-time assistant under Steve Ramharter, who started the program from scratch. When Ramharter resigned to take a job in the private sector during the 2006 season, Rodriguez along with then assistant coach Rene Barrientes served as interim coaches. Rodriguez was a finalist for the head coaching job at the time along with Coleman, who had actually recruited Rodriguez to UTSA when Coleman was an as-

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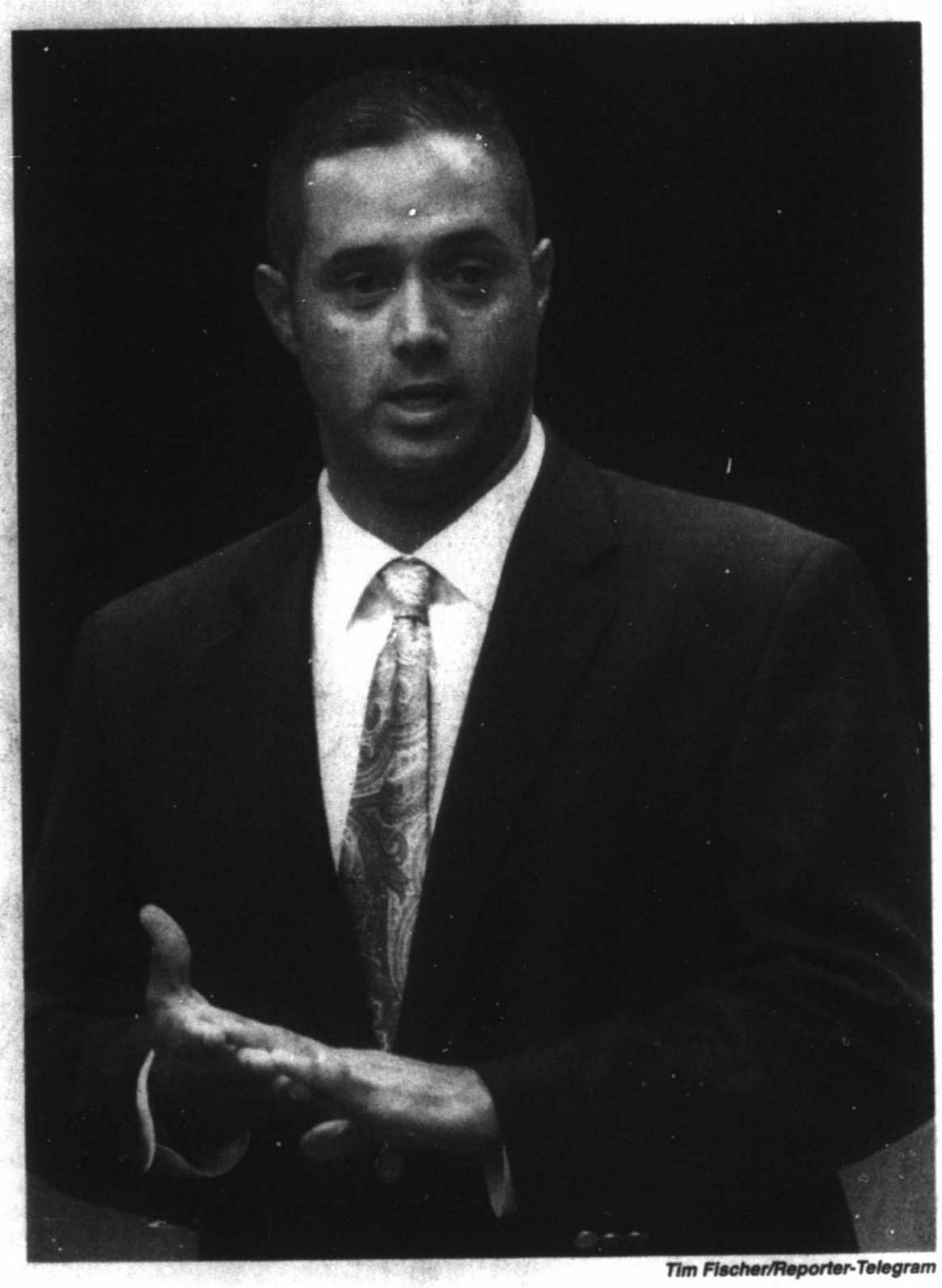

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Midland College named Hector Rodriguez on Wednesday as the new head coach for the MC baseball team.

Oklahoma State confidently seeks Big 12 title

By Cliff Brunt
Associated Press

STILLWATER, Okla. — Even by Oklahoma State's lofty standards, this year's offense should be exceptional.

Quarterback Mason Rudolph and receiver James Washington are back for their senior seasons. Rudolph is statistically one of the best quarterbacks in school history, and the school is pushing him as a Heisman Trophy candidate. Washington was an All-Big 12 pick last season, and he is expected to be a top contender for the Biletnikoff Award for the nation's top receiver. With that skill and experience leading the way, Oklahoma State is confidently expecting big things.

"We talk about team goals," Washington said. "We want to win the Big 12 championship, but it's not going to happen if we don't take things day-by-day. We have to work on individual things and work on team skills."

Oklahoma State finished 10-3 last season and routed Colorado in the Alamo Bowl, increasing the level of excitement around the program heading into the offseason. Coach Mike Gundy said the Cowboys are aware that outside expectations also are higher than usual.

"People think we're supposed to have a good team, and there's a lot of conversation about it and our players don't really concern themselves with it," Gundy said. "I think at some point they kind of gotten used to it, which is good."

Here are some things to watch from Oklahoma State this season:

Other receivers

Washington is just one of many talented receivers on the roster. Marcell Ateman is back after missing last season with an injury. He caught 45 passes for 766 yards and five touchdowns in 2015. Tyron Johnson, who started his college career at LSU and sat out last season, established himself as one of Rudolph's favorite targets during the spring. Jalen McCleskey is on the Biletnikoff watch list. Chris Lacy, who caught 31 passes last season, is back, too.

"We would like to think that'll put stress on a defense, but we'll find out," Gundy said. "I don't think it's outlandish to say that we're two-and-a-half deep with guys that we're comfortable putting out there in those positions."

Justice serves

Hill was the nation's top freshman rusher with 1,142 yards last season, and the speedster looks better than ever. He added some power to his game in the offseason and impressed Washington.

"I don't know if you saw the

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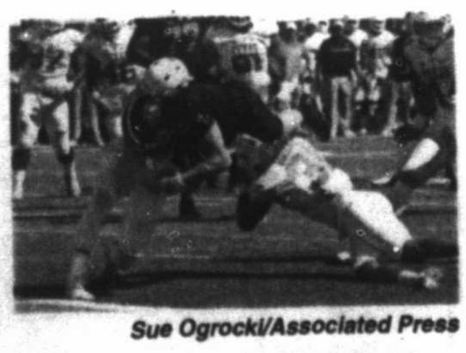

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Oklahoma State quarterback Mason Rudolph (2) dives between Texas safety Dylan Haines (14) and safety Jason Hall (31) to score in the second quarter of an NCAA football game in Stillwater, Okla., in 2016

Lawyer: Baylor settles with woman who said rape was ignored

By Jim Vertuno
Associated Press

AUSTIN — The first woman to sue Baylor University over allegations the nation's largest Baptist school ignored or mishandled rape allegations has settled her case, her attorney said Tuesday.

Jasmin Hernandez sued Baylor in early 2016, two months before the school released the results of an internal investigation that found Baylor had mishandled rape or assault cases for years and the football program acted as if it was "above the rules."

Baylor fired football coach Art Briles, demoted university President Ken Starr and reprimanded athletic director Ian McCaw in May 2016.

Starr and McCaw later left the school. Briles and McCaw were also named as defendants in the Hernandez

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In this Dec. 5, 2015, file photo, Baylor helmets are shown the field after an NCAA football game in Waco. The first woman to sue Baylor University over allegations the nation's largest Baptist school ignored or mishandled rape allegations has settled her case, her attorney said Tuesday.

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WEDNESDAY'S SCORE
Midland 4, NW Arkansas 3

TODAY'S GAME
NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.

INTERNET
www.mlb.com

RECORDS
Midland 24-27
NW Arkansas 21-30

Wednesday	Today	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
Midland 4, NW Arkansas 3	NW Arkansas at Midland, 6:30 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.	Arkansas at Midland, 2 p.m.

DAILYRUNDOWN

FROM STAFF AND WIRE REPORTS

ON THE AIR

Australian Football League
Adelaide vs. Sydney, 4:30 a.m., FSP

Golf
PGA: Wyndham Championship, 1st Round, 1 p.m., GOLF
US Amateurs, Rounds of 32 and 16, 5 p.m., FS1
EPGA: Saltire Energy Paul Lawrie Match Play, Round of 32, 5 a.m., GOLF

Gymnastics
P&G Championships: Men's Events, Day 1, 9:30 p.m., OLYHD

Baseball
Little League World Series
Venezuela vs. Mexico, Noon, ESPN
Jackson (N.J.) vs. Fairfield (Conn.), 2 p.m., ESPN
Canada vs. Italy, 4 p.m., ESPN
Lufkin vs. Grosse Point (Mich.), 6 p.m., ESPN2

Major League Baseball
Cleveland at Minnesota, Noon, MLB
Arizona at Houston, 1 p.m., AT&T
Tampa Bay at Toronto, 3 p.m., MLB
NY Yankees at NY Mets, 6 p.m., MLB
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 7 p.m., FSSW

Men's Soccer
CONCACAF U15 Championship: Semifinal, 8 a.m., UDN
CONCACAF U15 Championship: Semifinal, 10 a.m., UDN

Motorsports
WRC: Deutschland, Stage 1, Noon, ELVN
National Football League
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7 p.m., ESPN, ESPNDEP

Rugby
Super League: Castleford vs. Wakefield, 1:30 p.m., FSP
NRL: Brisbane vs. St. George, 4:30 a.m., FS2

Tennis
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 10 a.m., TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 4 p.m., TENNIS
ATP/WTA: Western & Southern Open, 8 p.m., ESPN2, TENNIS

RADIO
Major League Baseball
Arizona at Houston, 1 p.m., KBYG 106.1 FM/1400 AM (Big Spring)
Chicago White Sox at Texas, 7 p.m., KBEST 95.7 FM (Big Spring), KPET 105.1 FM, 690 AM (Lamesa)
Texas League Baseball
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m., KCRS 97.5 FM, 550 AM

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
National Basketball League
SAN DIEGO PADRES — Announced the retirement of RHP Jered Weaver.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS — Placed 2B Joe Panik on the seven-day concussion DL.
WASHINGTON NATIONALS — Selected the contract of OF Alejandro De Aza from Syracuse (IL). Placed OF Brian Goodwin on the 10-day DL, retroactive to Aug. 14.
American Association
GARY SOUTHSHORE RAILCATS — Signed RHP Kyle Chavez.
LINCOLN SALTDOGS — Signed RHP TyRiale Harris.
ST. PAUL SAINTS — Signed RHP Ivan Velez.
WICHITA WINGNUTS — Released RHP Garrett Gould.
Atlantic League
LONG ISLAND DUCKS — Signed and activated LHP Joe Testa and RHP Wanel Mesa. Place RHPs Henderson Alvarez and Jake Dunning on the inactive list.
Can-Am League
QUEBEC CAPITALES — Released RHP Munio Gouvea.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
DENVER NUGGETS — Named Bob Weiss assistant coach and Calvin Booth assistant general manager.

FOOTBALL
National Football League
DETROIT LIONS -- Signed OL Connor Bozick, TE Andrew Price and DE George Newberry. Waived/injured LB Brandon Copeland.
NEW YORK JETS — Signed WR Kenbrell Thompkins. Waived/injured S Doug Middleton.
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS — Signed CB Tramaine Brock.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League
EDMONTON OILERS — Signed C Leon Draisaitl to an eight-year contract extension.

COLLEGE
CONFERENCE USA — Named senior associate commissioner Keisha Dunlap, chief operating officer.
MOUNT OLIVE — Named Holley Garcia assistant softball coach.
ST. EDWARD'S — Named Alexis Cantu assistant softball coach.

NFL PRESEASON

Standings

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
N.Y. Jets	1	0	0	1.000	7	3
Miami	1	0	0	1.000	23	20
New England	1	0	0	.000	24	31
Buffalo	0	1	0	.000	10	17
South						
Jacksonville	1	0	0	1.000	31	24
Tennessee	0	1	0	.000	3	7
Houston	0	1	0	.000	17	27
Indianapolis	0	1	0	.000	10	24
North						
Baltimore	1	0	0	1.000	23	3
Cincinnati	1	0	0	1.000	23	12
Pittsburgh	1	0	0	1.000	20	12
Cleveland	0	1	1	.500	14	14
West						
Denver	1	0	0	1.000	24	17
Oakland	1	0	0	1.000	10	20
Kansas City	0	1	0	.000	17	27
L.A. Chargers	0	1	0	.000	17	48

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	1	1	0	.500	30	31
N.Y. Giants	0	1	0	.000	12	20
Philadelphia	0	1	0	.000	9	24
Washington	0	1	0	.000	3	23
South						
Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
New Orleans	0	0	1	.500	14	14
Atlanta	0	1	0	.000	20	23
Tampa Bay	0	1	0	.000	12	23
North						
Green Bay	1	0	0	1.000	24	9
Detroit	1	0	0	1.000	24	10
Minnesota	1	0	0	1.000	17	10
Chicago	0	1	0	.000	17	24
West						
L.A. Rams	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Seattle	1	0	0	1.000	48	17
San Francisco	1	0	0	1.000	27	17
Arizona	1	1	0	.500	38	30

Scores and schedule

Today's Games
Buffalo at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Baltimore at Miami, 6 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Jacksonville, 7 p.m.
Friday's Game
Minnesota at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Carolina at Tennessee, 2 p.m.
Kansas City at Cincinnati, 6 p.m.
Indianapolis at Dallas, 6 p.m.
Green Bay at Washington, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Jets at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
New England at Houston, 7 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Oakland, 9 p.m.
Denver at San Francisco, 9 p.m.
Chicago at Arizona, 9 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, 3 p.m.
New Orleans at L.A. Chargers, 7 p.m.
Monday's Game
N.Y. Giants at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

WNBA GLANCE

Standings

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Connecticut	18	9	.667	
Washington	16	11	.593	2
New York	15	12	.556	3
Chicago	11	16	.407	7
Atlanta	10	19	.345	9
Indiana	9	19	.321	9½

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Minnesota	21	4	.840	
x-Los Angeles	20	8	.714	2½
Phoenix	14	13	.519	8
Dallas	13	14	.448	10
Seattle	5	16	.407	11
San Antonio	7	22	.241	16

x-clinched playoff spot

Scores and schedule

Wednesday's Scores
Los Angeles 95, Washington 62
Minnesota at Seattle, late
Today's Games
No games scheduled
Friday's Games
New York at Connecticut, 6 p.m.
Phoenix at Washington, 6 p.m.
Indiana at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 9 p.m.

MLS GLANCE

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Toronto FC	13	3	8	47	46	24
New York City FC	13	7	4	43	45	33
Chicago	12	7	5	41	45	31
New York	12	9	2	38	37	30
Atlanta United FC	10	7	5	35	42	29
Columbus	11	12	2	35	37	40
Montreal	9	8	6	33	38	37
Orlando City	8	10	6	30	25	36
Philadelphia	8	11	5	29	32	31
New England	8	10	5	29	38	38
D.C. United	5	15	4	19	19	44

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Houston	10	7	7	37	42	32
Sporting Kansas City	9	5	10	37	29	19
Seattle	10	7	7	37	37	31
FC Dallas	9	5	8	35	33	26
Portland	9	9	7	34	43	43
San Jose	9	10	5	32	26	38
Vancouver	9	9	4	31	32	32
Real Salt Lake	8	12	5	29	31	44
Los Angeles	6	12	5	23	32	42
Minnesota United	6	13	4	22	29	49
Colorado	6	12	4	22	22	31

NOTE: Three points for victory, one point for tie.

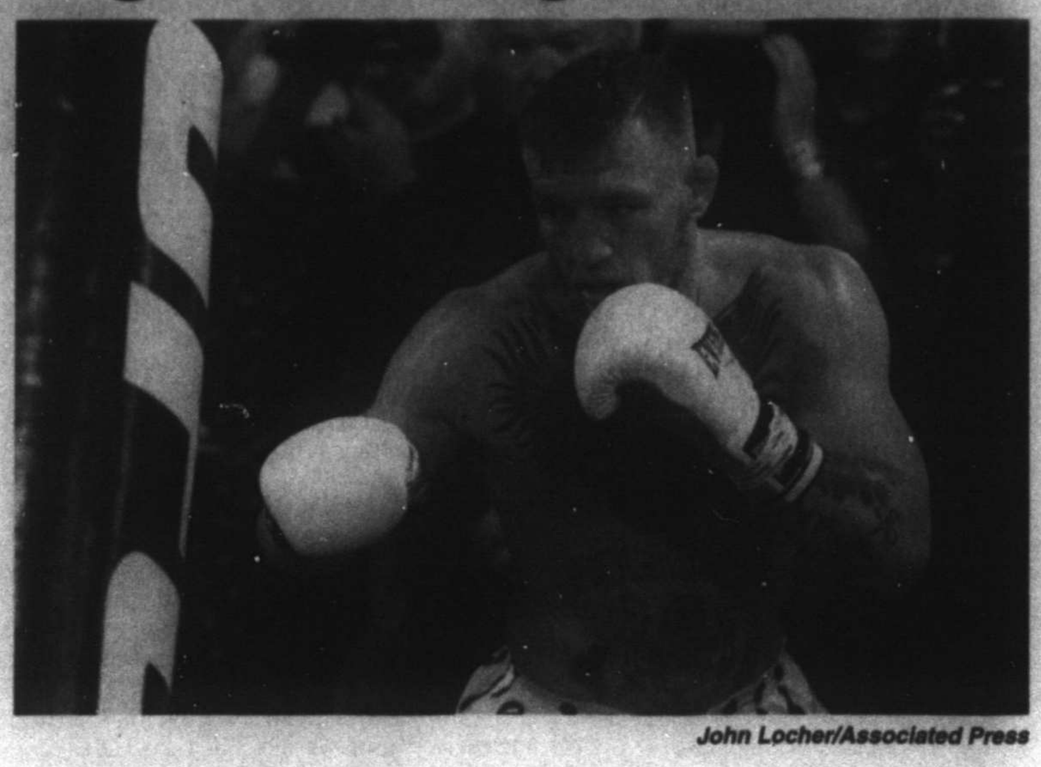
Wednesday's Scores
Montreal 3, Chicago 0
Friday's Game
New York at Portland, 9 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Columbus at Orlando City, 6:30 p.m.
Real Salt Lake at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Toronto FC at Chicago, 7 p.m.
FC Dallas at Sporting Kansas City, 7:30 p.m.
D.C. United at Colorado, 8 p.m.
Houston at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
Philadelphia at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.
Sunday's Games
New England at New York City FC, 5 p.m.
Minnesota United at Seattle, 8:30 p.m.

NFL CALENDAR

Sept. 2 — Cutdown to 53-man roster.
Sept. 3 — Creation of 10-man practice squads allowed.
Sept. 7 — Season opener, Kansas City at New England.
Sept. 10 — First full day of regular-season games.
Sept. 24 — Baltimore vs. Jacksonville at London.
Oct. 1 — New Orleans vs. Miami at London.
Oct. 17-18 — Fall meetings in New York.
Oct. 22 — Arizona vs. Los Angeles Rams at London.
Oct. 29 — Minnesota vs. Cleveland at London.
Oct. 31 — Trade deadline.
Nov. 19 — New England vs. Oakland at Mexico City.
Dec. 31 — Regular season ends.

Mayweather and McGregor will fight in smaller gloves in August 26 bout

By Tim Dahlberg
Associated Press



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Conor McGregor trains during a media workout Aug. 11 in Las Vegas. McGregor is scheduled to fight Floyd Mayweather Jr. in a boxing match Aug. 26 in Las Vegas.

LAS VEGAS — Floyd Mayweather Jr. and Conor McGregor got their wish to fight in smaller gloves, but not before being chastised by a Nevada boxing official for using the issue to hype their fight later this month.

Nevada boxing regulators on Wednesday gave the two fighters an exemption to a rule requiring 10-ounce gloves for fights at 154 pounds, approving 8-ounce gloves for the Aug. 26 bout. Representatives of both fighters appeared before the Nevada State Athletic Commission to request the waiver.

Commissioners also approved veteran referee Robert Byrd as the third man in the ring for the fight.

Commission Chairman Anthony Marnell said he was comfortable with the fighters using smaller gloves, but unhappy that they used the issue to sell the fight on social media.

"I do not like the Nevada State Athletic Commission being used as a pawn in a social media battle," Marnell said.

Under Nevada regulations, 10-ounce gloves are required in fights above 147 pounds and the bout is set for 154 pounds. But Mayweather has worn 8-ounce gloves most of his career, and McGregor has worn 4-ounce gloves in his UFC fights.

Mayweather's promoter, Leonard Ellerbe, said his fighter is more comfortable in smaller gloves and would use them to stop McGregor.

"The fight is going to end in a knockout, I'm very confident," Ellerbe said. "And it will probably be early."

McGregor will be in a boxing ring for the first time as a pro when he takes on Mayweather, who is coming out of retirement for a fight that will make him tens of millions of dollars. They will fight under boxing rules, which will be enforced by Byrd, a veteran of many championship fights.

"The referee makes a big difference in this fight, which is the specific reason I chose Robert Byrd," said Bob Bennett, the commission's executive director.

Commissioners also approved Burt Clements and Dave Moretti of the United States and Italy's Guido Cavalleri as judges for the bout. McGregor's camp had asked for an international judge among the three.

TEXAS FISHING REPORT

CENTRAL

BASTROP: Water stained; 83-87 degrees. Black bass are fair on watermelon/white spinnerbaits, crankbaits, and Rat-L-Traps. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp, liver, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are slow.

BELTON: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 0.38 feet low. Black bass are fair on yellow crankbaits and spinnerbaits around structure. Hybrid striper are fair on live shad. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and pink tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are fair on shrimp and hot dogs. Yellow catfish are slow.

BROWNWOOD: Water stained; 82-86 degrees; 1.18 feet low. Black bass are good on crankbaits, Shaky Heads, white spinnerbaits, and green pumpkin soft plastic worms around docks in 2-10 feet. Hybrid striper are good trolling and drifting shad at night. White bass are good on Lil Fishies off lighted docks at night in 5-15 feet. Crappie are excellent on minnows and white or shad Lil Fishies over baited brush piles in 6-15 feet. Channel catfish are excellent on cheeseball and cut shad near the Hwy 279 Bridge. Blue catfish are excellent on prepared bait near the Hwy. 279 Bridge in 5-8 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

BUCHANAN: Water stained; 83-87 degrees; 0.76 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin topwaters, watermelon flukes, and Rat-L-Traps along break lines of flats. Striped bass are good on plastic swim baits and drifting live bait near Lighthouse Point at first light. White bass are fair on Tiny Traps and 2-inch plastic swim baits. Crappie are fair on pink/white and chartreuse tube jigs and live minnows. Channel catfish are good on liver, minnows, and stinkbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on goldfish and perch. ajrver.

CANYON LAKE: Water stained; 84-88 degrees; 1.93 feet low. Black bass are good on watermelon topwaters, Whacky Sticks, Texas rigged blue flake worms early, and on drop shot Devil's Tongues along ledges. Striped bass are fair trolling Giaz 4 crankbaits and jigging Pirk Minnows at daylight. White bass are slow. Smallmouth bass are fair on smoke JDC grubs and pumpkin Curb'n jigs with matching JDC craw trailers early. Crappie are slow. Channel catfish are slow. Yellow and blue catfish are good on live bait.

COLEMAN: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 1.25 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin Rat-L-Traps and Carolina rigged soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

COLORADO RIVER: (At Colorado Bend State Park) No report available.

FAYETTE: Water murky. Black bass are good on shad colored swim baits, Zara Spooks, and Carolina rigged soft plastics. Channel and blue catfish are fair on cut shad.

GRANBURY: Water stained; 82-86 degrees; 0.01 feet low. Black bass are fair on blue/black Rat-L-Traps and watermelon soft plastics. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and blue tube jigs. Catfish are good on stinkbait, liver, and live bait.

GRANGER: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 0.34 feet high. Black bass are fair on red shad soft plastic worms around standing timber. White bass are fair on slab spoons over main lake humps. Crappie are good on minnows in 4-12 feet. Blue catfish are good on juglines baited with shad in 10-20 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

LBJ: Water stained; 83-87 degrees; 0.70 feet low. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin jigs and perch colored crankbaits in 5-15 feet, and flipping watermelon tubes around docks and laydowns. Striped bass are fair on Lil Fishies at night. White bass are fair on Lil Fishies at night. Crappie are good on chartreuse tube jigs and live minnows over brush piles. Channel catfish are good on liver and dipbait. Yellow and blue catfish are good on trotlines baited with goldfish and perch.

NAVARRO MILLS: Water stained; 82-86 degrees; 0.10 feet low. Black bass are slow. White bass are fair on pet spoons and flukes. Crappie are fair on minnows and white tube jigs. Channel catfish are good on stinkbait and nightcrawlers. Blue catfish are slow. Yellow catfish are slow.

PROCTOR: Water murky; 80-84 degrees; 0.70 feet low. Black bass are good on white spinnerbaits and Rat-L-Traps. Striped bass are slow. White bass are slow. Crappie are good on minnows and chartreuse tube jigs. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and shad. Yellow catfish are fair on live bait.

SOMERVILLE: Water murky; 81-85 degrees; 0.48 feet low. Black bass are slow. Hybrid striper are fair on silver striper jigs. White bass are good on pet spoons and hellbenders. Crappie are slow. Perch are excellent on worms. Channel and blue catfish are good on trotlines and juglines baited with cut shad. Yellow catfish are slow.

STILLHOUSE HOLLOW: Water murky; 82-86 degrees; 0.18 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon crankbaits and Rat-L-Traps. White bass are slow. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on chicken livers and shrimp. Yellow catfish are slow.

TRAVIS: Water stained; 83-87 degrees; 7.39 feet low. Black bass are fair on chrome chuggers and red shad worms in 20-35 feet. Striped bass are slow. White bass are good on chrome chuggers and silver spoons in 10-25 feet. Crappie are slow. Channel and blue catfish are good on shrimp and cut shad in 25-35 feet. Yellow catfish are slow.

WALTER E. LONG: Water murky. Black bass are fair on green pumpkin spinnerbaits and soft plastics. Hybrid striper are slow. White bass are fair on white Lil Fishies. Crappie are fair on minnows. Channel and blue catfish are good on minnows, shrimp, and liver. Yellow catfish are slow.

WHITNEY: Water stained; 81-85 degrees; 2.80 feet low. Black bass are fair on watermelon Rat-L-Traps, spinnerbaits, and crankbaits. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on Lil Fishies and small spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows. Catfish are good on shrimp and liver.

SOUTH

AMISTAD: Water murky; 85-89 degrees; 32.70 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters, soft plastics, jigs, and drop shots. Striped bass are slow. White bass are fair on slabs and spoons. Catfish are good on liver, shrimp, and nightcrawlers. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines, juglines, and droplines baited with live perch. Everyone in a boat must have a Mexico fishing license (if fishing the Mexico side) whether fishing or not.

WEST

ALAN HENRY: Water clear on the main lake, stained up the river; 82-88 degrees; 4.37 feet low. Black bass are slow on 7-inch Power Worms, spoons and jigs. Crappie and bass are slow on minnows. Catfish are fair on live perch and goldfish.

ARROWHEAD: Water fairly clear; 83-87 degrees; 1.78 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on Yellow Magics early, later switching to spinnerbaits, Texas rigs and medium running crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows around structure. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

COLORADO CITY: 14.07 feet low. No report available.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 78-87 degrees; 0.55 feet low. Black bass are fair buzzbaits early, later switching to Carolina rigs, Texas rigs, Rat-L-Traps and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off color; 82-91 degrees; 1.35 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on topwaters early and late, midday switching to Texas rigs, split shot rigged flukes and jigs. Crappie are fair to good on jigs and minnows around deep cover. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

NASWORTHY: 79-88 degrees; 1.55 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on jigs, Texas rigs and Carolina rigs. No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

OAK CREEK: Water stained; 79-89 degrees; 9.26 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on black/blue jigs, Texas rigs and Senkos. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows. Catfish are fair on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

O.H. IVIE: Water stained; 81-90 degrees; 35.72 feet low. Black bass are good on topwaters early, later switching to jigs, Texas rigs, chatterbaits and squarebill crankbaits. Crappie are fair to good on minnows and jigs. Catfish are fair to good on cut bait and nightcrawlers.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water off color; 81-89 degrees; 0.54 feet low. Black bass are fair to good on spinnerbaits, Texas rigs, shad pattern crankbaits and jigs. Crappie are fair on live minnows. White bass are fair to good on slabs and inline spinners. Striped bass are fair on live shad. Catfish are good on nightcrawlers.

SPENCE: 49.42 feet low. No report available.

STAMFORD: Water stained; 79-88 degrees; 0.39 feet high. Black bass are fair to good on buzzbaits early and late, midday switching to Senkos, Texas rigs and medium running crankbaits. Crappie are good on live minnows around cover. White bass are fair to good on live bait and tail spinners. Blue catfish are fair to good on cut and live bait.

SWEETWATER: Water off color; 79-87 degrees; 23 feet low. No report available.

WHITE RIVER: Water stained; 80-89 degrees; 20.82 feet low. Black bass are very slow (the bass population was greatly reduced during the drought). No reports on crappie. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers and cut bait.

RODRIGUEZ

From 1C

sistant there.

That bond between Coleman and Rodriguez continued for the next 11 years as they built the program into one that made back-to back appearances in the JUCO World Series in 2013 and 2014.

Rodriguez said he learned a lot from Coleman.

"I learned not just about baseball but being a young man and becoming a father," Rodriguez said. "My time with coach, with Forrest and the leadership we have here taught me a lot about baseball and it taught me a lot about off the field stuff too. I have my wife here, I have two beautiful kids here and I've become a man in my 12 years here. You can credit that to a lot of people."

Sophomore outfielder and Midland High grad Ethan Barker was at the introductory press conference and said it should be a smooth transition as both Coleman and Rodriguez have similar ways of doing things.

Barker added that he was grocery shopping with his grandmother when Coleman called to tell him the news.

"We talked for a good 20 minutes, almost a half hour in that grocery store. It was bittersweet," he said. "I had grown up with the Colemans. I played Little League with (Coleman's sons) Hunter and Ty and I've known them since then. Great family. Great people. That was huge reason why I wanted to come here with Coach Coleman. I knew what kind of coach he was, I knew what kind of standards he held his players too.

"I knew how his teams played the game and I knew that was right way to play the game. There are a lot of things I didn't know about the game that I still need to know, but there's no better coach to learn it from than Coach Coleman."

Rodriguez said he expects to be the same kind of coach he always has been, just with added responsibilities.

"You like to think you're going to bring some energy, a different passion, a different angle maybe," Rodriguez said. "I still think I'm a young coach. I still think I can relate to the players. I think the players like me as an assistant coach, I know that will probably change a little bit. I'm going to be the same guy every day. That's how I was as an assistant coach. I'm a pretty even keel person. I think I'm still going to have a pretty good player-coach relationship. I just have to make the decisions now, the hard and the easy ones. I don't expect to change personally. I still enjoy coaching the game. I'm just excited to do it from a head coaching perspective."

Rodriguez said he hopes to hire volunteer assistant coach Bo Altebelli as his assistant but he still needs to go through the hiring process at MC before it becomes official.

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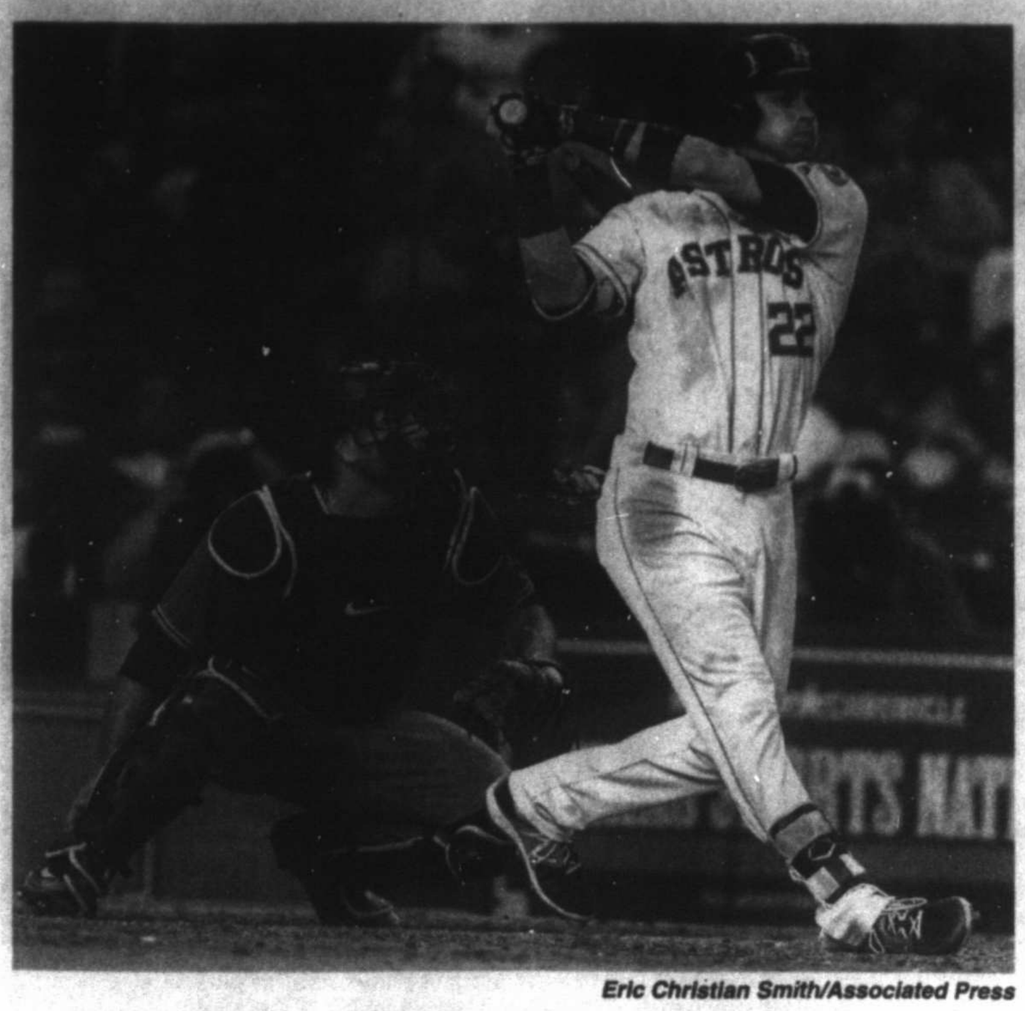

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Houston Astros' Josh Reddick follows through on a two-run home run off Arizona Diamondbacks relief pitcher Andrew Chafin during the eighth inning of a baseball game, on Wednesday in Houston.

ROCKHOUNDS REPORT

ROCKHOUNDS 4, NATURALS 3
at Security Bank Ballpark

TOP HITTERS: Rockhounds third baseman and Oakland A's No. 14 prospect Sheldon Neuse went 2-for-4 with the game-winning single in the seventh inning. ... Catcher Sean Murphy and shortstop Jorge Mateo each added two hits and an RBI for Midland. ... Nick Dini led Northwest Arkansas by going 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI.

TOP PITCHERS: Midland starter Grant Holmes picked up his 10th win of the year after limiting the Naturals to two runs on four hits over six innings. He struck out six and walked three. ... RockHounds reliever Sam Bragg earned his sixth save with 1 1/3 scoreless frames.

HIGHLIGHTS: In the second, a single by Murphy and a throwing error vaulted Midland to a 2-0 lead. ... The Naturals got on the board in the sixth courtesy of a single to right by Samir Duenez. ... The RockHounds answered in the home half on a double by Jorge Mateo to extend their lead to 3-1. ... Dini doubled in the seventh to make it 3-2, before Neuse singled in the bottom half to restore Midland's two-run advantage. ... In the eighth, Ryan O'Hearn belted a solo home run to cut the deficit to 4-3.

NOTES: Midland leads the three-game series with the Naturals, 2-0. ... The Corpus Christi Hooks were swept by the Tulsa Drillers in a doubleheader Wednesday and now trail the RockHounds by 3 1/2 games for the Texas League South wild card. ... Midland's Tyler Ramirez extended his hitting streak to 10 games and is hitting .416 (15-36) during that span. ... Teammate B.J. Boyd extended his hitting streak to six games and his on-base streak to 11 games. ... Midland will look for the sweep when the series concludes at 7 p.m. today.

TODAY'S PROBABLES: NW Arkansas — RHP Josh Staumont (1-2, 6.04); Midland — RHP Heath Fillmyer (8-4, 3.65)

TL standings

Second Half
North Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Springfield	35	17	.673	—
Tulsa	32	20	.615	3
Arkansas	22	29	.431	12½
Northwest Arkansas	21	31	.404	14

South Division

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Antonio	29	22	.569	—
Midland	28	27	.509	4½
Corpus Christi	22	29	.431	7
Frisco	20	31	.392	9

Wednesday's Scores
Tulsa 6, Corpus Christi 1
Tulsa 3, Corpus Christi 1
Midland 4, Northwest Arkansas 3
Springfield 6, San Antonio 3
Arkansas at Frisco, late.

Today's Games
Northwest Arkansas at Midland, 7 p.m.
Arkansas at Frisco, 7:05 p.m.
Corpus Christi at Tulsa, 7:05 p.m.
San Antonio at Springfield, 7:10 p.m.

ROCKHOUNDS 4, NATURALS 3

NW Arkansas	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Lopez ss	3	0	0	0	Mateo ss	5	0	2	1
Lopez 2b	4	0	0	0	Boyd cf	5	0	1	0
Duenez 1b	4	0	1	1	Curtis dh	5	0	0	0
O'Hearn rf	3	1	1	1	Rosa 1b	3	1	2	0
Moon rf	4	1	1	0	Schrock 2b	3	0	1	0
Ramos 3b	4	0	1	0	Neuse 3b	4	1	2	1
Dini c	4	0	2	1	Ramirez rf	3	0	2	0
Escalera dh	4	0	0	0	Tarsovich lf	2	1	0	0
Jones cf	1	1	0	0	Murphy c	4	1	2	1
Totals	31	3	6	3	Totals	34	4	12	3

NW Arkansas ..... 000 001110—3
Midland ..... 020 0011bb—4

E — Lopez (9). DP — NW Arkansas 1. Midland 1. LOB — NW Arkansas 5, Midland 11. 2B — Dini (9), Ramirez (10), Mateo (3). HR — O'Hearn (11). CS — Ramirez (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
NW Arkansas						
Lovvorn L, 4-6	4.0	5	2	1	4	3
Kalish	2.1	5	2	2	1	3
Edwards	1.2	2	0	0	0	1
Midland						
Holmes W, 10-11	6.0	4	2	2	3	6
Kurcz	1.1	1	0	0	0	1
Mann	0.1	1	1	1	1	0
Bragg S, 6	1.1	0	0	0	0	1

MLB ROUNDUP

American League

MARINERS 7
ORIOLES 6

SEATTLE — Recently acquired Yonder Alonso hit his first homer for Seattle and drove in three runs, and Marc Rzepczynski struck out Chris Davis with the bases loaded to end the Mariners' 7-6 win over the Baltimore Orioles on Wednesday.

Alonso, acquired in a trade with Oakland on Aug. 6, hit a two-run homer in the fourth inning, his 23rd of the season. He added an RBI single during a three-run fifth and also singled in the seventh.

Leonys Martin opened the sixth with his third home run to put Seattle up 7-4.

Seattle closer Edwin Diaz came on in the ninth and walked the first three hitters. Manny Machado followed with a sacrifice fly to make it 7-5, but Martin prevented an extra-base hit with a sensational diving catch in right field.

Diaz struck out Jonathan Schoop, but then hit both Trey Mancini and Mark Trumbo to force in another run. Rzepczynski relieved and fanned Davis on three pitches for his first save.

Tony Zych (6-3) pitched 1 2/3 scoreless innings in relief. Ubaldo Jimenez (5-8) allowed six runs in 4 1/3 innings.

ROYALS 7
ATHLETICS 6

OAKLAND, Calif. — Alex Gordon hit a go-ahead RBI single in the top of the ninth after Oakland tied it in the bottom of the eighth, and the Kansas City Royals beat the Athletics 7-6 on Wednesday.

Alcides Escobar doubled to start the ninth against Blake Treinen (1-1), matching his season high with three hits. Then Gordon delivered his second run-scoring single of the series finale.

Oakland's Matt Chapman hit a tying two-run homer in the eighth against Brandon Maurer (1-1), who wound up the winner.

Lorenzo Cain hit a two-run homer in the fourth and Danny Duffy struck out eight over five innings but the Royals couldn't hold a late lead again before holding on — a day after squandering a four-run advantage in a 10-8 defeat.

Cain added a key RBI single in the eighth for the Royals, who began the day tied with Minnesota six games behind AL Central-leading Cleveland.

BLUE JAYS 3
RAYS 2

TORONTO — Marcus Stroman pitched 6 1/3 innings, Steve Pearce homered and scored twice and the Toronto Blue Jays beat the Tampa Bay Rays 3-2 on Wednesday night.

Stroman (11-6) allowed two runs and six hits to beat the Rays for the first time in five career meetings at Rogers Centre. The right-hander entered 0-3 with a 6.38 ERA in four home starts against the AL East rivals.

Toronto has won 11 of 16 at home.

The Rays, who broke out of a prolonged offensive slump with a 6-4 win Tuesday, found runs hard to come by again Wednesday. Brad Miller hit an RBI groundout in the fifth and pinch-hitter Steven Souza drew a bases loaded walk in the seventh.

Tampa Bay has scored two or fewer runs in nine of its past 12 games. The Rays are 1-8 in those games.

Interleague

ASTROS 9
DIAMONDBACKS 5

HOUSTON — Josh Reddick hit a two-run homer in a four-run eighth, Charlie Morton threw 6 1/3 solid innings as the Houston Astros defeated the Arizona Diamondbacks 9-5 Wednesday night.

After Arizona closed within 5-4 in the top of the eighth, Juan Centeno scored on a wild pitch by David Hernandez, and Derek Fisher scored on a Jose Altuve sacrifice fly before Reddick capped the inning with his 12th home run of the season that just made it over the right field wall.

Paul Goldschmidt hit a two-run home run over the railroad tracks above the left field wall, and J.D. Martinez followed with a solo shot to right-center to cut Houston's lead to one in the eighth.

Morton (10-5) gave up one run on three hits with nine strikeouts. The right-hander, who tied a career-high with his tenth win of the season, rebounded nicely after being tagged for five runs in his last start.

Taijuan Walker (6-7) allowed five runs - three earned - on nine hits in five innings. Walker has allowed five runs in consecutive starts and has not won since June 21.

ANGELS 3
NATIONALS 2

WASHINGTON — Luis Valbuena and Kole Calhoun homered, Ricky Nolasco bounced back from a rocky first inning before exiting with an injury and the Los Angeles Angels defeated the Washington Nationals 3-2 on Wednesday to split their two-game series.

The Angels won for the seventh time in eight games.

Tanner Roark (9-8) allowed four hits in seven innings for Washington, but was done in by the two home runs. Valbuena hit his 13th homer of the season to center to lead off the fifth, and Calhoun followed Mike Trout's two-out infield single in the sixth with a shot into the second deck in right field. It was Calhoun's 14th homer of the year.

Nolasco (6-12) threw 31 of his 112 pitches in the first inning, but he escaped trouble in the third and fourth to allow only two runs while striking out five.

Nationals shortstop Wilmer Difo extended his hitting streak to 11 games with a first-inning single, then scored on Ryan Zimmerman's two-out shot to left.

YANKEES 5
METS 3

NEW YORK — Aaron Judge launched a titanic homer, Didi Gregorius snapped a seventh-inning tie with a two-run double and the New York Yankees beat the Mets 5-3 on Wednesday night for their third straight victory in the Subway Series.

After taking the first two matchups in the Bronx this week, the Yankees kept up their winning ways when the cross-town rivalry shifted to Queens. Judge enjoyed his first game at Citi Field, hitting a solo drive into the rarely reached third deck in left.

Mets left fielder Yoenis Cespedes never even budged as Judge's AL-leading 37th home run, projected at 457 feet, soared way over his head.

The rookie slugger also singled and scored on Chase Headley's sacrifice fly. But he struck out in the ninth inning to extend a dubious streak: Judge has fanned in 33 consecutive games, three shy of the record for a position player set by Adam Dunn from 2011-2012.

RED SOX 5
CARDINALS 4

BOSTON — Mookie Betts lined a two-run double off the left-field wall with two outs in the ninth inning, capping a three-run rally that lifted the Boston Red Sox to a 5-4 win over the St. Louis Cardinals on Wednesday night.

Xander Bogaerts hit a solo homer for the AL East-leading Red Sox, who won for the 12th time in 14 games and maintained their 4 1/2-game lead over the second-place New York Yankees.

Kolten Wong had three hits, including an RBI single in St. Louis' four-run second inning. It was just the third loss in 11 games for the Cardinals, who were swept in the two-game series, their first visit to Fenway Park since the 2013 World Series.

Trevor Rosenthal gave up Bogaerts' homer into the Green Monster seats in the ninth. Zach Duke (0-1) struck out a batter and walked one before John Brebbia gave up Betts' hit.

Craig Kimbrel (5-0) pitched one hitless inning for the win.

National League

MARLINS 8
GIANTS 1

MIAMI — Giancarlo Stanton's homer streak ended Wednesday, but he singled, stole a base and scored in a four-run first inning to help the Miami Marlins beat the San Francisco Giants, 8-1. Stanton, who had homered in a team-record six consecutive games, didn't come close to his 45th of the year. He was hit under his left arm by a 91-mph pitch in the second inning, tapped out to the pitcher in the fourth, grounded out to short with the bases loaded to end the fifth and singled in the eighth. The hits against Matt Cain and Josh Osich increased Stanton's average to .287, but he failed to homer for only the third time in the past 13 games. The major league record for the longest home run streak is eight games. Cain (3-10) fell to 0-9 in his past 13 starts. He allowed five runs, two earned, in four innings.

Jose Urena (11-5) limited the Giants to an unearned run in five innings.

Steinbrenner, Torre like Derek Jeter with Marlins

By Jay Cohen
Associated Press

CHICAGO — Derek Jeter won five World Series during a 20-year run with the New York Yankees. He piled up 3,465 hits and made the All-Star team 14 times while becoming one of baseball's biggest stars.

Will that success continue in the front office of the Miami Marlins? Stay tuned.

Jeter is a limited partner in an ownership group led by venture capitalist Bruce Sherman that has a $1.2 billion agreement in place to buy the Marlins from Jeffrey Loria. Sherman met with the MLB ownership committee at the owners' meetings on Wednesday, and the deal could be completed by the end of the season.

It's a long road to the finish line, but the 43-year-old Jeter would take over Miami's business and baseball operations if the transaction is approved. The Marlins have finished under .500 every year since 2010, something that never happened to Jeter while he was wearing pinstripes.

"I had him for 12 years and he's smart," former Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "He's got a feel for things. And he never was impressed with himself, you know? He was very secure with who he was. His first year, he was 21 years old. By August or September, the veterans were looking for him to do something. He never shirks responsibility. He's a tough kid, a great upbringing."

Torre was on the bench for four of Jeter's five championships, including his World Series MVP performance in 2000. While the potential position with the Marlins is a completely new challenge for the shortstop, Torre thinks he has the skills to pull it off.

"He's pretty well put together," said Torre, now an MLB executive. "I don't think he's going into this thing blind. He's pretty observant, came up in a tough organization in the city of New York. He's been tested pretty much as far as consistently having to be responsible."

Asked why he thinks Jeter would be successful with the Marlins, Yankees owner Hal Steinbrenner responded: "Because that's all he's done in his career."

"That organization has some challenges, but he's been through a lot," Steinbrenner continued. "As far as baseball operations, I think he'll get the job done."

Jeter made his major league debut in 1995. He had his No. 2 retired by the Yankees in May and a plaque was dedicated in his honor in Monument Park.

He spent his entire career in New York, and Steinbrenner admitted he is still getting used to the idea of Jeter working for another organization.

"I had a town hall with 100 season-ticket holders in the media room at Yankee Stadium a couple weeks ago," said Steinbrenner, the son of former Yankees owner George Steinbrenner. "They asked and I said it's going to be a surreal experience in not a totally positive way to see him in different colors. I think my dad would feel the same way."

The Jeter-Sherman group has more than 10 entities, including NBA Hall of Famer Michael Jordan. At least 75 percent of the major league clubs must approve the sale, and Marlins president David Samson said they are hopeful the owners will vote the third week of September.

"Once the vote is approved, then you can close any time after that and we'd be looking toward closing a few days after an approval and look for them to take over as of the first day of the offseason," said Samson, who could stay with the Marlins in some capacity after the deal is completed.

Jeter is not traveling to Chicago for the ownership meetings. His wife, Hannah, is expecting their first child. But Samson said he has been an integral part of the process.

"He is incredibly focused and equipped to do this," he said. "Many people say they want to do something, but don't have the tools to do it. He's the type of guy who only wants something that he knows he has the tools to do, and he's exhibited that through the negotiation of the deal. He was very involved, understanding of all the different provisions and the complexities of a transaction like this, understanding of what he wants to do in terms of operating a franchise."

Jered Weaver announces retirement from baseball

By Bill Shaikin
Los Angeles Times

LOS ANGELES — Jered Weaver, who won more games than all but one pitcher in Los Angeles Angels history and left about $60 million on the table to play for them, announced his retirement Wednesday.

Weaver, 34, a three-time All-Star for the Angels and the franchise's most recent 20-game winner, called it a career after failing to win in any of his nine starts for the San Diego Padres.

"I've decided to step away from baseball," Weaver said in a statement released by the Padres. "While I've been working hard to get back on the mound, my body just will not allow me to compete like I want to."

Even as his fastball velocity slowed to the low 80s, Weaver competed fiercely last season, leading the Angels in innings pitched and making all of his starts. But after he posted a 5.06 earned-run average and gave up 37 home runs, the Angels let him go, and he signed with a Padres team in need of veteran starters to soak up innings.

MLB GLANCE

Standings

American League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Boston	69	51	.575	—
New York	64	55	.538	4½
Tampa Bay	60	62	.492	10
Baltimore	59	62	.488	10½
Toronto	58	62	.483	11
Central Division				
Cleveland	65	52	.556	—
Kansas City	61	59	.508	5½
Minnesota	59	58	.504	6
Detroit	53	66	.445	13
Chicago	45	71	.388	19½
West Division				
Houston	74	46	.617	—
Los Angeles	62	59	.512	12½
Seattle	61	61	.500	14
Texas	58	60	.492	15
Oakland	53	69	.436	21½

National League	W	L	Pct	GB
East Division				
Washington	71	47	.602	—
Miami	58	61	.487	13½
Atlanta	53	64	.453	17½
New York	53	65	.449	18
Philadelphia	43	75	.364	28
Central Division				
Chicago	63	56	.529	—
Milwaukee	63	59	.516	1½
St. Louis	61	59	.508	2½
Pittsburgh	59	62	.483	5½
Cincinnati	50	71	.413	14
West Division				
Los Angeles	84	34	.712	—
Colorado	66	53	.555	18½
Arizona	60	54	.500	19
San Diego	54	66	.450	31
San Francisco	46	74	.393	38

Scores and Schedules

American League
Wednesday's Scores
Cleveland at Minnesota, ppd.
L.A. Angels 3, Washington 2
Kansas City 7, Oakland 5
Seattle 7, Baltimore 6
Toronto 3, Tampa Bay 2
Boston 5, St. Louis 4
N.Y. Yankees 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Houston 9, Arizona 5
Detroit at Texas, late.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, late
Today's Games
Cleveland (Clevinger 9-4) at Minnesota (Berrios 10-5), 12:10 p.m., 1st game
Arizona (Corbin 9-11) at Houston (Fiers 7-7), 1:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Archer 8-7) at Toronto (Rowley 1-0), 3:07 p.m.
Cleveland (TBD) at Minnesota (TBD), 6:10 p.m., 2nd game
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 9-5) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 2-6), 6:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Lopez 0-0) at Texas (Ross 3-2), 7:05 p.m.

National League
Wednesday's Scores
L.A. Angels 3, Washington 2
Miami 8, San Francisco 1
Milwaukee 7, Pittsburgh 6
San Diego 3, Philadelphia 0
Boston 5, St. Louis 4
N.Y. Yankees 5, N.Y. Mets 3
Chicago Cubs 7, Cincinnati 6
Houston 9, Arizona 5
Atlanta at Colorado, late.
Chicago White Sox at L.A. Dodgers, late.
Today's Games
Arizona (Corbin 9-11) at Houston (Fiers 7-7), 12:10 p.m.
Cincinnati (Feldman 7-7) at Chicago Cubs (Lester 8-7), 1:20 p.m.
Atlanta (Sims 0-3) at Colorado (Hoffman 6-4), 2:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Wainwright 12-5) at Pittsburgh (Taillon 7-5), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Severino 9-5) at N.Y. Mets (Matz 2-6), 6:10 p.m.
Washington (Jackson 3-2) at San Diego (Chacin 11-6), 9:10 p.m.
Philadelphia (Nola 9-7) at San Francisco (Samardzija 7-12), 9:15 p.m.

Texas boxes

ASTROS 9, DIAMONDBACKS 5

Arizona	ab	r	h	bi	Houston	ab	r	h	bi
G.Bisco lf	5	0	1	0	Springer cf	5	2	3	0
Pollock cf	4	0	0	0	Altuve 2b	4	1	2	1
Lamb 3b	4	1	1	0	Reddick rf	5	2	2	3
Gldschm dh	4	1	1	2	Y.Grnl 1b	5	0	2	1
J.Mrtnn rf	4	1	2	1	Ma.Grza ss	4	0	1	1
Descalso 1b	4	0	1	0	Beltran dh	3	1	2	2
Innetta c	1	2	1	1	Bregman 3b	4	0	2	0
K.Marte ss	4	0	1	0	Centeno c	3	1	1	0
Drury 2b	4	0	1	1	Fisher lf	4	2	1	0
Totals	34	5	9	5	Totals	37	9	16	8

Arizona ..... 001 000 031—5
Houston ..... 012 200 04x—9

E—Drury (9). DP—Arizona 2, Houston 2. LOB—Arizona 6, Houston 8. 2B—Drury (27), Y.Gurriel (32). HR—Goldschmidt (29), J.Martinez (24), Iannetta (11), Reddick (12), Beltran (14). SB—Pollock (16), Bregman (13), Fisher (3). SF—Altuve (4), Beltran (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Walker L,6-7	5	9	5	3	2	3
McFarland	2	5	2	2	0	1
Hernandez	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Chafin	2-3	1	1	1	1	0
Houston						
Morton W,10-5	6 1-3	3	1	1	4	9
Clippard	2-3	0	0	0	0	2
Gregerson	1	3	3	3	0	1
Hoyt	0	2	1	1	0	0
Giles	1	1	0	0	0	1

T—3:17. A—27,278 (42,060).

Wednesday's linescores

AMERICAN LEAGUE
MARINERS 7, ORIOLES 6
Baltimore ..... 100 030002—6 12 0
Seattle ..... 001 23100x—7 15 0
Jimenez, Bleier (5), Tillman (7), Britton (8) and C.Joseph; Gonzales, Zych (5), Vincent (8), Diaz (8), Rzepczynski (9) and Zunino. W—Zych 6-3. L—Jimenez 5-8. Sv—Rzepczynski (1). HRs—Baltimore, Beckham. Seattle, Alonso, Martin.

ROYALS 7, ATHLETICS 6
Kansas City ..... 100 310 011—7 14 1
Oakland ..... 002 020 020—6 12 1
Duffy, Alexander (6), Moylan (6), Maurer (8), Herrera (9) and Butera; Blackburn, Castro (5), Hatcher (6), Coulombe (7), Dull (8), Treinen (9) and Gamboa. Maxwell. W—Maurer 2-5. L—Treinen 1-3. Sv—Herrera (26). HRs—Kansas City, Cain. Oakland, Chapman, Semien.

BLUE JAYS 3, RAYS 2
Tampa Bay ..... 000 010 100—2 7 0
Toronto ..... 001 101 00x—3 7 0
Faria, Jennings (6), Romo (7) and Sucre; W.Ramos, Stroman, Loup (7), Leone (7), Tepera (8), Osuna (9) and Lopez. W—Stroman 11-6. L—Faria 5-4. Sv—Osuna (31). HRs—Toronto, Pearce.

INTERLEAGUE
ANGELS 3, NATIONALS 2
Los Angeles ..... 000 012 000—3 4 1
Washington ..... 200 000 000—2 6 0
Nolasco, Middleton (8), Bedrosian (9) and Gretelot; Roark, Solis (8), Blanton (9) and Lobaton. W—Nolasco 6-12. L—Roark 9-8. Sv—Bedrosian (6). HRs—Los Angeles, Calhoun, Valbuena. Washington, Zimmerman.

YANKEES 5, METS 3
New York ..... 010 101 200—5 8 0
New York ..... 100 011 000—3 6 0
Garcia, Kahnle (8), Warren (7), Dav.Robertson (9) and Sanchez; Gsellman, Sewald (6), Bradford (8), Smoker (8), Goeddel (9) and Rivera. W—Kahnle 2-3. L—Sewald 0-5. Sv—Dav.Robertson (14). HRs—New York, Judge. New York, Rivera.

RED SOX 5, CARDINALS 4
St. Louis ..... 040 000 000—4 10 1
Boston ..... 002 000 003—5 9 2
Lynn, Oh.Ty, Lyons (8), Rosenthal (9), Brebbia (9) and Molina; E.Rodriguez, Barnes (6), Kelly (8), Kimbrel (9) and Vazquez. W—Kimbrel 5-0. L—Duke 0-1. HRs—Boston, Bogaerts.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
MARLINS 8, GIANTS 1
San Francisco ..... 001 000 000—1 7 2
Miami ..... 401 020 10x—8 10 2
Cain, Suarez (5), Osich (8) and Hundley; Urena, Ellington (8), Guerra (8), Ziegler (9) and Realmuto. W—Urena 11-5. L—Cain 3-10.

BREWERS 7, PIRATES 6
Pittsburgh ..... 103 000 110—6 11 0
Milwaukee ..... 003 001 12x—7 8 2
Cole, Kontos (7), Nicasio (8), Rivero (8) and Stewart; Nelson, Hughes (7), Swarzak (8), Knebel (9) and Pina. W—Swarzak 3-3. L—Nicasio 1-5. Sv—Knebel (2). HRs—Milwaukee, Braxton 2, Pina, Shaw, Walker.

PADRES 3, PHILLIES 0
Philadelphia ..... 000 000 000—0 3 0
San Diego ..... 000 201 00x—3 7 1
Pivetta, Ramos (6), Morgan (7) and Rupp; Richard and Hedges. W—Richard 6-12. L—Pivetta 4-8.

BAYLOR

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lawsuit, but federal court records online show she asked a judge to release them from the case.

Hernandez's lawyer, Alexander Zalkin, told The Associated Press that Hernandez settled the case with all parties over the weekend, but declined to release details of any financial agreement. There was no settlement announcement in the online court records Tuesday night.

Briles' attorney, Mark Lanier, said the former coach "wouldn't pay a dime. They just let us out of the case. We feel bad for what happened to Jasmin Hernandez, but Art Briles didn't do anything wrong."

Zalkin disputed that account but refused to provide details.

"As to Mr. Lanier's comments, I disagree with his position but will not make any further comment so as not to violate the confidential terms of our agreement or mediation confidentiality," Zalkin said.

McCaw, now the athletic director at Liberty University in Virginia, was also dismissed from the case, said his attorney Tom Brandt. A Baylor spokeswoman declined comment.

Baylor had previously tried to settle with Hernandez, who was raped by former football player Tevin Elliott in 2012. He was later sentenced to 20 years in prison. Hernandez's lawsuit claimed Baylor knew Elliott had a history of assaults, failed to protect her and others who were attacked, and ignored her pleas when she sought help. The Associated Press generally doesn't identify sexual assault victims, but Hernandez has spoken publicly.

"We are very proud of Jasmin for her courageous efforts to draw attention to the issue of campus sexual violence, and are honored to have been a part of this journey with her," Zalkin said.

Baylor was already under intense scrutiny when Hernandez sued amid a wave of media reports on allegations of sexual and physical assault surrounding the football program. The school had hired the Pepper Hamilton law firm to investigate after former football player Sam Ukwuachu was convicted of sexual assaulting a student. His conviction was later overturned and he is awaiting a retrial.

The school was hit with a cascade of federal lawsuits after Baylor released its findings from the Pepper Hamilton report in May 2016. The school has settled with several women but still faces multiple lawsuits that have alleged gang rapes by football players and claims the school used its strict honor code against premarital sex and alcohol use to silence victims and witnesses.

Hernandez would be the second woman who sued Baylor to settle. Baylor settled for an undisclosed amount in July with a woman who claimed the school fostered a "hunting ground" for sexual predators. Baylor also has settled with at least three women who didn't file lawsuits.

Baylor is facing federal civil rights and state criminal investigations, as well as an NCAA investigation.

OSU

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video of him squatting 565 pounds — the kid is only 195 pounds — so that's ridiculous," Washington said. "He's showing younger guys, 'Look, I can do this, so you can too if you just work hard.'"

Schedule

Oklahoma State lost a stunner to Central Michigan early last season that took the Cowboys out of the race for the College Football Playoff, so they ought to be focused during non-conference play. In league play, the Cowboys get Oklahoma, TCU and Kansas State at home and visit Texas and West Virginia. Oklahoma State has lost to Oklahoma in games that decided the Big 12 title the past two seasons, including last season's 38-20 loss in Norman .

Mullet mania

Oklahoma State coach Mike Gundy has gotten a lot of mileage out of his throwback hairstyle, but he knows it will backfire if the Cowboys fail on the field.

"I told them all the stuff that's gone on with me and the marketing and all that — that stuff only works when you're winning," Gundy said. "If my hair is long, and we're losing it's not near as fun. People are going to say, 'Cut your hair' all the time. It's all based on their success, and I think they understand that side of the game.'"

Offensive line

Tackle Zach Crabtree (34 career starts) and center Brad Lundblade (27) lead the way. Guards Marcus Keyes and Larry Williams have starting experience, and Cal transfer Aaron Cochran, a tackle, has 16 career starts.

"When we talk about experienced players, we're talking about guys that have played on the road in tough spots when it's hot and loud and everything is going against you, and they've still found ways to be successful," Gundy said. "It helps that we have those guys who have been around."

TEXANS

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him be able to do that. I think he needs to do it more consistently, but he works very hard to get it right. If he doesn't get it right away on the field, he goes into the meeting room and tries to fix it."Watson, who threw for 4,593 yards and 41 touchdowns last season to lead Clemson to a national title, believes he's made a lot of progress since joining the Texans, but is still looking to get much better.

"Honestly, in the spring I knew what I was doing but at the same time my head was swimming," he said.

"But whenever I step on the field today, I can go out there and control the offense and do what they ask me to do and make good decisions, fast. I'm just trying to improve in all areas and continue to do that."

Whether it's Savage or Watson who starts, the Texans are looking for consistency at the position after starting eight different players there since 2014.

They thought they'd found the solution to their quarterback woes when they signed Brock Osweiler to a $72 million contract before last season, but he was benched for Savage late in the season before being traded to Cleveland in March.

Savage has shown potential in limited action, but it's hard to know exactly what he can do after he's appeared in just five games with two starts in his two-year career.

He likes the way his offense, led by receiver DeAndre Hopkins and running back Lamar Miller, is coming together and knows getting most of the snaps with the first team in camp has helped him improve.

"It's different just because I'm getting the reps against the ones, with the ones. That's been huge for me," he said. "Just knowing that I can go out there and I can do this and I can take over for this team and handle it."

Savage, who has yet to throw a touchdown pass in a regular-season game, is certainly aware that many people outside of the organization would like to see Watson under center when Houston opens the season on Sept. 10 against the Jaguars. But he has too many other things to think about to worry about that.

"I'm out there competing and that makes both of us better," he said. "So, we just have to keep going with that.

Snyder, Ertz could give Kansas State Wildcats another winning combo

By Dave Skretta
Associated Press

MANHATTAN, Kan. — Bill Snyder is back on the sideline and Jesse Ertz is back under center, and those two facts alone are enough to make Kansas State a dangerous contender in a wide-open Big 12 this season.

The 77-year-old coach underwent treatment for throat cancer this past offseason but hardly missed a day in the office, and he long ago pronounced himself ready for another season with the Wildcats.

His quarterback underwent surgery on his throwing shoulder to fix an injury that occurred last season, and Ertz will be ready for the season opener Sept. 2 against Central Arkansas.

It will be the seventh time in 26 seasons that Snyder will have a clear-cut returning starter at quarterback to guide his complex offense. The first five times resulted in 11-win seasons and the last time merely nine wins, the same number that Ertz led the upstart Wildcats to last season.

"We were pretty decent at the end of the season last year," Snyder acknowledged during a recent interview, "so there is great expectations. There is nothing wrong with that. That is great. The key element is you have to do something about it."

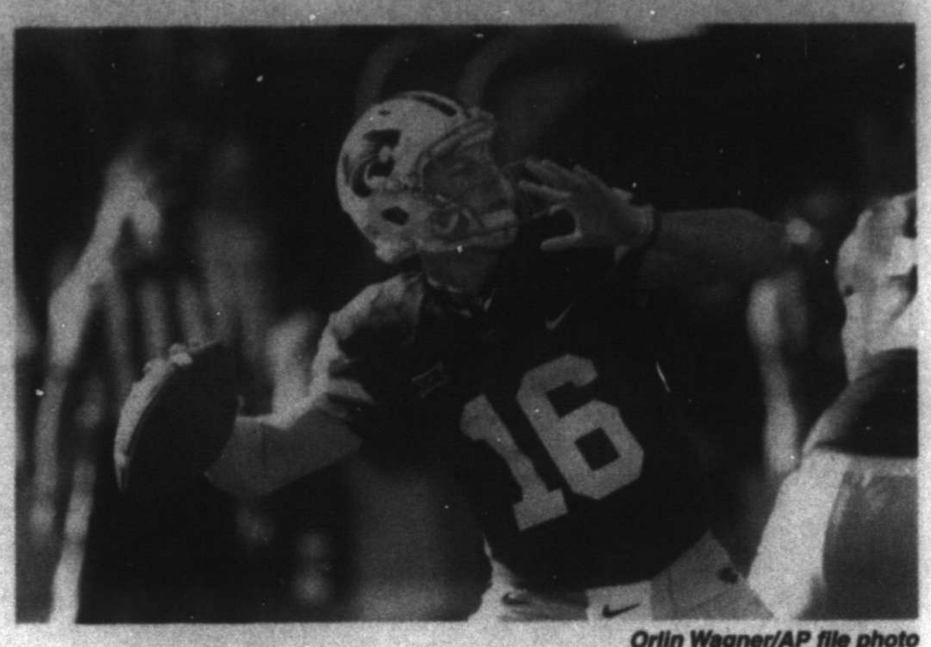
Indeed, Ertz is only the most visible — and arguably most important — of the returning starters.

The Wildcats have three starters back to protect him on the offensive line, and a trio of running backs in Alex Barnes, Justin Silmon and Dalvin Warmack behind him. Byron Pringle and Dominique Heath give Ertz a pair of veteran wide receivers, while uncommon depth across the board could make Kansas State's methodical, ground-based offense one of the best in the Big 12.

"We are up there for sure," said Barnes, a sophomore. "We have a lot of guys coming back and I think the passing game is going to be good. This is going to be a fun year."

The defense must replace linebackers Mike Moore, Elijah Lee and Will Davis along with conference defensive player of the year Jordan Willis up front. But there is talent in the pipeline, highlighted by JUCO transfer Da'Quan Patton, and plenty of experience elsewhere on defense.

Trey Dishon and Will Geary should lead the way up front, while the secondary returns cornerbacks Duke Shelley and D.J. Reed, veteran safety Kendall Adams and a handful of backups.



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Kansas State quarterback Jesse Ertz (16) throws during the second half of an NCAA game against Oklahoma State in 2016 in Manhattan, Kan. Bill Snyder is back on the sideline and Ertz is back under center, and those two facts alone are enough to make Kansas State a dangerous contender in a wide-open Big 12 this season.

"I feel like our secondary can match up with anybody in the Big 12," Adams said, "and I've always felt like the Big 12 has the best offenses, so I don't see why we can't match up with anybody in th enation. I have a lot of confidence in those guys."

As the Wildcats prepare for their opener, here are some of the other key story lines:

Ertz-while star

Even with a shoulder injury much of last season, Ertz threw for 1,755 yards and nine touchdowns while running for 1,012 yards and 12 more scores. The Wildcats would gladly take the same production, and a healthy shoulder could help his 57.6 percent completion rate.

Deep stable

Barnes and Silmon are likely to split most of the carries, while Warmack will try to work his way into the running back mix. When you combine Ertz's running ability and All-Big 12 fullback Winston Dimel, the Wildcats may have the most depth at the position in the nation.

"A lot of people say that we are run-heavy," Dimel said, "but we like to consider ourselves a balanced team. It helps us in this league. Most defenses do not match us each week."

Defensive leadership

Expect former walk-on Trent Tanking to earn one of the starting linebacker jobs, and with it a healthy dose of the leadership load. Willis and departed safety Dante Barnett were the unquestioned leaders last season, and there's a big void for someone to step up.

Reed and Shelley are also good bets to lead vocally and by example.

Medical bill

Snyder admitted feeling weaker while undergoing cancer treatment, but his strength has slowly returned. The question now is whether Snyder will make it through a grueling season without any problems — and whether this will be his last in charge.

Schedule setup

After their opener against Central Arkansas, the Wildcats play Charlotte and then visit Vanderbilt, giving them a good chance to build their confidence. They begin Big 12 play against Baylor, visit Texas and play TCU before a potentially pivotal showdown with Oklahoma on Oct. 21. "My caution to our players and to anybody that would listen would be not to take anything for granted," Snyder said. "You still have to do it. The old adage, 'You still have to play the game.'"

Plenty of running backs, receivers could produce immediately

By Steve Megargee
Associated Press

Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher says he learned long ago not to assume which of his freshmen would make the biggest impact each year.

How much someone might play in his first college season can depend on everything from his level of homesickness to the position needs of his new team.

"There are just so many different (factors)," Fisher said. "And position can have a big impact. Certain positions are harder to play early in your career than they are for other guys. There's not as much learning."

That uncertainty still exists even in an era when freshmen play an increasingly important role every season.

Just last year, Alabama freshman quarterback Jalen Hurts was named the Southeastern Conference offensive player of the year and Houston defensive tackle Ed Oliver became the first freshman to earn first-team Associated Press All-America honors since 2011 . Hurts had the Crimson Tide on the verge of a national title before Clemson's last-second rally in the championship game .

Here's a look at some true freshmen who could emerge as forces this season.

Salvon Ahmed, RB, Washington

The return of two-time, 1,300-yard rusher Myles Gaskin could make it difficult for any newcomer to get many carries in Washington's backfield, but Ahmed's playmaking ability demands that he earn some kind of role. Whether Ahmed is catching passes, running the ball or returning kicks, Washington will find some way to use him. Ahmed needed only six games to rush for 1,300 yards his senior year at Juanita High in Kirkland, Washington. Other true freshmen who could merit immediate playing time for Washington include tight end Hunter Bryant and defensive back Elijah Molden.

Cam Akers , RB, Florida State

Akers' presence could help Florida State withstand the loss of Minnesota Vikings second-round draft pick Dalvin Cook, the Seminoles' career rushing leader . Akers was rated as the nation's No. 3 overall prospect in his class according to composite rankings of recruiting sites compiled by 247Sports . He threw for 3,128 yards and 31 touchdowns, and rushed for 2,105 yards and 34 more scores last year to lead Clinton (Mississippi) High to its first state title. Akers likely will start his college career behind junior Jacques Patrick on the depth chart but still should get plenty of carries.

Jamon Ausbon, WR, Texas A&M and Jerry Jeudy, WR, Alabama

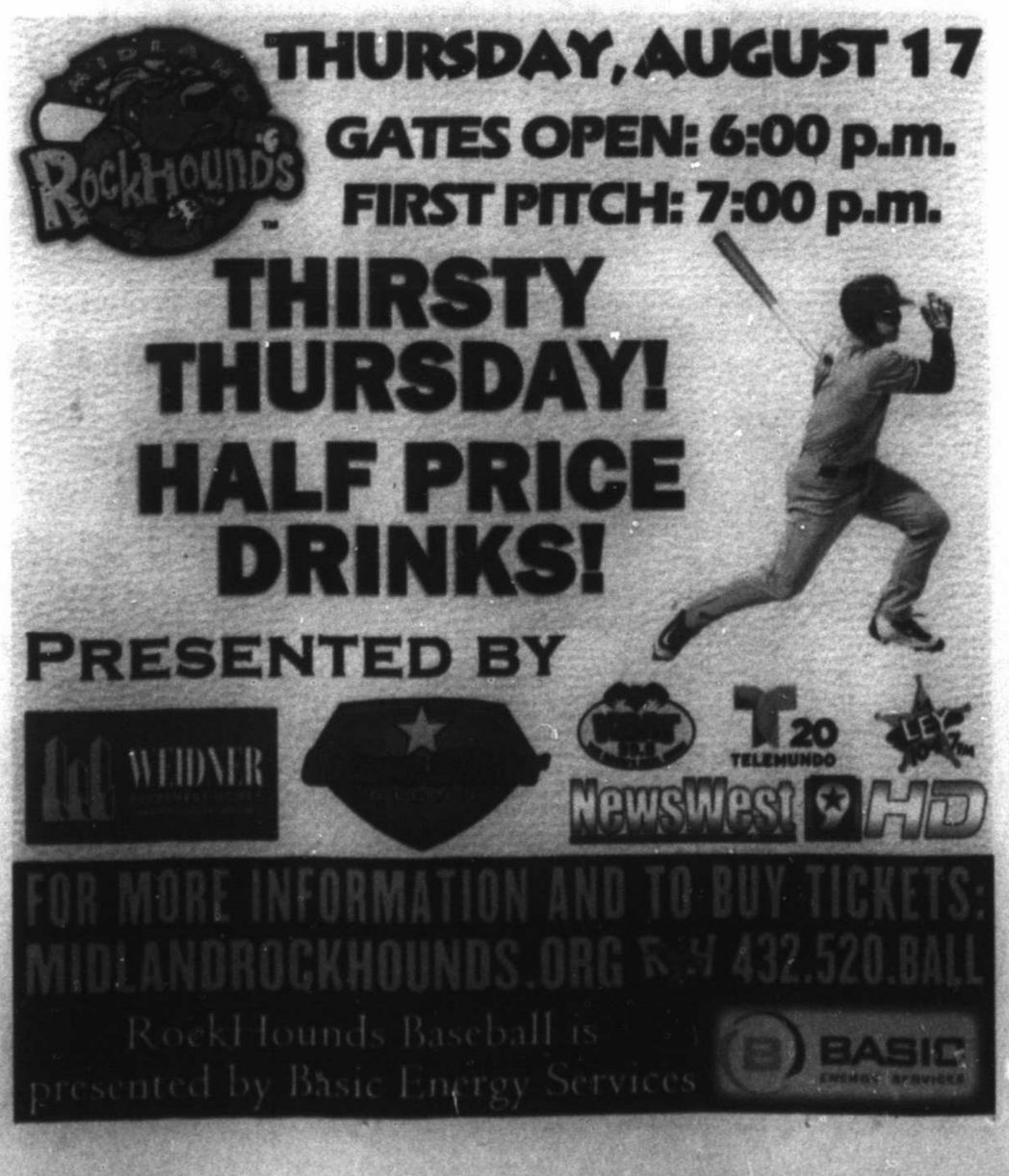
Just about every year, it seems one of these two schools has a freshman wideout produce big numbers. It happened at Alabama with Amari Cooper in 2012 and with Calvin Ridley in 2015. Texas A&M's Christian Kirk also had a huge freshman season in 2015. Both schools have promising first-year receivers on their roster this year. Jeudy caught five passes for 134 yards in Alabama's spring game . Ausbon's also an early enrollee who had a big spring and should step right in.

K'lavon Chaisson, LB, LSU

Chaisson's pass-rushing skills already have been evident. "K'Lavon Chaisson has been dominant," LSU coach Ed Orgeron said after the first week of training camp. "He's exactly the type player we thought he'd be." Chaisson posted 15 ½ sacks his senior year to help Houston's North Shore win a Texas Class 6A Division I state title. His ability to get to the quarterback should earn Chaisson an immediate role this fall. LSU defensive backs Grant Delpit, Todd Harris and Kary Vincent also likely will play right away.

Donovan Peoples-Jones, WR, Michigan

Michigan must rebuild its receiving corps after losing Amara Darboh, Jehu Chesson and tight end Jake Butt to the NFL draft. That should create an immediate opportunity for Peoples-Jones, who was rated as the top receiver and the No. 12 overall prospect in his class according to the 247Sports Composite. Peoples-Jones, who is 6-foot-2, leads a talented group of Michigan freshman receivers that also includes Tarik Black and Oliver Martin.



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						6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
KMID ABC	3	3	4	3	2	Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Boy Band "America, It's Decision Time!" (N)		Network Stars "Cops vs. Sci-Fi/ Fantasy" (N)		The Gong Show (N)		Local 2 News (N)	(3:35) Jimmy Kimmel Live		(3:35) News Nightline
KOSA CBS	7	7	7	7	7	CBS 7 News (N)	Ent. Tonight	Big Bang Theory	Kevin Can Wait	Big Brother (N)		Zoo "Stakes on a Plane" (N)		CBS 7 News (N)	(3:35) The Late Show		(3:35) J.Corden
KWWT CW	5	14		5	14	MASH "Edwina"	M*A*S*H	A. Griffith	A. Griffith	Mama's Family	ALF	Hogan's Heroes	Hogan's Heroes	Carol Burnett	P. Mason "The Case of the Dancer's Horse"		Twilight Zone
KPEJ FOX	8	5	5	8	3	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Beat Shazam "Episode Eleven" (N)		Love Connection "Episode 11" (N)		Fox 24 News (N)	TMZ	Modern Family	Two and a Half	Hot in Cleveland	Met Your Mother
KMLM IND	11	12	12	11	11	All About Us	Mission: M25	Update News	Wings of Truth	Light of the Southwest "Part 1"		Light of the Southwest "Part 2"		Faith for Families	Our Messiah	Fruits of Zion	Biblical Israel
KWES NBC	9	9	9	9	9	NewsWest 9 (N)	NewsWest 9 Now	The Wall "Erin and Rachel" (N)		SNLUpdate (N)	Supersto re "Labor"	The Night Shift (N)		NewsWest 9 (N)	(3:35) The Tonight Show		(3:35) Seth Meyers
KPBT PBS	13	13		13	8	PBS NewsHour (N)		Daytripper	Articulate With Jim	Secrets of Dead "The Real Trojan Horse"		Rare: Creatures of the Photo Ark		Charlie Rose (N)		Newsline	Tavis Smiley
KUPB UNI	4	4		4	16	La rosa de Guadalupe		Enamorandome de Ramon		La doble vida de Estela Carrillo		La Tierra Prometida		Noticias Tejas	Noticiero noctu.	Contacto Deportivo	
KOSA MNT	16	16		16		Last Man	Last Man	Bones		Bones		Mike&M.	Mike&M.	Anger M.	Anger M.	Tosh.0	Access H.
FLIX	340	575		165		(4:45) ★★ Deja Vu		★★ The Ex Zach Braff.			★★ America's Sweethearts			(:15) ★ Detention Dolph Lundgren.			
HBO	300	550	14	14		Movie	News (N)	Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them				(:15) Ballers	Room104	(:15) Brillo Box		Keeping Up Wi...	
HBO2	302	551	15	101	23	Movie	Ballers	Room104	Room104	(:15) The Wizard of Lies ('17, Dra) Robert De Niro.					Hacksaw Ridge		
HBO5	304	552	16	102		(5:30) Straight Outta Compton				★★ Enough ('02, Thril) Jennifer Lopez.				VICE	★★ The Conjuring		
MAX	380	557	17	120	24	(5:20) Master of ...		Warcraft ('16, Act) Travis Fimmel.				(:05) ★★ Gods of Egypt Gerard Butler.			(:15) From Hell		
MAX2	382	558	18	122		★★★★ Dallas Buyers Club				Race ('16, Bio) Stephan James.				(:15) Keanu ('16, Com) Keegan-Michael Key.			
PLEX			96			(5:15) The Last Le...		★★★ For Love of the Game						(:20) ★★★ The Natural ('84, Spt) Robert Redford.			Movie
SHOW	320	565	19	140	25	(5:25) Would You ...		Twin Peaks		I'm Dying Up Here		Donovan "Las Vegas"		SNCTM	Gigolos	Donovan "Las Vegas"	
TMC	336	573	22	155	26	(5:05) Three Men ...		★★★ Enemy at the Gates Jude Law.				(:15) Killing Season Robert De Niro.				A Civil Action	
A&E	27	58	28	35	47	The First 48 "Old Wounds"		The First 48		The First 48 "The Graveyard Shift" (N)		Murder of Laci P "Missing in Modesto"		(:05) The First 48 "1000 Cuts/ Draw"		(:05) The First 48	
AMC	40	74	23	42	51	(4:00) Pulp Fiction		★★★ The Da Vinci Code ('06, Drama) Audrey Tautou, Jean Reno, Tom Hanks.						★★★ The Departed			
BET	58	-		40		(4:00) Soul Men		Top Five ('14, Com) Rosario Dawson, Gabrielle Union, Chris Rock.						Plastic Cup Boyz			Martin
BRAVO	65	76		41		Flipping Out		Flipping Out		Flipping Out (SP) (N)		GFs Guide (SP) (N)		Watch	Flipping Out		Wives
CNBC	46	52		39	72	Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Shark Tank		Guide	Guide	Guide	Guide
CNN	43	50	51	30	56	OutFront		A. Cooper 360		A. Cooper 360		CNN Tonight		CNN Tonight		A. Cooper 360	
DISC	50	60	31	24	42	Alaska/Frontier		Alaska/Frontier		First In Human "Treatment" (N)				First In Human "Treatment"			
DISNEY	56	64	36	25	36	Underc.	Bizaard.	StuckMid	Bunk'd	Bizaard.	Andi M.	Underc.	Underc.	Bunk'd	Jessie	StuckMid	Andi M.
ESPN	32	35	48	31	30	Countdown (L)		NFL Football Pre-season Tampa Bay vs Jacksonville (L)						SportsCenter (N)			
ESPN2	34	36	49	32	31	Baseball Little League World Series (L)				ATP Tennis Western & Southern Open (L)				WTA Tennis Western & Southern Open			
FNC	45	48	53	23	55	The Story		Tucker Carlson		The Five		Hannity		Special Report		The Five	
FOOD	64	70	27	68	54	Chopped		Chopped		Chopped		BeatFlay	Beat Flay	HartFood	Beat Flay	Chopped	
FREEFORM	53	63	34	42	33	(4:15) Harry Potter & the Dea...				★★★ Home Alone ('90, Com) Macaulay Culkin.				The 700 Club		What a Girl W...	
FSSW	37	38	50	45	29	Sport-sDay (N)	Pre-game (L)	MLB Baseball Chicago White Sox at Texas Rangers Site: Globe Life Park – Arlington, Texas (L)						Rangers Live (L)	SportsDay OnAir	Texas Insider Fishing Report (N)	
FX	31	56	59	64	69	(4:00) The Avengers		★★ The Gambler ('14, Dra) Mark Wahlberg.					★★ The Gambler ('14, Dra) Mark Wahlberg.				
HALLMARK	54	71	58		34	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Last Man	Middle	Middle	Middle	Middle	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls	G. Girls
HGTV	63	69	26	48	44	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipFlop	FlipATL	FlipFlop	H.Hunt	House (N)	Flippers	Flippers	FlipATL	FlipFlop
HISTORY	71	59	29	50	43	Pawn S.	Pawn Star	Pawn Stars (N)		Alone (N)		(:05) Alone (N)		(:05) Alone		(:05) Pawn Stars	
LIFETIME	28	30	25	28	48	Runway (N)	(:50) P.Runway	Project Runway (SP) (N)				Date Night Live Viewers will watch the good, the bad, and the awkward of modern dating. (L)				Project Runway	
MSNBC	47	53		49	73	Hardball (N)		All In (N)		Rachel Maddow (N)		The Last Word (N)		The 11th Hour (N)		Rachel Maddow	
NBCSN	38	43				Auto Auctions (N)		Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	Grudge	AMA Moto. Racing		Hammers	Hammers (N)		Grudge
NICK	55	-	39	34	37	H.Danger	H.Danger	The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie				F.House	F.House	Friends	Friends	Friends	Friends
SPIKE	30	-	55	53	58	Movie		★★ Remember the Titans Denzel Washington.				The Mist (N)		The Fast and the Furious: Tokyo Drift			
SYFY	66	82	41	57	67	(5:00) ★ Legion		★★★ Blade Runner ('82, Sci-Fi) Harrison Ford.					(:35) ★★★ Blade Runner ('82, Sci-Fi) Harrison Ford.				
TBS	25	33	44	66	41	Sein. "The Switch"	Seinfeld	Sein. "The Race"	Sein. "The Scoffaw"	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	The Guest (N)	Conan (N)		The Guest	Conan
TCM	41	75	24	63	66	(4:30) Auntie Mame		What a Woman! Rosalind Russell.				★★★ My Sister Eileen Rosalind Russell.				His Girl Friday	
TELE	20	-	10	20		Caso cerrado (N)		Jenni Rivera: Ma (N)		Sin Senos Si Hay (N)		Señor de cielos (N)		Al rojo	Titulares	Sin Senos Si Hay Par	
TLC	51	61	32	38	52	My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Randy's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Sean's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Laura's Story"		My 600-lb Life "Angel's Story"	
TNT	24	34	40	26	50	Bones "Aliens in a Spaceship"		★★ The A-Team Veterans try to clear their names when the military suspects them of committing a crime.					★★ Run All Night A hit man finds his loyalties tested when he's forced to kill the son of his best friend.				
TVLAND	49	-	35	54	35	MASH	(:35) MASH	(:10) MASH	(:50) Ray	(:25) Loves Ray		Loves Ray	Loves Ray	Queens	Queens	Queens	Queens
USA	26	55	42	27	49	Law & Order: S.V.U. "Jersey Breakdown"		Law & Order: S.V.U. "Betrayal's Climax"		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Queen "La Noche Oscura Del Alma" (N)		The Sinner "Part III"		Shooter "The Man Called Noon"	
WGN	19	85				Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops

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With twins on the way, boyfriend still refuses to buy her a ring

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DEAR ABBY: I have been with my boyfriend for three years. I am pregnant with twins, and we already have a son together. His daughter lives with us as well.

With this pregnancy coming to term, I keep throwing hints to him about us becoming engaged, but he brushes them off. I know he's the person I want to spend the rest of my life with. I don't want to pressure him into an engagement, but it's been three years, three kids and a stepchild, and I still don't have my ring!

I wouldn't even mind a long engagement. I just want to know we're headed in the direction of marriage. I want to know he wants the same things I want. An engagement is the only way I'll feel sure he plans on spending his future with me. Can you help? — VERY PREGNANT IN NEW JERSEY

DEAR VERY PREGNANT: It should be dawning on you by now that a man who brushes off hints about becoming engaged isn't interested in a formal arrangement. I wish you had asked for my advice 10 months ago, because I would have urged you not to become pregnant again unless you were sure where the relationship was going.

From where I sit, it is going nowhere. There is no way anyone can help you push someone who is unwilling into marriage. What I CAN do is stress that should anything happen to him, you and the little ones will be left with nothing unless he makes a will that names you as beneficiary. When you discuss THAT with him, do not hint or allow him to brush you off, because the implications are very serious.

DEAR ABBY: My sister "Marcie" is very attached to her dog, "Doodles." She had two. They were quite old, and one passed last year. It was traumatic for the entire family because we were concerned about Marcie's mental state. Now Doodles looks close to the end, and she's in a constant state of distress.

Marcie takes the dog with her everywhere, whether it's appropriate or not. When her in-laws invited her and her husband on a cruise next spring, she burst into tears at the thought of leaving Doodles for a week.

I'm beside myself with worry over my sister's mental state and afraid of what her dog's passing will bring. It's not just Doodles' age and declining health; Marcie has always let her animals run/ruin her life. Thousands of dollars have been spent replacing carpeting, wood floors, urine-stained curtains, rugs and furniture.

Any thoughts? How can she be prepared for what we all know is coming? — TOO ATTACHED IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TOO ATTACHED: If you think there is anything the family can do to prepare your sister, forget it. She will go through a period of grieving for the animal companion she has grown to love. To her, Doodles is a full-fledged family member.

When the inevitable happens, be patient, be understanding, be prepared to listen when she pours out her grief and, if necessary, go online to help her find a grief support group for people who are mourning the loss of a pet.

Goren Bridge

With Bob Jones

Inner vision

North-South vulnerable, South deals

NORTH
♠ J 10 9
♡ J 10 6 4
◊ 6
♣ A J 10 8 3

WEST
♠ 6 3 2
♡ K Q 9 3
◊ Q 5
♣ 7 5 4 2

EAST
♠ A K Q 8 7 5 4
♡ 8 7
◊ J
♣ Q 9 6

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ A 5 2
◊ A K 10 9 8 7 4 3 2
♣ K

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◊	Pass	1♡	4♣
4NT	Pass	5◊	Pass
6◊	All pass		

Opening lead: Two of ♠

Roy Welland is an American expert who relocated to Europe a few years ago and now represents Germany in international play. He was South, in today's deal. Welland was no doubt hoping for a better heart holding in dummy when he drove to slam. He would have to make do with what he got.

Welland ruffed the opening spade lead and cashed six more rounds of trumps. He saw West discard three small clubs and a heart while East shed one heart and four low spades. Welland had a pretty good picture of the hand as he reached this position:

NORTH
♠ J
♡ J 10 6
◊ Void
♣ A J

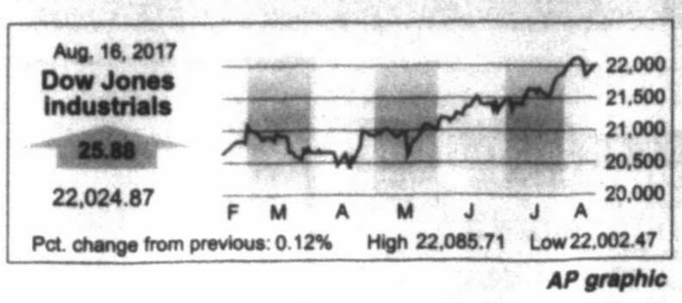
WEST
♠ 6 3
♡ K Q 9
◊ Void
♣ 7

EAST
♠ A K
♡ 8
◊ Void
♣ Q 9 6

SOUTH
♠ Void
♡ A 5 2
◊ 4 3
♣ K

On the next trump, all three other hands discarded clubs. Welland led the king of clubs to dummy's ace, and West was forced to discard a spade. A heart discard, instead, would have allowed Welland to set up a heart trick. Reading the position perfectly, Welland ruffed dummy's last spade with his last trump, reducing West to three hearts. Welland exited beautifully with a low heart. West won with his queen, but had to lead a heart at trick 12 to give declarer his slam. A beauty!

A DAY ON WALL STREET



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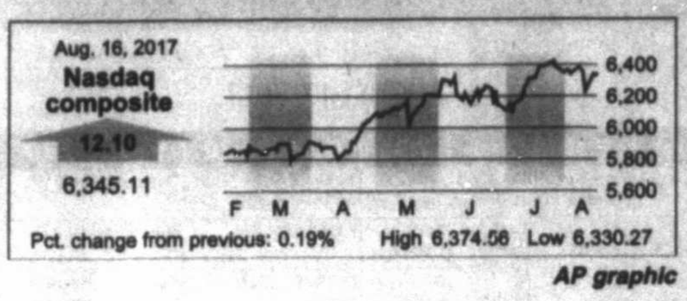

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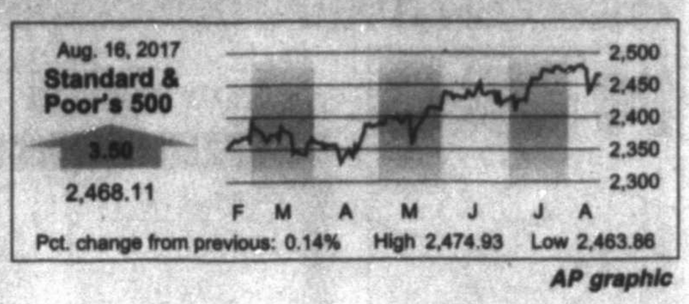

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday: $46.78
Previous: $47.55

POSTED

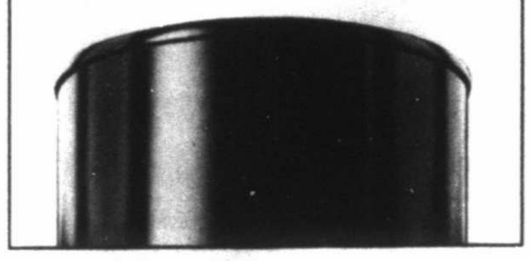
Wednesday: $43.25
Previous: $44.00

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Wednesday: $39.75
Previous: $40.50

NATURAL GAS

Wednesday: $2.890
Previous: $2.935



The Pink Pug is finalist in boutique contest

From staff reports

Midland boutique The Pink Pug is a finalist in two Boutique Awards categories.

The Pink Pug, 4300 Midland Drive in the Northpoint Shoppes plaza, is one of two West Texas boutiques in the Texas Overall Boutique category, the other being Gypsy Pearl TX in Andrews. Both are also in the Storefront Boutique category, which also features Grigsbys Boutique in San Angelo.

Founded in November 2015, The Pink Pug offers clothing, accessories, home décor and gifts.

Owner Ashley Roland said in a press release that she is "blown away" that customers voted to put her store as a finalist in two categories.

"The Pink Pug's main priority is always customer service, and I think that's what you won't get in a big box store ... and it definitely shows that's what customers value most!" she said. "It's an exciting thing to have the potential for our little shop here in Midland, TX, to be named the best in the entire state. "The Boutique Awards is hosted by The Boutique Hub, which helps people discover boutiques around the world. The company also offers training programs for business owners.

To vote, visit theboutqueawards.com. Voting closes Monday.

The unlikely reason Americans are shopping at Target again

The Washington Post

Shoppers are heading back to Target.

In addition to large-scale investments in technology — and a 32 percent increase in online sales — the big-box retailers said it's also seeing more customers shopping the old-fashioned way.

As a result, second-quarter sales grew 1.6 percent, marking the first increase in more than a year.

"Second-quarter traffic was much stronger than our expectations, and the strength was broad-based: across the country, across categories and across channels," Brian Cornell, Target's chief executive, said in a Wednesday call with analysts. "The positive response from our guests shows we're making progress."

Analysts attributed that growth to Target's success with private-label brands like the children's line Cat & Jack, which Cornell said has racked up $2 billion in sales in one year, and a partnership with Victoria Beckham. Target is taking note: The company is introducing 12 more brands in the next 18 months, and recently announced a partnership with mattress start-up Casper.

"Exclusive new brands like Cat & Jack in kids clothing, Pillowfort in homewares, and Cloud Island in baby have all performed well," Neil Saunders, managing director at GlobalData, said in a note to investors. "Not only are these brands credible and compelling, but they are also helping to differentiate Target from rivals."

Earlier this week, the Minneapolis-based big-box retailer announced it was buying same-day delivery company Grand Junction as part of its efforts to take on Amazon.com and Walmart. Target is testing same-day delivery services in New York and has begun looking into curb-side fulfillment options near its headquarters.

"Grand Junction's technology and algorithms will help Target deliver to guests faster and more efficiently," Arthur Valdez, chief supply chain and logistics officer for Target, said in a statement on Monday. "This acquisition is part of ongoing efforts to strengthen Target's supply chain to provide greater speed, reliability and convenience for guests."

Target is also opening 30 new small-format stores this year, with a focus on dense urban areas and locations near college campuses. In addition, the company is taking steps to fix up its lagging grocery store business and says it saw bumps in sales of alcoholic beverages and produce.

"We continue to focus on our long-term strategy," Cornell said, adding that the company hopes to "transform every part of our business and build an even better Target that will thrive in this new era in retail."

But while investors were pleased by Target's improvements — shares of the company's stock rose more than 4 percent Wednesday — analysts said they were more interested in long-term growth.

"It's still early days," said Charlie O'Shea, a retail analyst for Moody's. "This transformation isn't going to happen overnight. The online business continues to grow but it's still very small."

Target's website, which has annual sales of about $2.5 million, trails much smaller retailers, including Nordstrom, Macy's, Best Buy and Staples, in online sales. (Walmart, by comparison, has annual online sales of about $13.5 billion, while Amazon has about $79.3 billion, according to market research firm eMarketer.)

US stocks edge higher as retailers rally; oil companies fall

NEW YORK — U.S. stocks rose slightly Wednesday as Urban Outfitters and Target helped retailers rally. That was enough to cancel out more losses for energy companies.

Urban Outfitters and Target did better in the second quarter than analysts expected, and Target raised its forecasts for the year. That helped companies that sell clothing and other retailers. Technology companies and firms that make and sell household goods also traded higher.

A wide variety of retailers saw their shares sink the day before based on weak earnings reports. With Wal-Mart and Ross Stores in line to report their own results Thursday, investors could change their minds again.

"This sector is not for the faint of heart," said JJ Kinahan, chief strategist for TD Ameritrade. "The market is trying to figure out who the winners and losers are going to be."

He said turbulence for retailers will be a constant as online competition keeps growing and customers want more features like same-day delivery. The Standard & Poor's 500 index picked up 3.50 points, or 0.1 percent, to 2,468.11.

Metal prices rise

Gold rose $3.20 to $1,282.90 an ounce. Silver climbed 23 cents, or 1.4 percent, to $16.94. Copper jumped 6 cents, or 2.4 percent, to $2.95 a pound.

MIDLAND STOCKS

Midland-Headquartered Publicly Traded Companies

Concho Resources (CXO)
Closing Price $110.55 Down 0.53

Dawson Geophysical (DWSN)
Closing Price $3.82 Down 0.09

Diamondback Energy (FANG)
Closing Price $88.06 Up 0.04

Legacy Reserves (LGCY)
Closing Price $1.26 Up 0.01

Mexco Energy (MXC)
Closing Price $4.98 Down 0.31

Natural Gas Services Group (NGS)
Closing Price $23.35 Down 0.35

ProPetro Holdings (PUMP)
Closing Price $11.38 Up 0.09

RSP Permian (RSPP)
Closing Price $31.72 Up 0.02

Ring Energy (REI)
Closing Price $12.83 Down 0.54

Viper Energy Partners (VNOM)
Closing Price $16.73 Down 0.22

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
S PVxST rs	105152911	75	-.08
BkofAm	562471	24.19	-.28
S&P500ETF	479575246	94	+.43
VanEGold	464248	23.08	+.52
Vale SA	449819	10.10	+.32

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PhxNMda	3.95	+1.08	+37.6
PatriotN n	2.37	+.29	+13.9
HudBayM g	8.15	+.95	+13.2
Eros Intl	7.50	+.65	+9.5
ZoesKitchn	12.26	+1.01	+9.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChicB&I	9.97	-1.22	-10.9
B&W Ent n	2.45	-.24	-8.9
CS SP mlp	14.06	-1.35	-8.8
GrayTvA	11.75	-1.12	-8.7
Etr SP MLP	42.19	-3.37	-7.4

DIARY

Advanced	1,752
Declined	1,158
Unchanged	102
Total issues	3,012
New Highs	83
New Lows	97
Volume	2,865,333,643

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
NwGold g	57987	3.47	+.10
iShIndia bt	40756	33.93	+.46
NDynMin g	40293	1.49	+.10
TherapMD	32896	5.94	-.12
B2gold g	29659	2.49	+.06

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Skyline	10.25	+.98	+10.6
SachemC n	4.85	+.25	+5.4
GoldResrc	3.63	+.15	+4.3
NexGen g	2.20	+.09	+4.3
SandstG g	4.44	+.16	+3.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
VolitionRX	2.57	-.18	-6.5
PacGE pfB	29.41	-1.91	-6.1
MexcoEn	4.98	-.31	-5.9
ContMatls	20.50	-1.23	-5.7
IntelligSys	4.02	-.23	-5.4

DIARY

Advanced	196
Declined	130
Unchanged	37
Total issues	363
New Highs	4
New Lows	11
Volume	75,759,956

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
MicronT	369552	30.69	+1.01
UrbanOut	315317	19.76	+2.94
PwShs QQQ	209484	144.28	+.25
Apple Inc	269148	160.95	-.65
Cisco	267929	32.34	+.25

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ChFnOnl	2.11	+.47	+28.5
Akoustis n	6.84	+1.11	+19.4
TymeTch n	6.11	+.96	+18.6
UrbanOut	19.76	+2.94	+17.5
WillWV pfA	5.48	+.73	+15.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TechComm	5.65	-1.40	-19.9
Cyclacel pf	5.11	-1.10	-17.6
EnrgyXXi n	10.82	-2.23	-17.1
Wildcat	31.18	-5.12	-14.1
AquaMetal n	6.94	-1.13	-14.0

DIARY

Advanced	1,556
Declined	1,276
Unchanged	275
Total issues	3,107
New Highs	55
New Lows	87
Volume	1,731,850,284

HOW STOCKS OF LOCAL INTEREST FARED

Name	Div	PE	Last	Chg	YTD %Chg
AK Steel	...	14	5.43	+.19	-46.8
AT&T Inc	1.96	14	38.23	-.07	-10.1
Abraxas	...	43	1.70	-.03	-33.9
AdaDvsEq	.92e	...	14.69	...	+15.6
AMD	...	...	12.63	.39	+11.4
Alibaba	...	46	159.50	+1.75	+81.6
AlpAlerMLP	1.35e	...	10.76	-.07	-14.6
Ambev	.06e	6	5.23	+.04	+26.9
Amgen	**4.60**	**15**	**171.39**	**+1.35**	**+17.2**
Anadarko	**.20**	**...**	**42.53**	**-.71**	**-39.0**
Annaly	1.20a	11	12.35	+.04	+23.9
Apache	**1.00**	**...**	**40.63**	**-.91**	**-36.0**
Apple Inc	2.52	19	160.95	-.65	+39.0
ApldMatl	**.40**	**18**	**44.46**	**+.58**	**+37.8**
Archrock	.48	...	9.15	-.20	-30.7
ATMOS	**1.80**	**25**	**88.40**	**+.62**	**+19.2**
AutoData	2.28	30	111.10	-.48	+8.1
BP PLC	**2.38**	**26**	**34.29**	**-.28**	**-8.3**
BcoBrad s	.37e	...	10.26	+.06	+42.7
BkofAm	.48f	14	24.19	-.28	+9.5
B iPrvST rs	...	...	11.75	-.08	-53.9
BaringsCp s	1.20	...	16.09	-.04	+3.9
BascoEnS	...	...	.45	...	...
BerkHa A	**...**	**1826786.00**	**+1060.99**	**+9.7**	
BlkHillsCp	**1.78**	**21**	**69.91**	**+.27**	**+14.0**
BrMySq	**1.56**	**23**	**57.50**	**-.37**	**-1.6**
BrownFA s	**...**	**31**	**52.66**	**+.72**	**+13.9**
BrownFB s	**...**	**...**	**50.13**	**+.81**	**+11.6**
CVS Health	2.00	14	79.25	+.14	+.4
CallonPet	**...**	**31**	**10.01**	**-.07**	**-34.9**
Caterpillar	3.12	30	114.12	+.47	+23.1
Celestic g	...	8	11.58	+.08	-2.3
CntryLink	2.16	9	20.89	+.35	-12.2
ChesEng	...	9	4.00	+.02	-43.0
Chevron	**4.32**	**61**	**106.84**	**-.85**	**-9.2**
ChicB&I	.28	...	9.97	-1.22	-58.6
Chicos	.33	11	7.94	+.19	-44.8
Cimarex	.32	31	96.56	-.06	-28.9
Cisco	1.16	16	32.34	+.25	+7.0
Citigroup	1.28	13	67.71	-.26	+13.9
CliffsNRs	...	6	7.49	+.26	-10.9
CocaCola	**1.48**	**28**	**46.20**	**+.01**	**+11.4**
ColgPalm	**1.60**	**24**	**71.93**	**+.13**	**+9.9**
Comcast s	.63	23	41.24	-.26	+19.4
ConAgra	**.85f**	**20**	**35.14**	**+.24**	**-11.2**
ConchoRes	**...**	**...**	**110.55**	**-.53**	**-16.6**
ConocoPhil	**1.06**	**35**	**43.69**	**-.81**	**-12.9**
CrackerB	4.80f	24	153.47	+1.04	-8.1
CSVlxSh rs	...	...	16.87	-.18	-82.3
CSVelfVST	...	...	84.96	+.40	+81.7
CrosTim	**1.10e**	**14**	**14.65**	**-.03**	**-18.5**
Ctrip.com s	...	95	50.14	+1.41	+25.4
DCP Mid	3.12	16	30.46	-.02	-20.6
DTE	3.30	23	109.88	+.71	+11.5
Delcath rs	...	...	.14	+.04	-84.7
DevonE	**.24**	**93**	**30.66**	**-.26**	**-32.9**
DicksSptg	.68	9	27.70	+.83	-47.8
Digilith h	...	...	1.05	+.85	-76.2
DrGMBil rs	...	...	17.97	+1.12	...
Disney	**1.56**	**18**	**102.20**	**+.69**	**-1.9**
DowChm	**1.84**	**20**	**63.94**	**+.27**	**+11.7**
DryShips s	...	1	3.19	.34	-100.0
EOG Resrcs	**.67**	**...**	**84.98**	**-2.04**	**-15.9**
EnCana g	.06	18	9.19	-.28	-21.7
Endo Intl	...	6	8.70	+.56	-47.2
Energen	.08	...	48.08	+.42	-16.6
EngyTrTPt	2.20	32	18.37	-.25	-23.5
EnPro	**.88**	**48**	**71.34**	**+.31**	**+6.9**
ENSCO	.04	2	4.28	-.24	-56.0
EntProdPt	1.68f	19	25.17	+.06	-6.9
Ericsson	.11e	...	6.10	...	+4.6
ExxonMbl	**3.08**	**29**	**77.47**	**-.57**	**-14.2**
Facebook	...	35	170.00	-1.00	+47.8
FordM	.60a	11	10.80	-.04	-11.0
FrptMcM	...	...	14.77	+.80	+12.0
GATX	**1.68**	**11**	**62.12**	**-.34**	**+.9**
GabMultT	**.94e**	**...**	**9.27**	**+.06**	**+28.6**
GAInv	**1.15e**	**...**	**34.49**	**+.04**	**+16.5**
GenElec	**.96**	**23**	**25.10**	**-.04**	**-26.6**
GlPlainEn	**1.10**	**21**	**31.49**	**+.06**	**+16.1**
Hallibrtn	.72	...	39.32	-.23	-27.3
HertzGl	...	...	18.89	-1.29	-12.4
ICICI Bk	.16e	...	9.26	+.23	+36.0
iShBrazil	1.03e	...	38.93	+.49	+16.6
iShGerm	.51e	...	30.86	+.17	+16.5
iShSilver	...	...	16.15	+.41	+6.9
iShChinaLC	.76e	...	42.72	+.64	+23.1
iShEMkts	.84e	...	43.86	+.45	+25.3
iS Eafe	1.70e	...	66.76	+.38	+15.6
iShBxHYB	5.09	...	87.83	+.01	+1.5
iShR2K	1.77e	...	137.44	+.04	+1.9
Intel	**1.09**	**16**	**35.81**	**-.19**	**-1.3**
InterDig	1.20	8	70.95	+.60	-22.3
IntrpDia rs	...	...	1.41	+.33	-68.0
JD.com	...	...	43.65	-.40	+71.6
JPMorgCh	2.24f	14	92.09	-.64	+6.7
JohnJn	**3.36**	**20**	**134.17**	**+.79**	**+16.5**
JohnContl n	1.08e	26	37.55	-.28	-8.8
Keycorp	.38	16	17.98	+.07	-1.6
KimbClk	**3.88**	**20**	**122.33**	**+.10**	**+7.2**
Kinross g	...	63	4.38	+.21	+40.8
LegacyHes	.60m	...	1.26	+.01	-40.6
Lubys	**...**	**...**	**2.74**	**-.14**	**-36.0**
MarathnO	.20	...	11.19	-.34	-35.4
McDnlds	3.76	27	158.90	+1.28	+30.5
Merck	1.88	16	62.70	+.20	+6.5
MeritMed	**...**	**52**	**40.85**	**-.20**	**+54.2**
MexcoEn	...	...	4.98	-.31	-.4
MicronT	...	12	30.69	+1.01	+40.0
Microsoft	1.56	26	73.65	+.43	+18.5
Nabors	.24	...	6.27	-.33	-61.8
NOVlvarco	.20	71	29.94	-.45	-20.0
NSTFI3	**.55e**	**...**	**14.83**	**+.06**	**+4.7**
NTXQI	**.65**	**...**	**14.42**	**-.05**	**+5.1**
Nvidia	.56	53	165.15	-1.83	+54.7
OcciPet	**3.08f**	**...**	**59.70**	**-.92**	**-16.2**
Oracle	.76f	23	49.25	+.42	+28.6
PDC Engy	**...**	**28**	**38.86**	**-.86**	**-46.5**
ParTech	**...**	**23**	**9.46**	**-.02**	**+69.5**
ParkDrl	**...**	**...**	**1.20**	**...**	**-53.8**
PatUTI	**.08**	**...**	**15.53**	**-.72**	**-42.3**
Penney	...	9	3.60	-.08	-56.7
PennaRE	**.84**	**8**	**10.54**	**-.09**	**-43.9**
Pmian	.63e	23	8.24	-.05	+6.9
Petrobras	...	...	8.65	+.06	-14.4
Pfizer	**1.28**	**14**	**33.36**	**-.02**	**+2.7**
PioNtrl	.08	...	131.83	-2.07	-26.9
PlainsAAP	**2.20**	**16**	**19.70**	**-.46**	**-39.0**
PwShs QQQ	1.52e	...	144.28	+.25	+21.8
Praxair	**3.15**	**24**	**133.59**	**+2.12**	**+14.0**
PrmEgy	**...**	**...**	**45.25**	**...**	**-16.2**
PUVlxST rs	...	...	30.87	-.36	...
ProctGam	**2.76f**	**24**	**92.44**	**+.24**	**+9.9**
RangeRs	.08	19	17.53	-.08	-49.0
RegionsFn	.36	15	14.34	-.14	-.1
RiteAid	...	38	2.28	-.03	-72.3
Rowan	.40	4	9.25	-.34	-51.0
RoyDShllA	3.76	83	54.75	-.31	+.7
SpdrDJIA	3.98e	...	220.47	+.31	+11.6
S&P500ETF	4.13e	...	246.94	+.43	+10.5
SpdrOGEx	.73e	...	29.55	-.42	-28.7
SabnR	2.32e	18	38.80	-.65	+10.4
SabraHlc	1.63e	15	21.72	+.21	-11.1
SanderFm	**.96**	**15**	**143.70**	**-.83**	**+52.5**
Schlmbrg	2.00	57	63.71	+.27	-24.1
SiriusXM	.04	37	5.59	-.01	+25.6
Smucker	3.12f	16	123.18	+.26	-3.8
SnapInc A n	...	...	13.12	+.38	-46.4
SwstnEngy	...	48	5.23	-.10	-51.7
SpiritRltC	.72	10	8.49	+.01	-21.8
SP Engy	2.04e	...	62.90	-.61	-16.5
SPDR Fncl	.46e	...	25.04	-.05	+7.7
Target	**2.48f**	**12**	**58.31**	**+1.96**	**-22.0**
TelefEsp	**1.20e**	**...**	**11.00**	**-.02**	**+19.6**
TexasPhrm	1.36e	8	17.49	-.48	-51.8
3M Co	4.70	24	207.92	+.74	+16.4
Torchmark	**.60**	**17**	**78.75**	**-.11**	**+6.8**
Transocn	...	7	7.58	-.33	-48.6
TriContl	**.96e**	**...**	**24.97**	**+.06**	**+13.2**
Twitter	...	...	16.16	+.21	-.9
TylerTech	**...**	**54**	**172.32**	**+1.86**	**+20.7**
UBSI	**1.32**	**17**	**33.35**	**+.10**	**-27.9**
US OilFd	...	...	9.57	-.18	-18.3
USSteel	.20	...	24.63	+.92	-25.4
UrbanOut	...	13	19.76	+2.94	-30.6
Vale SA	.29e	...	10.10	+.32	+32.5
ValeantPh	...	3	14.15	+.25	-2.5
ValeroE	2.80	21	65.99	-1.16	-3.4
VanEGold	.12e	...	23.08	+.52	+10.3
VanE JrGld	...	...	33.34	+.78	+5.7
Vereit	.55	15	8.63	+.15	+2.0
Viavi	...	15	10.59	-.04	+29.5
Visa s	.66	34	103.32	+.86	+32.4
VulcanM	**1.00**	**37**	**116.09**	**-.52**	**-7.2**
WEC Engy	2.08	22	64.57	+.10	+10.1
WalMart	2.04	18	80.98	+.21	+17.2
WalgBoots	1.60f	17	81.26	+.53	-1.8
WestRfnld	...	...	3.91	+.01	-21.8
WellsFargo	1.52	13	52.69	-.16	-4.4
WhitingPet	...	...	4.40	-.26	-63.4
WmsCos	1.20	42	29.62	-.35	-4.9
XcelEngy	**1.44f**	**22**	**48.94**	**+.21**	**+20.2**
Xerox rs	.25p	12	32.41	+.13	+40.9
Yamana g	.02	...	2.73	+.15	-2.8

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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Chg	Net %Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
22,179.11	17,883.56	Dow Jones Industrials	22,024.87	+25.88	+.12	+11.45	+18.58
9,763.66	7,712.13	Dow Jones Transportation	9,377.22	+8.15	+.07	+3.69	+18.96
738.82	616.19	Dow Jones Utilities	739.62	+2.07	+.28	+12.13	+8.13
12,019.85	10,281.48	NYSE Composite	11,868.86	+25.38	+.21	+7.34	+9.65
6,460.84	5,034.41	Nasdaq Composite	6,345.11	+12.10	+.19	+17.87	+21.35
2,490.67	2,084.59	S&P 500	2,468.11	+3.50	+.14	+10.24	+13.10
1,795.14	1,475.38	S&P Midcap	1,725.83	+4.03	+.23	+3.93	+11.32
25,846.33	21,383.94	Wilshire 5000	25,546.70	+35.99	+.14	+9.05	+12.91
1,452.09	1,156.08	Russell 2000	1,383.53	+.29	+.02	+1.95	+12.69

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Level: 1 2 3 4

Complete the grid so each row, column and 3-by-3 box (in bold borders) contains every digit, 1 to 9. For strategies on how to solve Sudoku, visit www.sudoku.org.uk

4							9	8
8		2	3		9	7		
	3	9			4			
						8		9
	4						5	
6		7						
			4			6		
		5	2		1	9		7
9	8							1

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SOLUTION TO WEDNESDAY'S PUZZLE

1	8	9	5	3	7	6	4	2
7	3	2	4	6	1	9	5	8
4	6	5	8	2	9	3	1	7
6	2	8	7	4	5	1	3	9
3	9	4	2	1	8	7	6	5
5	7	1	6	9	3	8	2	4
9	1	7	3	5	2	4	8	6
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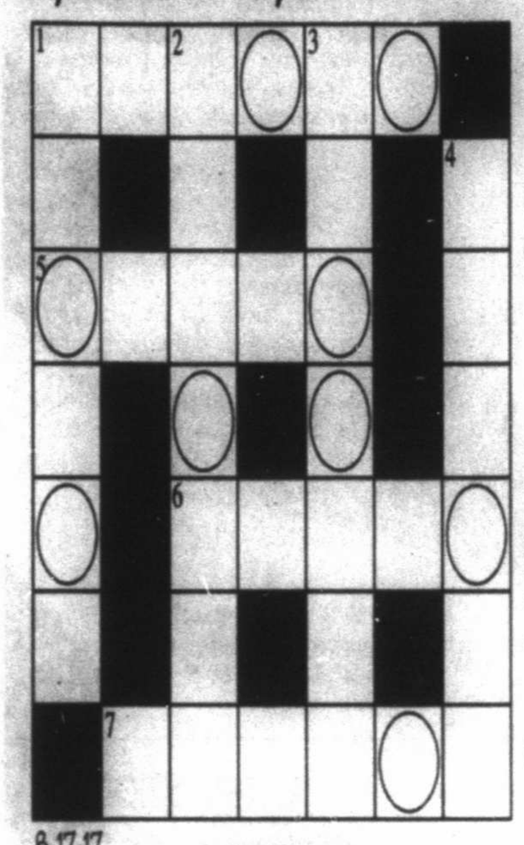

ACROSS

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Bright, ingenious	VELCRE
5. Prize	DRAAW
6. Roost	CREPH
7. ___ shower	RMEOTE

DOWN

CLUE	ANSWER
1. Wedding ___	PLCEAH
2. Case in point	XELMAEP
3. Countersign a check	DSEENRO
4. Affix firmly	CROAHN

How to play - Complete the crossword puzzle by looking at the clues and unscrambling the answers. When the puzzle is complete, unscramble the circled letters to solve the BONUS.

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Answer: When the ox-like antelope met up with his friends, he said — WHAT'S "GNU"?

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

ACROSS
1 Bowl over
5 Hardly prudent
9 Chophouse order
14 Young Clark's love
15 90 degrees from norte
16 Century plant, e.g.
17 Hindustani tongue
18 Boardwalk extension
19 Trick
20 Computer accessory honored in verse?
23 Construction alloy
24 RSVP part
25 Bud
28 Olympic dominance by Team USA?
33 Virgin __ Records: British label
36 Male delivery
37 Canadian coin since 1996
38 Landslide victory claim
41 Stretch out
42 Recorded
43 Mine in Milan
44 Conscription agcy.
45 How some medieval knights described their relationships?
49 "__ Fell": Beatles
50 Chicago's __ Center
51 Post-lecture activity, briefly
55 Grammarian's treatise?
60 Strange
62 Watch part
63 Potpourri quality
64 Did a gainer, say
65 Yokohama product
66 Eric who founded an eclectic reader
67 Autobahn autos
68 Strongbox alternative
69 The ten in "hang ten"

DOWN
1 Frequents dive bars, say
2 Deck with a Hanged Man
3 Inordinate
4 Queasiness
5 Certain auction offering
6 "Fat chance!"
7 Intervenes
8 Stout-hearted
9 It's not debatable
10 "Young Frankenstein" helper
11 Slugabed
12 Christmas lead-in
13 Coffee break time
21 "Slippery" tree
22 Joy
26 Place for digs
27 Essays appearing daily
29 "Get on Your Feet" singer
30 Anonymous '70s litigant
31 Song on the album "ABBA"
32 Bed at a base
33 The Oxford Dictionaries 2015 "Word" of the Year is one
34 "__ Constant Sorrow": folk classic
35 Easy to figure out
39 Wagner's "__ Rheingold"
40 Fitting
41 Gambling cube
43 Trivial matter
46 Perches
47 Kicks off the field, briefly
48 Skipped
52 Greet quietly
53 Airborne intruder
54 Lew in old movies
56 Dog trainer's word
57 Good things to make meet
58 Soft ball
59 "Hook" pirate
60 Commotion
61 Impertinence

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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R	E	N	T		H	A	N	N	A		E	R	N	E
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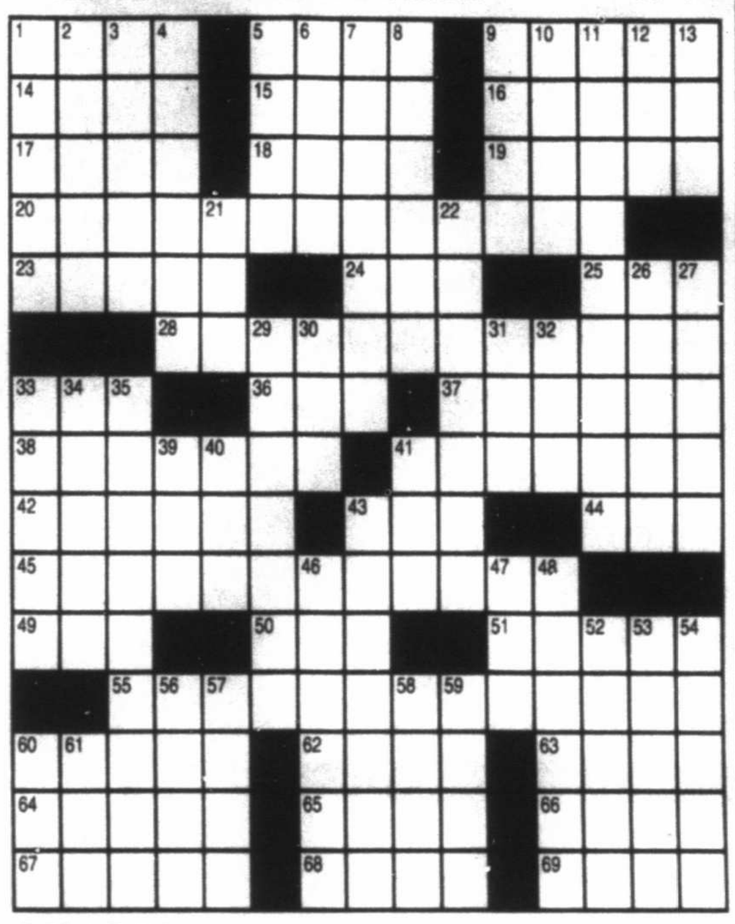

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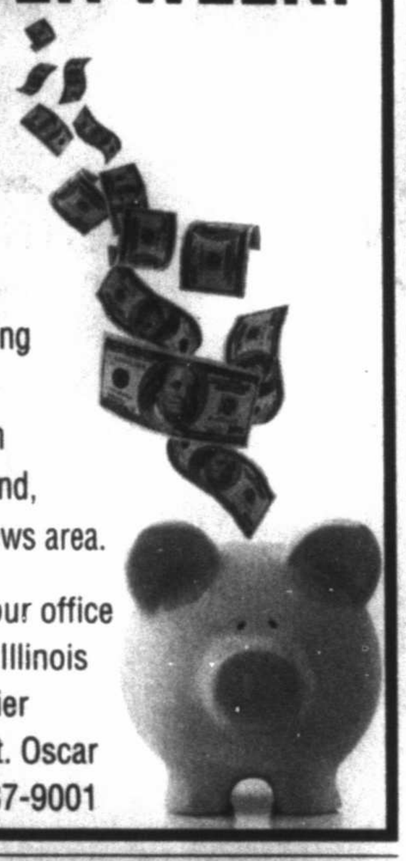

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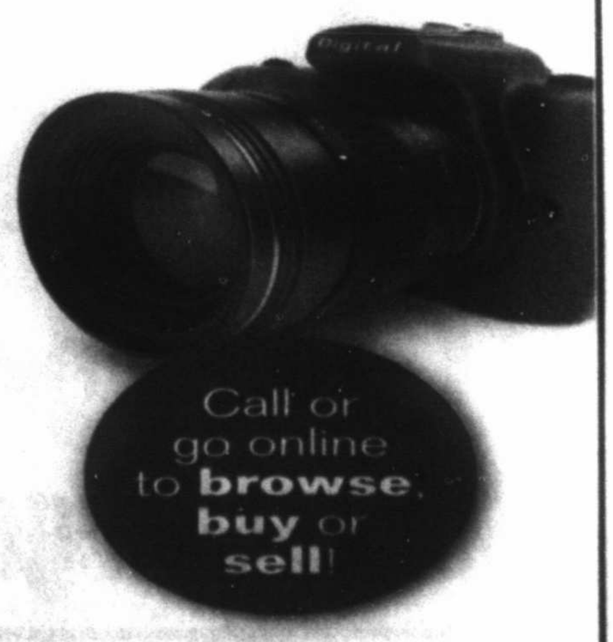

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Proposals are to be submitted electronically prior to **2:00 p.m., prevailing time on September 7th, 2017** in accordance with 00100 – Instructions to Bidders.

One single combined PDF proposal shall be submitted to the email addresses provided in "00100 – Instruction to Bidders" addressed to Mr. John Sedbrook & Mr. Kyle Krueger, and clearly denote: **"Bid Package 04: Pump Station Rehabilitation"**

No proposal may be changed, amended, or modified after the above time and date. A proposal may however, be withdrawn and resubmitted any time prior to the time set for receipt of proposals. Any proposal received after **2:00 p.m.,** prevailing time on **September 7th, 2017** will not be considered.

Bid documents are available on the website below.

https://team.garney.com/CCWD

Contact Justin Young by email at jyoung@garney.com to receive login credentials for the above-mentioned website. It is necessary to input contact information on the website once you log in. Alerts will be sent to the e-mail addresses provided as Bid Packages and Project Updates become available.

A **mandatory** pre-bid meeting will be held on **August 22nd, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.** at the Museum of the Southwest located at 409 South Gaston Street, Crane, TX 79731

Proposal Documents may be downloaded from the above-mentioned website for free. No hard copies will be made available. It is the responsibility of the interested party to download and print all necessary documents. Please contact John Sedbrook by email: jsedbrook@garney.com or phone at 303-335-6155 with any questions.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
FOR BRINE MINING INJECTION WELL PERMIT

Amrich Operating, LLC submitted an application (Form H-2 with attachments) to the Railroad Commission of Texas dated June 13, 2017, for a Permit to Create, Operate, and Maintain a Brine Mining Facility known as the BOSS Oilfield Services Brine Station, Spraberry (Trend Area) Field, Midland County, Texas. The applicant has requested authority to produce brine by injection of freshwater to dissolve salt from the Salado Salt formation within the approximate subsurface interval from 1,500 feet to 2,100 feet. The applicant proposes to complete and case the well such that the injected fluid is confined to the injection interval. Surface injection pressure will be limited to a maximum of 500 pounds per square inch gauge. The maximum allowable injection pressure at the casing seat will be limited to 0.8 times the overburden pressure at that depth. Should a permit be issued, the Commission would include other conditions and requirements as necessary, such as monitoring and reporting of the extracted brine, mechanical integrity testing of the well, groundwater monitoring, and plugging and abandonment.
A copy of the draft permit is available upon request.

Oil and Gas Division technical staff has reviewed the application and determined that, based on the information contained in the application, the proposal will not endanger underground sources of drinking water as it meets or exceeds the minimum requirements for casing and cement to isolate the brine mining injection interval and the operating facilities are designed to prevent the uncontrolled discharge of brine at the surface.

Should you wish to file comments on or protest the application, you should submit your comments or protest, in writing, no later than September 17, 2017, to:

Railroad Commission of Texas
Attn: Michael Sims, P.E.
Oil & Gas Division, Technical Permitting
PO Box 12967
Austin TX 78711-2967

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LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Raquest for Proposals will be received until 2:00 PM local time, September 27, 2017, in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following:

RFP 17003075 Request for Proposals for Agenda and Document Management System Software.

To receive a copy of the RFP, please contact the City of Midland Purchasing Office at 432-685-7234 or email us at purchasing@midlandtexas.gov. Proposals must be submitted no later than 09/27/17 at 2:00 PM local time to the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code

City of Midland, Texas

Legal and Public Notices

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 2:00 P.M., September 13, 2017 to be opened at 2:00 P.M., in the City Secretary's Office, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid No. 17003101

For: Sale of real property described as Lots 1 and 2, Block 64, Permian Estates Addition, City of Midland, Midland County, Texas (generally known as 4315 Thomason Drive).

If the Contract is awarded, it will be awarded to either the lowest responsible bidder, or to the bidder who provides goods or services at the best value for the City of Midland. In determining the best value for the City of Midland, the City of Midland may consider the criteria enumerated in Section 252.043 of the Texas Local Government Code. Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary for the Estate of AUVIE A. BAILEY, Deceased, were issued on August 8, 2017 in Docket Number P-15,092, pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas to GAINES BAILEY, Independent Executor.

The address of record for GAINES BAILEY is 5119 Belaire, Midland, Midland County, Texas 79703.

All persons having claims against this Estate are required to present their claims within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.

DATED the 8th day of August, 2017.

Respectfully Submitted,

LAW OFFICE OF J. BRIAN MARTIN
J. Brian Martin
3700 N. Big Spring St.
P.O. Box 3881
Midland, Texas 79705
Ph: 432-684-4261
Fax 432-683-8087
State Bar # 13084500

ATTORNEY FOR THE ESTATE OF
AUVIE A. BAILEY

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Linda Hummel Rust, Deceased, were issued on August 15, 2017, in Cause No. P19113 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Kenneth Alan Rust.

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 15th day of July, 2017.

L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for Kenneth Alan Rust
State Bar No.: 19273500
300 North Marienfeld, Suite 700
Midland, Texas 79701
Telephone: (432) 683-3351
Facsimile: (432) 683-8346
E-mail: sstokes@lcalawfirm.com

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Doris June Dunkin, Deceased, were issued on August 15, 2017, in Cause No. P19142 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Steven E. Dunkin.

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 15th day of July, 2017.

L. Shane Stokes
Attorney for Steven E. Dunkin
State Bar No.: 19273500
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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Larry Everett Hall, Deceased, were issued on August 15, 2017, in Cause No. P19137 pending in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, to: Diana Cole.

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 15th day of July, 2017.

L. Shane Stokes
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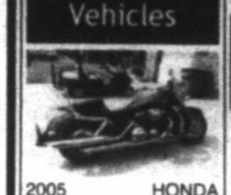
FOUND: LARGE female german shepherd. Call to identify 432-694-3673.

Recreation Vehicles



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79705

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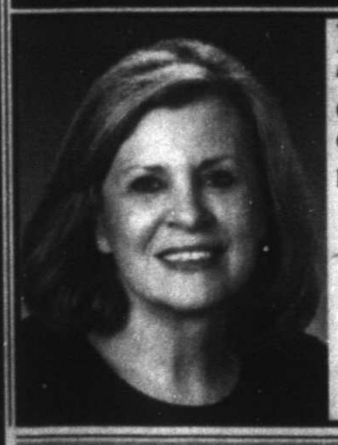

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*1,771 ac, windmill, creek, blinds and feeders, great w-tail and mule deer, turkey, hogs, quail $850
• Nolan County
*546 ac, over 1 mile creek, blinds, feeders, elevation change, oak ..... SOLD $3,550/ac
*565 ac, Pecan Creek, New Living/Shop, 200 acres cleared for cattle, blinds/feeders, windmill $4,425/ac
• Howard County
*642 ac, canyons, blinds/feeders, great deer, cedar/mesquite, surface water, some oil/well traffic $750/ac
*150 ac, big canyon, sinks, cedar/mesquites, great deer, turkey, jav ..... SOLD $895/ac
• Martin County
*135 ac, Sulphur Springs deer and whitetail, hogs, varmints, metal stor ..... SOLD $1,150/ac

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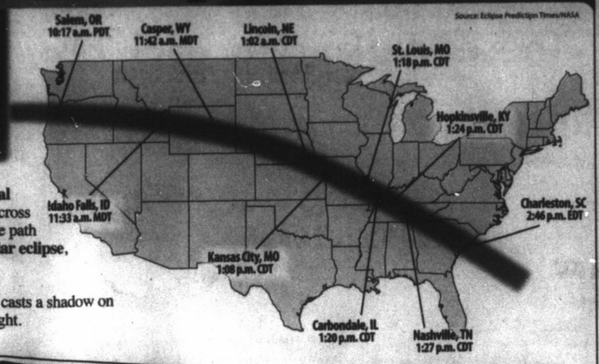
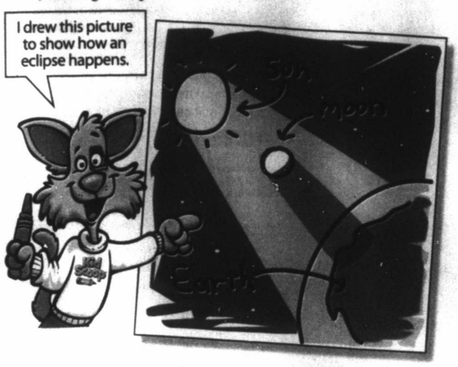


On August 21st, there will be a **total eclipse** of the sun along a path across North America. People living outside the path of the total eclipse, will see a **partial solar eclipse**, which is amazing as well!

A solar eclipse happens when the moon casts a shadow on Earth, blocking all or part of the sun's light.



Replace the missing words.

DARK DUSK SAFE AMERICA END DIRECTLY

Looking _____ at a solar eclipse can cause serious harm to your eyes. That is why I found some great _____ viewing tips from NASA. I even found an easy-to-make eclipse projector!

It can look like _____ in the middle of the day! At the time of an eclipse, some ancient peoples worried the world was coming to an ____ when it suddenly became _____.

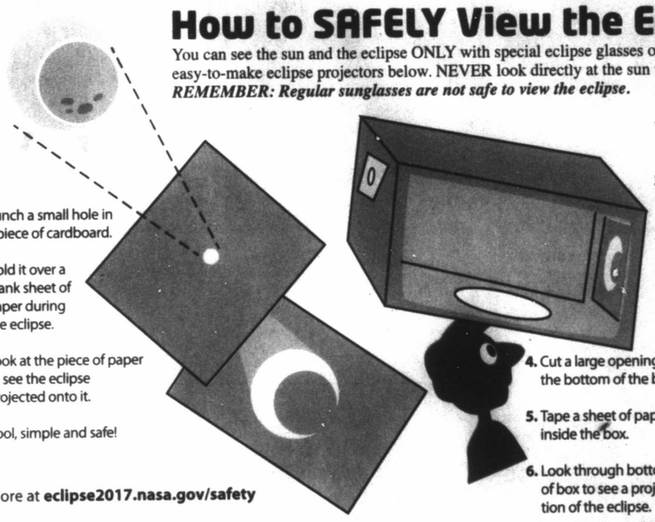
After this solar eclipse, the next one over North _____ will be on April 8, 2024.

Woodward

WARNING: SUNGLASSES WILL NOT PROTECT YOUR EYES IN AN ECLIPSE!

How to SAFELY View the Eclipse!

You can see the sun and the eclipse ONLY with special eclipse glasses or with these easy-to-make eclipse projectors below. NEVER look directly at the sun without protection. ***REMEMBER: Regular sunglasses are not safe to view the eclipse.***



1. Punch a small hole in a piece of cardboard.
2. Hold it over a blank sheet of paper during the eclipse.
3. Look at the piece of paper to see the eclipse projected onto it.

Cool, simple and safe!

More at **eclipse2017.nasa.gov/safety**

1. Make a small opening in a cardboard box.
2. Cover the opening with aluminum foil.
3. Punch a pinhole in the aluminum foil.
4. Cut a large opening at the bottom of the box.
5. Tape a sheet of paper inside the box.
6. Look through bottom of box to see a projection of the eclipse.

Extra! Extra! Eclipse Adjectives

Look through the newspaper to find five adjectives that describe an eclipse.

Standards Link: Language Arts: Follow simple written directions.

Kid Scoop Puzzler

How long does the eclipse last?

Look at this chart showing the starting and ending times of the eclipse. Do the math to find out how long the eclipse will last in each city.

Where will it last the longest? _____
Where will it last the shortest? _____

PLACE	START TIME	END TIME	TOTAL
MADRAS, OR	10:19 a.m.	10:21:04 a.m.	
CASPER, WY	11:42 a.m.	11:44:26 a.m.	
ST. JOSEPH, MO	1:06 p.m.	1:08:39 p.m.	
CARBONDALE, IL	1:20 p.m.	1:22:46 p.m.	
NASHVILLE, TN	1:27 p.m.	1:28:56 p.m.	
COLUMBIA, SC	2:45 p.m.	2:47:30 p.m.	

SOURCE: greatamericaneclipse.com

Standards Link: Reading Comprehension: Follow simple written directions.

Double Double Word Search

Find the words in the puzzle. Then look for each word in this week's Kid Scoop stories and activities.

EXPERIENCE
BLOCKING
ECLIPSE
GLASSES
ANCIENT
SHADOW
MIDDLE
LIGHT
TOTAL
SOLAR
MOON
TIPS
DUSK
SAFE
VIEW

D	M	T	N	E	I	C	N	A	G
W	O	D	A	H	S	W	D	G	L
S	O	T	A	I	E	T	U	N	A
A	N	U	H	I	S	R	S	I	S
F	N	S	V	G	P	P	K	K	S
E	X	P	E	R	I	E	N	C	E
L	A	T	O	T	L	L	T	O	S
R	A	L	O	S	C	O	N	L	I
M	I	D	D	L	E	G	H	B	T

Standards Link: Letter sequencing. Recognized identical words. Skim and scan reading. Recall spelling patterns.

Weekly Writing Corner

It was so cold that ...

Students finish the story.

It was so cold that I turned purple and I froze to ice.
Emily

I had gone outside to help my brother take out the garbage and when I stepped outside it was so cold that I got frostbite all over my body. I had to have eight blankets on me and almost five cups of hot chocolate. Yeah it was that cold. I still needed to take out the garbage and it was right next to my window so I opened my window just enough to get the garbage out and dropped the garbage right in the garbage can. It was awesome.
Katrina

It was so cold that I felt like I was an icicle hanging on a roof. I was freezing. I didn't know if I was getting frost bite yet but I knew I was close. I was shivering so much my teeth were shaking up and down in my mouth. If I could turn into a popsicle I probably already would've. I couldn't wait until I could get into my nice, warm house.
Riana

I was so cold that I was hungry. My uncle and I started walking to the restaurant. We almost froze. But, we got there and had some nice, warm food. We got unfrozen soon.
Chamar

It was so cold that I did not want to be outside so I ran in place. Then I was so warm I could sleep. Then I was cold and the bus came. The bus is always warm.
Ella

It was so cold out one day that the ducks' feet turned white and blue. They quacked their beaks off. Unluckily, our house was right beside them. When I went outside my boots turned to square ice cubes. My breath was gray steam. My eyelids had icicles on them. I knew why the ducks were unhappy. They were cold. In the end, I couldn't make the ducks stop. It was not a good day.
Lizzie

It was so cold that my ears froze and fell off. My eyes had a frozen cover on them. Then my hands got frost bite and fell off. So I was missing my eyes, ears and hands. What else could go wrong? I couldn't hear, see or touch. I had to get to a hospital but the wind was blowing very hard. It was freezing but I got there anyway. I was saved. Yes!
Ally

It was so cold that when I went outside with hot chocolate, my hot chocolate froze.
Jake

Write On!

The Oak Tree

One day I was climbing the old oak tree when ...
Finish this story.

Deadline: September 10
Published: Week of Oct. 8
Send your story to:

Newspaper In Education
201 E. Illinois
Midland, TX 79701
ljdiaz@mrt.com

Please include your school and grade.

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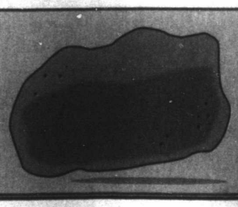
Your Observation Skills

Select a photograph from the newspaper. Make a list of details you can observe, or see, in the photo. Give the photo and list to a friend and see if he or she can add more details.

Standards Link: Research: Use the newspaper to locate information.



Why does a moon rock taste better than an Earth rock?

ANSWER: It's a little melon!

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